

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC.

HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

Summary Plan Description

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PLAN INFORMATION

This document, when incorporated with the benefit booklets and certificates, and provider contracts, policies, and descriptions (“Benefit Documents”), constitutes this Plan’s Summary Plan Description (“SPD”) pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”).

This SPD outlines your rights and responsibilities under the Plan and reflects the Plan’s benefits under each benefit program (“Component Plans”) as of January 1, 2021, which may change from time to time. You should keep this SPD with the Benefit Documents provided to you upon enrollment in each Component Plan. You also should share this SPD with any family members you have elected to cover under the Plan.

Plan Name:	Skills Development Services, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan
Type of Plan:	Welfare Benefit Plan
Plan Year:	January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year
Plan Number:	501
Effective Date of this SPD:	January 1, 2021
Original Effective Date of Plan:	January 1, 2019
Funding Method:	Funded through fully-insured contracts
Source of Contributions:	From SDS’ general assets and employee contributions, when required by SDS in its sole discretion
Plan Sponsor and Plan Administrator:	Skills Development Services, Inc. 704 South Washington Street Tullahoma, TN 37388 931-393-3840
Plan Sponsor’s Employer Identification Number:	62-0673796
Agent for Service of Legal Process:	The agent for the service of legal process for the Plan is the Plan Sponsor at the address set forth above
Claims Administrators:	See Appendix B and the Benefit Documents associated with each Component Plan

For additional information regarding the Plan, contact SDS’ Assistant Director/Director of Finance at 931-393-3840 or Ldotson@sds-tn.org, or refer to the Benefit Documents for each applicable Component Plan. Copies of the Benefit Documents are available free of charge from SDS on request.

INTRODUCTION

Establishment and Purpose

Skills Development Services, Inc. (“SDS”) maintains the Skills Development Services, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan (the “Plan”) for the exclusive benefit of, and to provide welfare benefits to, its eligible employees, their spouses and eligible dependents.

These benefits are provided under various insurance contracts entered into between SDS and insurance companies or service providers (“Issuers”). The Benefit Documents for each Component Plan are incorporated herein by reference only to the extent they provide detailed descriptions regarding each Component Plan’s eligibility rules, benefit descriptions, claims and appeal procedures, or other substantive provisions. This Summary Plan Description (“SPD”) is not intended to give any substantive rights to benefits that are not already provided for in the Plan and the applicable Benefit Documents. Accordingly, if the terms of this SPD conflict with the terms of the Plan-related Benefit Documents, the terms of the Plan-related Benefit Documents will control, unless superseded by applicable law. If there is a conflict between the Benefit Documents and this SPD with respect to the legal compliance requirements of ERISA and any other federal law, this SPD will control, unless superseded by applicable law.

Benefits

The Benefit Documents provided to you upon enrollment in the Component Plans listed in Appendix A will contain a complete description of the benefits available under this Plan and any limitations or exclusions applicable to those benefits.

Eligibility Rules

Please refer to Appendix C of this SPD to determine your and your dependents’ eligibility for participating in the Component Plans. The specific Benefit Documents for the Component Plans may contain additional requirements with regard to dependent eligibility for such Component Plans and the terms under which you and your dependents may participate.

Misrepresentation or Fraud. In the event a participant obtains benefits wrongfully due to intentional misrepresentation or fraud, the Plan Administrator, claims administrators, and Issuers/contract administrators reserve the right, to the extent permitted by law, to terminate a participant’s benefits, deny future benefits, take legal action against such

participant, and/or offset from any future benefits the value of benefits the Plan has paid relating to inaccurate information or misrepresentations provided to the Plan.

Employee Contributions

SDS, at its discretion, may require employee contributions as a condition of participation in any Component Plan. Each year, SDS will evaluate all costs and may adjust the cost of coverage during the next annual enrollment. You will be notified of any required contribution amounts in your enrollment materials prior to each Plan Year. You also may request a copy of any required contribution amounts from the Plan Administrator.

Pre-Tax Contributions. SDS may administer the Plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 125 and underlying regulations. This enables you to pay your share of premiums for certain Component Plans on a pre-tax basis, thereby lowering your cost to participate in the Plan. Note that you do not pay Social Security taxes on the pre-tax dollars used, which could result in a small reduction in your Social Security benefits at retirement.

Recovery of Overpayment. You must immediately repay any excess payments or reimbursements paid to you by the Plan in error. You must reimburse SDS for any liability SDS may incur for making such payments, including but not limited to, failure to withhold or pay payroll or withholding taxes from such payments or reimbursements. If you fail to timely repay an excess amount and/or make adequate indemnification, the Plan Administrator may reduce or suspend any further payments due or future benefits otherwise payable to you under the Plan and may take any other actions as may be permitted by applicable law, including offsetting your salary or wages accordingly.

Enrollment and Elections

Initial Enrollment. If you are eligible to participate in the Plan, you can become a participant by properly and timely completing an enrollment form or enrolling online, if applicable. If you do not timely enroll when you are first eligible, you must wait until the next open enrollment period unless one of the events permitting a change in your benefit elections occurs first.

Annual Open Enrollment. You may change your benefit elections (or enroll in the Plan if you did not enroll when first eligible) during each annual open enrollment period.

You should review the enrollment materials provided to you and follow the instructions for enrolling or re-enrolling, as applicable. If you do not properly complete enrollment on a timely basis, your elections for the prior Plan Year may cease or remain the same for the subsequent Plan Year depending on the policies adopted by SDS.

Special Enrollment. You may change your elections under the group health Component Plan if you have a Special Enrollment Right and you timely notify SDS. See the section called “Special Enrollment and Coverage Rights” below for more information.

Changing Elections. Federal law generally requires that an election made under the Plan remain in effect without modification for the entire Plan Year for which the election is made. You may, however, be able to revoke or change an election on account of, and consistent with, one of the “Qualifying Life Events” adopted by SDS, as permitted by federal law. Any election made on an after-tax basis may be changed in accordance with SDS’ policy or any applicable Component Plan limitation.

See the “Permissible Election Changes” section of this SPD for a list of Qualifying Life Events. See the “Special Enrollment and Coverage Rights” section below for additional details on HIPAA special open enrollment rights.

Cessation of Participation

Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Benefit Documents, your coverage will cease upon the earliest of the following:

- The date or end of the month (as applicable under each Component Plan) in which you cease to satisfy the eligibility requirements for a particular Plan benefit. This may result from your death, reduction in hours, or termination of active employment;

- The end of the period for which you paid your required contribution if the contribution for the next period is not paid when due;
- The date you report for active military service, unless coverage is continued through the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (“USERRA”) as described in the “Employees on Military Leave” section; or,
- The date that your coverage is terminated by amendment of the Plan, by whole or partial termination of the Plan, termination of the contract or agreement, or by discontinuance of contributions by SDS.

Coverage for your spouse and other dependents terminates when your coverage terminates. Their coverage will also cease for other reasons specified in the Benefit Documents for the Component Plan. In addition, their coverage will terminate:

- The date or end of the month on which your covered spouse or child is no longer considered an eligible dependent;
- The date, end of the month, or end of the Plan Year in which your dependent child attains a Component Plan’s limiting age (unless the Component Plan allows for the continuation of coverage for a mentally or physically disabled child who is primarily dependent on you for support);
- The end of the pay period in which you stop making contributions required for dependent coverage; or,
- The date that a child is no longer covered under a QMCSO, if the child is not otherwise eligible to participate in the Plan.

Depending on the reason for termination of coverage, you and your covered spouse and dependent child(ren) may have the right to continue health coverage temporarily under COBRA. See the “Continuation Coverage Rights” Section of this SPD for additional details.

PERMISSIBLE ELECTION CHANGES

You generally cannot change your benefit elections under the Plan or vary the salary reduction amounts that you have selected during the Plan Year. However, you may revoke a benefit election (including, but not limited to, an election not to receive benefits under the Plan) after the Plan Year has commenced and make a new election with respect to the remainder of the Plan Year if both the revocation and new election are on account of and consistent with a Qualifying Life Event (as described below).

Election and salary reduction changes shall be effective on a prospective basis only (i.e., election changes will generally become effective no earlier than the first day of the next calendar month following the date that the election change request was filed).

If you undergo a Qualifying Life Event, you must inform the Plan Administrator and complete the required change-in-coverage enrollment materials within 31 days after the occurrence of the Qualifying Life Event (or within 60 days in the case of a Special Enrollment Right due to loss of eligibility for Medicaid or Children's Health Insurance Program ("CHIP") coverage).

In the event of a conflict between the following provisions and the Internal Revenue Code ("IRC") Section 125 plan adopted by SDS, the IRC Section 125 plan shall control. The Plan Administrator reserves the right to determine whether an Employee has experienced a Qualifying Life Event and whether the Employee's requested election is consistent with such event.

Change of Status

Qualifying Life Events include a change of status due to one of the following events permitted under the rules and regulations adopted by the Department of the Treasury, but only if the Qualifying Life Event changes the individual's eligibility for the applicable benefit. These change in status rules apply to elections for all qualified benefits (e.g., accident or health coverage, group term life):

- **Legal Marital Status.** Events that change an employee's legal marital status, including marriage, death of employee's spouse, divorce, legal separation, and annulment.
- **Number of Dependents.** Events that change the number of employee's dependents, including following birth, death, adoption, placement for adoption.

- **Employment status.** Any of the following events that change the employment status of the employee, the employee's spouse, or the employee's dependent: termination or commencement of employment; strike or lockout; commencement of or return from an unpaid leave of absence; or a change in worksite. In addition, if the eligibility conditions of this Plan or other employer-sponsored plan of the employee, spouse, or dependent depend on the employment status of that individual and there is a change in that individual's employment status with the consequence that the individual becomes (or ceases to be) eligible under the plan, then that change constitutes a change in employment under this subsection.
- **Dependent Satisfies or Ceases to Satisfy Eligibility Requirements.** Events that cause an employee's dependent to satisfy or cease to satisfy eligibility requirements for coverage on account of attainment of age, change in student status, or any similar circumstance.
- **Residency Change.** A change in the place of residence of the employee, spouse, or dependent that results in a loss of coverage (e.g. relocates outside the current plan's service area).

Change in Cost of Coverage

A change in cost or coverage, as follows, may allow an election change:

- **Change in Coverage under Another Employer's Plan.** You may make a new election if there is a change in coverage (for you, your spouse or your dependent) under a plan provided by another employer. Your new election must be on account of the change in the other employer's plan and correspond with that change. Among other things, this rule permits you to make election changes during another plan's open enrollment period.
- **Significant Coverage Decrease with or without Loss of Coverage.** If your coverage under a benefit is significantly curtailed or ceases during a Plan Year, you may revoke your election of such benefit and, in its place, elect to receive on a prospective basis coverage under another plan with similar coverage, or drop coverage prospectively if no similar coverage is offered.
- **Significant Improvement or Addition of a New Benefit.** If, during the period of your coverage, a new benefit package option or other coverage option is added,

an existing benefit package option is significantly improved, or an existing benefit package option or other coverage option is eliminated, then you may elect the newly-added option, or elect another option if an option has been eliminated prospectively and make corresponding election changes with respect to other benefit package options providing similar coverage. In addition, if you are not participating in the Plan when these options are added or changed, you may opt to become a participant and elect the new or newly improved benefit package option.

- **Significant Cost Increase.** If the cost of one of your benefit options increases significantly, you may either make corresponding changes in your payments or revoke your elections and, in lieu thereof, receive on a prospective basis coverage under another benefit option with similar coverage, or drop coverage prospectively if there is no benefit package option with similar coverage.
- **Significant Cost Decrease.** If the cost of your benefit option decreases significantly, you may make corresponding changes in your payments. In addition, if you are not enrolled in the Plan and the cost of an option decreases significantly, you may elect coverage under the corresponding benefit package.
- In addition, if the expenses for a Component Plan increase or decrease during a Plan Year, the Plan may automatically increase or decrease accordingly your required periodic contribution for such health insurance benefits.

Other Situations

Other situations that may permit an election change:

- **Court Order.** A judgment, decree, or other order resulting from a divorce, legal separation, annulment, or change in legal custody (including a Qualified Medical Child Support Order) that requires accident or health coverage for an employee's child or for a foster child who is a dependent of the employee. The employee may change his or her election to provide coverage for the child if the order requires coverage for the child under the Plan and may cancel coverage under the Plan for the child if the order requires the employee's spouse, former spouse, or other individual to provide coverage for the child, and that coverage is, in fact, provided.
 - **Entitlement to Medicare or Medicaid.** If an employee or an employee's spouse or dependent who is enrolled in an employer-sponsored accident or health plan becomes enrolled under Part A or Part B of Medicare or
- under Medicaid (other than coverage consisting solely of benefits under the program for distribution of pediatric vaccines), the employee may make an election change to cancel or reduce coverage of that employee, spouse, or dependent under the accident or health Component Plan. In addition, if an employee or an employee's spouse or dependent who has been enrolled in such coverage under Medicare or Medicaid loses eligibility for such coverage, the employee may make an election to commence or increase his or her coverage or the coverage of his or her spouse or dependent, as applicable, under SDS' accident or health plan.
 - **Loss of Coverage under Health Plan of a Governmental or Educational Institution.** If an employee or an employee's spouse or dependent is enrolled in a group health coverage sponsored by a governmental or educational institution and loses such coverage, the employee may make an election change to add coverage under a corresponding SDS plan. Group health coverage sponsored by a governmental or educational institution includes (but is not limited to) coverage under: a state children's health insurance program (SCHIP); a medical care program of an Indian Tribal government, the Indian Health Service, or a tribal organization; a state health benefits risk pool; and a foreign government group health plan.
 - **FMLA Leaves of Absence.** A participant may revoke coverage or continue coverage but delay payment of his or her share of the cost for group health plan coverage during the period of a leave of absence under FMLA. An employee who revokes coverage shall be entitled to reinstate coverage upon returning from a leave of absence under FMLA.
 - **COBRA Premiums.** If the employee or the employee's spouse or dependent becomes eligible for continuation coverage under an employer's group health plan as provided in Code section 4980B or any similar state law, the employee may elect to increase contributions under the Plan in order to pay for the continuation coverage.
 - **Correcting Discrimination Issues under the Code.** If SDS determines before or during a Plan Year that the Plan or one of its Component Plans will fail to satisfy any nondiscrimination requirement imposed by the Code or any limitation on benefits provided to highly compensated or key employees, SDS may decrease or revoke the elections of affected highly compensated or key employees to ensure compliance with such nondiscrimination requirements or benefit limitation.

COVERAGE DURING A LEAVE OF ABSENCE

You may be eligible to continue certain Plan benefits for yourself and your covered dependents for a period of time during an approved voluntary or involuntary leave of absence, subject to the leave policies and procedures adopted by SDS and to the extent prescribed by law. The type of leave you take determines the cost of your benefits (i.e., whether you can continue to pay the same contribution amounts toward your coverage or will need to pay the full premium cost). If you elect not to continue your benefits during your approved leave of absence or if you fail to timely pay for your benefits, your benefits may terminate for the duration of your leave.

Please refer to SDS' leave policies and procedures for a description of the different types of leaves of absence available, the maximum length and types of benefits available while on a leave of absence, employee contributions requirements, and the procedures for paying your share of premiums.

Family and Medical Leave Act

In the event SDS employs 50 or more individuals within a 75-mile radius, SDS will be subject to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 ("FMLA"). FMLA generally allows eligible employees to take a specific amount of job-protected, unpaid leave for certain family and medical reasons.

If you take FMLA leave, you may continue your group health care coverage under the Plan for you and any covered dependents as long as you continue to pay your portion of the cost for your benefits during the leave.

- If you are being paid directly by SDS and you substitute accrued paid leave for some of your unpaid FMLA leave days (e.g. both types of leaves run concurrently), your share of premiums will continue to be deducted from your pay (on a pre-tax basis, if applicable).
- If you take an unpaid leave of absence that qualifies under FMLA, you may continue to maintain your health care benefits on the same terms and conditions as though you were still an active employee by paying any normally required contributions for your health care benefits in accordance with SDS' FMLA policies and applicable law. If you do not make such payments, or do not make them in a timely manner, your health care coverage may cease. At least 15 days before cessation of your health care coverage, you

will be provided with notice of the cancellation. Unless SDS has adopted a longer grace period, you will have 15 days from the date of the notice to make the required payment.

Any coverages that are terminated during your FMLA leave will be reinstated upon your return from leave without any evidence of good health or newly imposed waiting period so long as you make the required contributions, including any catch-up payments attributable to the period prior to your return from leave, if applicable. If you experience a change in status event while you are on leave, or upon your return from leave, you may make appropriate changes to your elections.

If you do not return to work at the end of your FMLA leave you may be entitled to COBRA continuation coverage. You also may be required to reimburse SDS for the cost of coverage provided to you while you were on unpaid FMLA leave (the cost equals the COBRA premium, without a 2% add-on), unless your failure to return to employment is due to a serious health condition, the need to care for a servicemember, or because of other circumstances beyond your control.

For additional information on FMLA leave, and for information on participant contributions to Plan coverage during FMLA leave, please contact the Plan Administrator.

Employees on Military Leave

Employees going into or returning from military service will have Plan rights mandated by the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 ("USERRA"). If you take a military leave under USERRA, whether for active duty or for training, you are entitled to extend your health care coverage for up to 24 months as long as you give SDS advance notice of the leave (unless military necessity prevents this, or if providing notice would be otherwise impossible or unreasonable). Your total leave, when added to any prior periods of military leave from SDS, cannot exceed five years. There are a number of exceptions, however, such as types of service that are not counted toward the five-year limit. Additionally, the maximum time period may be extended due to your hospitalization or convalescence following service-related injuries after your uniformed service ends.

If the entire length of the leave is 30 days or less, you will not be required to pay any more than the contributions

required for active employees. If the entire length of the leave is 31 days or longer, you may be required to pay up to 102% of the full amount necessary to cover an employee (and any amount for dependent coverage) who is not on military leave.

If you take a military leave, but your coverage under the Plan is terminated (e.g. you do not elect the extended coverage), when you return to work with SDS you will be treated as if you had been actively employed during your leave when determining whether an exclusion or waiting period applies to health care coverage under the Plan.

If you do not return to work at the end of your military leave you may be entitled to continue coverage under COBRA continuation coverage for the remainder of the

COBRA continuation period, if any. Any continuation of coverage under USERRA will reduce the maximum COBRA continuation period for which you and/or your dependents may be eligible.

These rights apply only to employees and their dependents covered under the Plan before leaving for military service.

Applicable State or Municipal Law

SDS shall permit you to continue participation in the Plan as required under any applicable state or municipal law to the extent that such law is not pre-empted by federal law.

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE RIGHTS

In the event SDS employs 20 or more employees in the preceding year, the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (“COBRA”) will apply to certain Component Plans that are group health plans. Nothing in this section is intended to expand your rights beyond COBRA's requirements or the requirements of any other applicable federal or state law.

COBRA coverage is a continuation of the Plan's COBRA-eligible benefits when your coverage would otherwise end due to a life event known as a “qualifying event” (as described below). After a qualifying event, COBRA coverage must be offered to each person who is a “qualified beneficiary,” which may include you, your spouse, and/or your dependent children. If elected, you must pay the full cost of the COBRA coverage (including both employer and employee contributions) as described in the “Cost of COBRA Coverage” section.

If you are interested in receiving more information about your COBRA rights and obligations under the Plan, contact SDS' Assistant Director/Director of Finance at 931-393-3840.

Other Coverage Options

Instead of enrolling in COBRA coverage, there may be other coverage options for you and your family members through the Health Insurance Marketplace (ACA Exchange), Medicare, Medicaid, Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), or other group health plan coverage options (such as coverage under your spouse's plan) through a special enrollment period. Some of these options may cost less than COBRA coverage. You can learn more about many of these options at www.healthcare.gov.

Enrolling in Medicare instead of COBRA Coverage. In general, if you don't enroll in Medicare Part A or B when you are first eligible because you are still employed, after the Medicare initial enrollment period, you have an 8-month special enrollment period to sign up for Medicare Part A or B, beginning on the earlier of

- The month after your employment ends; or
- The month after group health plan coverage based on current employment ends.

If you don't enroll in Medicare and elect COBRA continuation coverage instead, you may have to pay a Part B late

enrollment penalty and you may have a gap in coverage if you decide you want Part B later. If you elect COBRA continuation coverage and later enroll in Medicare Part A or B before the COBRA continuation coverage ends, the Plan may terminate your continuation coverage. However, if Medicare Part A or B is effective on or before the date of the COBRA election, COBRA coverage may not be discontinued on account of Medicare entitlement, even if you enroll in the other part of Medicare after the date of the election of COBRA coverage.

If you are enrolled in both COBRA continuation coverage and Medicare, Medicare will generally pay first (primary payer) and COBRA continuation coverage will pay second. Certain plans may pay as if secondary to Medicare, even if you are not enrolled in Medicare. For more information visit <https://www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you>.

Qualifying Events for COBRA Coverage

Employee. If you are an employee, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because either one of the following qualifying events occurs:

- Your hours of employment are reduced; or,
- Your employment ends for any reason other than your gross misconduct.

Under special rules that apply if an employee does not return to work at the end of an FMLA leave, some individuals may be entitled to elect COBRA coverage.

Spouse. If you are the spouse of an employee, you will become a qualified beneficiary if you lose your coverage under the Plan because any of the following qualifying events occurs:

- Your spouse dies;
- Your spouse's hours of employment are reduced;
- Your spouse's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The employee-spouse becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both); or
- You become divorced or legally separated from your spouse.

Dependent Children. Your dependent children will become qualified beneficiaries if they lose coverage under

the Plan because any of the following qualifying events occurs:

- The parent-employee dies;
- The parent-employee's hours of employment are reduced;
- The parent-employee's employment ends for any reason other than his or her gross misconduct;
- The parent-employee becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both);
- The parents become divorced or legally separated; or
- The child stops being eligible for coverage under the Plan as a dependent child.

Notifying the Plan of a Qualifying Event

The Plan will offer COBRA coverage to qualified beneficiaries only after the Plan Administrator has been notified that a qualifying event has occurred. However, when the qualifying event is the end of employment, reduction of hours of employment, or death of the employee, the Plan will offer COBRA coverage to qualified beneficiaries without notification that such a qualifying event has occurred.

You Must Notify the Plan Administrator of Certain Qualifying Events. For the other qualifying events (divorce or legal separation of the employee and spouse or a dependent child's losing eligibility for coverage as a dependent child), a COBRA election will be available to you only if you notify SDS in writing within 60 days after the later of (1) the date of the qualifying event; or (2) the date on which the qualified beneficiary loses (or would lose) coverage under the terms of the Plan as a result of the qualifying event. Your notice must provide the type of qualifying event, the date of the qualifying event, and the name and address of the employee, spouse or dependent who underwent the qualifying event. You must provide this notice to:

Skills Development Services, Inc.
Attn: Assistant Director/Director of Finance
704 South Washington Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
931-393-3840

You may lose your right to elect COBRA continuation coverage if proper procedures are not followed within the time periods described.

COBRA Coverage Elections

Once the Plan Administrator receives notice that a qualifying event has occurred, COBRA coverage will be offered to each of the qualified beneficiaries who then will have an independent right to elect coverage. Covered employees may elect COBRA coverage on behalf of their spouses, and parents may elect COBRA coverage on behalf of their children.

If mailed, your election must be postmarked (or if hand delivered, your election must be received by the individual at the address specified on the election form) no later than 60 days after the date of the COBRA election notice provided to you at the time of the qualifying event (or, if later, 60 days after the date that Plan coverage is lost).

Please Note: If, at the time of the qualifying event, you were covered under benefits that are not protected by COBRA (e.g. life insurance, AD&D, disability), you may, depending on applicable state law, be eligible for state continuation coverage and/or be able to port or convert such benefits to an individual policy. If a conversion option is available in your state, you will be required to make the necessary arrangements directly with the applicable insurance Issuer.

Length of COBRA Coverage

The COBRA coverage periods described below are maximum coverage periods. COBRA coverage can end before the end of the maximum coverage period for several reasons, which are described in the "Early Termination of COBRA Coverage" section below.

Employee Coverage. Under COBRA, employees themselves are only eligible for either:

- 18 months of coverage, due to termination of employment or a reduction in hours; or,
- 29 months of coverage, if a qualified beneficiary covered under the Plan is eligible for a disability extension (which occurs when the individual is determined to be disabled by the Social Security Administration before the 60th day of COBRA coverage and remains disabled for the initial 18 months of coverage). The 11-month extension begins at the conclusion of the original 18 months of coverage.

COBRA coverage will be available to the employee and any covered family members. Additionally, under USERRA, covered employees who enlist in the military or are called to active duty may have COBRA-like coverage rights for themselves and their dependents that last for up to 24 months.

Dependent/Qualified Beneficiary Coverage. Dependents who are qualified beneficiaries are eligible for the same coverage durations above, but their coverage may extend even further in certain situations:

- 36 months of coverage, due to losing dependent-child status under the plan;
- Up to 36 months of coverage, when the qualifying event is the employee's termination of employment or a reduction in hours and the employee became entitled to Medicare less than 18 months before the qualifying event (where the 36 months is measured from the date the employee became entitled to Medicare); or,
- Up to 36 months of coverage, when there is a second qualifying event during continuation coverage (the death of the covered employee; the divorce or separation of the employee and spouse; the covered employee becoming entitled to Medicare or loss of dependent-child status under the Plan), where the 36 months is measured from the original COBRA coverage start date.

These events can be a second qualifying event only if they would have caused the qualified beneficiary to lose coverage under the Plan if the first qualifying event had not occurred.

Notification Requirement for Extensions. The extension of COBRA coverage due to a disability or a second qualifying event is available only if you notify SDS in writing within 60 days after each qualifying event. You must provide this notice to:

Skills Development Services, Inc.
Attn: Assistant Director/Director of Finance
704 South Washington Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
931-393-3840

For the disability extension, the notice must be provided within 60 days of the latest of (1) the date of the Social Security Administration's disability determination; (2) the date of the covered employee's termination of employment or reduction of hours; and (3) the date on which the qualified beneficiary loses (or would lose) coverage under the terms of the Plan as a result of the covered employee's termination of employment or reduction of hours. In addition, to be entitled to a disability extension, you must provide the notice within 18 months after the covered employee's termination of employment or reduction of hours.

You may lose your right to elect COBRA coverage if proper procedures are not followed within the time periods described.

Early Termination of COBRA Coverage

COBRA coverage will automatically terminate before the end of the maximum coverage period if:

- Any required premium is not paid in full on time;
- A qualified beneficiary becomes covered, after electing COBRA, under another group health plan;
- A qualified beneficiary becomes entitled to Medicare benefits (under Part A, Part B, or both) after electing COBRA. Note that he or she must notify SDS in writing within 30 days after a qualified beneficiary becomes entitled to Medicare benefits or becomes covered under other group health plan coverage;
- During a disability extension period, the disabled qualified beneficiary is determined by the Social Security Administration to be no longer disabled. Note that you must notify SDS in writing within 30 days after the Social Security Administration determines that a qualified beneficiary is no longer disabled;
- SDS ceases to provide any COBRA-eligible group health plan coverage for its employees; or,
- For any reason the Plan would otherwise terminate coverage of a participant or beneficiary not receiving COBRA coverage (such as for fraud).

Cost of COBRA Coverage

Each qualified beneficiary is required to pay the entire cost of COBRA coverage, including both employee and employer contributions. The amount a qualified beneficiary may be required to pay may not exceed 102% (or, in the case of an extension of COBRA coverage due to a disability, 150%) of the cost to the group health plan ("Applicable Premium") (including both employer and employee contributions) for coverage of a similarly situated plan participant or beneficiary who is not receiving COBRA coverage.

The amount of your COBRA premiums may change from time to time during your period of COBRA coverage and will most likely increase over time. You will be notified of any COBRA premium changes.

Payment for COBRA Coverage. If you elect COBRA continuation coverage, you do not have to send any payment with the COBRA election form. However, you must make your first payment for COBRA coverage no later

than 45 days after the date of your election (this is the date the envelope containing the payment is post-marked, if mailed). **If you do not make your first payment for COBRA coverage in full within 45 days after the date of your election, you will lose all continuation coverage rights under the Plan.** You are responsible for making sure that the amount of your first payment is correct and paid in a timely manner.

After you make your first payment for COBRA coverage, you will be required to make periodic payments for each subsequent coverage period. The periodic payments can be made monthly. Under the Plan, each of these periodic payments for COBRA coverage is due on the first day of the month for that coverage period. If you make a periodic payment on or before the first day of the coverage period to which it applies, your coverage under the Plan will continue for that coverage period without a break. **The Plan will not send periodic notices of payments due for these coverage periods, so it's important to keep track of the due dates.**

Although periodic payments are due on the first of the month, you will be given a grace period of 30 days after the first day of the coverage period to make each payment. Your COBRA coverage will continue for each coverage period if payment for that period is made before the end of the grace period for that payment.

Temporary Provisions Related to COBRA Subsidy Availability

Under the American Rescue Act Plan of 2021, certain employees and their dependents who lost group health coverage during the COVID-19 pandemic due to the employee's involuntary termination (other than for gross misconduct) or reduction of hours are permitted to temporarily receive fully-subsidized COBRA coverage between April 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021. Such employees and dependents may also be allowed a special election right to elect such subsidized coverage.

Special Rules for Certain Qualified Beneficiaries under the American Rescue Plan of 2021. Notwithstanding any provisions to the contrary in the "Continuation of Coverage Rights" Section of this SPD, special rules for COBRA coverage will apply temporarily in accordance with the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 ("ARPA"). ARPA provides temporary premium assistance for COBRA continuation coverage ("COBRA Premium Assistance") and, where the employer elects to offer the option, an opportunity to switch to a different health plan option offered by the employer. The COBRA Premium

Assistance is available to certain employees and their dependents who are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage due to a qualifying event that is a reduction in hours or an involuntary termination of employment (other than involuntary termination that was due to gross misconduct), and who elect COBRA continuation coverage. You will NOT be eligible for this COBRA Premium Assistance in the event you are eligible for Medicare or eligible for coverage under another group health plan, such as a plan sponsored by a new employer or a spouse's employer.

If you qualify for COBRA Premium Assistance, you do not need to pay any of the COBRA premium otherwise due to the Plan for the period from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. If you continue your COBRA continuation coverage beyond that date, the COBRA Premium Assistance will cease, and you will have to pay the full amount due for your remaining COBRA continuation coverage.

- **Additional Election Opportunity.** If you were offered COBRA continuation coverage as a result of a reduction in hours or an involuntary termination of employment, and you declined to take COBRA continuation coverage at that time, or you elected COBRA continuation coverage and later discontinued it, you may have another opportunity to elect COBRA continuation coverage and receive the COBRA Premium Assistance, if the maximum period you would have been eligible for COBRA continuation coverage has not yet expired (if COBRA continuation coverage had been elected or not discontinued). In such case, you will receive a notice of an extended COBRA election period informing you of this opportunity. You will have 60 days after the notice is provided to elect COBRA. However, this additional election period does not extend the period of COBRA continuation coverage beyond the original maximum period. COBRA continuation coverage with COBRA Premium Assistance elected in this additional election period begins with your first period of coverage beginning on or after April 1, 2021. You can begin your coverage prospectively from the date of your election, or, if you had a qualifying event on or before April 1st, you may choose to start your coverage as of April 1st, even if you receive an election notice and make such election at a later date. In either case, please note that the COBRA Premium Assistance is only available for periods of coverage from April 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021.
- **Cessation of COBRA Premium Assistance.** You will cease to be eligible for COBRA Premium

Assistance for any month of coverage after the *earlier* of (1) the date you become eligible for Medicare or any other group health plan coverage (not including coverage that is only excepted benefits such as dental or vision coverage, a Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement, or a health flexible spending arrangement); or (2) the last day of your maximum COBRA continuation coverage period, as determined by the date of your qualifying event. If you become eligible for Medicare or such other group health plan coverage during the period you are receiving COBRA Premium Assistance, you **MUST** notify the Plan Administrator in writing. If you fail to provide this notice, you may be subject to a financial penalty.

If your COBRA continuation coverage period ends before September 30, 2021, this right to COBRA Premium Assistance will **NOT** extend your rights to COBRA continuation coverage. In addition, COBRA coverage may end before September 30, 2021 in certain circumstances, including for failure to pay premiums, for fraud, or, as mentioned above, if you become covered under another group health plan or entitled to Medicare.

- **Election Timing.** If you are eligible for this COBRA Premium Assistance, you must elect COBRA continuation coverage within 60 days of receipt of the relevant COBRA notice you will be sent by the Plan, or you will forfeit your right to elect COBRA continuation coverage with COBRA Premium Assistance.

The temporary deadline extensions of COBRA election periods specified in the “Deadline Extensions for Participant Actions” subsection above do **NOT** apply to the 60-day election period related to this COBRA Premium Assistance.

- **Additional Coverage Options.** In addition, you may have the right to change to additional coverage options that you were not previously enrolled in. You may elect alternative coverage from your previous coverage under the Plan, so long as the alternative coverage costs the same or less than the coverage you had at the time of the qualifying event. In addition, such alternative coverage cannot be coverage that is limited to only excepted benefits, a qualified small employer health reimbursement arrangement, or a health flexible spending arrangement (if any are options under the Plan). If you are interested in switching coverages, please contact the Plan Administrator for additional information.

Plan Contact Information

In order to protect your and your dependent’s rights, you should keep SDS informed of any changes in your address and the addresses of family members.

Skills Development Services, Inc.
Health and Welfare Plan
704 South Washington Street
Tullahoma, TN 37388
931-393-3840

CLAIMS AND APPEAL PROCEDURES

The following claims and appeal procedures must be followed by Plan participants (“Claimants”) to obtain payment of benefits under the Plan, but only to the extent not otherwise provided in the applicable Component Plan’s Benefit Documents. If the claims and appeal procedures in this section apply, they shall be construed and applied in a manner consistent with the ACA and the Department of Labor (“DOL”) Regulation Section 2560.503-1 as in effect on the date the claim was received. To the extent that a conflict exists in the insurance contracts or administrative agreements, the provisions of the foregoing regulations will control.

For purposes of this Section, the term “Administrator” means the group insurance policy Issuer or self-insured plan contract administrator listed on Appendix A for the policy or Component Plan under which the claim has been filed.

Claims Procedures under Component Plans

The Benefit Documents provided by the Administrator for each Component Plan generally contain a detailed description of the Administrator’s claims submission rules, claims and appeal procedures, and the member services contact information for any claims questions. Please refer to Appendix B for a listing of claims and claims appeal contacts, addresses, and phone numbers.

The Administrator will act as, or will designate, a claims administrator to decide your claim in accordance with its reasonable claims procedures, as required by ERISA (if ERISA applies) and other applicable law. The Administrator has the right to secure independent medical advice and to require such other evidence as it deems necessary in order to decide your claim.

If the Administrator denies your claim in whole or in part, you will receive a written notification setting forth the reason(s) for the denial (“Adverse Determination”). You may request a review of a denied claim by appealing to the Administrator. The Administrator will decide your appeal in accordance with its reasonable claims and appeal procedures, as required by ERISA (if ERISA applies) and other applicable law. In addition, certain group health plans must provide for external review procedures upon the exhaustion of your internal appeal process (e.g. review of your claim outside of the Plan), but only if the claim is related to medical judgment, rescission of coverage, or a determination that a treatment is experimental or investigational.

Unless specifically provided otherwise in a Component Plan, you must make a claim for benefits under the Plan and any Component Plan within one year after the date you incurred the expense that gives rise to the claim. It is your responsibility to make sure this requirement is met.

Reasonable claims and appeal procedures may not preclude an authorized representative (who has been appointed using a form that is made available by the Plan Administrator) from acting on your behalf in pursuing or appealing a benefit claim. You are responsible for providing the Administrator, claims administrator and/or SDS with your current address. The Plan Administrator, claims administrator and SDS do not have any obligation or duty to locate a person who is or may become entitled to benefits under the Plan except as required by applicable law.

Types of Claims

Under ERISA, a claim is a request for benefits made in accordance with a Component Plan’s claims-filing procedures, including any request for a service that must be pre-approved. Questions concerning Plan benefits, coverage and eligibility questions, and other casual inquiries are generally not considered claims for benefits.

Group Health Claims

For purposes of group health plans subject to ERISA (e.g. medical, dental, vision), there are four types of health claims: Urgent Care, Pre-Service, Post-Service, and Concurrent Care (“Health Claims”).

- **Urgent Care Claim.** An “Urgent Care Claim” is a claim (other than a post-service claim) for which the application of a non-urgent care timeframe could seriously jeopardize the life or health of the patient or the ability of the patient to regain maximum function or, in the judgment of a physician, would subject the patient to severe pain that could not be adequately managed otherwise. The Component Plan must defer to an attending provider to determine if a claim for health benefits is urgent.
- **Pre-Service Claim.** A “Pre-Service Claim” is a non-urgent claim for a benefit under the Component Plan where the plan conditions receipt of the benefit, in whole or in part, on approval of the benefit in advance of obtaining medical care.

- **Post-Service Claim.** A "Post-Service Claim" is a claim for a benefit under the Component Plan after the services have been rendered.
- **Concurrent Care Claim.** A "Concurrent Care Claim" is a claim for which the Component Plan previously has approved a course of treatment over a period of time or for a specific number of treatments, and either the plan later reduces or terminates coverage for those treatments, or you request to extend coverage for those treatments. A concurrent care claim may be treated as an Urgent Care Claim, Pre-Service Claim, or Post-Service Claim, depending on when during the course of your care you file the claim.

Disability Claims

A "Disability Claim" subject to ERISA is a claim for benefits that requires you to prove a disability with respect to which the Component Plan makes its own determination of whether you are disabled, regardless of the type of plan under which the claim arises. However, if someone other than the Component Plan makes the determination of disability, for purposes other than the Component Plan's benefit determination (e.g., the Social Security Administration or a different benefit plan), the claim is not a Disability Claim. Disability Claims (including a total disability determination under the AD&D plan) shall be administered in accordance with new regulations, which are intended to ensure the independence and impartiality of Component Plan decisionmakers when determining a Disability Claim.

Other Non-Health Claims

The term, "Other Non-Health Claims," encompasses claims that are neither Health Claims nor Disability Claims. Examples include, but are not limited to, claims for benefits under Component Plans that are severance plans, life insurance plans, accidental death and dismemberment plans, business travel insurance plans, and long-term care plans.

Submission of Claims

Each Component Plan may place additional conditions on how and when a claim must be made, as well as require submission of specific information with claims, including medical information and coordination of benefits information. Each Component Plan's claims procedures shall contain a formalized system of administrative safeguards to ensure that claims are decided consistently with Plan documents and with past determinations in similar circumstances.

Special Notice for Incorrectly Filed Urgent Care or Pre-Service Claims. In the case of an incorrectly filed Urgent Care Claim or Pre-Service Claim, the Administrator will notify you as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours (Urgent Care) or five days (Pre-Service) following receipt by the Component Plan of the incorrectly filed claim. The notice may be written or oral unless you request a written notice and must include information regarding proper procedures to follow.

Notice of the Claim Determination

The Administrator must provide you with a notice of an Urgent Care or Pre-Service determination (whether adverse or not). If the Administrator decides in favor of the claim, the notice will include sufficient information to fully apprise you of the Component Plan's decision to approve the requested benefits.

For all initial claims, if the claims administrator of the Component Plan does not fully agree with your claim, you shall receive an adverse benefit determination ("Adverse Determination"), which is a denial, reduction, or termination of a benefit, or failure to provide or pay for (in whole or in part) a benefit.

Timing of Initial Adverse Determinations

The time period for an initial Adverse Determination begins running when a claim is filed, even if the claim is incomplete. The original determination period for deciding certain claims (but generally not appeals) may be extended by the Administrator. However, there can be no extension unless an extension notice is provided to you *prior* to the end of the original determination period. The extension notice must indicate the matters beyond the control of the Component Plan that gave rise to the need for the extension and the date by which a determination is expected to be made.

The Administrator shall provide you with the Adverse Determination within the following timeframes:

Group Health Plan Claims:

- **Urgent Care Claim:** As soon as possible, taking into account the medical exigencies, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of the claim by the Component Plan if all information was included with the claim. If the Urgent Care Claim is incomplete, the Administrator will notify you within 24 hours and you will have a reasonable period of time, but no less than 48 hours to complete the claim. The Administrator will then decide the claim as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours after the earlier of the receipt of the

specified information, or the end of the period of time provided to submit the specified information.

- **Non-Urgent Pre-Service Claim:** Within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances, but not later than 15 days after receipt of the claim by the Component Plan. The Administrator may extend the original period for up to 15 days upon written notice to you. If the extension is due to an incomplete claim, you will have at least 45 days to provide the requested information.
- **Post-Service Claim.** Within a reasonable time, but no later than 30 days after receipt of the claim by the Component Plan. The Administrator may extend the original period for up to 15 days upon written notice to you. If the extension is due to an incomplete claim, you will have at least 45 days to provide the requested information.
- **Concurrent Care Claim Related to Termination or Reduction of Treatment.** Within enough advance time to provide the Claimant with an opportunity to appeal and obtain a decision before the benefit at issue is reduced or terminated.
- **Concurrent Care Claim Related to Request for Extension of Treatment.** In the case of an Urgent Care Claim, within 24 hours after receipt of the claim by the Component Plan provided your request is made at least 24 hours prior to the end of the approved treatment. All other non-urgent claims will be treated as a new Non-Urgent Pre-Service or Post-Service Claim as applicable.

Disability Claims. Within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 45 days after receipt of the claim by the Component Plan. The Administrator may extend the original period for two additional 30-day extension periods upon written notice to you. If the extension is due to an incomplete claim, you will have at least 45 days to provide the requested information.

Other Non-Health Claims. Within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 90 days after receipt of the claim by the Component Plan. The Administrator may extend the original period for an additional 90 days upon written notice to you.

Content of the Adverse Determination Notice

The Administrator must provide you with a written or electronic “Notice of Adverse Determination,” except that the notice for an Urgent Care Claim may be provided orally (within the applicable timelines) so long as a written or electronic notice is provided to you within three days.

The Notice of Adverse Determination must be written in a manner calculated to be understood by you. In addition, the Notice for a Health Claim related to a Disability Claim must be provided to you in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

The Notice of Adverse Determination shall include the following information:

- The specific reason for the Adverse Determination;
- References to the specific Component Plan provisions on which the Adverse Determination is based;
- A description of any additional information needed to reconsider the claim and the reason this information is needed;
- A description of the Component Plan’s review procedures and the applicable time limits; and,
- A statement of your right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) after an appeal.

The Notice of Adverse Determination for a Health Claim, or a Disability Claim will include the following information:

- Specific references to the internal rules, guidelines, protocols, or other similar criteria on which the Adverse Determination is based. For Health Claims, such specific references may be made available to you by including a statement that the information is available free of charge upon your request. If applicable, the notice for Disability Benefits must include an explanation of why such internal guidelines or criteria do not exist.
- If the claim is denied based on medical necessity, experimental treatment, or similar exclusion or limitation, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment applied in the determination, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon your request; and,
- In the case of a Health Claim involving Urgent Care, a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claim.

The Notice of Adverse Determination for a Disability Claim will include the following additional information:

- A discussion of the decision, including the reasons for disagreeing with the views of treating professionals, medical or vocational experts consulted, or a disability determination made by the Social Security Administration; and,
- A statement that you are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and

copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim for benefits.

Appealing a Denied Claim

If you disagree with an Adverse Determination after following the above steps, you or your appointed representative may formally request an appeal by following the Component Plan's appeal procedures as set forth in the Component Plan's Benefit Documents.

In the appeal, you may submit written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to the claim for benefits. You will be provided, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim.

You may appeal any denial of a Health Claim or Disability Claim within 180 days (within 60 days for Other Non-Health Claims) of receipt of such a denial by submitting a written request for review to the Administrator. If you do not appeal in a timely manner, you lose your right to later object to an adverse determination on review ("Appeal Decision").

If the appeal relates to a claim for payment, your request should include, at minimum:

- The patient's name and the identification number from the ID card,
- The date(s) of service(s),
- The provider's name,
- The reason you believe the claim should be paid, and,
- Any documentation or other written information to support your request for claim payment.

Full and Fair Review

The review of your claim shall take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information you submit, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial Adverse Determination. The Component Plan will identify, upon request to the Administrator, any medical experts or vocational experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of the Component Plan in connection with your Adverse Determination, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the benefit determination.

The review of your appeal shall be conducted by an appropriate fiduciary of the Component Plan who is neither the individual who made the Adverse Determination that

is the subject of the appeal, nor the subordinate of such individual.

In the case of a Health Claim involving urgent care, you are entitled to an expedited review process pursuant to which you may submit a request for an expedited Appeal Decision orally or in writing and all necessary information shall be transmitted between you and the Component Plan by telephone, facsimile, or other available similarly expeditious method.

In deciding an appeal for a claim that is based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, including determinations with regard to whether a particular treatment, drug, or other item is experimental, investigational, or not medically necessary or appropriate, the appropriate fiduciary shall consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment and who is neither an individual who was consulted in connection with the Adverse Determination that is the subject of the appeal, nor the subordinate of any such individual.

The Component Plan must provide you, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by the Component Plan (or at the direction of the Component Plan) in connection with the claim. Such evidence must be provided as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notification of Appeal Decision is required to be provided to give you a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date. In addition, before the Administrator can issue an Appeal Decision based on new or additional rationale for a Health Claim related to a Disability Claim, you must be provided, free of charge, with the rationale, which must be provided to you as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the Appeal Decision is required to be provided to give you a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date.

Appeal Decision

If your claim on appeal is wholly or partially denied, the Administrator will provide you with a written notification of the Component Plan's Appeal Decision, within the required timeframes. In addition, the notice of the Appeal Decision for a Disability Claim must be provided in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

Any determination by the Administrator or any authorized delegate shall be binding and final in the absence of clear and convincing evidence that the Administrator or delegate acted arbitrarily and capriciously.

Timing of the Appeal Decision

For purposes of this section, the period of time within which the Appeal Decision is required to be made shall begin at the time your appeal is filed in accordance with the Component Plan's procedures without regard to whether all the information necessary to make an Appeal Decision accompanies the filing.

Group Health Plan Claim. The Administrator shall provide you with the Appeal Decision within the following timeframes:

- **Urgent Care Claim.** As soon as possible, taking into account the medical exigencies, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of the appeal by the Component Plan.
- **Pre-Service Claim.** Within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances, but not later than 30 days after receipt of the appeal by the Component Plan.
- **Post-Service Claim.** Within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 60 days after receipt of the appeal by the Component Plan.
- **Concurrent Care Claim.** Before treatment ends or is reduced, where the Adverse Determination is the decision to reduce or terminate concurrent care early, or, if the Component Plan denies your request to extend treatment, within the appropriate time period based upon the type of claim.

Disability Claim. The Administrator shall provide you with the Appeals Decision within 45 days after receipt of the appeal by the Component Plan.

All Other Non-Health Claim. The Administrator shall provide you with the Appeal Decision within 60 days after receipt of the appeal by the Component Plan.

Content of the Notice of Appeal Decision

The Administrator must provide you with a written or electronic notice of an Appeal Decision. The Notice of Appeal Decision must be written in a manner calculated to be understood by you. In addition, the Notice for a Health Claim related to a Disability Claim, must be provided to you in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. The Notice of Appeal Decision shall include the following information:

- The specific reason for the Appeal Decision;
- References to the specific Component Plan provisions on which the Appeal Decision is based;

- A statement regarding your right, on request and free of charge, to access and receive copies of documents, records, and other information relevant to the claim;
- A statement describing any additional, voluntary appeal procedures offered by the Component Plan and your right to obtain information about such procedures; and,
- A statement of your right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a);

For an Appeal Decision related to a Health Claim or a Disability Claim the notice will include:

- Specific references to the internal rules, guidelines, protocols, or other similar criteria on which the Adverse Determination is based. For Health Claims, such specific references may be made available to you by including a statement that the information is available free of charge upon your request. If applicable, the notice for Disability Benefits must include an explanation of why such internal guidelines or criteria do not exist; and,
- If the claim is denied based on medical necessity, experimental treatment, or similar exclusion or limitation, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment applied in the determination, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

The Notice of Appeal Decision for a Disability Claim will include the following additional information:

- A statement describing any applicable plan-imposed limitations period, including the calendar date when the limitations period will expire; and,
- A discussion of the decision, including the reasons for disagreeing with the views of treating professionals, medical or vocational experts consulted, or a disability determination made by the Social Security Administration.

Second Appeal

If specified in the Benefit Documents for each Component Plan or in documentation given to you by the claims administrator, you may be entitled to a second appeal following an adverse determination of your initial appeal. In such case, the second appeal must be filed no later than 30 days from the date indicated on the response letter to the first appeal.

If a second appeal is provided by a Component Plan that is not a group health plan, the notification of the Appeal Decision with respect to the second appeal will be made

in accordance with the same guidelines as those outlined above for the first appeal. If a second appeal is provided by a Component Plan that is a group health plan, the Appeal Decision with respect to any second appeal will be made according to the following schedule:

- **Urgent Care Claim.** As soon as possible, taking into account the medical exigencies, but not later than 72 hours after receipt of the appeal.
- **Pre-Service Claim.** Within a reasonable period of time appropriate to the medical circumstances, but not later than 15 days after receipt of the appeal.
- **Post-Service Claim.** Within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 30 days after receipt of the appeal.
- **Concurrent Claim.** The response will be made in the appropriate time period based upon the type of claim: Pre-Service Urgent, Pre-Service Non-urgent or Post-Service.

Failure to Follow Claims Procedures

Generally, you are required to complete or exhaust a Component Plan's claims and appeal procedures as a prerequisite to filing a lawsuit for benefits. If your claim is related to a Component Plan that provides disability benefits, and the Component Plan fails to establish or follow a procedure that is consistent with the federal regulations, the Claimant will be deemed to have exhausted administrative remedies and the Claimant then may seek an external review (if applicable) or file suit under ERISA §502(a).

However, this will not apply if the error was de minimis, if the error does not cause harm to you, if the error was due to good cause or to matters beyond the Plan's control, if it occurs in context of good faith exchange of

information, or if the error does not reflect a pattern or practice of noncompliance. You may request a written explanation of the violation from the Component Plan, and the Component Plan must provide such explanation within 10 days, including a specific description of its bases, if any, for asserting that the violation should not cause the administrative remedies available under the Component Plan to be deemed exhausted.

Predispute Arbitration

In the event a Component Plan requires voluntary or mandatory predispute arbitration as the first step in a claims dispute for Plan benefits, DOL regulations (29 C.F.R. §2560.503-1) state that benefit claimants cannot be subjected to arbitration costs and any mandatory arbitration provision must not prevent claimants from exercising their statutory remedies or keep them from going to court to appeal an arbitrator's decision. Please review each Component Plan's Benefit Documents for any arbitration clause, if applicable.

Exhausting Administrative Remedies and Filing Suit

These claim and appeals procedures must be exhausted for all claims before you can bring any legal action. **If you do not make a claim or file an appeal in the manner and within the appropriate time period discussed in this SPD or, if applicable, the Benefit Documents of a Component Plan, you may lose the right to file suit in state or federal court.**

A lawsuit seeking benefits under this Plan must be brought within certain time limits as detailed in the "Legal Actions" section of this SPD and in accordance with all applicable laws.

PLAN ADMINISTRATION

In General

SDS is the “Plan Administrator” of the Plan and a “Named Fiduciary” within the meaning of such terms under ERISA. SDS is the Plan's agent for service of legal process.

SDS has the duty and discretionary authority to interpret and construe the Plan in regard to all questions of eligibility, the status and rights of any Plan participant under the Plan, and the manner, time, and amount of payment of any benefits under the Plan. Each employee shall, from time to time, upon request of SDS, furnish to SDS such data and information as SDS shall require in the performance of its duties under the Plan.

SDS may designate any individual, partnership, or other organization to carry out its duties and responsibilities with respect to the administration of the Plan. Such designation shall be in writing and such writing shall be kept with the records of the Plan.

SDS may adopt such rules and procedures as it deems desirable for the administration of the Plan, provided that any such rules and procedures shall be consistent with provisions of the Plan and ERISA.

SDS will discharge its duties with respect to the Plan (i) solely in the interest of persons eligible to receive benefits under the Plan, (ii) for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to persons eligible to receive benefits under the Plan and of defraying reasonable expenses of administering the Plan, and (iii) with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of like character and with like aims.

Refund of Premium

For purposes of fully-insured Component Plans, where any refund of premium (e.g., dividends, demutualization, experience adjustments, and/or medical loss ratio rebates) is determined to be plan assets attributable to participant contributions, such assets will be:

- Distributed to current Plan participants within 90 days of receipt; or,
- Used to reduce participants' portion of future premiums under the Plan; or,
- Used to enhance future benefits under the Plan; or,
- Used to pay Plan administrative expenses.

Such determination will be made by the Plan Administrator, acting in its fiduciary capacity, after weighing the costs to the Plan and the competing interest of participants, provided such method is reasonable, fair, and objective.

Privacy and Security of Information

Certain Component Plans provided under this Plan are health plans subject to the provisions of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) including regulations affecting the maintenance, creation or use of Protected Health Information (“PHI”) (as defined under HIPAA). Please refer to the Notice of Privacy Practices issued by the Plan for a description of how your medical information may be used and disclosed and how you can get access to this information.

Plan Amendment and Termination

SDS reserves the right to amend the Plan in whole or in part or to completely discontinue the Plan at any time, in its sole discretion. For example, SDS reserves the right to amend or terminate benefits, covered expenses, benefit copays, lifetime maximums, and reserves the right to amend the Plan to require or increase employee contributions. SDS also reserves the right to amend the Plan to implement any cost control measures that it may deem advisable.

Any amendment, termination or other action by SDS will be done in accordance with SDS' normal operating procedures.

STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

As a participant in the Skills Development Services, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits

Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts and any collective bargaining agreements, and, if required by ERISA to be filed, a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the US. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefit Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500) (if required by ERISA to be prepared) and updated SPD. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan's annual Form 5500 (Summary of Annual Report), if required by ERISA to be prepared. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this Summary Annual Report.

Continue Group Health Plan Coverage

Continue health care coverage for yourself, spouse, or dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this SPD and the documents governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan

participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

Enforce Your Rights

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court after exhausting the Plan's claims procedures. In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in federal court.

If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Your Questions

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. For more information about this statement or your rights under ERISA, including COBRA, ACA, HIPAA, and other laws affecting group health plans, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, contact the

nearest Regional or District Office of the U.S. Department of Labor's Employee Benefits Security Administration ("EBSA") in your area or visit the EBSA website at www.dol.gov/ebsa. (Addresses and phone numbers of Regional and District EBSA Offices are available through EBSA's website). For more information about the Marketplace, visit www.healthcare.gov.

You also may obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the EBSA. In addition, you may contact the Office of Outreach, Education, and Assistance, EBSA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Legal Actions

Any legal action relating to, arising out of, or involving the Plan shall be litigated in the state or federal court of proper jurisdiction in the State of Tennessee.

Time limits exist for bringing lawsuits related to this Plan. The time limit for bringing any lawsuit that arises under or relates to this Plan or a Component Plan (other than claims for breach of fiduciary duty governed by Section 413 of ERISA) is as follows:

- Before bringing any lawsuit seeking benefits under a Component Plan, you must complete the applicable claims procedure set out in the Plan or the Component Plan (and you must comply with all applicable deadlines that are required by the Plan or Component Plan). **If you fail to properly exhaust the claims procedure, you will lose your right to file a lawsuit with respect to the claim.**
- In the case of a fully-insured Component Plan, the time period for bringing any lawsuit against the insurance company issuing such Component Plan or the Plan will be determined by the terms of the applicable Component Plan. If the Component Plan does not set forth such a time period, you must bring any lawsuit seeking benefits within the shorter of (i) one year from the date of the final appeal denial under the Plan's claims and appeals procedures or (ii) three years from the date of the services giving rise to the claim. All claims other than claims for benefits must be brought within one year of the act or omission giving rise to the claim.

Right of Reimbursement from Third Parties

By participating in the Plan, you and your covered dependents consent and agree that a constructive trust, lien or an equitable lien by agreement in favor of the Plan exists with regard to any settlement or recovery from a third person or party. Accordingly, you and your covered dependents agree to cooperate with the Plan in reimbursing it for Plan costs and expenses. If you or your covered dependents have any reason to believe that the Plan may be entitled to recovery from any third party, you must notify the Plan and agree to sign a subrogation/reimbursement agreement that confirms your prior acceptance of the Plan's subrogation rights and the Plan's right to be reimbursed for expenses arising from circumstances that

entitle you or your covered dependents to any payment, amount, or recovery from a third party.

You and your covered dependents consent and agree that you will not assign your rights to settlement or recovery against a third person or party to any other party, including your attorneys, without the Plan's consent. As such, the Plan's reimbursement will not be reduced by attorneys' fees and expenses without express written authorization from the Plan.

Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act

The Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 ("GINA") requires group health plans to not discriminate based on genetic information with respect to eligibility, premiums, and contributions. GINA generally prohibits employers with more than 15 employees from the collection or use of genetic information unless in an aggregate form that does not identify the individual. When GINA applies, genetic information is treated as Protected Health Information ("PHI") under HIPAA.

"Genetic information" includes any information about an individual's own genetic tests, the genetic tests of an individual's family members, and the manifestation of a disease or disorder in the individual's family members. For this purpose, a genetic test is any analysis of human DNA, RNA, chromosomes, proteins, or metabolites that detects genotypes, mutations, or chromosomal changes (essentially, anything used to predict whether an individual has a predisposition to a disease, disorder, or pathological condition).

Non-Assignment of Benefits

Except as otherwise specifically provided in the Plan or required by law, benefits payable to you or your dependents under the Plan may not be assigned, transferred or in any way made over to another party. If and to the extent any assignment of benefits is permitted under any Component Plan, the Plan Administrator or the responsible fiduciary reserves the discretionary authority to determine whether any purported assignment of Plan benefits to a provider is valid. In other words, the Plan does not guarantee that any purported assignment will be valid under the terms of the Plan or any insurance contract.

Controlling Documents

The information contained in this SPD is a general discussion of the relevant provisions of the Plan found in the

official Plan document and Component Plan Benefit Documents. In all events, the provisions of the official Plan document shall control with regard to all matters concerning the administration and operation of the Plan.

APPENDIX A

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

Insurance Policy Issuers of Component Plans

This Appendix A reflects the Plan benefits as of January 1, 2021. The Benefit Documents for the following Component Plans are incorporated by reference herein. All subsequent updates to such Benefit Documents will supersede any earlier versions for the periods defined in the updated materials.

Fully-Insured Component Plans	Policy/Group No.	Type of Benefit
Guardian Life Insurance Company of America 10 Hudson Yard New York, NY 10001	00543409	Voluntary Life Voluntary AD&D Short-Term Disability Voluntary Worksite Benefits (Accident, Cancer, Critical Illness)

APPENDIX B

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

Claims Administrator Contact Information

Use the address and phone number provided on your ID Card if different.

Benefit Type	Claims/Claims Appeals Contact Information		
	Mailing Address	Phone No.	Online
Life/AD&D	Guardian Attn: Claims Department PO Box 14334 Lexington, KY 40512	212-598-8000	www.guardiananytime.com
Short-Term Disability	Guardian Attn: Claims Department PO Box 14331 Lexington, KY 40512	800-268-2525	www.guardiananytime.com
Accident	Guardian Attn: Critical Illness Team PO Box 14315 Lexington, KY 40512	800-541-7846	www.guardiananytime.com
Cancer	Guardian Attn: Cancer Claims PO Box 14317 Lexington, KY 40512	800-541-7846	www.guardiananytime.com
Critical Illness	Guardian Attn: Claims Department PO Box 14334 Lexington, KY 40512	800-268-2525	www.guardiananytime.com

APPENDIX C

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

Eligibility and Participation Requirements

Employee Eligibility

An employee who is determined to be benefit-eligible as of his or her start date shall be offered coverage as of the Effective Date of Eligibility specified below.

Employee Class	Working Hours Requirement	Benefits Offered	Effective Date of Eligibility (Waiting Period)
Full-Time Employees	30 hours per week	All benefits listed on Appendix A	First day of the Plan Year after electing coverage during an annual open enrollment

Certain Component Plans may delay the effective date of your eligibility if you are not “actively-at-work” (e.g. at work performing all of the regular duties of your job). Any actively-at-work requirement imposed by a group health plan (as defined by HIPAA) will not apply if the reason you are not actively-at-work is due to a health condition.

Dependent Eligibility

Unless specified otherwise under the applicable Component Plan’s Benefit Documents, coverage for dependents, if elected, begins on the date your coverage begins (provided you timely enroll them in coverage). If your family grows as the result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, you may be able to enroll your new dependent(s) mid-Plan Year provided you enroll them in a timely manner after your corresponding Qualifying Life Event.

- **Dependent Definitions.** For purposes of eligibility and participation in this Plan, dependent definitions shall have the same meaning set forth in each applicable Component Plan’s Benefit Documents which are incorporated by reference herein.
- **Proof of Dependent Status.** SDS reserves the right to verify that your dependent is eligible or continues to be eligible for coverage under the Plan. Documents requested may include (but are not limited to) copies of birth certificates, court orders, divorce decrees or marriage certificates as needed to establish dependent status. Dependent eligibility determinations made by SDS shall be final, binding and conclusive on all parties claiming an interest in the Plan.
- **Dual Coverage Prohibited.** Except as specifically provided otherwise in an applicable Component Plan’s Benefit Documents, in no event will an employee be covered under a Component Plan as both a participant and a dependent, or a dependent be covered under a Component Plan as a dependent of more than one participant.

Rehire Rule

An employee who is rehired prior to the end of a certain period of time after date of termination may be credited with hours of service met towards the eligibility waiting period during his or her preceding period of employment. If applicable, the Benefit Documents for each Component Plan will set forth the specifics for such rehire rules. Otherwise, a terminated employee who is rehired will be treated as a new hire and will be required to satisfy all eligibility and participation requirements for his or her employment class.

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC.

HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

Originally Effective January 1, 2019
Amended and Restated as of January 1, 2021

Skills Development Services, Inc.
704 South Washington Street
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SECTION 1 – ESTABLISHMENT AND PURPOSE

1.1 Establishment and Purpose

Skills Development Services, Inc. (“SDS”) has established the Skills Development Services, Inc. Health and Welfare Plan (the “Plan”) for the purpose of providing health and welfare benefits to its eligible employees and their eligible dependents. This Plan is established in conformance with and is to be construed as an employer provided welfare benefit plan as defined in Section 3(1) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”), with the documentation requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 and its regulations (“HIPAA”) for purposes of the health plan components contained herein, and with the requirements imposed on health plans under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) and all other applicable law.

1.2 Original Effective Date

This Plan originally took effect on January 1, 2019.

1.3 Amendment and Restatement

This Restatement reflects all changes made to the Plan, including all changes required to achieve compliance with applicable federal regulations as of January 1, 2021.

1.4 Plan Year

The Plan Year of the Plan is January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year.

1.5 The Plan

Certain details regarding the terms and conditions of the Plan are contained in the insurance policies purchased by SDS on behalf of its employees that describe the benefit programs (“Component Plans”) of the Plan. Each Component Plan’s benefit booklets and certificates, plan documents, and other governing documents, including any exhibits, supplements, addendums, or amendments thereto (collectively the “Benefit Documents”), when taken with this Plan document constitute the entire Plan, which is intended to conform to the written plan requirements under Section 402 of ERISA. The Component Plans are listed in Appendix A.

SECTION 2 – ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN

2.1 In General

SDS has designated itself as the Plan Administrator of the Plan, as the term is used in the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). SDS is a Named Fiduciary, also as such term is used in ERISA. SDS is the Plan’s agent for service of legal process.

SDS shall have authority and responsibility to control and manage the operation and administration of this Plan. SDS shall discharge its duties with respect to the Plan (i) solely in the interest of persons eligible to receive benefits under the Plan, (ii) for the exclusive purpose of providing benefits to persons eligible to receive benefits under the Plan and of defraying reasonable expenses of administering the Plan and (iii) with the care, skill, prudence and diligence under the circumstances then prevailing that a prudent person acting in a like capacity and familiar with such matters would use in the conduct of an enterprise of a like character with like aims.

SDS, as Plan Administrator, shall retain the authority to delegate to officers and employees of SDS such responsibilities as are imposed on SDS by ERISA and by the terms of this instrument, together with the authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan.

2.2 Plan Administrator Powers and Responsibilities

Administration of the Plan. Subject to Section 2.3, the Plan Administrator shall have all powers necessary to administer this Plan, including, in its sole discretion, the power to construe and interpret the Plan documents; to decide all questions relating to an employee's eligibility to participate in the Plan; to determine the amount, manner, and timing of any payment of benefits or change in accordance with the Plan; and to appoint or employ advisors, including legal counsel, to render advice with respect to any of the Plan Administrator's responsibilities under the Plan. Any construction, interpretation, or application of the Plan by the Plan Administrator shall be final, conclusive, and binding. All actions by the Plan Administrator shall be taken pursuant to uniform standards applied to all persons similarly situated.

Records and Reports. The Plan Administrator shall be responsible for maintaining sufficient records to reflect the compensation and benefits of each participant. The Plan Administrator shall be responsible for submitting all required reports and notifications relating to the Plan to participants or their beneficiaries, the Internal Revenue Service, and the Department of Labor.

Rules and Decisions. The Plan Administrator may adopt such rules as it deems necessary, desirable, or appropriate in the administration of the Plan. All rules and decisions of the Plan Administrator shall be applied uniformly and consistently to all employees and participants in similar circumstances. When making a determination or calculation, the Plan Administrator may rely upon all information furnished to the Plan Administrator, including the participant's, former participant's, or beneficiary's current mailing address.

2.3 Appointment of Fiduciaries

All persons or entities who exercise discretionary control or authority over Plan management or assets, and all persons or entities with discretionary authority or responsibility for the administration of the Plan will be considered fiduciaries of the Plan to the extent of such discretionary control or authority.

SDS hereby appoints each group insurance policy Issuer (“Issuer”) listed in Appendix A (as amended from time to time) as a fiduciary with such powers as may be necessary to determine the benefits payable under such policy or plan, and to resolve all questions pertaining to the applicability of each policy's or plan's benefit provisions. The decision of a fiduciary on any matter arising under a Component Plan's Benefit Documents, including (but not limited to) questions of Plan construction, interpretation, and administration, and final determinations of eligibility for Plan benefits shall be final, conclusive, and binding on all persons having an interest in or under such Component Plan.

SDS also hereby intends that each such fiduciary shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of ERISA Section 503 (claims procedure) in its exercise of its authority unless it has abused its discretion hereunder by acting arbitrarily and capriciously.

2.4 Refund of Premium

For purposes of fully-insured Component Plans and in accordance with Department of Labor (“DOL”) guidance, where any refund of premium (e.g., dividends, demutualization, experience adjustments, and/or medical loss ratio rebates) is determined to be Plan assets attributable to participant contributions, such assets will be: 1) distributed to current Plan participants within 90 days of receipt, 2) used to reduce participants’ portion of future premiums under the Plan (e.g., premium holiday); or 3) used to enhance future benefits under the Plan; or 4) used to pay Plan administrative expenses. Such determination will be made by the Plan Administrator, acting in its fiduciary capacity, after weighing the costs to the Plan and the competing interest of participants, provided such method is reasonable, fair, and objective.

2.5 Expenses

SDS shall pay all expenses authorized and incurred by the Plan Administrator in the administration of the Plan, unless by agreement or common practice the Plan Administrator absorbs such expenses.

2.6 Right of Reimbursement from Third Parties

The Plan Administrator may, but is not required to, apply the provisions of this Section 2.6 to the Plan. If a conflict exists with the provisions in the Component Plan’s Benefit Documents, the provisions of the Component Plan’s Benefit Documents shall control.

The Plan shall be fully subrogated to any and all rights, recovery or causes of actions or claims that a participant or covered dependent may have against any third party. The Plan is granted a specific and first right of reimbursement from any payment, amount, or recovery from a third party. This right to reimbursement is regardless of the manner in which the recovery is structured or worded, and even if the participant or covered dependent has not been paid or fully reimbursed for all of their damages or expenses.

The Plan's share of the recovery shall not be reduced because the full damages or expenses claimed have not been reimbursed unless the Plan agrees in writing to such reduction. Further, the Plan's right to subrogation or reimbursement will not be affected or reduced by the "make whole" doctrine, the "fund" doctrine, the "common fund" doctrine, comparative/contributory negligence, "collateral source" rule, "attorney's fund" doctrine, regulatory diligence or any other equitable defenses that may affect the Plan's right to subrogation or reimbursement.

The Plan may enforce its subrogation or reimbursement rights by requiring the Plan participant to assert a claim to any of the benefits to which the participant or a covered dependent may be entitled. The Plan will not pay attorneys' fees or costs associated with the claim or lawsuit without express written authorization from SDS.

If the Plan should become aware that a Plan participant or covered dependent has received a third-party payment, amount or recovery and not reported such amount, the Plan, in its sole discretion, may suspend all further benefits payments related to the participant and covered dependents until the reimbursable portion is returned to the Plan or offset against amounts that would otherwise be paid to or on behalf of the participant or covered dependents.

Participant Duties and Actions. By participating in the Plan, each Plan participant and covered dependent consents and agrees that a constructive trust, lien or an equitable lien by agreement in favor of the Plan exists with regard to any settlement or recovery from a third person or party. In accordance with that constructive trust, lien or equitable lien by agreement, each Plan participant and covered dependent agrees to cooperate with the Plan in reimbursing it for Plan costs and expenses.

Once a Plan participant or covered dependent has any reason to believe that the Plan may be entitled to recovery from any third party, the participant must notify the Plan and agree to sign a subrogation/reimbursement agreement that confirms the prior acceptance of the Plan's subrogation rights and the Plan's right to be reimbursed for expenses

arising from circumstances that entitle the Plan participant or covered dependent to any payment, amount or recovery from a third party.

Each Plan participant and covered dependent consents and agrees that they shall not assign their rights to settlement or recovery against a third person or party to any other party, including their attorneys, without the Plan's consent. As such, the Plan's reimbursement will not be reduced by attorneys' fees and expenses without express written authorization from the Plan.

2.7 Amendment, Termination, or Merger of Plan

Except as provided in this Section, SDS (or its duly authorized representative) expressly reserves the unlimited right to amend, terminate, or merge the Plan, in its sole discretion. Any such action shall be adopted by the duly authorized representative of SDS acting in accordance with its regular duties for SDS.

SDS may amend Appendix A to the Plan to accurately reflect the Component Plans offered under the Plan. Any such modification shall not necessitate a formal amendment to this Plan document.

Any amendment, termination or merger of the Plan shall be effective at such date as SDS shall determine, subject to applicable law. If the Plan is terminated, the rights of the participants and beneficiaries of the Plan are limited to covered charges incurred before the Plan's termination. In connection with the termination, SDS may establish a deadline by which all claims must be submitted for consideration. Upon termination, any Plan assets, if any, will be used to pay outstanding claims and all expenses of Plan termination. To the extent that any Plan assets remain following such payments, they will be used for the benefit of covered individuals and employees in accordance with ERISA.

SECTION 3 – ELIGIBILITY AND PARTICIPATION

3.1 General Eligibility for Benefits

SDS shall, to the extent permitted by law and by each Component Plan, determine the terms, conditions, or limitations affecting eligibility for Plan benefits. Each eligible employee of SDS will become a participant in the Plan (“Covered Employee”) on the first day after he or she satisfies a Component Plan’s eligibility and participation requirements, provided that he or she makes a timely coverage election, properly complies with all applicable enrollment procedures, and makes all contributions required under the Plan at the time and in the manner specified by SDS and the Component Plan.

If elected by the Covered Employee and permitted under each applicable Component Plan, dependent coverage for his or her eligible spouse and/or eligible child(ren) will begin on the date the Covered Employee’s coverage begins, provided that the Covered Employee or the dependent makes a timely coverage election and makes all contributions required at the time and in the manner specified by SDS and the Component Plan.

Refer to Appendix C of the Plan’s Summary Plan Description (“SPD”) to determine the Plan’s eligibility and participation requirements for both employees and their dependents. The specific Benefit Documents for each Component Plan also may contain additional eligibility and participation requirements including the terms under which the Covered Employee and his or her dependents may participate in a Component Plan.

3.2 Enrollment Procedures

SDS may from time to time prescribe enrollment procedures that are consistent with the terms of the Plan. Such enrollment procedures may require a Covered Employee’s authorization of payroll deductions for all applicable contributions required under the Plan with respect to the Covered Employee and any dependents.

3.3 Special Enrollment and Coverage Rights

Continuation Coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985. Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, to the extent required by Code Section 4980B and IRS Regulations thereunder (“COBRA”), a qualified beneficiary who would lose coverage under a Component Plan that is considered a health care plan under COBRA upon the occurrence of a qualifying event (as defined in Code Section 4980B(f)(3)) shall be permitted to continue coverage under such Component Plan(s) by electing to make the applicable contributions, on an after-tax basis, in accordance with procedures established by the Plan Administrator that are consistent with COBRA and any other applicable federal law. SDS shall provide notice to each Covered Employee and his or her spouse of their rights under COBRA in accordance with applicable law.

For purposes of COBRA coverage, the health benefit options under each Component Plan shall be provided and operated as separate plans governed by separate Benefit Documents.

3.4 Coverage during a Leave of Absence

Subject to the leave policies and procedures adopted by SDS and to the extent prescribed by law, a Covered Employee may be eligible to continue certain or all Plan benefits for a period of time during an approved leave of absence.

In general, if a Covered Employee goes on an unpaid FMLA, USERRA, or other approved unpaid leave of absence that does not affect eligibility, he or she may, at the Covered Employee’s option, continue certain benefits under the Plan for a limited period of time, so long as he or she continues to make any required contribution payments in accordance with SDS’ leave policies and applicable laws.

During a paid leave of absence, a Covered Employee generally will continue coverage under the Plan on the same terms and conditions as required by the Plan Administrator prior to his or her leave of absence so long as the Covered Employee had benefit elections in place prior to the commencement of the leave of absence. The Covered Employee’s

regular contribution amounts shall continue to be deducted from his or her compensation during such paid leave of absence.

Family and Medical Leave Act ("FMLA")

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Plan, if a Covered Employee goes on a qualifying unpaid leave under FMLA, SDS will, to the extent required by FMLA, continue to maintain the Covered Employee's group health plan benefits on the same terms and conditions as if the Covered Employee was still an active employee.

Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 ("USERRA")

Notwithstanding any provision herein to the contrary in this Plan, if a Covered Employee goes on a qualifying leave of absence under USERRA, then, to the extent required by USERRA, SDS will continue his or her Plan coverage on the same terms and conditions as if the Covered Employee was still an active employee.

Applicable State or Municipal Law

SDS shall permit a participant to continue participation in the Plan as required under any applicable state or municipal law to the extent that such law is not pre-empted by federal law.

3.5 Termination of Coverage

The coverage of a Plan participant will terminate in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the SPD and Benefit Documents for each applicable Component Plan.

SECTION 4 – BENEFITS

4.1 Benefits

For purposes of this Plan, the benefits included hereunder shall be the benefits provided by the Component Plans listed in Appendix A as amended from time to time. The Benefit Documents for each Component Plan contain a complete description of the benefits available and any limitations or exclusions applicable to those benefits.

4.2 Source of Benefits

Benefits under any Component Plan will be provided and paid solely by the Plan pursuant to the terms of the applicable insurance policy or service agreement. SDS neither guarantees nor has any responsibility for the quality of the health care or services provided or the level of benefits paid under any insurance policy or service agreement.

4.3 Coordination of Benefits

The applicable coordination of benefits provisions for the Component Plans are set forth in the benefits documents, contracts, certificate booklets and evidences of coverage for each such Component Plan.

4.4 Coverage Options

SDS shall have the right to enter into a contract with one or more Issuers and Contract Administrators for the purposes of providing or administering any benefits under the Plan and shall have the right to amend, terminate or replace any such Component Plans. Deductibles, co-payments, co-insurance, and out-of-pocket limits may vary among the coverage options available under the Component Plans, among the different features of a single coverage option, among groups of Plan participants, or in any other manner determined in the discretion of SDS. In selecting each coverage option, SDS may rely on tables, appraisals, valuations, projections, opinions or reports furnished by individuals or service providers employed or engaged by SDS, and may take into account the projected or anticipated costs and expenses relating to the Plan or Component Plan, including administrative costs.

4.5 Change in Coverage

SDS may from time to time prescribe the terms, conditions, and procedures under which a Plan participant may modify or terminate coverage under the Plan or under one or more Component Plans, in addition to those set forth in any applicable Code Section 125 plan describing permissible election changes due to one of the qualifying life events allowed under the Code and/or other federal laws or court orders.

4.6 Funding

The premiums required hereunder will be paid solely from the general assets of SDS. SDS shall have no obligation, but shall have the right, to insure or self-insure a Component Plan and purchase stop-loss coverage with respect to any self-insured Component Plan.

Nothing herein shall be construed to require SDS to contribute to or under any Component Plan, to continue to sponsor any Component Plan, or to establish a trust, maintain any fund, or segregate any amount for the benefit of any individual covered under the Plan except as specifically required under law or under the terms of a Component Plan.

No Plan participant or any other person shall have any claims against, right to, or security or other interest in, any fund, account or asset of SDS from which any payment under the Plan may be made.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained herein, participation in the Plan and payment of Plan benefits may be conditioned on Plan participant contributions to the Plan at such time and in such amounts as SDS establishes. SDS may require that contributions of an employee and his or her dependents participating in the Plan be

made by payroll deduction if such employee is on SDS' payroll. Payroll deductions may be pre-tax or after-tax as determined by SDS in its sole discretion.

4.7 Claims and Appeal Procedures

The procedure for obtaining payment of benefits shall be set forth in the Component Plans' Benefit Documents. In the event that such procedures do not exist or fail to comply with ERISA Section 503, the ACA (where applicable), and/or their implementing regulations, the claims and appeal procedures set forth in the Plan's SPD shall apply.

4.8 Recovery of Overpayment

Any amount paid to any person in excess of the amount to which he or she is entitled under the Plan will be repaid to the Plan or, if applicable, the Issuer, promptly following receipt by the person of a notice of such excess payments. In the event such repayment is not made, such repayment may be made, at the discretion of SDS or, if applicable, the Issuer, by reducing or suspending any further payments due or future benefits otherwise payable under the Plan to the person and by taking such other or additional actions as may be permitted by applicable law.

4.9 Participant Responsibilities and Unclaimed Benefits

Each Plan participant shall be responsible for providing the Administrator, Claims Administrator and/or SDS with the current address of the Plan participant, dependents, or beneficiary. Any notices required or permitted to be given hereunder shall be deemed given if directed to such address and mailed by regular United States mail. The Administrator, Claims Administrator, or SDS shall not have any obligation or duty to locate a person who is or may become entitled to benefits under the Plan except as required by applicable law.

In the event that such a person becomes entitled to a payment under this Plan and such payment is delayed or cannot be made:

- Because the current address according to SDS' records is incorrect,
- Because the Plan participant, dependent or beneficiary fails to respond to the notice sent to the current address according to SDS' records,
- Because of conflicting claims to such payments, or
- Because of any other reason,

the amount of such payment, if and when made, shall be that determined under the provisions of this Plan without payment of any interest or earnings.

If, after any amount becomes payable hereunder to a Participant, dependent or beneficiary, and the amount remains unclaimed or any check issued under the Plan remains uncashed after the time period specified and communicated to the claimant by the Plan Administrator (or after 12 months if the time period is not specified by the Plan Administrator) the amount thereof shall be forfeited and shall cease to be a liability of the Plan to the extent the Plan Administrator exercised reasonable care in its attempt to make such payment.

4.10 Additional Plan Provisions

The Plan, including the Component Plans, shall comply to the extent applicable with federal and state laws to which they are subject, including compliance with the requirements of the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 ("GINA").

The Plan shall not use or disclose PHI that is Genetic Information (as set forth in 45 CFR Section 160.103) for underwriting purposes, as defined in 45 CFR Section 164.502(a)(5)(i).

SECTION 5 – GENERAL PROVISIONS

5.1 Nonassignability

It is a condition of the Plan, and all rights of each person eligible to receive benefits under the Plan shall be subject thereto, that no right or interest of any such person in the Plan shall be assignable or transferable in whole or in part, either directly or indirectly, or by operation of law or otherwise, including, but not by way of limitation, execution, levy, garnishment, attachment, pledge, or bankruptcy, but excluding devolution by death or mental incompetence, and no right or interest of any such person in the Plan shall be liable from, or subject to, any obligation or liability of such person, including claims for alimony or the support of any spouse. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Plan will recognize the assignment of rights of benefits to an alternate recipient as required by any qualified medical child support order within the meaning of ERISA Section 609(a).

5.2 Employment Noncontractual

The Plan confers no right upon any employee to continue in employment or affect or modify the terms of an employee's employment in any way.

5.3 No Guarantee of Tax Consequences

SDS makes no commitment or guarantee that any amounts paid to or for the benefit of a participant under the Plan will be excludable from the participant's gross income for federal or state tax nor that any other favorable tax treatment will apply to or be available to any participant with respect to such amounts. It shall be the obligation of each participant to determine whether each payment under this Plan is excludable from the participant's gross income for federal and state tax purposes, and to notify the Plan Administrator if the participant has reason to believe that any such payment is not so excludable.

5.4 Indemnification of SDS by Participants

If any participant receives one or more payments or reimbursements under the Plan that are not for an allowable expense, such participant shall indemnify and reimburse SDS for any liability it may incur for failure to withhold federal or state income tax or Social Security tax from such payments or reimbursement. However, such indemnification and reimbursement shall not exceed the amount of additional federal and state income tax that the participant would have owed if the payments or reimbursements that had been made to the participant as regular cash compensation, including the participant's share of any Social Security tax that would have been paid on such compensation, less any additional income and Social Security tax actually paid by the participant.

5.5 Misrepresentation or Fraud

In the event a participant obtains benefits wrongfully due to intentional misrepresentation or fraud, the Plan Administrator, claims administrators, and issuers/contract administrators reserve the right, to the extent permitted by law, to terminate a participant's benefits, deny future benefits, take legal action against such participant, and/or offset from any future benefits the value of benefits the Plan has paid relating to inaccurate information or misrepresentations provided to the Plan.

5.6 Notices

The Plan Administrator shall provide all notices to Plan participants in the manner and form required by federal or state law, including the use of electronic means in conformance with the federal rules governing this method, if permitted. It is the Plan participant's and beneficiary's responsibility to keep the Plan Administrator informed of current addresses.

5.7 Separate Plans

To the extent required to satisfy applicable law, including, but not limited to, the nondiscrimination provisions of the Code, and any privacy and security laws, each coverage level, each group of employees covered by the Plan, and each class of benefits provided under the Plan, may constitute a separate “plan.”

5.8 Severability

If any provision of the Plan is held invalid, unenforceable, or inconsistent with any law, regulation or requirement, its invalidity, unenforceability, or inconsistency shall not affect any other provision of the Plan, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such provision had not been included herein.

5.9 Governing Law

The Plan is intended to constitute a welfare benefit plan within the meaning of Section 3(1) of ERISA or any other federal law. To the extent not preempted by ERISA, this Plan shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Tennessee.

5.10 Time Limit and Venue for Legal Actions

The time limit for bringing any lawsuit that arises under or relates to this Plan or a Component Plan (other than claims for breach of fiduciary duty governed by Section 413 of ERISA) is as follows:

- Before bringing any lawsuit seeking benefits under a Component Plan, such claimant must complete the applicable claims procedure of the Plan or the Component Plan (and comply with all applicable deadlines established as part thereof). Failure to properly exhaust the claims procedure will extinguish the claimant’s right to file a lawsuit with respect to the claim.
- In the case of a fully-insured Component Plan, the time period for bringing any lawsuit against the Issuer or the Plan shall be determined by the terms of the applicable Component Plan. If the Component Plan does not set forth such a time period, any lawsuit seeking benefits must be brought within the shorter of (i) one year from the date of the final appeal denial under the Plan’s claims and appeals procedures or (ii) three years from the date of the services giving rise to the claim. All claims other than claims for benefits (such as claims for penalties, equitable relief, interference with protected rights, or production of documents; claims arising under state law; claims against nonfiduciaries; and claims for breach of fiduciary duty that are not governed by Section 413 of ERISA) must be brought within one year of the act or omission giving rise to the claim.

Any legal action relating to, arising out of, or involving the Plan shall be litigated in the state or federal court of proper jurisdiction in the State of Tennessee.

5.11 Headings and Captions

The headings and captions herein are provided for reference and convenience only and shall not be considered part of the Plan nor be employed in the construction of the Plan.

5.12 Gender and Number

Whenever used in the Plan, words in the masculine gender shall include all gender distinctions, and unless the context otherwise requires, words in the singular shall include the plural, and words in the plural shall include the singular.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned authorized representative has executed this amended and restated Plan document effective as of January 1, 2021, on behalf of Skills Development Services, Inc. to evidence the adoption of this amended and restated Plan as set forth herein.

For Skills Development Services, Inc.:

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX A

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. HEALTH AND WELFARE PLAN

Insurance Policy Issuers of Component Plans

The Benefit Documents for each of the following Component Plans are incorporated by reference herein. This list is subject to modification from time to time in accordance with Section 2.7 of this Plan document.

Fully-Insured Component Plans	Policy/Group No.	Type of Benefit
Guardian Life Insurance Company of America 10 Hudson Yard New York, NY 10001	00543409	Voluntary Life Voluntary AD&D Short-Term Disability Long-Term Disability Voluntary Worksite Benefits (Accident, Cancer, Critical Illness)



YOUR GROUP INSURANCE PLAN BENEFITS

SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC.

CLASS 0001

**OPTIONAL LIFE, STD, CRITICAL ILLNESS, VOLUNTARY AD&D, ACCIDENT BENEFITS,
CANCER BENEFITS**

The enclosed certificate is intended to explain the benefits provided by the Plan. It does not constitute the Policy Contract. Your rights and benefits are determined in accordance with the provisions of the Policy, and your insurance is effective only if you are eligible for insurance and remain insured in accordance with its terms.

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

10 Hudson Yards
New York, New York 10001
(212) 598-8000
www.GuardianAnytime.com

If Your Group Certificate includes any of the following coverages: Guardian Insured: Group Accident, Group Cancer, Group Critical Illness, Group Hospital Indemnity, Group Dental or Group Vision, the following consumer complaint notice is applicable. (Employer Funded Coverages, if any, are excluded from this Rider.)

New Mexico Residents
Consumer Complaint Notice

If You are a resident of New Mexico, Your coverage will be administered in accordance with the minimum applicable standards of New Mexico law. If You have concerns regarding a claim, premium, or other matters relating to this coverage, You may file a complaint with the New Mexico Office of Superintendent of Insurance (OSI) using the complaint form available on the OSI website and found at:

<http://www.osi.stat.nm.us/ConsumerAssistance/index.aspx>

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This Booklet Includes All Benefits For Which You Are Eligible.

You are covered for any benefits provided to you by the policyholder at no cost.

But if you are required to pay all or part of the cost of insurance you will only be covered for those benefits you elected in a manner and mode acceptable to Guardian such as an enrollment form and for which premium has been received by Guardian.

"Please Read This Document Carefully".

CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The Guardian

10 Hudson Yards
New York, New York 10001

We, The Guardian, certify that the employee named below is entitled to the insurance benefits provided by The Guardian described in this certificate, provided the eligibility and effective date requirements of the plan are satisfied.

Group Policy No.	Certificate No.	Effective Date
Issued To		

This CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE replaces any CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE previously issued under the above Plan or under any other Plan providing similar or identical benefits issued to the Planholder by The Guardian.

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

Stuart J Shaw
Vice President, Risk Mgt. & Chief Actuary

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

As used in this booklet:

"Accident and health" means any dental, dismemberment, hospital, long term disability, major medical, out-of-network point-of-service, prescription drug, surgical, vision care or weekly loss-of-time insurance provided by this *plan*.

"Covered person" means an *employee* or a dependent insured by this *plan*.

"Employer" means the *employer* who purchased this *plan*.

"Our," "The Guardian," "us" and "we" mean The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.

"Plan" means the Guardian *plan* of group insurance purchased by your *employer*.

"You" and "your" mean an *employee* insured by this *plan*.

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All Options

Limitation of Authority

No person, except by a writing signed by the President, a Vice President or a Secretary of The Guardian, has the authority to act for us to: (a) determine whether any contract, plan or certificate of insurance is to be issued; (b) waive or alter any provisions of any insurance contract or plan, or any requirements of The Guardian; (c) bind us by any statement or promise relating to any insurance contract issued or to be issued; or (d) accept any information or representation which is not in a signed application.

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Incontestability

This *plan* is incontestable after two years from its date of issue, except for non-payment of premiums.

No statement in any application, except a fraudulent statement, made by a person insured under this *plan* shall be used in contesting the validity of his insurance or in denying a claim for a loss incurred, or for a disability which starts, after such insurance has been in force for two years during his lifetime.

If this *plan* replaces a plan your *employer* had with another insurer, we may rescind the *employer's plan* based on misrepresentations made by the *employer* or an *employee* in a signed application for up to two years from the effective date of this *plan*.

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All Options

Examination and Autopsy

We have the right to have a *doctor* of our choice examine the person for whom a claim is being made under this *plan* as often as we feel necessary. And we have the right to have an autopsy performed in the case of death, where allowed by law. We'll pay for all such examinations and autopsies.

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All Options

Accident and Health Claims Provisions

Your right to make a claim for any *accident and health* benefits provided by this *plan*, is governed as follows:

Notice You must send us written notice of an *injury* or *sickness* for which a claim is being made within 20 days of the date the *injury* occurs or the *sickness* starts. This notice should include your name and *plan* number.

Proof of Loss We'll furnish you with forms for filing proof of loss within 15 days of receipt of notice. But if we don't furnish the forms on time, we'll accept a written description and adequate documentation of the *injury* or *sickness* that is the basis of the claim as proof of loss. You must detail the nature and extent of the loss for which the claim is being made. You must send us written proof within 90 days of the loss.

If this plan provides weekly loss-of-time insurance, you must send us written proof of loss within 90 days of the end of each period for which we're liable. If this plan provides long term disability income insurance, you must send us written proof of loss within 90 days of the date we request it. For any other loss, you must send us written proof within 90 days of the loss.

Accident and Health Claims Provisions (Cont.)

Late Notice of Proof We won't void or reduce your claim if you can't send us notice and proof of loss within the required time. But you must send us notice and proof as soon as reasonably possible.

Payment of Benefits We'll pay benefits for loss of income once every 30 days for as long as we're liable, provided you submit periodic written proof of loss as stated above. We'll pay all other *accident and health* benefits to which you're entitled as soon as we receive written proof of loss.

We pay all *accident and health* benefits to you, if you're living. If you're not living, we have the right to pay all *accident and health* benefits, except dismemberment benefits, to one of the following: (a) your estate; (b) your spouse; (c) your parents; (d) your children; (e) your brothers and sisters; and (f) any unpaid provider of health care services. See "Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits" for how dismemberment benefits are paid.

When you file proof of loss, you may direct us, in writing, to pay health care benefits to the recognized provider of health care who provided the covered service for which benefits became payable. We may honor such direction at our option. But we can't tell you that a particular provider must provide such care. And you may not assign your right to take legal action under this *plan* to such provider.

Limitations of Actions You can't bring a legal action against this *plan* until 60 days from the date you file proof of loss. And you can't bring legal action against this *plan* after three years from the date you file proof of loss.

Workers' Compensation The *accident and health* benefits provided by this *plan* are not in place of, and do not affect requirements for coverage by Workers' Compensation.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR DISABILITY COVERAGE

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Employee Coverage

Eligible Employees To be eligible for employee coverage, you must be an active *full-time employee* earning at least \$8667 annually. And you must belong to a class of *employees* covered by this *plan*.

Other Conditions You must:

- (a) be legally working in the United States, or working outside of the United States for a United States based employer in a country or region approved by us.
- (b) be regularly working at least the number of hours in the normal work week set by your *employer* (but not less than 20 hours per week), at:
 - (i) your *employer's* place of business;
 - (ii) some place where your *employer's* business requires you to travel; or
 - (iii) any other place you and your *employer* have agreed upon for performance of occupational duties.

If you must pay all or part of the cost of employee coverage, we won't insure you until you enroll and agree to make the required payments. If you do this: (a) more than 31 days after you first become eligible; or (b) after you previously had coverage which ended because you failed to make a required payment, we also ask for *proof* that you're insurable. And you won't be covered until we approve that *proof* in writing.

Part or all of your insurance amounts may be subject to *proof* that you're insurable. Other parts of this coverage explain if and when we require *proof*. You won't be covered for any amount that requires such *proof* until you give the *proof* to us and we approve it in writing.

If your active *full-time* service ends before you meet any *proof of insurability* requirements that apply to you, you'll still have to meet those requirements if you're later re-employed.

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Employee Coverage

Family Status Change You may request an increase in your voluntary disability insurance amount, a decrease to your voluntary disability insurance amount, or the addition of voluntary disability for which you were not previously insured, if a change in family status has occurred. You must request the change to your voluntary disability insurance in writing within 31 days after the date of the family status change as described below.

Family status change will include one or more of the following: (1) marriage or divorce; (2) death of a spouse or child; (3) birth or adoption of a child; (4) your spouse's termination of employment or a change in your spouse's employment that results in the loss of group coverage. The term "marriage" may also refer to civil unions and domestic partnerships, as recognized by the jurisdiction in which you reside.

Proof of insurability is not required for the change to voluntary disability insurance due to family status change as long as the change to your voluntary disability insurance does not exceed the guarantee issue amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Proof of insurability will be required on changes that exceed the guarantee issue amount and if proof was previously submitted and declined.

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When Your Coverage Starts Employee benefits that don't require proof that you are insurable are scheduled to start on your effective date.

Employee benefits that require such proof won't start until you send us the proof and we approve it in writing. Once we have approved it, the benefits are scheduled to start on the effective date shown in the endorsement section of your application. A copy of the approved application is furnished to you.

But you must be fully capable of performing the major duties of your regular occupation for your *employer* on a full-time basis at 12:01AM Standard Time for your place of residence on the scheduled effective date or dates. And you must have met all of the applicable conditions explained above, and any applicable waiting period. If you are not fully capable of performing the major duties of your regular occupation on any date part of your insurance is scheduled to start we will postpone that part of your coverage. We will postpone that part of your coverage until the date you are so capable and are working your regular number of hours for one full day, with the expectation that you could do so for one full week.

Sometimes, your effective date is not a regularly scheduled work day. If the scheduled effective date falls: on a holiday; on a vacation day; on a non-scheduled work day; or during an approved leave of absence, not due to sickness or injury, of 90 days or less; and if you were performing the major duties of your regular occupation and working your regular number of hours on your last regularly scheduled work day, your coverage will start on the scheduled effective date. However, any coverage or part of coverage for which you must elect and pay all or part of the cost, will not start if you are on an approved leave and such coverage or part of coverage was not previously in force for you under a prior plan which this *plan* replaced.

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All Options

Delayed Effective Date For Disability Coverage With respect to this *plan's* disability insurance, if an *employee* is not actively at work on a *full-time* basis on the date his or her coverage is scheduled to start, due to *sickness* or *injury*, we'll postpone coverage for an otherwise covered loss due to that condition. We'll postpone such coverage until he or she completes 10 consecutive days of active *full-time* service without missing a work day due to the same condition.

Coverage for an otherwise covered loss due to all other conditions will start on the date the *employee* returns to active *full-time* service.

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When Your Coverage Ends Your short term disability coverage ends on the date your active *full-time* service ends for any reason, except as noted below under "Continuation of Coverage During Disability".

It also ends on the date you stop being a member of a class of *employees* eligible for insurance under this *plan*, or when this *plan* ends for all *employees*. And it ends when this *plan* is changed so that benefits for the class of *employees* to which you belong ends.

It ends on the date you are no longer working in the United States, or working outside of the United States for a United States based employer in a country or region approved by us.

If you are required to pay all or part of the cost of this coverage and you fail to do so, your coverage ends. It ends on the last day of the period for which you made the required payments, unless coverage ends earlier for other reasons.

Continuation of Coverage During Disability

If you are disabled, as defined by this *plan* when your active *full-time* service ends, coverage remains in force during: (a) the elimination period, subject to premium payment, if: (i) the disability is not excluded under the *plan*; and (ii) benefits are not excluded due to application of this *plan's* pre-existing condition provision; and (b) the period for which benefits are payable under the *plan*. However, if no benefits are payable under this *plan* due to application of the *plan's* exclusion for a job related injury or sickness, coverage will remain in force until the earlier of the date: (a) you are terminated from employment with the employer; or (b) you have been disabled for six months.

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An Employee's Right To Continue Group Short Term Disability Income Insurance During A Family Leave Of Absence

Important Notice This section may not apply to an *employer's* plan. You must contact your *employer* to find out if your *employer* must allow for a leave of absence under federal law. In that case the section applies.

Continuation of Disability Coverage Short term disability income coverage may be continued, under a uniform, non-discriminatory policy applicable to all employees. You must contact your *employer* to find out if you may continue this coverage.

If Your Group Insurance Would End Group short term disability income insurance may normally end for an *employee* because he or she ceases work due to an approved leave of absence. But, the *employee* may continue his or her group coverage if the leave of absence has been granted: (a) to allow the *employee* to care for a seriously injured or ill spouse, child or parent; (b) after the birth or adoption of a child; (c) due to the *employee's* own serious health condition; or (d) because of any serious injury or illness arising out of the fact that a spouse, child, parent, or next of kin, who is a covered servicemember, of the *employee* is on active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty) in the Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation. The *employee* will be required to pay the same share of the premium as he or she paid before the leave of absence.

When Continuation Ends Coverage may continue until the earliest of the following:

- The date you return to active work.

An Employee's Right To Continue Group Short Term Disability Income Insurance During A Family Leave Of Absence (Cont.)

- In the case of a leave granted to you to care for a covered servicemember: The end of a total leave period of 26 weeks in one 12 month period. This 26 week total leave period applies to all leaves granted to you under this section for all reasons. If you take an additional leave of absence in a subsequent 12 month period, continued coverage will cease at the end of a total leave period of 12 weeks.
- In any other case: The end of a total leave period of 12 weeks in any 12 month period.
- The date on which your *Employer's Plan* is terminated or you are no longer eligible for coverage under this *Plan*.
- The end of the period for which the premium has been paid.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below:

- **Active Duty:** This term means duty under a call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- **Contingency Operation:** This term means a military operation that: (a) is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing military force; or (b) results in the call or order to, or retention on, active duty of members of the uniformed services under any provision of law during a war or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress.
- **Covered Servicemember:** This term means a member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who for a serious injury or illness: (a), is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy; (b) is otherwise in outpatient status; or (c) is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list.
- **Next Of Kin:** This term means the nearest blood relative of the *employee*.
- **Outpatient Status:** This term means, with respect to a covered servicemember, that he or she is assigned to: (a) a military medical treatment facility as an outpatient; or (b) a unit established for the purpose of providing command and control of members of the Armed Forces receiving medical care as outpatients.
- **Serious Injury Or Illness:** This term means, in the case of a covered servicemember, an injury or illness incurred by him or her in line of duty on active duty in the Armed Forces that may render him or her medically unfit to perform the duties of his or her office, grade, rank, or rating.

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SHORT TERM DISABILITY HIGHLIGHTS

This page provides a quick guide to some of the plan features about which people most often want to know. But it's not a complete description of your short term disability *plan*. Read the following pages carefully for a complete explanation of what we pay, limit, and exclude.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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Elimination Period For *disability* due to *injury* 14 days
For *disability* due to *sickness* 14 days

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Maximum Payment Period For *disability* due to *injury* 26 weeks
For *disability* due to *sickness* 26 weeks

Payments for a pre-existing condition will be limited to a maximum of 2 weeks.

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Gross Weekly Benefit During your initial eligibility period, you may choose any one of the following plans which does not exceed 60% of your *insured earnings*. You must notify the *employer* of your election and pay the required premium.

You may switch to another plan at any time, with satisfactory proof of insurability. You must notify the *employer* of any desired switch. You will not be insured for the new benefit unless we approve that proof in writing.

- Plan ID A** \$100.00
- Plan ID B** \$150.00
- Plan ID C** \$200.00
- Plan ID D** \$250.00
- Plan ID E** \$300.00
- Plan ID F** \$350.00
- Plan ID G** \$400.00
- Plan ID H** \$450.00
- Plan ID I** \$500.00

Plan ID J	\$550.00
Plan ID K	\$600.00
Plan ID L	\$650.00
Plan ID M	\$700.00
Plan ID N	\$750.00

Note: We integrate your *gross weekly benefit* with certain other income you may receive. Read all of the terms of this *plan* to see what income we integrate with, and how.

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All Options

Proof of Insurability Proof of insurability requirements apply to your short term disability plan. Such requirements may apply to your full benefit amount or just part of it. When proof of insurability requirements apply, it means you must submit to us proof that you are insurable, and we must approve your proof in writing before your insurance, or the specified part becomes effective.

We require proof as follows:

If you request to change your plan election to a higher level of coverage, proof of insurability will be required. You are not entitled to the new level of coverage unless we approve that proof in writing. You must notify your *employer* of any desired switch.

Any level of coverage that requires proof of insurability takes effect on the date we approve that proof in writing. However, you must be *actively-at-work* on a full-time basis on that date. If you are not, the new level of coverage will take effect on the date you return to *active work* on a full-time basis. But, the increase will not apply to a *recurring disability*.

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SHORT TERM DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE

This insurance replaces part of your income if you become *disabled* due to a covered *sickness* or *injury*. What we pay is governed by all the terms of this *plan*.

All terms in italics are defined terms with special meanings. See the definitions section of this *plan*. Other terms with special meanings are defined where they are used.

Benefit Provisions

How Payments Start To start getting payments from this *plan*, you must meet all of the conditions listed below:

- (a) You must: (i) become *disabled* while insured by this *plan*; and (ii) remain *disabled* and insured for this *plan's elimination period*.
- (b) You must provide proof of loss, as described in this *plan's* Claim Provisions section.

Benefits accrue as of the first day following the end of the *elimination period*, subject to all *plan* terms.

You can satisfy the *elimination period* while working, provided you are *disabled* as defined by this *plan*.

Waiver of Premium We waive your premiums for this insurance while you are entitled to receive a *weekly benefit* payment from this *plan*.

When Payments End Your benefits from this *plan* will end on the earliest of the dates shown below:

- (a) The date you are no longer *disabled*.
- (b) The date you fail to provide proof of loss as required by this *plan*.
- (c) The date you earn, or are able to earn, the maximum earnings allowed while *disabled* under this *plan*.
- (d) The date you are able to perform the major duties of your *own job* on a full-time basis with *reasonable accommodation*.
- (e) The date you have been outside the United States and/or Canada for more than 2 months in a 12 month period.
- (f) The date he or she dies.
- (g) The end of the *maximum payment period*.
- (h) The date no further benefits are payable under any provision in this *plan* that limits the *maximum payment period*.
- (i) The date you are no longer receiving *regular and appropriate care* from a *doctor*.

(j) The date payments end in accord with a *rehabilitation agreement*.

(k) The date you refuse to take part in a *rehabilitation program*.

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All Options

Maximum Payment Period The *maximum payment period* is the longest time that benefits are paid by this *plan* for your *disability*.

But, it may be less than that shown due to: (a) the date you were first treated for the cause of your *disability*; and (b) the length of time you have been insured by this *plan*. See the section entitled "Pre-Existing Conditions" and the Schedule of Benefits.

For *disability* due to *injury*, the *maximum payment period* is 26 weeks.

For *disability* due to *sickness*, the *maximum payment period* is 26 weeks.

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All Options

Recurring Disability Benefits from this *plan* end if you cease to be *disabled*. But, a later *disability* may be treated as a *recurring disability*, if all of the terms listed below are met:

- (a) You must return to *active work* right after your benefits end;
- (b) The *disability* must recur less than two weeks after you were last entitled to benefits;
- (c) The later *disability* must be due to the same or related cause of your earlier *disability*;
- (d) This *plan* must not end during your return to *active work*;
- (e) You must not become covered under any other similar group income replacement plan during the time you return to *active work*;
- (f) During the time you return to *active work*, you must: (i) stay insured by this *plan*; and (ii) premium payments must be made on your behalf; and
- (g) Your benefits must not have ended because you have used up the *maximum payment period*.

If the later *disability* is a *recurring disability*, you will not need to complete a new *elimination period*. The *recurring disability* will be subject to all the terms of the *plan* in effect on the date the earlier *disability* began.

If all of the terms listed above are not met, the later *disability* will be treated as a new period of *disability*. You will be required to complete a new *elimination period*. The new period of *disability* will be subject to all the terms of the *plan* in effect on the date the new period of *disability* occurs.

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All Options

Calculation of Weekly Benefit Your benefit is governed by the terms of the *plan* in effect on the date *disability* occurs. Any changes to this *plan* that take place: (a) while you are *disabled*; or (b) during a period of *active work* that occurs between an initial period of *disability* and a *recurring disability*; will not affect your benefit.

We calculate your *gross weekly benefit* according to the Schedule of Benefits.

From your *gross weekly benefit*, subtract the amount of any income listed in Other Income Benefits that you receive or are entitled to receive. The result is your *weekly benefit*.

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All Options

Redetermination This *plan* redetermines *insured earnings* for each covered person on March 1st. Each March 1st, the *plan sponsor* must report current *insured earnings* for all covered persons under the *plan*. Changes to a covered person's *insured earnings* are subject to any proof of insurability requirements of this *plan*. As of this *plan's* redetermination date, we use a covered person's *insured earnings* on record with us to: (a) set rates; (b) project benefit amounts and limits; and (c) calculate premium payable under this *plan*. However, the covered person must be *actively-at-work* on a full-time basis on that date. If he or she is not, we do not do this until the date he or she returns to *active work* on a full-time basis. But, changes in earnings will not apply to a *recurring disability*.

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All Options

Other Income Benefits You may receive, or be entitled to receive, income shown in the list below. We will reduce your *gross weekly benefit* by such other income benefits to determine your *weekly benefit* from this *plan*.

- Disability benefits from any other group plan; but, if the other group plan was in force prior to this *plan*, and the other group plan also deducts for disability benefits from any other group plan or if the other group plan was from employment other than with the current plan sponsor or employer and benefits received do not total 100% of his or her previous income, we will not deduct these other group disability benefits.

We integrate your *gross weekly benefit* with income shown above that you are entitled to receive without regard to the reason you are entitled to receive it.

Our right to reduce your benefit by such income shall not be negated by a transfer of claim liability to a third party. Payment by such third party by law, settlement, judgment, waiver or otherwise shall not negate our right.

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All Options

Other Income Not Subject to Deduction We will not reduce your *gross weekly benefit* by any income you receive or are entitled to receive from the list below.

- Deferred compensation arrangements such as 401(k), 403(b) or 457 plans;
- Profit sharing plans;
- Thrift plans;
- Tax sheltered annuities;
- Stock ownership plans;
- Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA);
- Individual disability income plans;
- Credit disability insurance;
- Non qualified plans of deferred compensation;
- Pension plans for partners;
- Retirement plans of another employer not affiliated with this *plan*;
- Military pension and disability plans;
- Income from a sick leave, salary continuance, or Paid Time Off plan.

Lump Sum Payments of Other Income Income with which we integrate may be paid in a lump sum. In this case, we take the equivalent weekly rate stated in the award into account when we determine your *weekly benefit*. If no weekly rate is given, we divide the lump sum payment by the number of calendar days in the period for which it was awarded. This will determine the daily rate. Then, multiply the daily rate by seven. The result is the prorated weekly rate.

Cost of Living Freeze You may receive a cost of living increase in other income with which we integrate. In this case, we do not further reduce your *weekly benefit* by the amount of such increase.

Claim for Other Income You must pursue a claim for other income benefits to which you may be entitled if the expectation is the disability qualifies for other income benefits and the amount due can be estimated. If these benefits are denied, we require you to appeal such denial if it is reasonable to believe that you have a valid claim to receive the benefits. We will not reduce your *weekly benefit* if you: (a) applied for; or (b) submitted an appeal regarding a requested claim for other income benefits. However, we will require you to sign our reimbursement agreement. In this agreement, you promise: (a) to apply for any benefits for which you may be eligible; (b) to appeal any denial of such benefits until all possible appeals have been made; and (c) to repay any amount we overpaid due to an award of such benefits.

We will assist you in applying for other income benefits.

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All Options

Adjustment of Weekly Benefit for Disability Earnings

We adjust the *weekly benefit* for *disability earnings* as follows.

We pay the greater of the amount calculated under Method 1 or Method 2.

Method 1:

We reduce your *weekly benefit* by 50% of your *disability earnings*.

Method 2:

- (a) Subtract your *disability earnings* from your *insured earnings*.
- (b) Divide the result in (a) above by your *insured earnings*.
- (c) Multiply the result in (b) above by your *weekly benefit*. This is the amount we pay.

If your *disability earnings* fluctuate widely from week to week, we may adjust your *weekly benefit* using an average *disability earnings* amount. The average *disability earnings* amount will be computed using your most current week's *disability earnings* and the prior two weeks *disability earnings*.

Maximum Allowable Disability Earnings

This *plan* limits the amount of income you may earn, or may be able to earn, and still be considered *disabled*.

If your *disability earnings* are more than 80% of your *insured earnings*, payments from this *plan* will end. Payments from this *plan* will also end if you are able to earn more than 80% of your *insured earnings*.

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All Options

Pre-Existing Conditions

A pre-existing condition is an *injury* or *sickness*, whether diagnosed or misdiagnosed, and any symptoms thereof, for which, in the look back period, you:

- (a) receive advice or treatment from a *doctor*;
- (b) undergo diagnostic procedures other than routine screening in the absence of symptoms or suspicion of disease process by a *doctor*;
- (c) are prescribed or take prescription drugs; or
- (d) receive other medical care or treatment, including consultation with a *doctor*.

The "look back period" is the 3 months before the latest of: (a) the effective date of your insurance under this *plan*; (b) the effective date of a change that increases the benefits payable by this *plan*; and (c) the effective date of a change in your benefit election that increases the benefit payable by this *plan*.

For any *disability*: (a) caused by; (b) contributed to by; or (c) resulting from; a pre-existing condition, we limit the *maximum payment period* to 2 weeks; unless the *disability* starts after you complete at least one full day of *active work* after the date you are insured under this *plan* for 12 months in a row.

Disability that is: (a) caused by; (b) contributed to by; or (c) resulting from; a pre-existing condition may begin after: (a) a change which provides for an increase in the benefits payable by this *plan*; or (b) a change in your benefit election which increases the benefit payable by this *plan*. In this case, your benefit will be limited to the amount that would have been payable had the change not taken place. But, this limit does not apply if your *disability* starts after you complete at least one full day of *active work* after the change has been in force for 12 months in a row.

We do not cover any *disability* that starts before your insurance under this *plan*.

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All Options

Prior Coverage Credit If this *plan* replaces a similar income replacement plan the *plan sponsor* had with another insurer, the pre-existing condition provision may not apply to you. This *plan* must start right after the old plan ends.

The pre-existing condition provision will be waived for any covered person who: (a) is *actively working* on the effective date of this *plan*; and (b) fulfilled the requirements of any pre-existing condition provision of the old plan.

If you: (a) were covered under the old plan when it ended; (b) enroll for insurance under this *plan* on or before this *plan's* effective date; and (c) are *actively working* on the effective date of this *plan*; but (d) have not fulfilled the requirements of any pre-existing condition provision of the old plan; we credit any time used to meet the old plan's pre-existing condition provision toward meeting this *plan's* pre-existing condition provision.

But, we limit your *maximum weekly benefit* under this *plan* if: (a) it is more than the maximum weekly benefit for which you were insured under the old plan; (b) you become *disabled* due to a pre-existing condition; and (c) this *plan* pays benefits for such *disability* because we credit time as explained above. In this case, we limit the *maximum weekly benefit* to the amount you would have been entitled to under the old plan.

We deduct all payments made by the old plan under an extension provision.

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All Options

Exclusions This *plan* does not pay benefits for *disability* caused by, or related to:

- (a) declared or undeclared war, act of war, or armed aggression;
- (b) service in the armed forces, National Guard, or military reserves of any state or country;
- (c) you taking part in a riot or civil disorder;
- (d) your commission of, or attempt to commit a felony, for which you have been convicted;
- (e) your voluntary use of any poison, chemical, prescription or non-prescription drug or controlled substance unless: (a) it was prescribed for you by a *doctor*; and (b) it was used as prescribed. In the case of a non-prescription drug, we do not pay for any loss resulting from or contributed to by your use in a manner inconsistent with package instructions. A controlled substance is anything called a controlled substance in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended from time to time;
- (f) intentional self-inflicted injuries; or
- (g) job-related or on-the-job injury.

We do not pay any benefits for any period of *disability*:

- (1) during which you are confined to a facility as a result of your conviction of a crime;
- (2) during which you are receiving medical treatment or care outside the United States or Canada unless expressly authorized by us;
- (3) which starts before you are insured by this *plan*; or
- (4) during which your loss of earnings is not solely due to your *disability*.

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All Options

Services

Rehabilitation and Case Management We will review your *disability* to see if certain services are likely to help you return to *gainful employment*. If needed, we may ask for more medical or vocational information.

When our review is complete, we may offer you a *rehabilitation program*. We have the right to suspend or end your *weekly benefit* if you do not accept it.

The *rehabilitation program* will start when a written *rehabilitation agreement* is signed by: (1) you; (2) us; and (3) your *employer*, if needed. The program may include, but is not limited to:

- (a) vocational assessment of your work potential;
- (b) coordination and transition planning with an employer for your return to work;
- (c) consulting with your *doctor* on your return to work and need for accommodations;
- (d) training in job seeking skills and resume preparation;
- (e) retraining; and
- (f) assistance with a child care expenses you incur in order to participate in a *rehabilitation program*. (See the Dependent Care Expenses section of this *plan*.)

We have the right to determine which services are appropriate.

If you accept the *rehabilitation agreement*, we will pay an enhanced benefit. The enhanced benefit will be 110% of the *weekly benefit* that would otherwise be paid. This enhanced benefit will be payable as of the first *weekly benefit* after the *rehabilitation program* starts.

We stop paying the enhanced benefit on the earliest of:

- (a) The date your benefits from this *plan* end;
- (b) The date you violate the terms of the *rehabilitation agreement*;
- (c) The date you end the *rehabilitation program*; and
- (d) The date the *rehabilitation agreement* ends.

If you end a *rehabilitation program* without our consent, you must repay any enhanced benefits paid.

Dependent Care Expenses

While you are participating in a *rehabilitation program*, we will pay a dependent care expense benefit, when all of the following conditions are met:

- (a) you incur expense to provide care for a qualified dependent;
- (b) the care is provided by a licensed provider other than a family member.

A qualified dependent is: (a) dependent upon you for main support and maintenance; and (b) under the age of 4 fourteen and your: (i) biological child; (ii) lawfully adopted child; (iii) stepchild; or (iv) any other child who is living with you in a regular parent-child relationship.

The dependent care expense benefit will be the lesser of: (a) \$100 per week per qualified dependent; not to exceed \$300 per week for all qualified dependents combined; and (b) the actual weekly day care expense incurred by you.

We will stop paying the dependent care expense benefit on the earlier of the date you are no longer: (a) incurring dependent care expenses for a qualified dependent; (b) participating in a *rehabilitation program*; or (c) entitled to receive a *weekly benefit* from this *plan*.

All Options

Worksite Modification Benefit In order to accommodate your *disability*, an employer may incur a cost to modify your worksite. We may reimburse the employer, up to \$2,500 for the cost of the worksite modification. We make this payment if we agree that the modification will enable you to: (a) return to work; or (b) remain at work.

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All Options

Claim Provisions

Authority We have the discretionary authority to: (a) interpret the terms of this *plan*; and (b) determine a covered person's eligibility for: (i) coverage; and (ii) benefits under the *plan*. All such determinations are considered final, except that they may be modified or reversed by legal action illustrated under the Limitations of Actions provision under the Accident and Health Provisions of this plan, filing an appeal, or seeking relief from the Tennessee Department of Insurance.

Notice You must send us written notice of your intent to file a claim under this *plan* as described in "Accident and Health Claims Provisions."

For details, you can call Guardian at 1-800-268-2525.

Proof of Loss When we receive your notice, we will provide you with a claim form for filing proof of loss. This form requires data from the *employer*, you, and the *doctor(s)* treating you for your *sickness* or *injury*. Proof of loss must be given to us within the time stated in "Accident and Health Claims Provisions." If you do not receive a claim form within 15 days of the date you sent your notice, you should send us written proof of loss without waiting for the form.

Proof of loss, provided at your expense, consists of the following. Failure to provide this information may delay, suspend, reduce or terminate your benefits.

- (a) The date *disability* began;
- (b) Your last day of *active work*;
- (c) The cause of *disability*;
- (d) The extent of *disability*, including limitations and restrictions preventing you from performing the major duties of your *own job*.
- (e) If your occupation requires that you carry liability or malpractice insurance, any changes to such insurance that become effective on or after the date of *disability*;
- (f) *Objective medical evidence* in support of your limitations and restrictions, beginning with the date *disability* began;
- (g) The prognosis of *disability*;
- (h) The name and address of all *doctors*, hospitals and health care facilities where you have been treated for your *disability* since the date *disability* began;

- (i) Proof that you: (i) are currently; and (ii) have been receiving *regular and appropriate care* from a *doctor*, from the date *disability* began;
- (j) Proof of *insured earnings*, and, if applicable, *disability earnings*;
- (k) Payroll or absence data from the *employer* for the three months prior to the date *disability* began, or other period we specify;
- (l) Proof of application for all other sources of income to which you may be entitled, that may affect your payment from this *plan*; and
- (m) Proof of receipt of other income that may affect your payment from this *plan*.

You must provide *objective medical evidence* from a *doctor* who is not yourself, your spouse, child, parent, sibling or business associate.

Proof of *insured earnings* and *disability earnings* may consist of: (1) copies of your W-2 forms; (2) payroll records from your employer(s); (3) copies of your U.S. Individual Income Tax Returns; (4) copies of the U.S. income tax returns from any business in which you hold an ownership or shareholder interest; (5) a statement from a certified public accountant; (6) copies of any income records accepted or required by the I.R.S; or (7) any other records we deem necessary.

Proof of loss and other claim data should be submitted to:

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America
 Group Short Term Disability Claims Department
 P.O. Box 26160
 Lehigh Valley, PA 18002-6160.

Authorization Required You must provide us with written, unaltered authorizations to obtain medical, financial, vocational, occupational, and governmental information required to determine our liability under this *plan*. You must provide us with such authorizations as often as we may require, in order that they remain current. Failure to provide such authorizations may delay, suspend or terminate your benefits.

Right to Request Medical, Financial or Vocational Assessment We may ask you to take part in a medical, financial, vocational or other assessment that we feel is necessary to determine whether the terms of the *plan* are met. We may require this as often as we feel is reasonably necessary. We will pay for all such assessments. But, if you postpone a scheduled assessment without our approval, you will be responsible for any rescheduling fees. If you do not take part in or cooperate with the assessment, we have the right to stop or suspend your payments under this *plan*.

Ongoing Proof of Loss To continue to receive payments from this *plan*, you must give us current proof of loss as often as we may reasonably require. Ongoing proof of loss must be provided to us within 30 days of the date we request it.

Payment of Benefits We pay benefits to you, if you are legally competent. If you are not, we pay benefits to the legal representative of your estate. Benefits are paid in US dollars.

We pay benefits on a biweekly basis at the end of the period for which they are payable.

No benefits are payable for this *plan's elimination period*.

Benefits to which you are entitled may remain unpaid at your death. Such benefits may be paid at our discretion to: (a) your estate; or (b) your spouse, parents, children, or brothers and sisters.

Partial Week Payment You may be *disabled* for only part of a week. In this case, we compute your payment as 1/7th of the benefit to which you would be entitled for the full week times the number of days you are *disabled*.

Overpayment Recovery If we overpaid you, you must repay us in full. We have the right to reduce your payment or apply any benefits payable, including the minimum payment, toward recovery of the overpayment. If the overpayment is due to our error, this right to recovery will not be exercised after 15 months of the date the overpayment was made. Overpayments due to fraud, material misstatements, or retroactive awards of other income with which this *plan* integrates will not be subject to the 15 month recovery limit.

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All Options

Definitions

Active Work, Actively-At-Work or Actively Working You are able to perform and are performing all of the regular duties of your work for your *employer*, on a full-time basis at: (a) one of your *employer's* usual places of business; (b) some place where your *employer's* business requires you to travel; or (c) any other place you and your *employer* have agreed on for your work.

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All Options

Disability or Disabled These terms mean that a current *sickness* or *injury* causes physical or mental impairment to such a degree that you are: (a) not able to perform, on a full-time basis, the major duties of your *own job* and (b) not able to earn more than this plan's maximum allowed *disability earnings*.

You may be required, on average, to work more than 40 hours per week. In this case, you are not *disabled* if you are able to work for 40 hours per week.

Neither: (a) loss of a professional or occupational license; or (b) receipt of or entitlement to Social Security disability benefits; in and of themselves constitute *disability* under this *plan*.

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All Options

Disability Earnings The weekly income you earn from working while *disabled*. It includes salaries, wages, commissions, bonuses and any other compensation earned or accrued while working including pension, profit sharing contributions, sick pay, paid time off, holiday and vacation pay. When you have an ownership interest in the business, *disability earnings* also includes business profits, attributable to you, whether received or not. It includes any income you earn while *disabled* and return to your *employer*, partnership, or any other similar business arrangement to cover any business or overhead expenses. If you have the ability to work on a *part-time* or full-time basis, following the earlier of the date you: (a) have been terminated from employment with the *employer*; (b) have been *disabled* for 3 months in a row; or (c) have been offered a job or workplace modification by the *employer* and you do not return to work; *disability earnings* also includes *maximum capacity earnings*.

Doctor Any medical practitioner we are required by law to recognize. He or she must: (a) be properly licensed or certified by the laws of the state where he or she practices; and (b) provide services that are within the lawful scope of his or her practice.

Elimination Period The period of time you must be *disabled*, due to a covered *disability*, before this *plan's* benefits are payable.

Any days during which you return to work earning more than 80% of your *insured earnings* will not count toward the *elimination period*. If you are or become eligible under any other similar group income replacement plan while you are working during the *elimination period*, you will not be entitled to benefits from this *plan*.

We do not require you to complete an *elimination period* if: (a) you were covered under a similar income replacement plan the *plan sponsor* had with another insurer on the day before this *plan* starts; (b) your *disability* would have been a recurring disability under the prior plan had it remained in effect.

Employer The business entity that employs you and is: (a) the *plan sponsor*; or (b) associated with the *plan sponsor*.

Gainful Employment Employment for which you are suited due to: (a) education; (b) experience; or (c) training. When you are able to perform such work on a full-time basis, you can be expected to earn at least 60% of your *insured earnings* as much as your *gross weekly benefit*, within 12 months of returning to work.

Government Plan Any of the following: (1) the United States Social Security Act; (2) the Railroad Retirement Act; (3) the Canadian Pension Plan; or (4) any other plan provided under the laws of a state, province or any other political subdivision. It also includes: (a) any public employee retirement plan; or (b) any plan provided in place of the above named plan or acts. It does not include: (i) any Workers' Compensation Act or similar law; (ii) the Jones' Act; (iii) the Longshoreman's and Harbor Workers' Compensation Act; or (iv) the Maritime Doctrine of Maintenance, Wages, or Cure.

Gross Weekly Benefit This *plan's weekly benefit* before it is integrated with other income and earnings.

Injury A bodily *injury* due to an accident that occurs, independent of all other causes, while you are insured by this *plan*. We will cover a *disability* caused by an *injury* when the *disability* starts within 90 days of the date of such *injury*.

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All Options

Insured Earnings: Only a covered person's earnings from the *employer* will be included as *insured earnings*.

We calculate benefit amounts and limits based on the amount of the covered person's *insured earnings* as of the Redetermination date immediately prior to the start of his or her *disability*. See the "Redetermination" section of this *plan*.

For Partners and S Corporation Shareholders:

Insured earnings means the sum of the amounts listed below, divided by 52.

- (a) His or her compensation as an employee or S Corporation shareholder, as reported on his or her Federal Income Tax Return, Form 1040, for the prior calendar year, less the gross total of unadjusted employee business expenses as included on the corresponding Schedule A-Itemized Deductions;
- (b) His or her non-passive income (loss) from trade or business as reported on Schedule E-Part II of his or her Federal Income Tax Return, Form 1040, for the prior calendar year, less any expenses incurred and reported elsewhere on his or her Return; and
- (c) His or her contributions during the prior calendar year, deposited into a:
 - (a) cash or deferred compensation plan, or salary reduction plan, qualified under IRC Section: 401(k); 403(b); 457; or similar plan; and
 - (b) elective employee pre-tax deferrals to a Section 125 plan or flexible spending account.

The covered person may not have been a partner or S Corporation shareholder for the entire previous calendar year. In this case, the covered person's earnings are based on the weekly average of the sum of the listed amounts, averaged for the full number of weeks that he or she was a partner or an S Corporation shareholder during such calendar year.

For Sole Proprietors:

Insured earnings means: (a) the average weekly net profit as determined from Schedule C - Part II of the covered person's Federal Income Tax Return, Form 1040, for the prior calendar year; plus (b) the covered person's average weekly contribution during the prior calendar year deposited into a: (i) cash or deferred compensation plan, or salary reduction plan, qualified under IRC Section: 401(k); 403(b); 457; or similar plan; and (ii) a Section 125 plan or flexible spending account. Weekly net profit is calculated as gross income less total expenses. The covered person may not have been a sole proprietor for the previous calendar year. In this case, we calculate average weekly net profit and average weekly contributions using the full number of weeks that he or she was a sole proprietor during such calendar year.

For Covered Persons Who Are Compensated on Less Than a 12 Month Basis:

Insured earnings means the covered person's average rate of weekly earnings determined from his or her annual contract salary. *Insured earnings* also includes the covered person's contributions deposited into a: (a) cash or deferred compensation plan, or salary reduction plan, qualified under IRC Section: 401(k); 403(b); 457; or similar plan; and (b) elective employee pre-tax deferrals to a Section 125 plan or flexible spending account. *Insured earnings* does not include bonuses, commissions, overtime pay, expense accounts, stock options and any other extra compensation. We do not include pay for hours worked or billed over 40 per week. Earnings based on excluded income and *employer* contributions deposited into such 401(k); 403(b); 457; or similar plan are excluded.

For Covered Persons Whose Income Is Reported on a IRS Form 1099:

Insured earnings means the covered person's average rate of weekly earnings as figured from the 1099 form received from the *employer* for the prior calendar year, calculated as (a) minus (b), divided by 52 or the number of weeks the covered person worked for the *employer* during such calendar year, if less than 52.

- (a) his or her earned income as reported on the 1099 form.
- (b) business expenses, as reported on Schedule C - Part II of his or her Federal Income Tax Return, Form 1040.

Insured earnings also includes the covered person's contributions deposited into a: (a) cash or deferred compensation plan, or salary reduction plan, qualified under IRC Section: 401(k); 403(b); 457; or similar plan; and (b) elective employee pre-tax deferrals to a Section 125 plan or flexible spending account.

Earnings based on excluded income and *employer* contributions deposited into such 401(k); 403(b); 457; or similar plan are excluded.

For All Other Covered Persons:

Insured earnings means a covered person's base weekly salary. *Insured earnings* also includes the covered person's contributions deposited into a: (a) cash or deferred compensation plan, or salary reduction plan, qualified under IRC Section: 401(k); 403(b); 457; or similar plan; and (b) elective employee pre-tax deferrals to a Section 125 plan or flexible spending account. *Insured earnings* does not include bonuses, commissions, overtime pay, expense accounts, stock options and any other extra compensation. We do not include pay for hours worked or billed over 40 per week. Earnings based on excluded income and *employer* contributions deposited into such 401(k); 403(b); 457; or similar plan are excluded.

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All Options

Maximum Capacity Earnings The income you could earn if working to the fullest extent you are able to in your *own job*. We decide the fullest extent of work you are able to do based on data gathered regarding your medical condition, and treatment, prognosis, limitations and restrictions provided by any or all of the following sources: (a) your treating *doctor*; (b) peer review specialists; and (c) other medical and vocational specialists whose area of expertise is appropriate to your *disability*. The data may include, but is not limited to: (a) impartial medical exams; (b) impartial vocational exams; or (c) functional capacities exams.

Maximum Payment Period The longest time that benefits are paid by this *plan*.

No-Fault Motor Vehicle Coverage A motor vehicle plan that pays disability or medical benefits no matter who was at fault in an accident.

Objective Medical Evidence May include but is not limited to: (a) diagnostic testing; (b) laboratory reports; and (c) medical records of a *doctor's* exam documenting: (i) clinical signs; (ii) presence of symptoms; and (iii) test results consistent with generally accepted medical standards supported by nationally recognized authorities in the health care field.

Own Job Your job for the *employer*. We use the job description provided by the *plan sponsor* to determine the duties and requirements of your *own job*.

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Part-Time The ability to work and earn between 40% and 80% of *insured earnings*.

Plan Sponsor The *employer*, association, union, trustee, or other group to which this *plan* is issued.

Reasonable Accommodation Any modification or adjustment to: (i) a job; (ii) an employment practice; (iii) a work process; or (iv) the work place; that an employer willingly provides. The modification or adjustment must make it possible for a *disabled* person to: (1) reach the same level of performance as a similarly situated non-disabled person; or (2) enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment as are available to a similarly situated non-disabled person. The modification or adjustment must not place an undue hardship on the *employer*.

Recurring Disability A later *disability* that: (a) is related to an earlier *disability* for which this *plan* paid benefits; and (b) meets the conditions described in "Recurring Disability."

Regular and Appropriate Care Means, with respect to your: (a) disabling condition; and (b) any other condition which, if left untreated, would adversely affect your disabling condition; you (i) visit a *doctor* as frequently as medically required, according to generally accepted medical standards, to effectively manage these conditions; and (ii) are receiving the most appropriate treatment, according to generally accepted medical standards, designed to achieve maximum medical improvement in these conditions. Treatment must be provided by a *doctor(s)* whose specialty is most appropriate for your: (a) *disability*; and (b) any other conditions which left untreated would adversely affect your disabling condition; according to generally accepted medical standards. Generally accepted medical standards are those supported by nationally recognized authorities in the health care field including: the American Medical Association (AMA); the AMA Board of Medical Specialties; the Food and Drug Administration; the Centers for Disease Control; the National Cancer Institute; the National Institutes of Health; the Department of Health and Human Services; and any other agency of similar repute.

Rehabilitation Agreement A formal agreement between: (a) you; (b) us; and (c) your *employer*, if needed. It outlines the *rehabilitation program* in which you agree to take part.

Rehabilitation Program A program of work or job-related training for you that we approve in writing. Its aim is to restore your wage earning abilities.

Retirement Plan A defined benefit or defined contribution plan funded wholly or in part by the *employer's* deposits for your benefit. The term does not include: (a) profit sharing plans; (b) thrift plans; (c) non-qualified deferred compensation plans; (d) individual retirement accounts; (e) tax sheltered annuities; (f) 401(k), 403(b), 457 or similar plans; or (g) stock ownership plans.

Retirement Plan "retirement benefits" are lump sum or periodic payments at normal or early retirement. Some *retirement plans* make payments for disability (as defined by those plans) that start before normal retirement age. When such payments reduce the amount that would have been paid at normal retirement age, they are *retirement benefits*. When such payments do not reduce the normal retirement amount, they are "**disability benefits.**"

Sickness An illness or disease. Pregnancy is treated as a *sickness* under this *plan*.

We, Us, and Guardian The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.

Weekly Benefit This *plan's gross weekly benefit* reduced by other income. If you are working while *disabled*, your *weekly benefit* will be further reduced based on the amount of your *disability earnings*.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Employee Coverage

Eligible Employees To be eligible for *employee* coverage you must be an active *full-time employee*. and you must belong to a class of *employees* covered by this *plan*.

Other Conditions If you must pay all or part of the cost of *employee* coverage, we won't insure you until you enroll and agree to make the required payments.

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When Your Coverage Starts *Employee* benefits are scheduled to start on your effective date. But you must be actively at work on a *full-time* basis on the scheduled effective date. And you must have met all of the applicable conditions explained above, and any applicable waiting period. If you are not actively at work on any date part of your insurance is scheduled to start, we will postpone that part of your coverage until the date you return to active *full-time* work.

Sometimes, your effective date is not a regularly scheduled work day. But coverage will still start on that date if you were actively at work on a *full-time* basis on your last regularly scheduled work day.

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When Your Coverage Ends Your coverage ends on the date your active *full-time* service ends for Any reason. Such reasons include disability, death, retirement, layoff, leave of absence and the end of employment.

It also ends on the date you stop being a member of a class of *employees* eligible for insurance under this *plan*, or when this *plan* ends for all *employees*. And it ends when this *plan* is changed so that benefits for the class of *employees* to which you belong ends.

Your coverage ends on the date you are no longer working in the United States or working outside the United States for a United States based *employer* in a country or region approved by us.

If you are required to pay all or part of the cost of this coverage and you fail to do so, your coverage ends. It ends on the last day of the period for which you made the required payments, unless coverage ends earlier for other reasons.

Read this booklet carefully if your coverage ends. You may have the right to continue certain group benefits for a limited time.

Group Accident Insurance Coverage During a Family Leave of Absence

This section may not apply to an employer's *plan*. You must contact *your* employer to find out if:

- the employer must allow for a leave of absence under Federal law, in which case;
- the section applies to *you*.

Group Accident Insurance may normally end for *you* because *you* cease work due to an approved leave of absence. But, *you* may continue *your* coverage if the leave of absence has been granted: (a) to allow the *you* to care for a seriously injured or ill spouse, child, or parent; (b) after the birth or adoption of a child; (c) due to *your* own serious health condition; or (d) because of any serious injury or illness arising out of the fact that *your* spouse, child, parent, or next of kin, who is a covered service member, is on active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty) in the Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation. You will be required to pay the same share of the premium as *you* paid before the leave of absence.

Group Accident Insurance may continue until the earliest of the following:

- The date *you* return to active work.
- The end of a total leave period of 26 weeks in one 12 month period, in the case of an *employee* who cares for a covered servicemember. This 26 week total leave period applies to all leaves granted to the *employee* under this section for all reasons.
- The end of a total leave period of 12 weeks in: (a) any 12 Month period, in the case of any other *employee*; or (b) any later 12 month period in the case of an *employee* who cares for a covered servicemember.
- The date on which *your* coverage would have ended had *you* not been on leave.
- The end of the period for which the premium has been paid.

Definitions: As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

Active Duty: This term means duty under a call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Contingency Operation: This term means a military operation that: (a) Is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing military force; or (b) results in the call or order to, or retention on, active duty of members of the uniformed services under any provision of law during a war or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress.

Employee Coverage (Cont.)

Covered Servicemember: This term means a member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who for a serious injury or illness: (a), is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy; (b) is otherwise in outpatient status; or (c) is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list.

Next Of Kin: This term means the nearest blood relative of the *employee*.

Outpatient Status: This term means, with respect to a covered servicemember, that he or she is assigned to: (a) a military medical treatment facility as an outpatient; or (b) a unit established for the purpose of providing command and control of members of the Armed Forces receiving medical care as outpatients.

Serious Injury Or Illness: This term means, in the case of a covered servicemember, an injury or illness incurred by him or her in line of duty on active duty in the Armed Forces that may render him or her medically unfit to perform the duties of his or her office, grade, rank, or rating.

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Dependent Coverage

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Eligible Dependents For Dependent Accident Coverage *Your eligible dependents are: (1) your legal spouse; And (2) your unmarried dependent children from birth until they reach age 26.*

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All Options

Adopted Children And Step-Children *Your "unmarried dependent children" include: (a) your legally adopted children; and (b) if they depend on you for most of their support and maintenance, your step-children.*

We treat a child as legally adopted from the time the child is placed in your home for the purpose of adoption. We treat such a child this way whether or not a final adoption order is ever issued.

Dependents Not Eligible *We exclude any dependent who is insured by this plan as an employee. And, we exclude any dependent who is on active duty in any armed force. Upon notice of entry into service, pro rata unearned premiums will be refunded.*

A child may be an eligible dependent of more than one employee who is insured under this plan. In that case, the child may be insured for dependent accident benefits by only one employee at a time.

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Handicapped Children *You may have an unmarried child with a mental or physical handicap, or developmental disability, who can't support himself or herself. Subject to all of the terms of this section and the plan, such a child may stay eligible for dependent benefits past this plan's age limit.*

The child will stay eligible as long as he or she stays unmarried and unable to support himself or herself, if: (a) his or her condition started before he reached this plan's age limit; (b) he or she became insured for dependent accident benefits before he or she reached the age limit, and stayed continuously insured until he or she reached such limit; and (c) he or she depends on you for most of his or her support and maintenance.

But, for the child to stay eligible, you must send us written proof that the child is handicapped and depends on you for most of his or her support and maintenance. You have 31 days from the date he or she reaches the age limit to do this. We can ask for periodic proof that the child's condition continues. But, after two years, we can't ask for this proof more than once a year.

The child's coverage ends when your coverage does.

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When Dependent Coverage Starts In order for *your* dependent coverage to start, *you* must: (a) already be insured for *employee* coverage; or (b) enroll for *employee* and dependent coverage at the same time.

Subject to all of the terms of this *plan*, the date *your* dependent coverage is scheduled to start depends on when *you* elect to enroll *your* initial dependents and agree to make the required payments.

If *you* do this on or before *your* eligibility date, the dependent coverage is scheduled to start on the later of: (a) *your* eligibility date; and (b) the date *you* become insured for *employee* coverage.

If *you* do this after *your* eligibility date, the dependent coverage is scheduled to start on the later of the date *you* become insured for *employee* coverage and the date *you* sign the enrollment form.

Once *you* have dependent child coverage for *your* initial dependent child(ren), any *newly acquired dependent* children will be covered as of the date they are eligible.

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Exception We will postpone the effective date of a dependent's, other than a newborn child's, coverage if, on that date, he or she is: (1) confined to a hospital or other health care facility; (2) home confined; or (3) unable to perform two or more activities of daily living. In that case, we will postpone the effective date of his or her coverage until the day after the date: (a) of his or her discharge from such facility; (b) his or her home confinement ends; or (c) he or she is no longer requires assistance with two or more activities of daily living. If a dependent was covered under a prior plan at transfer, this language will not apply to the amount of coverage that was in force with the prior plan.

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When Dependent Coverage Ends Dependent coverage ends for all of *your* dependents when *your* coverage ends. Dependent coverage also ends for all of *your* dependents when *you* stop being a member of a class of *employees* eligible for such coverage. And, it ends when this plan ends, or when dependent coverage is dropped for all *employees* or for an *employee's* class.

If *you* are required to pay part or all of the cost of dependent coverage, and *you* fail to do so, *your* dependent coverage ends. It ends on the last day of the period for which *you* made the required payments, unless coverage ends earlier for other reasons.

An individual dependent's coverage ends when he or she stops being an eligible dependent. This happens to a child: (a) at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time at the child's place of residence on the date the child attains this *plan's* age limit; (b) when the child marries; or (c) when a step-child is no longer dependent on *you* for most of his or her support and maintenance. This happens to a spouse when a marriage ends in legal divorce or annulment.

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Schedule of Benefits

Employee And Dependent Accident Coverage

For limitations regarding the number of benefit payments per covered accident please refer to the BENEFIT section.

Benefits

Accident Emergency Room Treatment	\$200.00
Accident Follow-Up Visit - Doctor	\$75.00 up to 6 treatments
Accidental Death	Employee: \$50,000.00 Spouse: \$20,000.00 Child: \$10,000.00
Accidental Death Common Carrier	200% of the Accidental Death benefit
Accidental Death Common Disaster	200% of the spouse's Accidental Death benefit
Accidental Dismemberment	Limit for all losses due to same accident: \$50,000.00
	Loss of a hand, foot or sight: 50% of Accidental Death benefit
	Multiple Losses of hand, foot or sight: For more than one covered loss due to the same Accident, we will pay 100% of the Accidental Death benefit
	Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand or Loss of four fingers of same hand: 25% of Accidental Death benefit
	Loss of all toes of same foot: 25% of Accidental Death benefit
Accidental Death Seatbelt & Airbag benefit	Seatbelt: \$10,000.00 Seatbelt & Airbag: \$15,000.00
Air Ambulance	\$1,500.00
Ambulance	\$200.00
Appliance	\$125.00
Blood/Plasma/ Platelets	\$300.00

Employee And Dependent Accident Coverage (Cont.)

Burn		<u>2nd Degree</u>
		18 to 35 square inches: \$1,000.00
		over 35: \$3,000.00
		<u>3rd degree</u>
		9 to 18 square inches: \$2,000.00
		18 to 35 square inches: \$4,000.00
		over 35: \$12,000.00
Burn - Skin Graft		50% of burn benefit
Catastrophic Loss	Quadriplegia: 100% of Accidental Death	
	Loss of speech and Hearing	
	(both ears): 100% of Accidental Death	
	Loss of cognitive function: 100% of Accidental Death	
	Hemiplegia: 50% of Accidental Death	
	Paraplegia: 50% of Accidental Death	
Child Organized Sport		Additional 20% of payable benefits
Chiropractic Visits		\$50.00 per visit
Coma		\$12,500.00
Concussions		\$100.00
Dislocations		<u>Closed/Open</u>
Hip		\$2,400.00/\$4,800.00
Knee		\$1,200.00/\$2,400.00
Shoulder		\$360.00/\$720.00
Collar bone (sternoclavicular)		\$600.00/\$1,200.00
Collar bone (acromioclavicular and separation)		\$120.00/\$240.00
Ankle or foot		\$960.00/\$1,920.00
Lower jaw		\$360.00/\$720.00
Wrist or elbow		\$360.00/\$720.00
Toe or finger		\$120.00/\$240.00
Bones of the hand		\$360.00/\$720.00
Diagnostic Exam (Major)		\$200.00
Emergency Dental Work		Crown: \$400.00
		Extraction: \$100.00
Epidural Anesthesia Pain Management		\$100.00
Eye Injury		\$300.00
Family Care		\$20.00 per day
Fracture		<u>Closed/Open</u>
Skull (depressed)		\$3,000.00/\$6,000.00

Employee And Dependent Accident Coverage (Cont.)

Skull (non-depressed)	\$1,200.00/\$2,400.00
Hip, Thigh (femur)	\$1,800.00/\$3,600.00
Vertebrae, body of (excluding vertebrae processes)	\$900.00/\$1,800.00
Pelvis	\$900.00/\$1,800.00
Leg	\$900.00/\$1,800.00
Bones of the face or nose	\$420.00/\$840.00
Upper jaw, maxilla	\$420.00/\$840.00
Upper arm (humerous)	\$420.00/\$840.00
Lower jaw, mandible	\$360.00/\$720.00
Shoulder blade	\$360.00/\$720.00
Vertebral process	\$360.00/\$720.00
Forearm	\$360.00/\$720.00
Kneecap	\$360.00/\$720.00
Foot (except toes)	\$360.00/\$720.00
Ankle	\$360.00/\$720.00
Rib	\$300.00/\$600.00
Coccyx	\$240.00/\$480.00
Finger, toe	\$120.00/\$240.00
Hospital Admission	\$1,250.00
Hospital Confinement	\$250.00 per day
Hospital ICU Admission	\$2,500.00
Hospital ICU Confinement	\$500.00 per day
Initial Physician's office/Urgent care facility treatment	\$100.00
Knee Cartilage	\$750.00
Joint Replacement	Hip: \$3,500.00 Knee: \$1,750.00 Shoulder: \$1,750.00
Laceration	No sutures required: \$30.00 Lacerations less than 5 cm: \$60.00 Lacerations at least 5 cm but less than 15 cm: \$250.00 Lacerations at least 15 cm or more: \$500.00
Lodging	\$150.00 per day
Occupational or Physical Therapy	\$35.00 per day
Prosthetic Device/Artificial Limb	1: \$750.00 2 or more: \$1,500.00

Employee And Dependent Accident Coverage (Cont.)

Reasonable Accommodation to Home or Vehicle	\$2,500.00
Rehabilitation Unit Confinement	\$150 per day
Ruptured Disc With Surgical Repair	\$750.00
Surgery	Cranial, open-abdominal or thoracic: \$1,500.00 Hernia \$200.00
Surgery - Exploratory or Arthroscopic	\$350.00
Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff	1: \$750.00 2 or more: \$1,500.00
Transportation	\$600.00
Wellness Benefit	\$50.00 per year
X - Ray	\$40.00
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ACCIDENT COVERAGE

Subject to all of this *plan's* terms, this *plan* will pay the benefits described below if a *covered person* sustains an injury or incurs a loss as a result of a covered accident which occurs on or after the date he or she becomes insured by this *plan*. This *plan* pays no benefits other than what is specifically listed below.

All terms in italics are defined terms with special meanings. See the "Definitions" section of this plan. Other terms with special meanings are defined where they are used.

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Benefits

**Accident
Emergency Room
Treatment** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is examined or treated by a doctor in a *hospital emergency room* for the initial treatment of injuries sustained in a *covered accident* within 72 hours after the *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*. We will not pay the Accident Emergency Room Treatment benefit and the Initial Doctor's Office/Urgent Care Facility benefit for the same *covered accident*.

**Accident Follow-Up
Visit** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* requires additional follow up treatments (not including occupational, speech or *physical therapy* or chiropractic treatment) after initial *emergency room* treatment or *doctor's office/urgent care facility* treatment. We pay up to 6 treatments per *covered person* per *covered accident*. Treatment must begin within 60 days of a *covered accident* and be completed within 365 days.

Accidental Death We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* sustains an *injury* in a *covered accident* that causes his or her death. The *injury* must cause his or her death within 90 days of the *covered accident*. If we pay this benefit, we will not pay the Accidental Death Common Carrier benefit.

**Accidental Death
Common Carrier** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person's accidental death* is due to a *covered accident* which occurs while the *covered person* is riding as a fare-paying passenger in a public conveyance. If we pay this benefit, we will not pay the Accidental Death benefit.

**Accidental Death
Common Disaster** We pay the increased amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if both *you* and *your* insured spouse die in a *covered accident* or in separate *covered accidents* within the same 24 hour period. The benefit increase applies to *your* insured spouse's benefit.

**Accidental
Dismemberment** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a listed loss is sustained by a *covered person* due to injuries caused by a *covered accident*.

- "Loss of a hand" means the hand is completely severed at or above the wrist.
- "Loss of a foot" means the foot is completely severed at or above the ankle.
- "Loss of sight" means total and permanent loss of sight.
- "Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand" or "Loss of four fingers of same hand" means complete severance at the metacarpophalangeal joints of the same hand. This benefit is not payable if benefits have been paid for "Loss of hand".
- "Loss of all toes of same foot" means complete severance at the metatarsalphalangeal joint. This benefit is not payable if benefits have been paid for "Loss of foot".

We will not pay more than \$50,000.00 for all losses due to the same covered accident.

Accidental Death Seatbelt and Airbag benefit *We pay the seatbelt amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a covered person dies due to injuries sustained in a covered accident while properly wearing a seatbelt. We will pay the Seatbelt and Airbag amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a covered person dies as a direct result of an automobile accident while both properly wearing a seatbelt, and sitting in a seat equipped with an airbag. We will not pay both the Seatbelt and Airbag benefit for the same covered accident.*

Air Ambulance *We pay the amount shown on the Schedule of Insurance if a covered person is transported by air ambulance to or from a hospital or between medical facilities for treatment of injuries sustained as the result of a covered accident within 48 hours of a covered accident. This benefit is payable once per covered person per covered accident.*

Ambulance *We pay the amount shown on the Schedule of Insurance if a licensed ambulance company transports a covered person by ground to or from a hospital or between medical facilities for treatment of injuries sustained as a result of a covered accident within 90 days of covered accident. This benefit is payable once per covered person per covered accident.*

Appliance *We pay the amount shown on the Schedule of Insurance if a covered person uses an appliance prescribed by a doctor as necessary due to an injury sustained as a result of a covered accident. An appliance includes wheelchairs, leg or back braces, crutches, walkers, walking boot that extends above the ankle, and brace for the neck. Use of the appliance must begin within 90 days of covered accident. This benefit is payable once per covered person per covered accident.*

Blood/Plasma/Platelets *We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if as the result of a covered accident a covered person receives a transfusion, administration, cross matching, typing and processing of blood/plasma/platelets within 90 days of the covered accident. This benefit is payable once per covered person per covered accident.*

- Burn** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* receives burns as a result of a *covered accident* and is treated by a *doctor* within 72 hours of the *covered accident*. If a *covered person* meets more than one of the burn classifications, we pay the higher amount. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.
- Burn - Skin Graft** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance when medically necessary grafting of the skin is received by a *covered person* for a burn that was payable under the Burn benefit. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.
- Catastrophic Loss** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* suffers a catastrophic loss within 365 days of a *covered accident* due to injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*. If a Catastrophic Loss benefit is paid, an Accidental Dismemberment benefit will not be paid for the same or attached body part.

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- Child Organized Sport** We pay the additional amount shown on the Schedule of Insurance if the *covered accident* occurred while an *employee's* covered dependent child is participating in an *organized sport*. The child must be insured by this plan on the date the *accident* occurred. The covered child must be 18 years of age or younger.
- Chiropractic visits** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if as the result of a *covered accident* a *covered person* suffers a structural imbalance and receives *chiropractic care services* by a chiropractor in a chiropractor's office. Treatment must begin within 60 days after a *covered accident* and be completed within 180 days of the *covered accident*. We will pay for up to 6 visits per *covered person* per *covered accident* but no more than 12 visits per calendar year.
- Coma** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if as the result of a *covered accident* a *covered person* is in a *coma* lasting at least 7 consecutive days characterized by the absence of eye opening, verbal response, and motor response. The condition must require intubation for respiratory assistance, be diagnosed or treated by a *doctor* within 90 days of the *covered accident*. This benefit is not payable for a medically induced *coma*.
- Concussions** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* sustains a concussion as the result of a *covered accident* and is diagnosed within 72 hours of the *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.
- Dislocations** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is injured and suffers a *dislocation* as the result of a *covered accident*. A *dislocation* must be diagnosed by a *doctor* within 90 days of the *covered accident*. The *dislocation* must be corrected by open (surgical) or closed (non-surgical) reduction.

For multiple *dislocations* due to the same *covered accident*, we will pay no more than two times the benefit amount for the joint involved with the highest benefit amount.

For partial *dislocations*, we will pay 25% of the benefit shown in the Schedule of Insurance for a closed reduction.

Diagnostic Exam (Major) We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* receives one of the following imaging studies due to a *covered accident*: Computerized Tomography (CT scan), computerized axial tomography (CAT), magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) or electroencephalography (EEG). The imaging study must be prescribed by a *doctor* and performed in a *doctor's* office or in a *hospital* on an *inpatient* or *outpatient* basis. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.

Emergency Dental Work We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* suffers a broken tooth as the result of a *covered accident* and it is repaired by a *dentist* with a dental crown and/or dental extraction. The dental services must begin within 60 days of the *covered accident*. One dental crown and one dental extraction is payable per *covered person* per *accident*.

Epidural Anesthesia Pain Management We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is prescribed and receives an epidural administered for pain management for injuries received as a result of a *covered accident*. The epidural must be administered in a *hospital* or *doctor's* office and is payable twice per *covered person* per *accident*. This benefit is not payable for an epidural administered during a surgical procedure.

- Eye Injury** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is injured as the result of a *covered accident* and suffers an eye *injury*. They eye *injury* must require surgery or the removal of a foreign object by a *doctor* within 90 days of a *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.
- Family Care** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is injured as the result of a *covered accident* and is confined in a *hospital*, ICU or *alternate care* or *rehabilitative facility* and an *employee* has a child or children attending a *child care center*. The benefit is payable for each child attending a *child care center* while the *covered person* is confined. The child attending the *child care center* does not need to be insured under this Policy for Accident coverage but must meet the eligibility requirements found in the Dependent Eligibility section. This benefit is payable for up to 30 days within 365 days of the *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per child per *covered accident*.
- Fracture (Bone)** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* suffers a *fracture* as a result of a *covered accident* and it is diagnosed within 90 days of the *covered accident*. The *fracture* must require open (surgical) or closed (non-surgical) reduction by a *doctor*. This benefit is payable for up to two *fractures* per *covered person* per *covered accident*. If there are more than two *fractures*, we will pay the highest two benefit amounts per *covered person* per *covered accident*. We pay 25% of the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance for the closed reduction of a bone with a chip *fracture* that was a result of a *covered accident*.

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- Hospital Admission** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is admitted to a *hospital* within 180 days of a *covered accident* as a result of injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*. This benefit is not payable for *emergency room* treatment, *outpatient treatment*, or a *hospital* stay less than 20 hours in an observation unit. We will not pay the Hospital Admission and Hospital Intensive Care Unit Admission benefits for the same *covered accident*.
- Hospital Confinement** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is confined to a *hospital* within 180 days of a *covered accident* as a result of injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. This benefit is payable up to 365 days per *covered accident*. This benefit is not payable for a *hospital* stay less than 20 hours. We pay either the Hospital Confinement or the Hospital Intensive Care Unit Confinement benefits for each day.

Benefits (Cont.)

- Hospital Intensive Care Unit Admission** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is admitted directly to a *hospital intensive care unit* within 30 days of a *covered accident* as a result of injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*. This benefit is not payable for *emergency room treatment*, *outpatient treatment*, or a *hospital stay* less than 20 hours in an observation unit. We will not pay the Hospital Admission and the Hospital Intensive Care Unit Admission benefits for the same *covered accident*.
- Hospital Intensive Care Unit Confinement** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is confined to a *hospital intensive care unit* within 30 days of a *covered accident* as a result of injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. This benefit is payable up to 15 days per *covered accident*. This benefit is not payable for a *hospital intensive care unit stay* less than 20 hours. We pay either the Hospital Confinement or the Hospital Intensive Care Unit Confinement for each day.
- Initial Doctor's Office/Urgent Care Facility Treatment** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is examined or treated by a *doctor* in a *doctor's office* or *urgent care facility* for the initial treatment of a *covered accident* within 30 days after the *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*. We will not pay the Accident Emergency Room Treatment benefit and the Initial Doctor's Office/Urgent Care Facility Treatment benefit for the same *covered accident*.
- Knee Cartilage** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* tears, ruptures or severs knee cartilage (meniscus) as the result of a *covered accident* and requires surgical repair. The *injury* must be treated by a *doctor* within 60 days after the *covered accident* and repaired through surgery within 365 days.
- Joint Replacement** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if due to an *injury* sustained in a *covered accident* a *covered person* requires a hip, knee, or shoulder joint replacement. The joint replacement must be performed by a *doctor* within 90 days of a *covered accident* and is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.
- Laceration** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* sustains a laceration as a result of a *covered accident* and it is repaired by a *doctor* within 72 hours of the *covered accident*. The amount we pay will be based on the total length of all lacerations received in any one *covered accident* which require repair. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident* for a laceration with no sutures and once per *covered person* per *covered accident* for a laceration which required sutures.
- Lodging** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance for a *companion's* hotel/motel stay during the period of time a *covered person* is confined to the *hospital* as the result of a *covered accident*. This benefit is payable up to 30 days per *covered person* per *covered accident* and is only payable while the insured is confined to the *hospital*. The *hospital* must be more than 50 miles from the residence of the *covered person*.

Benefits (Cont.)

- Occupational or Physical Therapy** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* requires occupational or *physical therapy* due to injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. Treatment must begin within 60 days of the *covered accident*, be completed within 6 months, and be performed by a licensed *occupational or physical therapist*. This benefit is payable up to 10 treatments per *covered person* per *covered accident*.
- Prosthetic Device/Artificial Limb** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if due to injuries sustained in a *covered accident* a *covered person* receives one or more prosthetic devices/artificial limbs as prescribed by a *doctor* for functional use due to the loss of a hand, foot or sight of an eye. The device or limb must be prescribed within 365 days of the *covered accident* and is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*. This benefit is not payable for hearing aids, dental aids (including false teeth), eyeglasses, or cosmetic prostheses such as hair wigs.
- Reasonable Accommodation to Home or Vehicle** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance for a required modification made to a *covered person's* place of residence or vehicle if the *covered person* suffers an Accidental Dismemberment or Catastrophic Loss due to a *covered accident*. The modification must be made within two years of the *covered accident* and is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.
- Rehabilitation Unit Confinement** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* is confined to rehabilitation unit due to injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. This benefit is payable up to 15 days per *covered person* per *covered accident* but cannot exceed 30 days per calendar year. We will not pay the Rehabilitation Unit Confinement and the Hospital Confinement benefits for the same day.
- Ruptured Disc With Surgical Repair** We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* receives a ruptured disc in his spine as a result of injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. The *injury* must be treated by a *doctor* within 60 days of the *covered accident* and surgically repaired within 365 days of the *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.

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Surgery (cranial, open-abdominal, thoracic, hernia) We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* undergoes cranial, open-abdominal, thoracic, or hernia surgery due to injuries sustained to a *covered accident*. Cranial, open-abdominal, and thoracic surgery must be performed within 72 hours of the *covered accident*. Hernia surgery must be diagnosed within 30 days of *covered accident* and surgery must be performed within 60 days. If more than one surgery is performed, we pay the benefit with the highest dollar amount. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.

Surgery (Exploratory and Arthroscopic) We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* undergoes exploratory or arthroscopic surgery as a result of injuries sustained in a *covered accident* and the surgery takes place within 60 days of the *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*. Hernia repair is not covered under this benefit. This benefit is not payable if the Surgery or Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff benefits are payable for the same surgery.

Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* receives a torn, ruptured or severed tendon, ligament, or rotator cuff as the result of injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. The *injury* must be treated within 60 days of the *covered accident* and repaired through surgery within 365 days of the *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.

Transportation We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* must travel more than 50 miles one way to receive special treatment at a *hospital* or free standing treatment facility due to a *covered accident*. The treatment must be prescribed by a *doctor* and not available locally. This benefit is payable up to three times per *covered person* per *covered accident* and is not payable if transportation is provided by *ambulance* or *air ambulance*.

Wellness Benefit We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance for one wellness benefit per calendar year per *covered person* if such person has a wellness test performed while coverage is in force. Wellness tests are

- Abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasonography
- Blood test for triglycerides
- Bone marrow testing
- Bone density screening
- Breast ultrasound
- CA 15-3 (blood test for breast cancer)
- CA125 (blood test for ovarian cancer)
- Carotid ultrasound
- CEA (blood test for colon cancer)
- Chest x-ray
- Colonoscopy

- Completion of a smoking cessation program
- Completion of a weight reduction program
- Double contrast barium enema
- EKG
- Fasting blood glucose test
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- Hemoccult stool analysis
- Immunizations
- Mammography
- Pap smear
- PSA (blood test for prostate cancer)
- Routine/annual physicals
- Serum cholesterol test to determine level of HDL and LDL
- Serum Protein Electrophoresis (blood test for myeloma)
- Skin cancer biopsy
- Stress test on a bicycle or treadmill
- Thermography
- ThinPrep pap test
- Virtual colonoscopy.

X - Ray We pay the amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance if a *covered person* receives an x-ray as the result of injuries sustained in a *covered accident*. The test must be prescribed by a *doctor* and performed in a *doctor's* office or a *hospital* on an *inpatient* or *outpatient* basis and performed within 90 days of the *covered accident*. This benefit is payable once per *covered person* per *covered accident*.

Payment of Benefits For covered loss of life, we pay *your* beneficiary described below.

For all other covered losses, we pay *you*, if *you* are living. If not, we pay *your* beneficiary described below.

We pay all benefits in a lump sum, as soon as we receive proof of loss which is acceptable to *us*. This should be sent to *us* as soon as possible.

The Beneficiary You decide who gets this benefit if *you* die. You should have named a beneficiary on *your* enrollment form. Your beneficiary designation should be maintained by *your employer*. You can change *your* beneficiary at any time by giving *us* written notice, unless *you* have assigned this insurance. But the change will not take effect until the *employer* gives *you* written confirmation of the change.

If *you* named more than one person, but didn't tell *us* what their shares should be, they will share equally. If someone *you* named dies before *you*, that person's share will be divided equally by the beneficiaries still alive, unless *you* have specified otherwise.

If there is no beneficiary when *you* die, we will pay this benefit to one of the following: (a) *your estate*; (b) *your spouse*; (c) *your parents*; (d) *your children*; or (e) *your brothers and sisters*.

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Exclusions

This *plan* will not pay benefits for any injury caused by or related to, directly or indirectly:

- Sickness, disease, mental infirmity or medical or surgical treatment.
- Voluntary use of any poison, chemical, prescription or non-prescription drug or controlled substance unless: (1) it was prescribed for a *covered person* by a *doctor*, and (2) it was used as prescribed. In the case of a non-prescription drug, this *plan* does not pay for any *accident* resulting from or contributed to by use in a manner inconsistent with package instructions. "Controlled substance" means anything called a controlled substance in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended from time to time.
- The *covered person* being legally intoxicated.
- Declared or undeclared war, act of war, or armed aggression.
- Service in the armed forces, National Guard, or military reserves of any state or country.
- Taking part in a riot or civil disorder.
- Commission of, or attempt to commit a felony.
- Treatment rendered or *hospital confinement* outside the United States or Canada.
- Intentionally self inflicted injury, while sane or insane.
- Suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane.

Exclusions (Cont.)

- Travel or flight in any kind of aircraft, including any aircraft owned by or for the *employer* except as a fare-paying passenger on a common carrier.
- Participation in any kind of sporting activity for compensation or profit, including coaching or officiating.
- Riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test.
- Participation in hang gliding, bungee jumping, sailgliding, parasailing, parakiting ballooning, parachuting, or skydiving.
- An accident that occurred before the *covered person* is covered by this *plan*.
- Injuries to a dependent child received during birth.

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PORTABILITY PRIVILEGE

Note This section does not apply to residents of Kansas, Maine, or South Dakota.

Definition As used in this provision, the terms "port" and "to port" mean to choose a portable certificate of coverage which provides *accident* coverage.

Portability Conditions Portability is subject to all of the conditions described below.

- *You* may port *your* coverage or coverage for any of *your* dependents if coverage under this *plan* ends because *you*: (1) have terminated employment; (2) stop being a member of an eligible class of *employees*; or (3) this *plan* ends.
- *You* may not Port *your* coverage or coverage for any of *your* dependents if: (1) coverage under this *plan* ends due to *your* failure to pay any required Premium; or (2) *you* have reached age 70 on or before *your* coverage under this *plan* ends.

Portability Options *You* may port: (1) *your* coverage only; (2) *your* coverage and the coverage of *your* covered spouse; (3) *your* coverage and the coverage of all of *your* covered dependents; or (4) if *you* are a single parent, *your* coverage and the coverage of all of *your* covered dependent children. No other combinations will be allowed.

A dependent must be covered as of the date *your* coverage under this *plan* ends in order to be eligible to port.

If *you* die while covered for dependent *accident* coverage, *your* spouse may port the dependent *accident* coverage as described above. *Your* spouse and dependent children must be covered under this *plan* on the date of *your* death. But this option is not available if (1) there is no surviving spouse; or (2) the surviving spouse has reached age 70 on the date *you* die.

The Portable Certificate of Coverage The portable certificate of coverage provides group *accident* coverage. The benefits provided by the portable certificate of coverage are the same as the benefits provided by this *plan*.

The premium for the portable certificate of coverage will be based on: (1) *your* rate class under this *plan*; and (2) *your* or *your* surviving spouse's age bracket as shown in the Accident Portability Coverage Premium Notice.

How to Port *You* or *your* surviving spouse must: (1) apply to *us* in writing; and (2) pay the required premium. *You* or *your* surviving spouse must do this within 31 days from the date *your* coverage under this *plan* ends.

We will not ask for *proof* that *you* or *your* surviving spouse are in good health.

DEFINITIONS

- Accident** This term means an event or occurrence that was not reasonably foreseeable, or that could not have been reasonably expected or anticipated. The term *accident* does not include a *sickness*.
- Accidental Death** This term means death caused by an *accident* independent of *sickness*, bodily infirmity, or any other cause and which is not excluded under the Limitations and Exclusions section.
- Alternate Care Facility** This term means a facility that is licensed according to state and/or local laws to provide skilled care, intermediate care, intermingled care, custodial care, or rehabilitative care as an alternative to care at a *hospital*.
- Child Care Center** This term means a program of child care which: (1) is provided in a facility that is licensed as a day care center or is operated by a licensed day care provider; and (2) charges a fee for the care of children. The term does not include child care provided by a: (a) parent; (b) stepparent; (c) grandparent; (d) sibling; (e) aunt; or (f) uncle.
- Chiropractic Care Services** This term means spinal manipulation by a licensed chiropractor to correct a structural imbalance caused by a *covered accident*. This does not include services for massage therapy or treatment of chronic conditions or other injuries not related to structural imbalance.
- Covered Accident** This term means an *accident* that:
- Occurs while *your* coverage or *your* dependent's coverage under this policy is in effect.
 - Results in a bodily *injury* and
 - Is not otherwise excluded under the terms of this policy.
- Common Carrier** This term means any land, air or water conveyance operated under a license to transport passengers for hire.
- Covered Person** This term means an *employee* or dependent insured by this *plan*.
- Coma** This term means a state of complete mental unresponsiveness, due to *injury*, with no evidence of appropriate responses to stimulation, as diagnosed by a *doctor*.
- Companion** This term means a spouse, domestic partner, civil union partner, sibling, child, parent, grandparent, or any primary care giver.
- Dentist** This term means a licensed *doctor* of dentistry, operating within the scope of his or her license, in the state in which he or she is licensed.
- Dislocation** This term means a completely separated joint due to an *injury*. A partial *dislocation* means the joint is misaligned but not completely dislocated, as diagnosed by a *doctor*.

Definitions (Cont.)

- Doctor** This term means any medical practitioner We are required by law to recognize. He or she must: (1) be properly licensed or certified by the laws of the state where he or she practices; and (2) provide services that are within the lawful scope of his or her practice.
- Emergency Room** This term means a department of the *hospital* that is designated for emergency care of accidental injuries. This area must be staffed and equipped to handle trauma, be supervised and provide treatment by *doctors*, and provide care seven days per week, 24 hours per day.
- Epidural Anesthesia** This term means a form of regional anesthesia involving injection of drugs through a catheter placed into the epidural space. The epidural must be administered due to a *covered accident*, and does not include treatment for childbirth or diseases.
- Fracture** This term means a broken bone that can be determined by a diagnostic exam. A chip *fracture* is a *fracture* in which a piece of the bone is broken off near a joint at a place where a ligament is usually attached.
- Hospital** This term means a short-term, acute care general facility, which:
- (1) is primarily engaged in providing, by or under the continuous supervision of *doctors*, to *inpatients*, diagnostic services and therapeutic services for diagnosis, treatment and care of sick or injured persons;
 - (2) has organized departments of medicine and major surgery;
 - (3) has a requirement that every patient must be under the care of a *doctor* or *dentist*;
 - (4) provides 24 hour nursing service by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse(R.N.);
 - (5) is duly licensed by the agency responsible for licensing such *hospitals*; and
 - (6) is not, other than incidentally: (a) a place of rest; (b) a place primarily for the treatment of tuberculosis; (c) a place for the aged; (d) a place for drug addicts or alcoholics; or (e) a place for convalescent, custodial, educational or rehabilitative care.
- Hospital Intensive Care Unit** This term means a designated area of a *hospital* that
- (1) provides the highest quality of medical care and is restricted to patients who are critically ill or injured and who require intensive comprehensive observation and care;
 - (2) is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds, wards, and units customarily used for patient confinement
 - (3) is permanently equipped with special lifesaving equipment for the care of the critically ill or injured;
 - (4) is under continuous observation by a specially trained nursing staff assigned exclusively to the intensive care unit on a 24 hour basis and is assigned a *doctor* on a full-time basis.

Definitions (Cont.)

Hospital Confinement	This term means admission to a <i>hospital</i> as an <i>inpatient</i> for at least 24 consecutive hours by a <i>doctor</i> for an <i>injury</i> .
Injury	This term means unintentional physical damage or harm caused directly by an <i>accident</i> and not due to <i>sickness</i> , disease or any other causes. The <i>injury</i> must occur while you or your covered dependent are insured under this <i>plan</i> .
Inpatient	This term means a patient who is admitted to a <i>hospital</i> for an <i>injury</i> .
Occupational Therapy	This term means the treatment of a physically disabled person by means of constructive activities designed and adapted to promote the restoration of the <i>covered person's</i> ability to satisfactorily accomplish the ordinary tasks of daily living and those tasks required by the <i>covered person's</i> particular occupational role. Occupational therapy does not include diversional, recreational, vocational therapies(i.e. hobbies, arts and crafts).
Occupational Therapist	This term means a person, other than you or a family member, who: 1) possesses the designation "Occupational Therapists Registerd(OTR)", 2) is licensed by the state to practice <i>occupational therapy</i> , 3) performs services which are allowed by his licenses; and 4) performs services for which benefits are provided by this <i>plan</i> .
Organized Sport	This term means a sport activity that is governed by an organization and requires formal registration to participate. Proof of registration will be required at claim time.
Outpatient Treatment	This term means medical services that a <i>covered person</i> receives when not confined as an <i>inpatient</i> in a <i>hospital</i> .
Physical Therapy	This term means treatment by physical means, hydrotherapy, heat, or similar modalities, physical agents, bio-mechanical and neuro-physiological principles and devices. Such therapy is given to relieve pain, restore function, and to prevent disability following <i>injury</i> or loss of a body part.
Physical Therapist	This term means a person, other than you or a family member, who: 1) is licensed by the state to practice <i>physical therapy</i> ; 2) performs services which are allowed by his or her license; 3) performs services for which benefits are provided by this Policy and 4) practices according to the code of ethics of the American Physical Therapy Association.
Rehabilitative Unit	This term means an appropriately licensed facility or separate section of a <i>hospital</i> that provides rehabilitation care services on an <i>inpatient</i> basis and is designated, staffed and equipped to provide restorative services under the supervision of a trained and experienced rehabilitation <i>doctor</i> . A rehabilitation unit is not: a nursing home; an extended care facility; a skilled nursing facility; a rest home or home for the aged; a hospice care facility; a place for alcoholics or drug addicts; or an assisted living facility.
Sickness	This term means a disease, illness or other condition not related to <i>injury</i> including diseases or infections except when the due to an accidental cut or wound.

Definitions (Cont.)

Urgent Care Facility This term means a health care facility that is organizationally separate from a *hospital* and whose primary purpose is the offering and provision of immediate, short term medical care, without appointment, for urgent care.

We, Us and Our These terms mean The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.

You or Your These terms mean the insured *employee*.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR CANCER INSURANCE

Employee Coverage

Eligible Employees To be eligible for *employee* coverage you must be an active *full-time* *employee*. and you must belong to a class of *employees* covered by this *plan*.

Other Conditions If you must pay all or part of the cost of *employee* coverage, we won't insure you until you enroll and agree to make the required payments.

We require that you answer insurability questions. The answers to these questions will determine whether or not you will be covered by this *plan*.

We require that you answer insurability questions again to change to a richer plan of benefits, if offered by your *employer*. The answers to these questions will determine whether or not you will be covered for the richer benefits.

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All Options

When Your Coverage Starts *Employee* benefits are scheduled to start on your effective date. But you must be actively at work on a *full-time* basis on the scheduled effective date. And you must have met all of the applicable conditions explained above, and any applicable waiting period. If you are not actively at work on any date part of your insurance is scheduled to start, we will postpone that part of your coverage until the date you return to active *full-time* work.

Sometimes, your effective date is not a regularly scheduled work day. But coverage will still start on that date if you were actively at work on a *full-time* basis on your last regularly scheduled work day.

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All Options

When Your Coverage Ends Your coverage ends on the date your active *full-time* service ends for Any reason. Such reasons include disability, death, retirement, layoff, leave of absence and the end of employment.

It also ends on the date you stop being a member of a class of *employees* eligible for insurance under this *plan*, or when this *plan* ends for all *employees*. And it ends when this *plan* is changed so that benefits for the class of *employees* to which you belong ends.

Your coverage ends on the date you are no longer working in the United States or working outside the United States for a United States based *employer* in a country or region approved by us.

If you are required to pay all or part of the cost of this coverage and you fail to do so, your coverage ends. It ends on the last day of the period for which you made the required payments, unless coverage ends earlier for other reasons.

Read this booklet carefully if *your* coverage ends. *You* may have the right to continue certain group benefits for a limited time.

Group Cancer Insurance Coverage During a Family Leave of Absence

This section may not apply to an employer's *plan*. *You* must contact *your* employer to find out if:

- the employer must allow for a leave of absence under Federal law, in which case;
- the section applies to *you*.

Group Cancer Insurance may normally end for *you* because *you* cease work due to an approved leave of absence. But, *you* may continue *your* coverage if the leave of absence has been granted: (a) to allow the *you* to care for a seriously injured or ill spouse, child, or parent; (b) after the birth or adoption of a child; (c) due to *your* own serious health condition; or (d) because of any serious injury or illness arising out of the fact that *your* spouse, child, parent, or next of kin, who is a covered service member, is on active duty (or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty) in the Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation. *You* will be required to pay the same share of the premium as *you* paid before the leave of absence.

Group Cancer Insurance may continue until the earliest of the following:

- The date *you* return to active work.
- The end of a total leave period of 26 weeks in one 12 month period, in the case of an *employee* who cares for a covered servicemember. This 26 week total leave period applies to all leaves granted to the *employee* under this section for all reasons.
- The end of a total leave period of 12 weeks in: (a) any 12 Month period, in the case of any other *employee*; or (b) any later 12 month period in the case of an *employee* who cares for a covered servicemember.
- The date on which *your* coverage would have ended had *you* not been on leave.
- The end of the period for which the premium has been paid.

Definitions: As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

Active Duty: This term means duty under a call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.

Contingency Operation: This term means a military operation that: (a) Is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the armed forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations, or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing military force; or (b) results in the call or order to, or retention on, active duty of members of the uniformed services under any provision of law during a war or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress.

Employee Coverage (Cont.)

Covered Servicemember: This term means a member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who for a serious injury or illness: (a), is undergoing medical treatment, recuperation, or therapy; (b) is otherwise in outpatient status; or (c) is otherwise on the temporary disability retired list.

Next Of Kin: This term means the nearest blood relative of the *employee*.

Outpatient Status: This term means, with respect to a covered servicemember, that he or she is assigned to: (a) a military medical treatment facility as an outpatient; or (b) a unit established for the purpose of providing command and control of members of the Armed Forces receiving medical care as outpatients.

Serious Injury Or Illness: This term means, in the case of a covered servicemember, an injury or illness incurred by him or her in line of duty on active duty in the Armed Forces that may render him or her medically unfit to perform the duties of his or her office, grade, rank, or rating.

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Dependent Coverage

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All Options

Eligible Dependents For Dependent Cancer Coverage Your eligible dependents are: (1) *your* legal spouse; And (2) *your* unmarried dependent children from birth until they reach age 26.

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All Options

Adopted Children And Step-Children Your "unmarried dependent children" include: (a) *your* legally adopted children; and (b) if they depend on *you* for most of their support and maintenance, *your* step-children.

We treat a child as legally adopted from the time the child is placed in *your* home for the purpose of adoption. We treat such a child this way whether or not a final adoption order is ever issued.

Dependents Not Eligible We exclude any dependent who is insured by this *plan* as an *employee*. And, we exclude any dependent who is on active duty in any armed force. Upon notice of entry into service, pro rata unearned premiums will be refunded.

A child may be an eligible dependent of more than one *employee* who is insured under this *plan*. In that case, the child may be insured for dependent cancer benefits by only one *employee* at a time.

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All Options

Handicapped Children You may have an unmarried child with a mental or physical handicap, or developmental disability, who can't support himself or herself. Subject to all of the terms of this section and the *plan*, such a child may stay eligible for dependent benefits past this *plan's* age limit.

The child will stay eligible as long as he or she stays unmarried and unable to support himself or herself, if: (a) his or her condition started before he reached this *plan's* age limit; (b) he or she became insured for dependent cancer benefits before he or she reached the age limit, and stayed continuously insured until he or she reached such limit; and (c) he or she depends on *you* for most of his or her support and maintenance.

But, for the child to stay eligible, *you* must send us written *proof* that the child is handicapped and depends on *you* for most of his or her support and maintenance. *You* have 31 days from the date he or she reaches the age limit to do this. We can ask for periodic proof that the child's condition continues. But, after two years, we can't ask for this proof more than once a year.

The child's coverage ends when *your* coverage does.

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All Options

Proof of Insurability We require that *you* answer insurability questions with respect to *your* dependents. The answers to these questions will determine whether or not *your* dependents will be covered by this *plan*.

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All Options

When Dependent Coverage Starts In order for *your* dependent coverage to start, *you* must: (a) already be insured for *employee* coverage; or (b) enroll for *employee* and dependent coverage at the same time.

Subject to all of the terms of this *plan*, the date *your* dependent coverage is scheduled to start depends on when *you* elect to enroll *your* initial dependents and agree to make the required payments.

If *you* do this on or before *your* eligibility date, the dependent coverage is scheduled to start on the later of: (a) *your* eligibility date; and (b) the date *you* become insured for *employee* coverage.

If *you* do this after *your* eligibility date, the dependent coverage is scheduled to start on the later of the date *you* become insured for *employee* coverage and the date *you* sign the enrollment form.

Once *you* have dependent child coverage for *your* initial dependent child(ren), any *newly acquired dependent* children will be covered as of the date they are eligible.

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All Options

Exception We will postpone the effective date of a dependent's, other than a newborn child's, coverage if, on that date, he or she is: (1) confined to a hospital or other health care facility; (2) home confined; or (3) unable to perform two or more activities of daily living. In that case, we will postpone the effective date of his or her coverage until the day after the date: (a) of his or her discharge from such facility; (b) his or her home confinement ends; or (c) he or she is no longer requires assistance with two or more activities of daily living. If a dependent was covered under a prior plan at transfer, this language will not apply to the amount of coverage that was in force with the prior plan.

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All Options

When Dependent Coverage Ends Dependent coverage ends for all of *your* dependents when *your* coverage ends. Dependent coverage also ends for all of *your* dependents when *you* stop being a member of a class of *employees* eligible for such coverage. And, it ends when this plan ends, or when dependent coverage is dropped for all *employees* or for an *employee's* class.

If *you* are required to pay part or all of the cost of dependent coverage, and *you* fail to do so, *your* dependent coverage ends. It ends on the last day of the period for which *you* made the required payments, unless coverage ends earlier for other reasons.

An individual dependent's coverage ends when he or she stops being an eligible dependent. This happens to a child: (a) at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time at the child's place of residence on the date the child attains this *plan's* age limit; (b) when the child marries; or (c) when a step-child is no longer dependent on *you* for most of his or her support and maintenance. This happens to a spouse when a marriage ends in legal divorce or annulment.

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

Cancer Benefit

Air Ambulance:	\$1,500.00 per trip. Limited to 2 one-way trips per <i>hospital confinement</i> .
Ambulance:	\$200.00 per trip. Limited to 2 one-way trips per <i>hospital confinement</i> .
Anesthesia:	25% of surgery benefit.
Anti-Nausea Medication:	\$50.00 per day up to \$150.00 per month.
Attending Doctor:	\$25.00 per day. Limited to 75 visits per <i>hospital confinement</i> .
Blood, Plasma and Platelets:	\$100.00 per day. Limited to \$5,000.00 in 12 months.
Bone Marrow and Stem Cells:	\$7,500.00 for <i>bone marrow transplant</i> . \$1,500.00 for <i>stem cell transplant</i> . 50% for second transplant. Limited to two of each in a covered person's lifetime \$1,000.00 if a covered person donates bone marrow, limited to one benefit in a covered person's lifetime.
Cancer Screening:	\$50.00 per <i>benefit year</i> .
Cancer Screening Follow-Up:	\$50.00 per <i>benefit year</i> .
Experimental Treatment:	\$100.00 per day. Limited to \$1,000.00 per month.
Extended Care Facility/Skilled Nursing Care:	\$100.00 per day. Limited to 90 days per <i>benefit year</i> .
Government or Charity Hospital:	\$300.00 per day in lieu of other benefits provided by this <i>plan</i> .
Home Health Care:	\$50.00 per visit. Limited to 30 visits per <i>benefit year</i> .
Hormone Therapy	\$25.00 per treatment. Limited to 12 per <i>benefit year</i> .
Hospice:	\$50.00 per day. Limited to 100 days per lifetime.
Hospital Confinement:	\$300.00 for first 30 days per <i>period of hospital confinement</i> . \$600.00 for 31st day and thereafter per <i>period of hospital confinement</i> .
Immunotherapy:	\$500.00 per month. \$2,500.00 per lifetime.

Intensive Care Unit Confinement:	\$400.00 for first 30 days per confinement. \$600.00 for 31st day and thereafter confinement.
Inpatient Special Nursing:	\$100.00 per day. Limited to 30 days per <i>benefit year</i> .
Medical Imaging:	\$100.00 per image. Limited to 2 images per <i>benefit year</i> .
Outpatient and Family Member Lodging:	\$75.00 per day. Limited to 90 days per <i>benefit year</i> .
Outpatient or Ambulatory Surgical Center:	\$250.00 per day. Limited to 3 days per procedure.
Physical or Speech Therapy:	\$25.00 per visit. Limited to 4 visits per month. Limited to \$400.00 per lifetime.
Surgically Implanted Prosthetic Devices:	\$2,000.00 per device. Limited to \$4,000.00 per lifetime.
Non-Surgically Implanted Prosthetic Devices:	\$200.00 per device. Limited to \$400.00 per lifetime.
Radiation Therapy and Chemotherapy:	\$10,000.00 per <i>benefit year</i> .
Injected cytotoxic meds	\$800.00 per week.
Pump dispensed cytotoxic meds (first prescription then per week for refills)	\$800.00 per week.
Oral cytotoxic meds	\$400.00 per prescription up to \$1,200.00 per month.
Cytotoxic meds administration by any other method	\$800.00 per week.
External radiation therapy	\$650.00 per week.
Insertion of interstitial or intracavity admin of radioisotopes or radium	\$800.00 per week.
Oral or I.V. radiation	\$650.00 per week.
Reconstructive Surgery:	
Breast TRAM flap	\$2,000.00
Breast reconstruction	\$500.00
Breast symmetry	\$250.00
Facial reconstruction	\$500.00
Second Surgical Opinion:	\$200.00 Limited to one per surgical procedure.
Skin Cancer:	
Biopsy only	\$100.00
Reconstructive surgery following excision of a skin cancer	\$250.00

Excision of a skin cancer with no flap or graft	\$375.00
Excision of a skin cancer with flap or graft	\$600.00

Surgical Benefits:

Surgery	Surgical Benefit
Abdomen - Cholecystectomy	\$575.00
Abdomen - Exploratory laparotomy	\$435.00
Abdomen - Paracentesis	\$110.00
Bladder - (TUR) transurethral resection bladder tumors	\$435.00
Bladder - Cystectomy (complete)	\$1,485.00
Bladder - Cystectomy (partial)	\$740.00
Bladder - Cystectomy (with ureteroileal conduit)	\$2,970.00
Bladder - Cystoscopy	\$110.00
Brain - Burr holes not followed by surgery	\$575.00
Brain - Excision brain tumor	\$2,885.00
Brain - Exploratory craniotomy	\$1,235.00
Brain - Ventriculoperitoneal shunt	\$575.00
Brain - Hemispherectomy	\$4,125.00
Breast - lumpectomy	\$285.00
Breast - mastectomy partial	\$435.00
Breast - mastectomy radical	\$860.00
Breast - mastectomy simple	\$575.00
Chest - Bronchoscopy	\$245.00
Chest - Lobectomy	\$1,235.00
Chest - Mediastinoscopy	\$245.00
Chest - Pneumonectomy	\$1,730.00
Chest - Thoracentesis	\$110.00
Chest - Thoracostomy	\$245.00
Chest - Thoracotomy	\$575.00
Chest - Wedge resection	\$990.00
Esophagus - Esophagogastrectomy	\$1,235.00
Esophagus - Esophagoscopy	\$225.00
Esophagus - Resection of esophagus	\$1,650.00
Eye - Enucleation	\$410.00
Eye - P32 uptake	\$200.00

Female Reproductive - Abdominal hysterectomy/uterus only	\$740.00
Female Reproductive - Colposcopy	\$140.00
Female Reproductive - D&C	\$140.00
Female Reproductive - Oophorectomy	\$435.00
Female Reproductive - Uterus, tubes & ovaries	\$1,440.00
Female Reproductive - Uterus, tubes & ovaries with exenteration	\$4,125.00
Female Reproductive - Vaginal hysterectomy/uterus only	\$435.00
Intestines - Abdominal-perineal resection	\$2,060.00
Intestines - Colectomy	\$740.00
Intestines - Colonoscopy (does not include virtual or CT Colonography)	\$225.00
Intestines - Colostomy/or revision of	\$285.00
Intestines - ERCP	\$285.00
Intestines - Excesional on rectum for biopsy	\$225.00
Intestines - Ileostomy	\$285.00
Intestines - Proctosigmoidoscopy	\$110.00
Intestines - Resection of small intestine	\$1,730.00
Intestines - Sigmoidoscopy	\$110.00
Kidney - Nephrectomy (radical)	\$2,970.00
Kidney - Nephrectomy (simple)	\$1,730.00
Liver - Resection of liver	\$2,060.00
Lymphatic - Axillary node dissection	\$575.00
Lymphatic - Excision of lymph nodes	\$140.00
Lymphatic - Lymphadenectomy (bilateral)	\$740.00
Lymphatic - Lymphadenectomy (unilateral)	\$575.00
Lymphatic - Splenectomy	\$575.00
Mandible - Mandibulectomy	\$1,155.00
Misc - Bone marrow aspiration	\$110.00
Misc - Pathological hip fracture (chemo)	\$720.00
Misc - Venous-Catheters/venous port (chemo)	\$110.00
Misc - Peripherally inserted central catheter (PICC)	\$110.00
Misc - Pathological fracture (chemo)	\$330.00
Mouth - Glossectomy	\$575.00
Mouth - Hemiglossectomy	\$285.00

Mouth - Resection of palate	\$575.00
Mouth - Tonsil/Mucous membranes	\$435.00
Pancreas - Jejunostomy	\$740.00
Pancreas - Pancreatectomy	\$1,730.00
Pancrease - Whipple procedure	\$2,970.00
Penis - amputation, complete	\$575.00
Penis - amputation, partial	\$285.00
Penis - amputation, radical	\$740.00
Prostate - (TUR) transurethral resection prostate	\$435.00
Prostate - Cystoscopy	\$110.00
Prostate - Radical Prostatectomy	\$1,155.00
Radium Implants - Insertion	\$825.00
Radium Implants - Removal	\$410.00
Salivary glands - Parotidectomy	\$575.00
Salivary glands - Radical neck dissection	\$1,485.00
Spine - Cordotomy	\$435.00
Spine - Laminectomy	\$740.00
Stomach - Gastrectomy (complete)	\$1,155.00
Stomach - Gastrectomy (partial)	\$740.00
Stomach - Gastrojejunostomy	\$740.00
Stomach - Gastroscopy	\$245.00
Testis - Orchiectomy (bilateral)	\$395.00
Testis - Orchiectomy (unilateral)	\$285.00
Throat - Laryngectomy (w/out neck dissection)	\$740.00
Throat - Laryngectomy (with neck dissection)	\$1,485.00
Throat - Laryngoscopy	\$245.00
Throat - Tracheostomy	\$245.00
Thyroid - Thyroidectomy (partial: one lobe)	\$435.00
Thyroid - Thyroidectomy (total: both lobes)	\$575.00
Vulva - Vulvectomy (partial)	\$435.00
Vulva - Vulvectomy (radical)	\$1,155.00

Transportation/Companion Transportation: \$0.50 per mile.
Limited to \$1,000 per round trip.

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CANCER COVERAGE

Important Notice: This is *Cancer* coverage. It provides a limited specified benefit. It is a supplement to, and not a substitute for, medical coverage. Please read this *plan* carefully to fully understand what it covers, limits, and excludes.

Subject to all of this *plan's* terms, this *plan* will pay the benefits described below if a *covered person* is *diagnosed* with *cancer* after the date he or she becomes insured by this *plan*. This *plan* pays no benefits other than what is specifically listed below.

All services or treatment must be received by the covered person within 120 days of the date his or coverage under this *plan* ends.

All terms in italics are defined terms with special meanings. See the "Definitions" section of this plan. Other terms with special meanings are defined where they are used.

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Benefits

Air Ambulance We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a licensed professional air ambulance is used to transport a *covered person* to a *hospital* where a *covered person* is confined as an *inpatient* for *internal cancer* treatment. We limit what we pay to two one-way trips per *period of hospital confinement*.

Ambulance We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a licensed professional ambulance is used to transport a *covered person* to a *hospital* where a *covered person* is confined as an *inpatient* for *internal cancer* treatment. We limit what we pay to two one-way trips per *period of hospital confinement*.

Anesthesia If general anesthesia is provided to a *covered person* in connection with a surgical procedure covered under the Surgical Benefits section, we will pay 25% of the amount shown in the schedule of insurance for the surgical procedure.

Anti-Nausea Medication We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a *doctor* prescribes a *covered person* drugs to control nausea related to chemotherapy or radiation for *internal cancer* treatments. We limit what we pay each month to the amount shown in the schedule of insurance.

Attending Doctor We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a *covered person* is visited by a *doctor* for the treatment of *internal cancer* while confined in a *hospital* . We don't pay for visits by the operating surgeon. We limit what we pay per *period of hospital confinement* to the number of days shown in the schedule of insurance.

Benefits (Cont.)

Blood, Plasma and Platelets We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance for each day a *covered person* receives blood, plasma and/or platelets for the treatment of *internal cancer*. We pay whether the blood, plasma and/or platelets is received as an *inpatient* in a *hospital* or as an outpatient in a *doctor's* office, *hospital* or *ambulatory surgical center*. We don't pay for blood, plasma and/or platelets for any other reason, including replacement of blood during surgery. And we limit what we pay in the 12 months which starts on the date of the first treatment to the amount shown in the schedule of insurance.

Bone Marrow and Stem Cells We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a *covered person* receives a *bone marrow transplant* or *stem cell transplant* to treat *internal cancer*.

Cancer Screening Once per *benefit year*, we will pay the amount in the schedule of insurance if you provide *proof* satisfactory to us that a *covered person* received at least one of the following tests for *internal cancer* : (1) bone marrow testing; (2) BRCA testing; (3) breast ultrasound; (4) breast MRI; (5) colonoscopy or virtual colonoscopy; (6) CA 125 test (blood test for ovarian *cancer*); (7) CA 15-3 test (blood test for breast *cancer*); (8) CEA (blood test for colon *cancer*) (9) chest x-ray; (10) CT scans or MRI scans; (11) flexible sigmoidoscopy; (12) hemocult stool specimen (lab confirmed); (13) mammogram; (14) pap smear; (15) PSA (blood test for prostate *cancer*); (16) Serum Protein Electrophoresis (test for myeloma); (17) testicular ultrasound; (18) thermography; or (19) ThinPrep.

We will pay this benefit once per *benefit year* for each *covered person* regardless of whether multiple tests are performed. We will pay this benefit whether or not *cancer* is *diagnosed*.

Cancer Screening Follow-Up Once per *benefit year*, we will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance for an additional invasive diagnostic procedure provided to a *covered person*. We will pay this benefit only if the procedure is recommended by a *doctor* as necessary due to the results of the initial *cancer* screening procedure.

Experimental Treatment We pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a *doctor* prescribes experimental treatment for a *covered person* for the purpose of destroying or changing abnormal tissue, and the treatment is administered by medical personnel in a *doctor's* office, *clinic* or *hospital*. All treatment must be *NCI-listed* as viable experimental treatment for *internal cancer*.

We will not pay benefits under this provision for laboratory tests, *immunotherapy*, diagnostic x-rays, and therapeutic devices or other procedures related to the treatments. We will not pay benefits under this provision for the same day the radiation and chemotherapy benefit is payable. However if a *covered person* is eligible for both the experimental treatment benefit and the radiation and chemotherapy benefit on the same day, then we will pay the higher benefit.

- Extended Care Facility/Skilled Nursing Care** If we pay benefits under this *plan's hospital* confinement section for a *covered person*, and such *covered person* subsequently is confined to an *extended care* or *skilled nursing facility* for the treatment of *internal cancer*, we will pay the amount in the schedule of insurance. The *extended care* or *skilled nursing facility* confinement must start within 30 days of the end of the *hospital* confinement. We limit what we pay each *benefit year* to the number of days shown in the schedule of insurance.
- Government or Charity Hospital** In lieu of all the other benefits provided by this *plan*, we will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance per day when a *covered person* is confined to: (a) a *hospital* operated by or for the U.S. Government (including the Veteran's Administration); or (b) a *hospital* that does not charge for its services (charity). The confinement must be for the treatment of *internal cancer*.
- Home Health Care** We pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a *covered person* receives home health care or health support services for the treatment of *internal cancer*. We limit what we pay each *benefit year* to the limit shown in the schedule of insurance.
- However, these services must start within seven days of release from a *hospital*. And the *covered person's doctor* must certify that the *covered person* would need to be *hospital* confined if home health care was not available.
- We will pay benefits under this section only if the home health care or health support services providers are licensed or certified and as qualified as caregivers providing comparable services at a *hospital* or other appropriate medical facility. This benefit will not be paid for any day a benefit is paid under the *hospice* section. If a *covered person* is eligible for both a benefit under the home health care and *hospice* sections on the same day, we will pay the higher amount.
- Hormone Therapy** If a *doctor* prescribes, and a *covered person* receives hormone therapy as a treatment for *internal cancer*, we will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance. We limit what we pay to the number of treatments shown in the schedule of insurance each *benefit year*.
- Hospice** We pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance per day if a covered person receives hospice care. We limit what we pay to the number of days shown in the schedule of insurance during the covered person's lifetime.
- We require that the covered person's doctor certify in writing that the covered person is terminally ill as a result of internal cancer, with a life expectancy of less than six months.
- This benefit is not payable on the same day the extended care facility, home health care or hospital confinement benefit is payable. However, if a covered person is eligible for the extended care facility, home health care, hospice or hospital confinement benefit on the same day, we will pay the highest benefit.

Hospital Confinement We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance for each day during a period of hospital confinement in which a covered person is confined in a hospital for the treatment of internal cancer.

Intensive Care Unit Confinement We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a covered person is confined in a hospital's intensive care unit for the treatment of internal cancer. We don't pay for intensive care unit confinement and hospital confinement on the same day.

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All Options

Immunotherapy If a doctor prescribes immunotherapy for a covered person as treatment for internal cancer, we will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance each month. And we limit what we pay in a covered person's lifetime to the amount shown in the schedule of insurance.

We will not pay benefits under this provision for the same treatment under this plan's radiation or chemotherapy provision or the experimental treatment provision. However, if a covered person is eligible for the immunotherapy, radiation therapy or chemotherapy and the experimental treatment benefit on the same day, then we will pay the highest benefit.

Inpatient Special Nursing While a covered person is an inpatient being treated for internal cancer, we pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance each day for inpatient special nursing if a covered person requires full-time nursing care. Full-time means at least 8 hours of attendance in a 24 hour period. We limit what we pay each benefit year to the number of days shown in the schedule of insurance.

Nursing care must be ordered by a doctor for the treatment of internal cancer, and must be provided by a licensed registered graduate nurse or licensed practical or vocational nurse. Care can't be provided by a family member.

Medical Imaging We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a covered person receives a medical imaging procedure related to a diagnosed internal cancer. We limit what we pay each benefit year to the number of images shown in the schedule of insurance.

Outpatient and Family Member Lodging We pay the amount in the schedule of insurance per day for lodging as described below. We limit what we pay for lodging to the number of days shown in the schedule of insurance.

We pay a daily lodging benefit when a covered person stay in a hotel, motel or other commercial accommodation in conjunction with receiving treatment of internal cancer. Such treatment must be ordered by a doctor and must not be able to be obtained locally. Lodging must occur more than 50 miles from the covered person's home.

We pay a daily lodging benefit for one adult family member who stays in a hotel, motel or other commercial accommodation in order to be near the covered person while confined in a hospital for internal cancer treatment. The hospital must be at least 50 miles from the covered person's home.

We don't pay for any day that a stay begins more than 24 hours prior to treatment or more than 24 hours after treatment.

Outpatient or Ambulatory Surgical Center We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance when a covered person uses an outpatient or ambulatory surgical center for a surgical procedure covered under this plan's surgical benefits section. We limit what we pay to three days per surgical procedure.

Physical or Speech Therapy We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance for physical or speech therapy provided to a covered person for restoration of normal body function following treatment of internal cancer. Such therapy must be provided by a licensed or certified physical or speech therapist.

We limit what we pay combined for physical and speech therapy to the number of visits per month shown in the schedule of insurance. We limit what we pay for physical and speech therapy combined to the lifetime limit shown in the schedule of insurance.

Prosthetic Devices We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance for prosthetic devices provided to a covered person as a direct result of treatment of internal cancer. There are separate amounts shown in the schedule of insurance for surgically implanted prosthetic devices and non-surgically implanted prosthetic devices. We limit what we pay for prosthetic devices in a covered person's lifetime to the amounts shown in the schedule of insurance.

Surgically implanted prosthetic devices must be the direct result or consequence of the surgical treatment of internal cancer.

The prosthetic device coverage does not include coverage for a Breast Transverse Rectus Abdominis Myocutaneous (TRAM) Flap procedure as listed under the Reconstructive Surgery benefit.

Radiation Therapy or Chemotherapy We will pay the amounts shown in the schedule of insurance if a covered person receives radiation therapy or chemotherapy as internal cancer treatment for the purpose of changing or destroying abnormal tissue. Such therapy must be administered by medical personnel in a hospital, doctor's office or clinic. Benefits will be paid only for days on which treatment is performed.

Benefits will not be paid for office visits, laboratory tests, diagnostic x-rays, treatment planning, simulation, treatment devices, dosimetry, radiation physics, teletherapy or other treatments related to radiation therapy or chemotherapy treatments. Hormone therapy and immunotherapy is not covered under this provision.

Radiation therapy and chemotherapy treatments must be approved for the treatment of cancer by the United States Food and Drug Administration.

Reconstructive Surgery We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a covered person has reconstructive surgery performed related to the treatment of internal cancer. We pay only for the following procedures: (a) Breast symmetry (modification of the non-cancerous breast performed within 5 years of reconstructing the cancerous breast); (b) Breast reconstruction; (c) Facial reconstruction; and (d) Breast transverse rectus abdominis myocutaneous (TRAM) flap.

Also, we will pay 25% of the reconstructive surgery amounts shown in the schedule of insurance for general anesthesia used during these procedures.

Second Surgical Opinion If a doctor has diagnosed a covered person with internal cancer requiring surgery and a covered person obtains a second surgical opinion, we will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance. However, the second surgical opinion must be from a different doctor than the one who recommended the surgery. We limit what we pay to one benefit per surgical procedure.

Skin Cancer We will pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a doctor performs any of the following procedures for the purpose of treating diagnosed skin cancer in a covered person: (a) biopsy; (b) reconstructive surgery following previous excision of skin cancer; (c) excision of skin cancer without flap or graft; or (d) excision of skin cancer with flap or graft.

The amount shown in the schedule of insurance includes the amount payable for anesthesia services.

Surgical Benefits We pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance if a doctor performs one of the procedures shown in the of insurance for the purpose of treating internal cancer diagnosed in a covered person. The schedule of insurance for surgical procedures does not apply to surgery for skin cancer, which will be covered only under the skin cancer section. And the schedule of insurance for surgical procedures does not apply to reconstructive surgery, which is covered only under the reconstructive surgery section.

If more than one surgical procedure is performed through the same incision, benefits will be paid for only one procedure based upon the highest eligible benefit.

Transportation/ Companion Transportation We pay the amount shown in the schedule of insurance for transportation and companion transportation as follows.

We pay a transportation benefit upon completion of a round trip to transport a covered person to a hospital or clinic for the purpose of internal cancer treatment. However the hospital or clinic must be at least 50 miles from the covered person's home. And transportation cannot be by the use of an ambulance or air ambulance.

If commercial travel (coach-class plane, train or bus) is necessary, we will pay for one additional person to accompany the covered person. If treatment is for a covered dependent child, we will pay for up to two adults to accompany the covered dependent child

DEFINITIONS

- Ambulatory Surgical Center** This term means a facility in which outpatient surgery is done. It must meet all of the requirements shown below:
- have a medical staff of *doctors*, nurses, and licensed anesthesiologist;
 - maintain at least two operating rooms; and one recovery room;
 - maintain diagnostic lab and x-ray facilities;
 - be staffed and equipped to give emergency care;
 - have a blood supply;
 - maintain medical records;
 - have agreements with *hospitals* for immediate acceptance of patients who need *inpatient* confinement; and
 - be licensed in accord with the laws of the appropriate legally authorized agency. A facility is not an *ambulatory surgical center* if it is part of a *hospital*.
- Benefit Year** This term means each period of 12 months in a row which starts on starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st.
- Board Certified** This term means a *doctor* who has been certified in the appropriate medical specialty by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties.
- Bone Marrow Transplant** This term means a procedure in which a patient's bone marrow is replaced with cellular elements to reconstitute the bone marrow. It may be preceded by chemotherapy, radiotherapy, or other treatments which cause residual bone marrow to be destroyed. The collection of stem cells or other peripheral blood cells and their reinfusion is not a *bone marrow transplant*.
- Cancer** This term means *you* have been *diagnosed* with a disease manifested by the presence of a malignant tumor characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells in any part of the body. This includes leukemia, Hodgkin's disease, lymphoma, sarcoma, malignant tumors and melanoma. *Cancer* includes carcinomas in- situ (in the natural or normal place, confined to the site of origin, without having invaded neighboring tissue). Pre-malignant conditions or conditions with malignant potential, such as myelodysplastic and myeloproliferative disorders, carcinoid, leukoplakia, hyperplasia, actinic keratosis, polycythemia, and nonmalignant melanoma, moles or similar diseases or lesions will not be considered *cancer*.
- Clinic** This term means an institution, building or part of a building where outpatients receive treatment for Diagnoses.
- Covered Person** This term means *you*, if *you* are covered under this *plan* and *your* covered dependents.

- Diagnosed or Diagnosis** These terms mean the establishment of *cancer* by a *doctor* through the use of clinical and/or lab findings. Diagnosis of *cancer* must be based on microscopic (histologic) exam of: (a) fixed tissues; or (b) preparations of blood or bone marrow. Such exam must be documented in a written report by a *doctor* who is *board certified* in pathology. If, however, in the opinion of the attending *doctor*, a pathological diagnosis is medically inappropriate, a clinical diagnosis of *cancer* will be accepted.
- Doctor** This term means any practitioner of the healing arts that: (a) is properly licensed or certified by the laws of the state in which he or she practices; and (b) provides services that are within the lawful scope of his or license.
- Extended Care Facility or Skilled Nursing Facility** This term means a facility which mainly provides full-time *inpatient* skilled nursing care for sick or injured people who do not need to be in a *hospital*. This *plan* recognizes such a place if it carries out its stated purpose under all relevant state and local laws, and it is: (a) accredited for its stated purpose by the Joint Commission of Healthcare Organizations; or (b) approved for its stated purpose by Medicare. In some places an extended care facility is called: (a) a rehabilitation facility; or (b) a skilled nursing facility; or (c) a sub-acute facility.
- Family Member** This term means *your* spouse, brother or sister (including stepbrother or stepsister), children (including stepchildren), parents (including stepparents), grandchildren, father or mother-in-law, and spouses, if applicable, of any of these.
- Hospice** This term means a licensed facility or program which provides a coordinated set of services at home or in a facility for persons who are certified by a *doctor* as terminally ill.
- Hospital** This term means a short-term, acute care general facility, which:
- (1) is primarily engaged in providing, by or under the continuous supervision of *doctors*, to *inpatients*, diagnostic services and therapeutic services for diagnosis, treatment and care of sick or injured persons;
 - (2) has organized departments of medicine and major surgery;
 - (3) has a requirement that every patient must be under the care of a *doctor* or *dentist*;
 - (4) provides 24 hour nursing service by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse (R.N.);
 - (5) is duly licensed by the agency responsible for licensing such *hospitals*; and
 - (6) is not, other than incidentally: (a) a place of rest; (b) a place primarily for the treatment of tuberculosis; (c) a place for the aged; (d) a place for drug addicts or alcoholics; or (e) a place for convalescent, custodial, educational or rehabilitative care.

Definitions (Cont.)

- Immunotherapy** This term means treatments intended to improve the immune system by providing antibodies, colony stimulating factors, or immunoglobulins for the purpose of treating *cancer*.
- Inpatient** This term means: (a) a *covered person* who is physically confined as a registered bed patient in a *hospital* or other recognized health care facility; or (b) the confinement itself.
- Intensive Care Unit** This term means a *hospital* area of special care, which at the time of admission is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room, other rooms, beds or wards normally used for patient confinement. In addition, the unit must provide the following: (a) 24 hour continuous nursing care attended by nurses assigned to the unit on a full-time basis; (b) direction and/or supervision by a full time doctor director or a standing "intensive care" committee of the medical staff; and (c) special medical apparatus used to treat the critically ill.
- Internal Cancer** This term means a *cancer* contained within the body. *Internal cancers* do not include skin *cancer* except for melanomas classified as Clark's level III and higher or a Breslow level greater than or equal to 1.5mm.
- NCI-Listed** This term means a *cancer* treatment protocol that is listed in the National Cancer Institute's (NCI) Physician Data Query (PDQ). The PDQ is an on-line database that contains *cancer* information summaries, listings of clinical trials, and directories of *doctors* and organization involved in *cancer* care.
- Palliative Care** This term means treatment or services designed to reduce the severity of a condition or symptoms without curing the underlying disease.
- Period of Hospital Confinement** This term means *hospital* confinement for a continuous and uninterrupted period of time while under the regular care and attendance of a *doctor*. A new period of *hospital* confinement will begin if a new *hospital* confinement occurs 30 or more days after the end of the previous *hospital* confinement or if the *hospital* confinement results from a completely independent cause from the previous *hospital* confinement.
- Plan** This term means the group *cancer* coverage described in the *plan* and this certificate.
- Pre-Existing Condition** A pre-existing condition is a *cancer*, whether diagnosed or misdiagnosed, for which in the 12 months before a person becomes covered by this *plan*, he or she: (1) received advice or treatment from a *doctor*; (2) underwent diagnostic procedures; (3) was prescribed or took prescription drugs; or (4) received other medical care or treatment, including consultation with a *doctor*.
- Proof or Proof Of Insurability** These terms mean an application for coverage showing that a person is insurable.

Definitions (Cont.)

Stem Cell Transplant This term means the delivery of autologous or allogeneic stem cells to a person who has received chemotherapy or radiology to treat *internal cancer*. This definition does not include allogeneic or autogeneic bone marrow collection and infusion of bone marrow under general anesthesia.

We, Us and Our These terms mean The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.

You or Your These terms mean the insured *employee*.

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Limitations

Proof Of Insurability The *covered person's* coverage may not become effective until he or she submits *proof of insurability* to us. These requirements are shown in the schedule of insurance.

Pre-Existing Conditions A *pre-existing condition* is a *cancer*, whether *diagnosed* or misdiagnosed, for which in the 12 months before a person becomes covered by this *plan*, he or she: (1) received advice or treatment from a *doctor*; (2) underwent diagnostic procedures; (3) was prescribed or took prescription drugs; or (4) received other medical care or treatment, including consultation with a *doctor*. This *plan* will not pay benefits for *cancer* that is caused by, or results from, a *pre-existing condition* if the *cancer* occurs during the first 12 months that a *covered person* is covered by this *plan*.

If This Plan Replaces Another Plan This *plan* may be replacing a similar plan that the *employer* had with some other insurer. In that case, the *pre-existing condition* limitation will not apply to any *covered person* who: (1) was covered under the *employer's* old plan on the day before this *plan* started; and (2) has met the requirements of any *pre-existing conditions* limitation of the old plan; and (3) you are *actively at work on a full-time* basis on the effective date of this *plan*.

If the *covered person*: (1) was covered under the old plan when it ended; (2) enrolls for insurance under this *plan* on or before this *plan's* effective date; and (3) is actively working on the effective date of this *plan*; but (4) has not fulfilled the requirements of any pre-existing condition provision of the old plan; this *plan* will credit any time used to meet the old plan's pre-existing condition provision toward meeting this *plan's* pre-existing condition provision.

But, this *plan* limits a *covered person's* benefit under this *plan* if: (1) the *cancer* is a *pre-existing condition*; and (2) this *plan* pays benefit because this *plan* credits time as explained above. In this case, this *plan* limits the benefit to the amount the *covered person* would have been entitled to under the old plan.

This *plan* deducts all payments made by the old plan under an extension provision.

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Exclusions

This *plan* will not pay benefits for:

- Services or treatment not included in the Schedule of Insurance.
- Services or treatment provided by a *family member*.
- Services or treatment rendered outside the United States or Canada.
- Treatment of any *cancer* diagnosed solely outside of the United States or Canada.
- Services or treatment provided primarily for cosmetic purposes.
- Services or treatment for premalignant conditions.
- Services or treatment for conditions with malignant potential.
- Services or treatment for non-cancer *sicknesses*.
- *Cancer* caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from: (1) participating in a felony, riot or insurrection; (2) intentionally causing a self- inflicted injury; (3) committing or attempting to commit suicide while sane or insane; (4) a *covered person's* mental or emotional disorder, alcoholism or drug addiction; (5) engaging in any illegal activity; or (6) serving in the armed forces or any auxiliary unit of the armed forces of any country.
- *Cancer* arising from war or act of war, even if war is not declared.

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Waiver of Premium

If, while covered by this *plan*, *you* become disabled due to *cancer* that is diagnosed after *your* effective date, and *you* remain disabled for 90 days, *we* will waive the premium due after such 90 days for as long as *you* remain disabled.

To be considered disabled *you* must: (1) be unable to work at any gainful or meaningful job for which *you* are qualified by education, training or experience; and (2) not be working at any gainful occupation; and (3) be under the care of a *doctor* for the treatment of *cancer*.

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PORTABILITY

Note This section does not apply to residents of Kansas, Maine, or South Dakota.

Definition As used in this provision, the terms "port" and "to port" mean to choose a portable certificate of coverage which provides group *cancer* coverage.

Portability Conditions Portability is subject to all of the conditions described below.

- You may port *your* coverage or coverage for any of *your* dependents if coverage under this *plan* ends because *you*: (a) have terminated employment; (2) stop being a member of an eligible class of employees; or (3) this *plan* ends.
- You may not Port *your* coverage or coverage for any of *your* dependents if(1) coverage under this *plan* ends due to *your* failure to pay any required premium; or (2) you have reached age 70 on or before *your* coverage under this *plan* ends.

Portability Options You may port: (1) *your* coverage only; (2) *your* coverage and the coverage of *your* covered spouse; (3)*your* coverage and the coverage of all of *your* covered dependents; or (4) if *you* are a single parent, *your* coverage and the coverage of all of *your* covered dependent children. No other combinations will be allowed.

A dependent must be covered as of the date *your* coverage under this *plan* ends in order to be eligible to port.

If *you* die while covered for dependent *cancer* coverage, *your* spouse may port *your* dependent Cancer coverage as described above. *your* spouse and dependent children must be covered under this *plan* on the date of *your* death. But this option is not available if(1) there is no surviving spouse; or (2) the surviving spouse has reached age 70 on the date *you* die.

The Portable Certificate of Coverage The portable certificate of coverage provides group *cancer* coverage. The benefits provided by the portable certificate of coverage are the same as the benefits provided by this *plan*.

The premium for the portable certificate of coverage will be based on: *your* rate class under this *plan*; and (2)*you* or *your* surviving spouse's age bracket as shown in the Cancer Portability Coverage Premium Notice.

How to Port You or *your* surviving spouse must: (1) apply to us in writing; and (2) pay the required premium. You or *your* surviving spouse must do this within 31 days from the date Your coverage under this *plan* ends.

We will not ask for *proof* that *you* or *your* surviving spouse are in good health.

CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT - ELIGIBILITY FOR CANCER COVERAGE

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Effective on the latter of (i) the original effective date of the Certificate; or (ii) the effective date of any applicable amendment requested by the Policyholder and approved by the Insurance Company, this rider amends this Plan by replacing the following:

Conditions of Eligibility

Proof of Insurability Part or all of *your* insurance amounts may be subject to Proof of Insurability. *You* and *your* dependents will not be covered for any amount that requires such Proof of Insurability until *you* give the Proof of Insurability to *us* and *we* approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

If *you* elect to enroll within 31 days after *your eligibility date*, coverage is scheduled to start on *your eligibility date*.

If *you* do not elect this coverage within 31 days of *your eligibility date*, *you* must answer health questions, or wait until the next scheduled group enrollment period. Once each year, during the group enrollment period, *you* may elect to enroll in this coverage as offered by the *employer*. As used here, "group enrollment period" means an annual open enrollment period set by the *employer* and agreed to by *us*. If *you* elect to enroll outside of the group open enrollment period, *you* must provide Proof of Insurability by answering health questions, or wait until the next group enrollment period.

If Proof of Insurability is required, *you* and *your* dependents will not be covered by this *plan* until *we* approve that Proof of Insurability in writing and notify *you* of *your* effective date of coverage.

When Employee Coverage Starts *Your* eligibility date is the date *you* have met all of the conditions of eligibility.

Whether *you* must pay all or part of the cost of *your* coverage, *you* must elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments before *your* coverage will start. If *you* do this on or before *your eligibility date*, *your* coverage is scheduled to start on *your eligibility date*. If *you* do this within 31 days after *your eligibility date*, *your* coverage is scheduled to start on *your eligibility date*. If *you* elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments more than 31 days after *your eligibility date*, *your* coverage will not be scheduled to start until *you* send *us* Proof of Insurability or until *You* enroll during the next group enrollment period. If Proof of Insurability is required, *you* will not be covered by this *plan* until *we* approve that Proof of Insurability in writing and notify *you* of *your* effective date of coverage.

If *your* active service ends before *you* meet any Proof of Insurability requirements that apply, *you* will still have to meet those requirements if *you* are later re-employed by the *employer* or an associated company.

On the date all or part of *your* coverage is scheduled to start, *you* must be: (1) *actively at work*; (2) fully capable of performing the major duties of *your* regular occupation; and (3) working *your* regular number of hours. In that case, *your* coverage will start at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time for *your* place of residence on that date. In any other case, *We* will postpone the start of *your* coverage until the date *you*: (a) return to *active work*; (b) are working *your* regular number of hours; and (c) are fully capable of performing the major duties of *your* regular occupation. Sometimes, a scheduled effective date is not a regularly scheduled work day. If the scheduled effective date falls: on a holiday; on a vacation day; on a non-scheduled work day; during a layoff of less than 180 days in duration; during an approved leave of absence not due to sickness or injury, of 90 days or less; or on a day during a period of absence that is less than 7 days in duration; and if: (a) *you* were fully capable of performing the major duties of *your* regular occupation for the *employer* on a full-time basis at 12:01 AM Standard Time for *your* place of residence on the scheduled effective date; and (b) *you* were performing the major duties of *your* regular occupation and working *your* regular number of hours on *your* last regularly scheduled work day; *your* coverage will start on the scheduled effective date.

DEPENDENT COVERAGE

Proof of Insurability Part or all of *your initial dependent's* insurance amounts may be subject to Proof of Insurability. *your initial dependents* will not be covered for any amount that requires such Proof of Insurability until *you* give the Proof of Insurability to *us* and *we* approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

If *you* elect to enroll *your initial dependents* within 31 days after *your eligibility date*, coverage is scheduled to start on *your eligibility date*.

If *you* do not elect *initial dependent* coverage within 31 days of *your eligibility date*, *your initial dependents* must answer health questions, or wait until the next scheduled group enrollment period to enroll. Once each year, during the group enrollment period, *you* may elect to enroll *initial dependents* in this coverage as offered by the *employer*. As used here, "group enrollment period" means an annual open enrollment period set by the *employer* and agreed to by *us*. If *you* elect to enroll *your initial dependents* outside of the group open enrollment period, *you* must provide Proof of Insurability by answering health questions, or wait until the next group enrollment period.

If Proof of Insurability is required, *your initial dependents* will not be covered by this *plan* until *we* approve that Proof of Insurability in writing and notify *you* of *your initial dependent's* effective date of coverage.

In the case of a *newly acquired dependent*, other than the first newborn child, *you* may elect to enroll a *newly acquired dependent* within 31 days. If *you* do not elect to enroll a *newly acquired dependent* within 31 days of his or her *eligibility date*, *your newly acquired dependent(s)* may have to answer health questions, or wait until the next scheduled group enrollment period to enroll.

If *your* dependent coverage ends for any reason, including failure to make the required payments, *your* dependent will not be covered by this *plan* again until *you* give *us* new Proof of Insurability that they are insurable and *we* approve that Proof of Insurability in writing, or wait until the next group enrollment period.

When Dependent Coverage Starts In order for *your* dependent coverage to start, *you* must already be covered for *employee* coverage, or enroll for *employee* and dependent coverage at the same time.

If *you* enroll *your* dependents on or before *your eligibility date*, the dependent's coverage is scheduled to start on the later of *your eligibility date* and the date *you* become covered for *employee* coverage.

If *you* do this within the group enrollment period, the coverage is scheduled to start on the date *you* become covered for *employee* coverage.

If *you* do this after the group enrollment period ends, *your* dependent coverage may be subject to Proof of Insurability and will not start until *we* approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

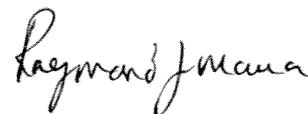
Once *you* have dependent child coverage for *your initial dependent* child(ren) any *newly acquired dependent* children will be covered as of the date he or she is first eligible.

Whether *you* must pay all or part of the cost of *your* coverage, *you* must elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments before *your* coverage will start. If *you* do this on or before *your eligibility date*, *your* coverage is scheduled to start on *your eligibility date*. If *you* do this within 31 days after *your eligibility date*, *your* coverage is scheduled to start on *your eligibility date*. If *you* elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments more than 31 days after *your eligibility date*, *your* coverage will not be scheduled to start until *you* send *us* Proof of Insurability or until *you* enroll during the next group enrollment period. If Proof of Insurability is required, *you* will not be covered by this *plan* until *we* approve that Proof of Insurability in writing and notify *you* of *your* effective date of coverage.

If Proof of Insurability is required for dependent benefits as explained above, those benefits will not be scheduled to start until *you* give *us* Proof of Insurability that the dependent is insurable. Once *we* have approved that Proof of Insurability, those benefits will be scheduled to start on the effective date shown in the endorsement section of *your* application.

This rider is part of the Policy. Except as stated in this rider, nothing contained in this rider changes or affects any other terms of this Policy.

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America



Senior Vice President, Group and Worksite Markets

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CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT

The certificate is amended to add the following:

Initial Diagnosis Benefit

We pay a one-time benefit when *you* are diagnosed for the first time as having *internal cancer*, other than carcinomas in-situ. The first *diagnosis* must occur while *you* are covered by this *plan*.

The benefit is \$2,500.00 for *you*, \$2,500.00 for *your* spouse and \$2,500.00 for *your* child. We pay this benefit once per *covered person* in a *covered person's* lifetime.

We don't pay this benefit for a *diagnosis* of skin cancer.

We don't pay the benefit if the *diagnosis* occurred prior to the *covered person's* effective date under this *plan*.

We don't pay this benefit for a recurrence, extension or metastatic spread of an *internal cancer* that was *diagnosed* : (a) prior to a *covered person's* effective date under this *plan*; or (b) during this *plan's* *benefit waiting period*.

We don't pay this benefit if the diagnosis was made solely outside of the United States or Canada.

Benefit Waiting Period: This plan has a *benefit waiting period*. It is 30 days. This period starts on the date a *covered person* is first covered by this *plan*. We do not pay an initial *diagnosis* benefit for *cancer* that is *diagnosed* during the *benefit waiting period*.

If this *plan* replaces a similar plan the *employer* had with some other insurer, the *benefit waiting period* under this *plan* will be waived if for any *covered person* who was covered under the *employer's* old plan on the day before this *plan* starts and is covered by this *plan* on the day it starts.

As used in this rider, *benefit waiting period* means the period of time a *covered person* must be covered under this *plan* before we pay an Initial Diagnosis Benefit.

As used in this rider, carcinomas in-situ means *cancer* that is confined to the site of origin, without having invaded neighboring tissue.

This rider is part of this certificate. Except as stated in this rider, nothing contained in this rider changes or affects any other terms of this certificate.

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

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Vice President, Risk Mgt. & Chief Actuary

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GLOSSARY

This Glossary defines the italicized terms appearing in your booklet.

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Eligibility Date for dependent coverage is the earliest date on which: (a) you have initial dependents; and (b) are eligible for dependent coverage.

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Eligible Dependent is defined in the provision entitled "Dependent Coverage."

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Employee means a person who works for the *employer* at the *employer's* place of business, and whose income is reported for tax purposes using a W-2 form.

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Employer means SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. .

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Enrollment Period with respect to dependent coverage, means the 31 day period which starts on the date that you first become eligible for dependent coverage.

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Full-time means the *employee* regularly works at least the number of hours in the normal work week set by the *employer* (but not less than 20 hours per week), at his *employer's* place of business.

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Initial Dependents means those *eligible dependents* you have at the time you first become eligible for *employee* coverage. If at this time you do not have any *eligible dependents*, but you later acquire them, the first *eligible dependents* you acquire are your *initial dependents*.

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Newly Acquired Dependent means an *eligible dependent* you acquire after you already have coverage in force for *initial dependents*.

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Plan means the *Guardian group plan* purchased by your *employer*, except in the provision entitled "Coordination of Benefits" where "plan" has a special meaning. See that provision for details.

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All Options

Proof or Proof of Insurability means an application for insurance showing that a person is insurable.

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The following notice applies if your plan is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and its amendments. This notice is not part of the Guardian plan of insurance or any employer funded benefits, not insured by Guardian.

STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

As a participant, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits

- (a) Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U. S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- (b) Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- (c) Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

Prudent Actions By Plan Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate the plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

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Enforcement Of Your Rights If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110.00 a day until you receive the material, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds that your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Questions If you have questions about the plan, you should contact the plan administrator. If you have questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor listed in your telephone directory or the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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Group Health Benefits Claims Procedure

If you seek benefits under the plan you should complete, execute and submit a claim form. Claim forms and instructions for filing claims may be obtained from the Plan Administrator.

Guardian is the Claims Fiduciary with discretionary authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe the terms of the plan with respect to claims. Guardian has the right to secure independent professional healthcare advice and to require such other evidence as needed to decide your claim.

In addition to the basic claim procedure explained in your certificate, Guardian will also observe the procedures listed below. These procedures are the minimum requirements for benefit claims procedures of employee benefit plans covered by Title 1 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Definitions "Adverse Benefit Determination" means any denial, reduction or termination of a benefit or failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit.

"Group Health Benefits" means any accident, cancer, critical illness, or specified disease coverages which are a part of this plan.

Timing For Initial Benefit Determination The benefit determination period begins when a claim is received. Guardian will make a benefit determination and notify a claimant within a reasonable period of time, but not later than the maximum time period shown below. A written or electronic notification of any adverse benefit determination must be provided.

Claims. Guardian will provide a benefit determination not later than 30 days after receipt of a claim. If a claimant fails to provide all information needed to make a benefit determination, Guardian will notify the claimant of the specific information that is needed as soon as possible but no later than 30 days after receipt of the claim.

The time period for completing a benefit determination may be extended by up to 15 days if Guardian determines that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 30-day period.

If Guardian extends the time period for making a benefit determination due to a claimant's failure to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the claimant will be given at least 45 days to provide the requested information. The extension period will begin on the date on which the claimant responds to the request for additional information.

Adverse Benefit Determination If a claim is denied, Guardian will provide a notice that will set forth:

- the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination;
- reference to the specific plan provision(s) on which the determination is based;

Group Health Benefits Claims Procedure (Cont.)

- a description of any additional material or information necessary to make the claim valid and an explanation of why such material or information is needed;
- a description of the plan's claim review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement indicating that the claimant has the right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) following an adverse benefit determination;
- identification and description of any specific internal rule, guideline or protocol that was relied upon in making an adverse benefit determination, or a statement that a copy of such information will be provided to the claimant free of charge upon request.

Appeal of Adverse Benefit Determinations

If a claim is wholly or partially denied, the claimant will have up to 180 days to make an appeal.

Guardian will conduct a full and fair review of an appeal which includes providing to claimants the following:

- the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim;
- the opportunity, upon request and free of charge, for reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relating to the claim; and
- a review that takes into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

In reviewing an appeal, Guardian will:

- provide for a review conducted by a named fiduciary who is neither the person who made the initial adverse determination nor that person's subordinate;
- in deciding an appeal based upon a medical judgment, consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment;
- identify medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained in connection with an adverse benefit determination; and
- ensure that a health care professional engaged for consultation regarding an appeal based upon a medical judgment shall be neither the person who was consulted in connection with the adverse benefit determination, nor that person's subordinate.

Guardian will notify the claimant of its decision regarding review of an appeal as follows:

Group Health Benefits Claims Procedure (Cont.)

Claims. Guardian will notify the claimant of its decision not later than 60 days after receipt of the request for review of the adverse benefit determination.

Alternative Dispute Options The claimant and the plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact the local U.S Department of Labor Office and the State insurance regulatory agency.

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Termination of This Group Plan

Your *employer* may terminate this group *plan* at any time by giving us 31 days advance written notice. This *plan* will also end if your *employer* fails to pay a premium due by the end of this grace period.

We may have the option to terminate this *plan* if the number of people insured falls below a certain level.

When this *plan* ends, you may be eligible to continue your insurance coverage. Your rights upon termination of the *plan* are explained in this booklet.

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STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

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Your group Short Term and/or Long Term Disability Income benefits may be covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). If so, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under ERISA.

ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

**Receive Information
about Your Plan and
Benefits**

- (a) Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U. S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- (b) Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- (c) Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

**Prudent Actions by
Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate the plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

**Enforcement of
Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules (see Claims Procedures below).

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110.00 a day until you receive the material, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds that your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Questions If you have questions about the plan, you should contact the plan administrator. If you have questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor listed in your telephone directory or the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Disability Benefits Claims Procedure If you seek benefits under the plan you should complete, execute and submit a claim form. Claim forms and instructions for filing claims may be obtained from The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (hereinafter referenced as Guardian).

Guardian is the Claims Fiduciary with discretionary authority to interpret and construe the terms of the Policy, the Certificate, the Schedule of Benefits, and any riders, or other documents or forms that may be attached to the Certificate or the Policy, and any other plan documents. Guardian has discretionary authority to determine eligibility for benefits and coverage under those documents. Guardian has the right to secure independent professional healthcare advice and to require such other evidence as needed to decide your claim.

In addition to the basic claim procedure explained in your certificate, Guardian will also observe the procedures listed below. These procedures are the minimum requirements for benefit claims procedures of employee benefit plans covered by Title 1 of ERISA.

Definitions "Adverse determination" means any denial, reduction or termination of a benefit or failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit.

Timing for Initial Benefit Determination The benefit determination period begins when a claim is received. Guardian will make a benefit determination and notify a claimant within a reasonable period of time, but not later than the maximum time period shown below. A written or electronic notification of any adverse benefit determination must be provided.

Guardian will provide a benefit determination not later than 45 days from the date of receipt of a claim. This period may be extended by up to 30 days if Guardian determines that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 45-day period. Such notification will include the reason for the extension and a date by which the determination will be made. If prior to the end of the 30-day period Guardian determines that an additional extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, and so notifies the claimant, the time period for making a benefit determination may be extended for up to an additional period of up to 30 days. Such notification will include the special circumstances requiring the extension and a date by which the final determination will be made.

A notification of an extension to the time period in which a benefit determination will be made will include an explanation of the standards upon which entitlement to a benefit is based, any unresolved issues that prevent a decision of the claim, and the additional information needed to resolve those issues.

If Guardian extends the time period for making a benefit determination due to a claimant's failure to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the claimant will be given at least 45 days to provide the requested information. The extension period will begin on the date on which the claimant responds to the request for additional information.

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Adverse Benefit Determination

If a claim is denied, Guardian will provide a notice that will set forth:

- The specific reason(s) for the adverse determination;
- References to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan or other documents, on which the determination is based;
- A description of any additional material or information necessary to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
- A description of the plan's claim review procedures which a claimant may follow to have a claim for benefits reviewed and the time limits applicable to such procedures;
- A statement disclosing any internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse benefit determination (or a statement that such information will be provided free of charge upon request); or a statement that no internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination;
- If applicable, an explanation of the basis of disagreement with or not following the views presented by you, of health care professionals who treated you and vocational professionals who evaluated you;
- If applicable, an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following the views of any medical or vocational expert whose advice was obtained on our behalf in connection with the adverse benefit determination, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the determination;

- If applicable, an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following a disability determination made by the Social Security Administration that you present to us;
- A description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) following an adverse benefit determination on appeal, and;
- In the case of an adverse benefit determination based on medical necessity or experimental treatment, notice will either include an explanation of the scientific or clinical basis for the determination, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

Appeal of Adverse Benefit Determinations

If a claim is wholly or partially denied, the claimant will have up to 180 days to make an appeal. Guardian will conduct a full and fair review of an appeal which includes providing to claimants the following:

- The opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim;
- The opportunity, upon request and free of charge, for reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim; and
- A review that takes into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

In reviewing an appeal, Guardian will:

- Provide for a review conducted by a named fiduciary who is neither the person who made the initial adverse determination nor that person's subordinate;
- In deciding an appeal based upon a medical judgment, consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment;
- Identify medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained in connection with an adverse benefit determination; and
- Ensure that a health care professional engaged for consultation regarding an appeal based upon a medical judgment shall be neither the person who was consulted in connection with the adverse benefit determination, nor that person's subordinate.

Guardian will notify the claimant of its decision not later than 45 days after receipt of the request for review of the adverse determination. This period may be extended by an additional period of up to 45 days if Guardian determines that special circumstances require an extension of the time period for processing and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 45-day period.

A notification with respect to an extension will indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of the time period for review, and the date by which the final determination will be made.

In the event Guardian denies the appeal of an adverse benefit determination, it will:

- Provide the specific reason or reasons why the appeal was denied;
- Refer to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan, or other documents on which the benefit determination is based;
- Provide a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonably access to, and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits;
- Provide a statement disclosing any internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse benefit determination (or a statement that such information will be provided free of charge upon request); or a statement that no internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination;
- If applicable, provide an explanation of the basis of disagreement with or not following the views presented by you, of health care professionals who treated you, and vocational professionals who evaluated you;
- If applicable, provide an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following the views of any medical or vocational expert whose advice was obtained on our behalf in connection with the adverse benefit determination, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the determination;
- If applicable, provide an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following a disability determination made by the Social Security Administration that you present to us;
- Provide a statement describing the claimant's right to bring a civil suit under Section 502(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 which shall also describe any applicable contractual limitations period that applies the claimant's right to bring such an action, including the calendar date on which the contractual limitations period expires for the claim, and;

- In the event the adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, provide either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

Alternative Dispute Options The claimant and the plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact the local U.S Department of Labor Office and the State insurance regulatory agency.

In addition to any legal rights you may have under section 502(a), if you believe that we have violated ERISA's procedural requirements, you may request that we review any claimed violation(s) and we will respond to you within ten days.

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This Booklet Includes All Benefits For Which You Are Eligible.

You are covered for any benefits provided to you by the policyholder at no cost.

But if you are required to pay all or part of the cost of insurance you will only be covered for those benefits you elected in a manner and mode acceptable to Guardian such as an enrollment form and for which premium has been received by Guardian.

"Please Read This Document Carefully".

CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

10 Hudson Yards
New York, New York 10001
(212) 598-8000

The Group Term Life Insurance described in this Certificate is attached to the group Policy effective January 1, 2018. This Certificate replaces any Certificate previously issued under this Policy or under any other plan providing similar or identical benefits issued to the Policyholder by Guardian.

GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Guardian certifies that the Employee to whom this Certificate is issued is eligible for the coverage, and in the amount, described herein. In order to be eligible for coverage, the Employee must: (a) satisfy all of this Policy's eligibility and Effective Date requirements; (b) be listed in Our and/or the Policyholder's records as a validly covered Employee under the Policy; (c) satisfy any necessary Proof of Insurability requirements; and (d) all required premium payments have been made by or on behalf of the Employee.

The Employee and/or his or her Dependents are not covered by any part of this Policy for which he or she has waived coverage. Such a waiver of coverage is shown in Our and/or the Policyholder's records.

Policyholder: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC.
Group Policy Number: 00543409

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America



Raymond Marra, Senior Vice President, Group and Worksite Markets

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Applicable Benefits

This Certificate may include multiple benefit options and types of benefits. You will only be covered for benefits if:

- They were previously selected in an acceptable manner and mode, such as an enrollment form or other required form; and
- We have received any required premium.

If Proof of Insurability is required, You will not be covered unless You satisfy the Proof of Insurability requirements stated in the Certificate and Schedule of Benefits.

Limitation Of Authority

Only the President, a Vice President or a Secretary of Guardian, has the authority to act for Us in a written and signed statement to:

- Determine whether any contract, Policy or Certificate is to be issued;
- Waive or alter any contract or Policy provisions, or any of Our requirements;
- Bind Us by any statement or promise relating to the contract issued or to be issued; or
- Accept any information or representation which is not in a signed application.

Agents and brokers do not have the authority to change the contract or Policy or waive any of its provisions.

Incontestability

This Certificate is incontestable after two years from its date of issue, except for non-payment of premiums.

No statement in any application, except a fraudulent statement, made by You, or any dependent, will be used to contest the validity of Your insurance or to deny a claim for a loss incurred, or for a disability which starts, after such insurance has been in force for two years during Your lifetime.

If this Certificate replaces a plan Your Employer had with another insurer, We may rescind this Certificate based on misrepresentations or omissions made by Your Employer or You in a signed application for up to two years from the Effective Date of the Policy.

In the event Your insurance is rescinded, We will refund premiums paid for the periods such insurance is void. The premium paid by You will be sent to Your last known address on file with Your Employer or Us.

Examination And Autopsy

We have the right to have a doctor of Our choice examine the person for whom a claim is being made under the Certificate as often as We feel is reasonably necessary. We also have the right to have an autopsy performed in the case of death where allowed by law. We will pay for all such examinations and autopsies.

Overpayment Recovery

If We overpay benefits, all such benefits must be repaid in full. We have the right to reduce the benefit or reduce any other benefits payable under this Certificate, toward recovery of any overpayment.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR GROUP TERM LIFE COVERAGE - EMPLOYEE COVERAGE

Conditions Of Eligibility

Subject to the conditions of eligibility set forth below, and to all of the other conditions of this Certificate, You are eligible for Group Term Life coverage if You are:

- In an eligible class of Employees;
- An active Full time Employee;
- Legally working in the United States and/or Canada or working outside of the United States for a United States based Employer in a country or region approved by Us; and
- Working at least the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class at:
 - The Employer's place of business;
 - Some place where the Employer's business requires You to travel; or
 - Any other place You and the Employer have agreed upon for the performance of your occupational duties.

You are **not** eligible for Group Term Life coverage if You are:

- A temporary or seasonal Employee.

Enrollment Requirement If You must pay all or part of the cost of Your coverage, We will not cover You until You enroll and agree to make the required payments.

Proof Of Insurability Part or all of Your insurance amounts may be subject to proof that You are insurable. The Schedule of Benefits explains if and when We require Proof of Insurability. You will not be covered for any amount that requires such Proof of Insurability until You provide such proof to Us and We approve it in writing.

The Waiting Period If You are in an eligible class, You are eligible for Group Term Life insurance under this Certificate after You complete the service waiting period, if any, established by the Employer.

Multiple Employment If You work for both the Employer and a covered associated company, or for more than one covered associated company, We will treat You as if only one firm employs You. You will not have multiple life insurance coverage under this Certificate. But, if this Certificate uses the amount of Your Insured Earnings to set the rates, determine class, figure insurance amounts, or for any other reason, such Insured Earnings will be figured as the sum of Your Insured Earnings from all covered Employers.

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All Options

When Coverage Starts

For coverage to start, You must be fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for the Employer and working the minimum required number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time for Your place of residence on Your scheduled Eligibility Date. And, for coverage to start, You must satisfy all of the Conditions of Eligibility described above, and the conditions shown below which apply to You. If You are not fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation on Your scheduled Eligibility Date, We will postpone the start of Your coverage until You are so capable and working the minimum required number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class for one full day, with the capacity to do so for one full week.

Whether You must pay all or part of the cost of Your coverage, You must elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments before Your coverage starts. If You do this on or before Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You do this within 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments more than 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage will not start until You send Us Proof Of Insurability. Once We approve such Proof Of Insurability, Your coverage will start on the date we approve such coverage.

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All Options

Exception to When Coverage Starts Sometimes a scheduled Eligibility Date is not a regularly scheduled work day. If the scheduled Eligibility Date falls on:

- A holiday;
- A vacation day;
- A non-scheduled work day;
- A day during an approved leave of absence not due to Sickness or Injury, of 90 days or less; or
- A day during a period of absence that is less than 7 days in duration;

and if:

- You are fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for Your Employer for the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class at 12:01 AM Standard Time for Your place of residence on the scheduled Eligibility Date; and

- You were performing the major duties of Your regular occupation and working the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class on Your last regularly scheduled work day;

Your coverage will start on the scheduled Eligibility Date. However, any coverage or part of coverage for which You must elect and pay all or part of the cost, will not start if You are on an approved leave, layoff or absence and such coverage or part of coverage was not previously in force for You under a prior plan which this Certificate replaced.

Any part of Your coverage which is subject to Proof Of Insurability will not start unless You send such proof to Us, and We approve it in writing. Once We have approved it, that part of Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your approved Eligibility Date.

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All Options

Delayed Eligibility Date For Employee Voluntary Term Life Insurance

If due to sickness or injury, You are not Actively at Work and working the minimum required number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class, on the date Your Voluntary Term Life coverage is scheduled to start, We will postpone coverage for an otherwise covered loss for any condition that prevents you from meeting the Actively at Work requirement. We will postpone such coverage until You:

- Complete one full day of Active Work, working the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class, with the capacity to do so for one full week; and,
- Do not miss a day of work due to the same condition.

Coverage for an otherwise covered loss due to all other conditions will start on the date You:

- Return to Active Work working the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class and;
- Are performing the regular duties of your occupation.

B400.3132

All Options

When Coverage Ends

Your coverage will end on the first of the following dates:

- The date Your Active Work ends for any reason, except as noted below under Coverage During Leave of Absence. Such reasons include:
 - Disability;
 - Death;
 - Retirement;
 - Layoff;

- Leave of absence;
 - The end of employment; and
 - Expiration of the employment contract.
- The date You stop being an eligible Employee under this Certificate.
 - The date You are no longer working in the United States and/or Canada, or no longer working outside the United States for a United States based Employer in a country or region approved by Us. Any incidental business or personal travel outside of the United States and/or Canada, or outside of a country or region approved by Us, is covered. Such travel will be considered incidental if it is for a period not to exceed 30 consecutive days.
 - The date the group Certificate ends, or is discontinued for a class of Employees to which You belong.
 - The last day of the period for which required payments are made for You.

You may have the right to continue certain group benefits for a limited time after Your coverage would otherwise end. And, You may have the right to replace certain group benefits with converted policies. The Employer will notify you of any conversion options available.

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CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

Coverage During Disability

If Your Active Work ends because You are Totally Disabled, You and Your Employer may agree to continue Your insurance for the amount of voluntary term life insurance for which You are insured on Your last day of Active Work, subject to continued payment of all required premiums, until the earlier of:

- The date you are no longer Totally Disabled, as defined by this Certificate;
- 12 months; from the date Your Total Disability began;
- The date you are approved for any Waiver of Premium Benefit for which you are eligible; or
- The date of Your 99th birthday.

We may require written Proof of Loss that You remain Totally Disabled and are receiving regular Doctor's care to maintain this benefit. This Proof of Loss must be given to Us within 30 days of the date We request it. Your eligibility for benefits will be governed by all the terms of this Certificate.

Coverage During Temporary Layoff

If Your Active Work ends because You are temporarily laid off, You and Your Employer may agree to continue Your insurance, subject to continued payment of all required premium, until the earlier of:

- The end of the temporary layoff; or
- The end of the month in which You are laid off plus 1 months.
- The end of the time period covered under a severance agreement not to exceed 1 months.

If You die or become Disabled under this Certificate while Your coverage is being continued during a temporary layoff, Your eligibility for benefits will be governed by all the terms of this Certificate.

Coverage During Temporary Leave of Absence

If Your Active Work ends because You go on a leave of absence that has been approved by Your Employer, You and Your Employer may agree to continue Your insurance, subject to continued payment of all required premiums, until the earlier of:

- The end of the Employer approved leave of absence; or

- The end of the month in which Your leave begins plus 1 months.

If You become Disabled under this Certificate while Your coverage is being continued during a leave of absence, Your eligibility for benefits will be governed by all the terms of this Certificate.

B400.3137

All Options

**ELIGIBILITY FOR GROUP TERM LIFE COVERAGE
DEPENDENT COVERAGE**

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All Options

**Eligible Dependents For Dependent Voluntary
Term Life Insurance**

Your eligible dependents are Your:

- Spouse who is under age 70; and
- dependent children from birth; and dependent children who are enrolled as full-time students at accredited schools, from age 26, until they reach age 26.

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All Options

Adopted Children And Step-Children

Your dependent children include Your legally adopted children and Your step-children. However, to qualify as a dependent, each person must depend on You for at least 50% of their support and maintenance. We treat a child as legally adopted from the time the child is placed in Your home for the purpose of adoption. We treat such a child this way whether or not a final adoption order is ever issued.

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All Options

Dependents Not Eligible

We exclude:

- A dependent who is on Active Duty in any armed force.

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All Options

**Continuing Coverage For Dependent Children
Past the Limiting Age**

If You have a child or children who:

- Is/are incapable of independent living by reason of a mental, physical, or developmental disability; and
- Is/are primarily dependent upon You for support and maintenance,

Then, the child or children may remain eligible for dependent benefits past the age limit provided all the conditions shown below are satisfied.

Each such child:

- Must have a mental, physical, or developmental disability that began before he or she reached the dependent age limit;
- Became covered by this Certificate, or the prior carrier's group life policy that it replaced, before he or she reached the dependent age limit, and remained continuously covered until he or she reached the age limit;
- Remains:
 - Incapable of independent living; and
 - Dependent upon You for most of his or her support and maintenance; and

You must send Us written proof, and we must approve such proof, of the child's disability and dependence within 31 days from the date he or she reaches the dependent age limit. After the two year period following the child's attainment of the age limit, We can ask for periodic proof that the child's condition continues, but We cannot ask for this proof more than once a year.

Irrespective of this provision, any coverage provided under this section ends when Your coverage ends.

B400.3202

All Options

Proof Of Insurability

Part or all of Your dependent insurance amounts may be subject to proof that they are insurable. The Schedule of Benefits explains if and when We require Proof of Insurability. Your dependents will not be covered for any amount that requires Proof of Insurability until You provide that proof to Us and We approve that proof in writing.

B400.3203

All Options

When Dependent Coverage Starts

In order for Your dependent coverage to start, You must already be covered for Employee coverage, or enroll for Employee and dependent coverage at the same time.

Subject to the Exception shown below and to all of the other terms of this Certificate, the date Your dependent coverage starts depends on when You elect to enroll Your Initial Dependents and agree to make any required payments.

Initial Dependents If You enroll Your Initial Dependents on or before Your Eligibility Date, the dependents' coverage begins on the later of Your Eligibility Date and the date You become covered for Employee coverage.

If You enroll Your Initial Dependents within the Enrollment Period, their coverage begins on the later of Your Eligibility Date and the date You become covered for Employee coverage.

If You do not enroll Your Initial Dependents when they are first eligible, and enroll those Initial Dependents after the Enrollment Period ends, You must supply Proof Of Insurability and coverage will not start until We approve that proof in writing.

If an Initial Dependent becomes eligible after this Certificate's Effective Date, his or her coverage will start on the date We approve him or her for coverage.

If Dependent Proof of Insurability is required Subject to the Exception shown below, if Proof Of Insurability is required for dependent benefits, You must send Us the proof We require, and We must approve that proof in writing. Those benefits will then begin on the approved Eligibility Date.

If You must pay part of the cost of dependent coverage, We will not cover You for such coverage until You enroll each of Your dependents, agree to make the required payments, submit Proof Of Insurability and We approve that proof in writing.

Newly Acquired Dependents If You do not pay any part of the cost of dependent coverage, a Newly Acquired Dependent is covered from the date he or she first becomes eligible.

If You must pay part of the cost of dependent coverage, and are already enrolled for dependent child coverage for Your Initial Dependent children, any Newly Acquired Dependent children will be covered as of the date he or she is first eligible.

However, if You were previously eligible to enroll for dependent child coverage and waived coverage or failed to enroll, We will not cover any of Your dependent children until You submit Proof of Insurability and we approve that proof in writing and you make any additional required payments.

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All Options

Exception We will postpone the Eligibility Date of a dependent's, other than a newborn child's, coverage if, on that date, he or she is unable to perform two or more Activities of Daily Living (ADLs).

In that case, We will postpone the Eligibility Date of his or her coverage until the day after the date he or she no longer requires assistance with two or more Activities of Daily Living.

If a dependent was covered under a prior plan at transfer, this language will not apply to the amount of coverage that was in force with the prior plan.

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All Options

When Dependent Coverage Ends

Dependent coverage ends for all of Your dependents when:

- Your Employee coverage ends;
- You stop being a member of a class of Employees eligible for such coverage;
- This Certificate ends; or
- Dependent coverage is discontinued from this Certificate for all Employees or for Your class.

If You are required to pay part of the cost of dependent coverage, and You fail to do so, Your dependent coverage ends. It ends on the last day of the period for which You made the required payments, unless coverage ends earlier for other reasons.

An individual dependent's coverage ends when he or she stops being an eligible dependent. For dependent children the coverage ends at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time for Your place of residence on the date the child attains this Certificate's age limit, or when a step-child is no longer dependent on You for at least 50% of their support and maintenance, or for Your disabled child who has reached the age limit, when he or she is no longer eligible under the Continuing Coverage for Dependent Children Past the Limiting Age provision.

Coverage ends for a Spouse when a marriage is lawfully terminated, and with respect to Voluntary life coverage, it happens at 12:01 A.M. on the date the Spouse reaches age 70.

Read this Certificate carefully if dependent coverage ends for any reason. Dependents may have the right to continue certain group benefits for a limited time. And, they may have the right to replace certain group benefits with converted policies.

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All Options

EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE INSURANCE

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All Options

Voluntary Term Life Insurance

Subject to the limitations and exclusions shown below, if You die while covered for this Group Term Life insurance, We will pay Your beneficiary the amount shown in the Schedule Of Benefits for the plan of voluntary term life insurance You have elected. The voluntary term life insurance amount may be subject to reductions. These reductions are also shown in the Schedule Of Benefits. Your voluntary term life insurance amount, a part of it, or increases in such amount may not become effective until You submit Proof Of Insurability to Us, and We approve it in writing. These requirements are also shown in the Schedule Of Benefits.

Payment Of Benefits Subject to all of the terms of this Certificate, We will pay this insurance as soon as We receive written Proof of Loss as shown in the Claims Provisions section of this Certificate.

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All Options

Suicide Exclusion We pay no voluntary term life insurance benefits if Your death is due to suicide, and if such death occurs within 2 years from Your voluntary term life insurance effective date under this Certificate. And, We pay no increased voluntary term life insurance benefit amount if Your death is due to suicide, and if such death occurs within 2 years from the effective date of the increase.

If this Certificate replaces another voluntary Group Term Life insurance plan Your Employer had with another insurer, You will be given credit for the amount of time covered under the prior plan's Suicide Exclusion if:

- You were covered under the prior plan when it ended;
- You Enrolled for voluntary Group Term Life insurance under this Certificate on or before this Certificate's effective date; and
- You are Actively At Work on the effective date of this Certificate.

If You satisfy these conditions We will credit any time covered under the prior term life plan toward meeting this Certificate's 2 year Suicide Exclusion requirement.

However, We limit Your voluntary term life insurance benefit under this Certificate if it is more than the benefit for which You were insured under the prior term life plan. In this case, We limit the benefit to the amount You would have been entitled to under the prior term life plan.

The Beneficiary You decide who receives this benefit when You die. The name of the beneficiary appears in the enrollment or similar form unless changed by You. Your beneficiary designation should be provided in a means acceptable by Us.

You can change Your beneficiary at any time by providing written notice; unless You have assigned this insurance. But, the change will not take effect until We or the Employer records the change.

We will not be liable for any amounts paid before receiving notice of a beneficiary change.

If You named more than one person as a primary beneficiary, but You do not specify what shares each such primary beneficiary is entitled to receive, We will divide the benefits equally among all such named primary beneficiaries who survive You. If someone You named as a primary beneficiary dies before You, that person's share will be divided equally by the primary beneficiaries still alive; unless You have specified otherwise.

If You have named a contingent beneficiary or contingent beneficiaries, We will pay Your contingent beneficiary or contingent beneficiaries, if no primary beneficiary survives You. If there is more than one contingent beneficiary who is eligible for benefits, We will divide the benefits equally among all such named contingent beneficiaries who survive You; unless You have specified otherwise.

If there is no primary or contingent beneficiary or beneficiaries eligible for benefits when You die, We will pay this benefit as follows:

- To Your Spouse;
- If Your Spouse does not survive You, then to Your children who survive You in equal shares;
- If no Spouse or children survive You, then to Your parents who survive You in equal shares;
- If no Spouse, children, or parents survive You, then to Your brothers and sisters in equal shares;
- If none of the above parties survive You, then to Your executors or administrators of Your estate.

Assigning This Life Insurance If You assign this insurance, You permanently transfer all Your rights under this insurance to the assignee. Only one of the following can be an assignee:

- Your Spouse;
- One of Your parents or grandparents;
- One of Your children or grandchildren;
- One of Your brothers or sisters; or
- The trustee(s) of a trust set up for the benefit of one or more of these relatives.

We will recognize an assignee as the owner of the rights assigned only if:

- The assignment is in writing and signed by You; and

- A signed or certified copy of the written assignment has been received and approved by Us in writing.

We are not responsible for any legal, tax, or other effects of any assignment, or for any benefits We pay under this Certificate before We receive and approve any assignment.

We suggest You speak to Your lawyer before You make any assignment.

Payment Of Funeral Expenses We have the option of paying up to \$500 of this benefit to any person who incurred expenses for Your funeral.

Repatriation Benefit We will pay an extra sum for covered loss of life which occurs at least 75 miles from Your home. In that case, We reimburse up to \$5,000 to any person who incurred expenses to prepare and transport Your body to a mortuary chosen by You or an authorized agent. The total repatriation benefit payable under Your life and AD&D contracts will not exceed \$5,000.

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CONVERTING THIS EMPLOYEE VOLUNTARY TERM LIFE INSURANCE

If Employment Or Eligibility Ends

Your group life insurance ends on the date:

- Your active Full-Time employment ends; or
- You stop being a member of an eligible class.

If Your group life insurance ends, Your Employer is responsible for providing You Notice of Your Right to Convert.

If You are not Totally Disabled, You can apply to convert Your Employee group voluntary life insurance to a permanent life insurance policy.

You can apply to convert up to the full amount of voluntary life insurance for which You were insured under this Certificate on the date Your insurance ended, less any group life insurance for which You become eligible in the 31 days after Your insurance under this Certificate ends.

If This Certificate Ends Or Group Life Insurance Is Discontinued

Your group life insurance also ends:

- If this Certificate ends; or
- Life insurance is discontinued from this Certificate for all Employees or for Your class.

If Your group life insurance ends for either of these reasons, You may apply to convert Your Employee group voluntary life insurance to a Converted Policy.

You can apply to convert to a permanent life insurance policy, if

- You are not Totally Disabled; and
- You have been insured by a Guardian group life insurance plan or a group plan it replaces for at least five consecutive years.

However, the amount of life insurance that You can convert in either scenario is limited to the lesser of:

- \$2,000, or
- The amount of Your voluntary life insurance under this Certificate, less any group life insurance for which You become eligible in the 31 days after Your insurance under this Certificate ends.

If You Are Totally Disabled

Your group life insurance ends on the date:

- Your active Full-Time employment ends;
- You stop being a member of an eligible class;
- This Certificate ends; or

- Life insurance is discontinued from this Certificate for all Employees or for Your class;

and

- You are Totally Disabled; and
- You are eligible for Waiver of Premium Benefits pursuant to the Waiver of Premium Benefit Rider, but You have not yet been approved for the Waiver of Premium of Benefit,

You can apply to convert Your group term life insurance to:

- A permanent life insurance policy; or
- Interim term life insurance coverage.

You can apply to convert up to the full amount of voluntary life insurance for which You are insured under this Certificate on the date Your insurance ends, less any group life insurance for which You become eligible in the 31 days after Your insurance under this Certificate ends.

However, if You have coverage under this Certificate's Exception to When Employee Coverage Starts, You may not convert if You are eligible or could become eligible under the prior plan's waiver of premium provision.

If You have converted and are later approved for this Certificate's Waiver of Premium Benefit, the Converted Policy will be cancelled as of the date You are approved for the Waiver of Premium Benefit. In this instance, Your coverage under this Certificate will continue subject to its terms, provided You remain eligible for the Waiver of Premium Benefit.

Interim Term Life Insurance You may choose to apply to convert to interim term life insurance coverage if:

- You are Totally Disabled; and
- You may be eligible for Waiver of Premium Benefits based upon Your age, but You have not yet been approved for the Waiver of Premium Benefit.

If interim term life insurance coverage is issued to You, it can remain in force for up to one year from the date the interim term life insurance coverage goes into force and effect.

If You are approved for this Certificate's voluntary Waiver of Premium Benefit during this year, the interim term life insurance coverage will be cancelled as of the date that You are approved for the Waiver of Premium Benefit. In this instance, Your coverage under this Certificate will continue subject to its terms, provided You remain eligible for the Waiver of Premium Benefit. If You have not been approved for this Certificate's voluntary Waiver of Premium Benefit, the interim term life insurance coverage will end exactly one year from the first day said coverage goes into force and effect, and Your life insurance will be converted to a permanent life insurance policy. Premiums for the permanent life insurance policy will be based on Your age as of the date You convert from the interim term life insurance coverage.

If You are Totally Disabled, but You are not eligible for the Waiver of Premium Benefit based on Your age, You can apply to convert to a permanent life insurance policy.

How and When to Convert To obtain a Converted Policy, We must receive a written application fully completed by You, and all required premiums within the Conversion Period. Your Employer is responsible for providing You with Notice of Your Right to Convert within 15 days of the date Your group life insurance ends. We will not ask for proof that You are insurable. In order to obtain a Converted Policy, You must satisfy all conditions required to convert within the Conversion Period.

Coverage will begin under the Converted Policy when We receive:

- A written application fully completed by You; and
- All required premiums during the Conversion Period.

Death During The Conversion Period We will pay a death benefit equal to the amount of life insurance that could have been converted if:

- You die within the Conversion Period; and
- But for Your death, You would have been entitled to purchase a Converted Policy; and
- We receive Proof of Loss.

Any benefit payable under the group Certificate will be paid to the beneficiary You designate under the group Certificate. However, if the Converted Policy has already taken effect, any benefit payable under the Converted Policy will be paid to the beneficiary You designated for the individual life insurance on the application for conversion. Under no circumstances will a benefit be paid under both the group Certificate and the Converted Policy.

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All Options

Portability And Conversion If You choose to convert, this Certificate's portability privilege will not be available. In the event that a person would be eligible to both convert and to port, only one of these privileges may be chosen. Coverage under both a Conversion Policy and a portable certificate of coverage at the same time is not permitted. You should read the entire Certificate, as well as any related materials carefully before making a choice.

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DEPENDENT TERM LIFE INSURANCE

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Voluntary Term Life Insurance

A Subject to the limitations and exclusions shown below, If Your dependent dies while insured for this benefit, We will pay You the amount shown in the Schedule Of Benefits. If You are not living when Your dependent dies, We will pay this benefit as follows:

If the dependent was Your Spouse, We will pay this benefit to the Spouse's estate. If there is no established estate, We will pay this benefit in equal shares to the first eligible party or parties in the following order:

- To Your Spouse's children in equal shares;
- If no children survive him or her, then to his or her parents in equal shares;
- If no children, or parents survive him or her, then to then to his or her brothers and sisters in equal shares;
- If none of the above parties survive Your Spouse, then to the executors or administrators of Your estate.

If the dependent was Your child, we will pay this benefit in equal shares to the first eligible party or parties in the following order:

- Your child's custodial parent(s);
- If no custodial parent survives him or her, then to Your parents;
- If no custodial parent or Your parents survive him or her, then to Your child's estate;
- If none of the above parties survive him or her and no estate exists, then to the executors or administrators of Your estate;
- If none of the above parties survive him or her, and no estates exist, then to Your child's siblings.

We have the option of paying up to \$500 of this benefit to any person who incurred expenses for your dependent's funeral.

Payment Of Benefits Subject to all of the terms of this Certificate, We will pay this insurance as soon as We receive written Proof of Loss which is acceptable to Us. This should be sent to Us as soon as possible. We will pay this benefit in a lump sum.

B400.3238

All Options

The Choices: You may elect coverage of any of the plans of dependent Spouse voluntary term life insurance and any of the plans of dependent child voluntary term life insurance offered by the Employer. These plans are shown in the Schedule Of Benefits. But, You can only be covered for one Spouse plan and one child plan at a time. You must notify the Employer of Your election and pay the required premium.

You may switch to another Spouse and child plan during the dependent voluntary life enrollment period shown in the Schedule Of Benefits. Subject to any of this Certificate's Proof Of Insurability requirements, You will be covered for the new plan as of the transfer date shown in the Schedule of Benefits. You must notify the Employer of any desired switch.

B400.3242

All Options

Suicide Exclusion We pay no voluntary term life insurance benefits if Your dependent's death is due to suicide, if such death occurs within 2 years from his or her voluntary term life insurance effective date under this Certificate. And, We pay no increased voluntary term life insurance benefit amount if Your dependent's death is due to suicide, if such death occurs within 2 years from the effective date of the increase.

If this Certificate replaces another voluntary term life insurance plan Your Employer had with another insurer, your dependent may be given credit for the amount of time covered. If your dependent was:

- Covered under the prior plan when it ended;
- Enrolled for insurance under this Certificate on or before this Certificate's effective date; and
- You were actively working on the effective date of this Certificate;

We credit any time covered under the prior plan toward meeting this Certificate's 2 year Suicide Exclusion requirement.

However, We limit Your dependent voluntary term life insurance benefit under this Certificate if it is more than the benefit for which Your dependents were insured under the prior plan. In this case, We limit the benefit to the amount Your dependents would have been entitled to under the prior plan.

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CONVERTING THIS DEPENDENT TERM LIFE INSURANCE

If A Dependent's Life Insurance Ends Dependent term life insurance ends for all of Your dependents when Your group life insurance eligibility ends. Your group life insurance eligibility ends if:

- Your active Full-Time employment ends;
- You stop being a member of an eligible class; or
- Your group life insurance is continued under the Waiver of Premium Benefit provision; or
- You die.

Dependent term life insurance also ends when You stop being a member of a class of Employees eligible for dependent term life insurance.

If Dependent Life Insurance ends for any of the above reasons any dependent who was insured under this Certificate may apply to convert all or part of the amount for which he or she was insured on the day before insurance ended. Your Employer is responsible for notifying You or Your dependents of any conversion options available.

Your dependent may apply to convert up to the full amount of voluntary life insurance for which he or she was insured under this Certificate on the date his or her insurance ended to a permanent life insurance policy.

If This Certificate Ends Or Group Life Insurance Is Discontinued Dependent term life insurance also ends for all of Your dependents:

- If this Certificate ends; or
- Dependent life insurance is discontinued from this Certificate for all Employees or for Your class.

If Dependent term life insurance ends for either of these reasons, and any of Your dependents have been insured by a Guardian Group plan, or a group plan it replaces, for at least five consecutive years, each such dependent may apply to convert to a permanent life insurance policy.

However the amount that he or she can convert in either scenario is limited to the lesser of:

- \$2,000; or
- The amount of Your dependent's life insurance under this Certificate, less any group life insurance for which Your dependent becomes eligible in the 31 days after dependent life insurance under this Certificate ends.

If A Dependent Stops Being Eligible A dependent's term life insurance ends when he or she stops being an eligible dependent. A Spouse is no longer an eligible dependent when:

- A marriage is lawfully terminated; or

- He or she reaches age 70.

A child is no longer an eligible dependent when he or she:

- Reaches the limiting age.

If a dependent stops being eligible, he or she may convert all or part of the amount for which he or she was insured on the day before insurance ended to a permanent life insurance policy.

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All Options

How And When to Convert To obtain a Converted Policy, We must receive a written application fully completed by You or Your dependent, and all required premiums within the Conversion Period. Your Employer is responsible for providing You and Your dependents with written Notice of Your Right to Convert within 15 days of the date Your group life insurance ends. You will have 31 days after Your dependent group voluntary life insurance ends to convert. We will not ask for proof that he or she is insurable. If the dependent is a minor or incompetent, the person who cares for and supports the dependent may apply for him or her.

Death During The Conversion Period We will pay a death benefit equal to the amount of dependent life insurance that could have been converted if:

- Your dependent dies within the Conversion Period; and
- But for his or her death, Your dependent would have been entitled to purchase a Converted Policy; and
- We receive Proof of Loss.

Any benefit payable under the group Certificate will be paid to you. However, if the Converted Policy has already taken effect, any benefit payable under the Converted Policy will be paid to the beneficiary You or Your dependent designated for the individual life insurance on the application for conversion. Under no circumstances will a benefit be paid under both the group Certificate and the Converted Policy.

B400.3501

CLAIM PROVISIONS

Your right to make a claim for Group Term Life insurance benefits provided by this Certificate is governed as follows:

Authority We have discretionary authority to:

- Interpret the terms of this Certificate; and
- Determine Your eligibility for coverage and benefits under this Certificate.

All such determinations are conclusive and binding, except that they may be modified or reversed by a court or regulatory agency with appropriate jurisdiction.

Notice Written notice of intent to file a claim under this Certificate must be sent to Us within 20 days of the date of the loss. This Notice should include the name of the insured and the Policy number. If the claim is being made for any other Covered Person, his or her name should also be shown. For details, You can call Us at 1-800-525-4542.

Claim Forms We will furnish forms for filing proof of death within 15 days of receipt of Notice. If we do not furnish the forms on time, We will accept a written Notice and adequate proof of death that is the basis of the claim as Proof of Loss.

Proof of Loss You must send written Proof of Loss to Our designated office within 90 days of the loss.

Late Notice and Proof of Loss We will not void or reduce Your claim if we do not receive Notice and Proof of Loss within the required time. In that case, Notice and Proof of Loss must be sent as soon as reasonably possible.

Proof of loss and other claim data should be submitted to:

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America
Group Life Claims Department
P.O. Box 14334
Lexington, KY 40512

Payment of Benefits We will pay the Group Term Life insurance benefit as soon as We receive written Proof of Loss.

Legal Actions No legal action against Guardian related to this Certificate may be brought until 60 days from the date Proof of Loss has been given as shown above. No legal action may be brought against Guardian related to claims for benefits under this Certificate after five years from the date of the final benefit determination.

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All Options

DEFINITIONS

This section defines certain terms appearing in this Certificate.

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All Options

Active Work or Actively At Work These terms mean You are able to perform, and are performing, all of the regular duties of Your work for the Employer, on a Full-Time basis at:

- One of the Employer’s usual places of business;
- Some place where the Employer’s business requires You to travel; or
- Any other place You and the Employer have agreed on for Your work.

B400.3504

All Options

Activities Of Daily Living This term means the ability to independently perform the following, with or without equipment or adaptive devices:

- **Bathing:** wash in a tub or shower; or take a sponge bath; and towel dry.
- **Dressing:** put on and take off all clothes; and those medically necessary braces or prosthetic limbs usually worn; and fasten or unfasten them.
- **Toileting:** get to and from and on and off the toilet; to maintain personal hygiene; and care for clothes.
- **Transferring:** move in and out of a chair or bed.
- **Continence:** control bowel and bladder function; or, in the event of incontinence, maintain personal hygiene.
- **Eating:** get food into the body by any means once it has been prepared and made available.

B400.3505

All Options

Certificate This term means this Certificate of Coverage, including any riders and enrollment forms that may be attached to this Certificate.

B400.3506

All Options

Conversion Period This term means the consecutive 31 day period beginning on the date Your Employee and dependent group voluntary life insurance ends.

B400.3510

All Options

Converted Policy This term means a policy which provides individual life insurance, on an interim term or permanent basis, resulting from the option to convert provided in the Policy. The Converted Policy will not provide any:

- Benefits for accidental death;
- Waiver of Premium Benefits; or
- Other supplemental benefits.

The benefits provided by the Converted Policy may not be the same as the benefits provided by this Certificate.

The premium for the Converted Policy will be based on

- Your risk and rate class under this Certificate; and
- Your age on the date the Converted Policy goes into effect.

B400.3513

All Options

Covered Person This term means the Employee and dependents who are insured by this Certificate.

B400.3514

All Options

Disabled This term means the Covered Person is:

- Not able to perform any work for wage or profit; and
- Receiving Regular and Appropriate Care for the cause of Disability.

B400.3516

All Options

Doctor Any medical practitioner We are required by law to recognize. He or she must:

- Be properly licensed or certified by the laws of the state where he or she practices; and
- Provide services that are within the lawful scope of his or her practice.

B400.3517

All Options

Effective Date This term means the date the Certificate goes into force and effect as stated on the cover page of the Certificate of Coverage, or any change to the Certificate as requested by the Policyholder and approved by Us and in force and effect as stated on the cover page of the Certificate of Coverage.

B400.3518

All Options

Eligibility Date This term means the earliest date a Covered Person is eligible for coverage under this Certificate, and he or she has satisfied all requirements for coverage to begin, as required by this Certificate.

- For Employee coverage, this term means the earliest date You are eligible for coverage under this Certificate.
- For an Employee in Active Work who has completed any waiting period required by the Employer as of the Effective Date of this Certificate, the Eligibility Date means the Effective Date of this Certificate.
- For an Employee in Active Work as of the Effective Date of this Certificate who has not completed any waiting period required by the Employer, the Eligibility Date will be the date following the completion of the required waiting period.
- For an Employee hired on or after the Effective Date of this Certificate, the Eligibility Date will be the later of the Employee's date of hire or the first date after the end of any waiting period required by the Employer.

If this plan requires Employees to elect coverage under this Certificate, the Eligibility Date will be the later of:

- The Employee's date of hire;
- The first date after any waiting period required by the Employer; or
- The approval by Us in writing of any coverage for which You were required to provide Proof of Insurability.

For dependent coverage, this term means the earliest date on which:

- You have Initial Dependents; and
- Are eligible for dependent coverage.

B400.3519

All Options

Employee This term means a person who works for the Employer at the Employer's place of business and whose income is reported to the United States Internal Revenue Service, and/or a state, for tax purposes. Partners and proprietors will also be treated as employees if the Conditions of Eligibility requirements are met.

B400.3521

All Options

Employer This term means SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. .

B400.3522

All Options

Enrollment Period This term means the 31 day period which starts on the date the Covered Person first becomes eligible for coverage.

B400.3523

All Options

Full-Time This term means You are not a part time Employee as defined by Your Employer and the average number of hours You worked for the 6 months prior to the last full day worked was at least 20 hours per week at:

- Your Employer's place of business;
- Some place where the Employer's business requires You to travel; or
- Any other place You and Your Employer have agreed upon for the performance of occupational duties.

B400.3525

All Options

Initial Dependents This term means those eligible dependents You have at the time You first become eligible for Employee coverage. If at this time You do not have any eligible dependents, but You later acquire them, the first eligible dependents You acquire are Your Initial Dependents.

B400.3526

All Options

Newly Acquired Dependent This term means an eligible dependent You acquire after You already have coverage in force for Initial Dependents.

B400.3538

All Options

Notice of Right to Convert This term means the written notice presented to You by the Employer, delivered to Your last known address.

B400.3539

All Options

Policy or Plan This term means the Group Term Life insurance coverage described in the Policy and this Certificate.

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All Options

Proof Of Insurability This term means the completion of an evidence of insurability requirement as defined in the Schedule of Benefits.

B400.3542

All Options

Proof of Loss This term means the documents that are deemed acceptable for purposes of substantiating a claim. Acceptable Proof of Loss includes:

- An original certified finalized death certificate;
- The beneficiary designation in effect at the time of death;
- Enrollment information documenting that the insured was properly enrolled for the amount of coverage claimed;
- A fully completed claim form; and
- Any additional information deemed necessary during the course of Our claim investigation. This may include, but is not limited to, an autopsy report, investigative reports, toxicology reports and medical records.

B400.3543

All Options

Reasonable Accommodation This term means any modification or adjustment that the Employer willingly provides to:

- A job;
- An employment practice;
- A work process; or
- The work place.

The modification or adjustment must make it possible for a Disabled person to:

- Reach the same level of performance as a similarly situated non-disabled person; or
- Enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment as are available to a similarly situated non-disabled person.

The modification or adjustment must not place an undue hardship on the Employer.

B400.3545

All Options

Regular and Appropriate Care This term means, with respect to Your disabling condition(s) and any other condition(s) which, if left untreated, would adversely affect Your disabling condition, You:

- Visit a Doctor as frequently as medically required, according to generally accepted medical standards, to effectively manage these conditions; and
- Are receiving the most appropriate treatment, according to generally accepted medical standards, designed to achieve maximum medical improvement in these conditions.

Treatment must be provided by a Doctor or Doctors whose specialty is most appropriate according to generally accepted medical standards for You:

- Disability; and
- Any other conditions which left untreated would adversely affect Your disabling condition.

Generally accepted medical standards are those supported by nationally recognized authorities in the health care field including:

- The American Medical Association (AMA);
- The AMA Board of Medical Specialties;
- The Food and Drug Administration;
- The Centers for Disease Control;
- The National Cancer Institute;
- The National Institutes of Health;
- The Department of Health and Human Services; and
- Any other agency of similar repute.

B400.3546

All Options

Spouse This term means the person to whom You are legally married, as recognized and allowed by federal law, or state law in Your state of residence or the state in which the marriage was recorded.

B400.3547

All Options

Total Disability and Totally Disabled This term means that, due to sickness or injury, the Covered Person is:

- Not able to perform any work for wages or profit; and
- Receiving Regular and Appropriate Care for the cause of disability.

B400.3548

All Options

We, Us and Our These terms mean The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.

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All Options

You or Your These terms mean the insured Employee.

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All Options

GROUP TERM LIFE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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All Options

Employee Voluntary Term Life Insurance Schedule

B400.4492

All Options

Initial Election You may choose to be insured under the plan of Voluntary Term Life Insurance shown below. You must notify the Employer of Your election and pay the required premium.

B400.4493

All Options

Changing Election You may switch to another plan of Voluntary Term Life Insurance during the Voluntary life enrollment period. Each year, the Voluntary life enrollment period starts on December 1st and ends on December 31st. You must notify the Employer of any desired switch. We may require Proof Of Insurability before You become insured under the new plan of benefits. See below For details. If We do not require Proof, You will become insured under the new plan of benefits as of the January 1st which coincides with or next follows the end of the Voluntary life enrollment period.

B400.4495

All Options

Voluntary Term Life Insurance Amount *Plan A*

You may elect amounts of voluntary term life insurance in increments of \$10,000.00, but the amount may not be less than \$10,000.00 and may not exceed \$500,000.00.

B400.4510

All Options

Annual Election After You first enroll for Employee Voluntary Term Life Insurance, You may choose to increase Your amount of Voluntary Term Life Insurance by an amount not to exceed an increase of \$50,000 as shown above. This option is available once annually during the Voluntary life enrollment period described above. Proof Of Insurability will not be required unless the insurance amount exceeds the amount of Voluntary Term Life Insurance for which Proof Of Insurability is required as shown below.

If Proof Of Insurability is required and has been submitted and approved by Us, Proof of Insurability for additional increases will be required on the second anniversary of the date we approve such coverage.

If Proof Of Insurability is required and has been declined, You will not be eligible for additional annual increases without submitting Proof Of Insurability for them, and then if such increases are approved by Us in writing.

B400.4698

All Options

Family Status Change You may request a change to your Term Life Insurance coverage if you have experienced a Family Status Change.

A Family Status Change includes one or more of the following:

- Marriage or divorce;
- Death of a Spouse or child;
- Birth or adoption of a child;
- Your Spouse's termination of employment or a change in Your Spouse's employment that results in the loss of group coverage.

The term "marriage" may also refer to civil unions and domestic partnerships, as recognized by the jurisdiction in which You reside.

If a change in Family Status occurs, You may request an increase to Your Term Life Insurance amount or the addition of Employee term life for which You were not previously insured. You may also request an increase or the addition of dependent Spouse or dependent child Term Life Insurance for your living eligible dependents. You must provide proof of the Family Status Change and request the change to Your Term Life Insurance in writing within 31 days after the date of the Family Status Change as described below.

Proof Of Insurability is not required for the change to Term Life Insurance due to Family Status Change as long as the change to Your Term Life Insurance does not exceed the Proof of Insurability requirements as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Refer to When Coverage Begins and When Dependent Coverage Begins in the Eligibility section of Your Certificate for information regarding when this coverage is effective.

B400.3558

All Options

Reduction of Voluntary Life Insurance Amount Based on Age

If You are less than age 70 when Your insurance under this Policy starts, Your insurance amount is reduced at 12:01 A. M. Standard Time for your place of residence on the date You reach age 70, by 35% of the amount which otherwise applies to Your classification. But in no case will such reduced amount be less than \$1,000.00. The reduced amount is in place of the amount which otherwise applies to Your classification. This reduction also applies to Your initial insurance amount if Your insurance starts after You reach age 70, but before You reach age 75.

If You are less than age 75 when Your insurance under this Policy starts, Your insurance amount is reduced at 12:01 A. M. Standard Time for your place of residence on the date You reach age 75, by 50% of the amount which otherwise applies to Your classification. But in no case will such reduced amount be less than \$1,000.00. The reduced amount is in place of the amount which otherwise applies to Your classification. This reduction also applies to Your initial insurance amount if Your insurance starts after You reach age 75.

B400.4734

All Options

Proof Of Insurability Requirements

Depending on the coverage selected, or as otherwise required in this Certificate, You may be required to supply proof that the person applying for coverage is insurable for the amount and type of coverage selected. This requirement is called Proof of Insurability. For purposes of this section, any person applying for coverage requiring Proof of Insurability is referred to as "Applicant."

To determine if the coverage requires an applicant to submit Proof of Insurability, please see below.

Any applicant required to submit Proof of Insurability is required to complete and submit to Us an Enrollment/Change form. We may also require the completion of additional forms so that We may determine whether the Applicant is insurable, according to Our underwriting standards for the amount and type of coverage applied for. To determine if the Applicant is insurable, We may also need to obtain and review the Applicants:

- Health and medical history;
- Prescription history;
- Records relating to treatment, diagnostic testing, hospitalization; and
- Records pertaining to an Applicants driving and motor vehicle history.

No coverage requiring Proof of Insurability will become effective unless and until it is approved by Us in writing. Our receipt of any premiums associated with coverage requiring Proof of Insurability does not waive or modify any condition that must be satisfied for coverage to begin, including but not limited to the requirement that the applicant submit Proof of Insurability. In the event that any premiums are overpaid, Our only obligation is to return the amount of overpaid premiums.

The Policyholder, or its designee, must give Us complete and accurate information so that we may determine:

- Who is insured;
- The type and amount of coverage for which someone is insured; and

Any other information required so that Guardian may meet its obligations under the Policy.

Proof Of Insurability Requirements Proof of Insurability requirements apply to Voluntary Term Life Insurance. Such requirements may apply to the full insurance amount, or just part of it, as outlined below. When Proof of Insurability requirements apply, it means You must submit to Us Proof that You are insurable, and We must approve the Proof of Insurability in writing before the insurance, or the specified amount of insurance becomes effective.

We require Proof of Insurability as follows:

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All Options

Except as provided for annual election, We require Proof of Insurability before You switch from Your current increment of Voluntary Term Life Insurance to an increment which provides a greater amount of insurance.

B400.5270

All Options

We require Proof of Insurability before We will insure You if You enroll for Voluntary Term Life Insurance after the time allowed for enrolling as specified in this Policy.

B400.4906

All Options

We require Proof of Insurability for amounts of Voluntary Term Life Insurance which exceed \$120,000.00.

B400.4912

All Options

We require Proof for amounts of Voluntary Term Life Insurance which exceed of \$50,000.00, if Your scheduled Voluntary term life effective date is after You reach age 65.

B400.4915

All Options

We require Proof for amounts of Voluntary Term Life Insurance which exceed of \$10,000.00, if Your scheduled Voluntary term life effective date is after You reach age 70.

B400.4915

All Options

Dependent Voluntary Term Life Insurance Schedule

B400.5473

All Options

Initial Election You may choose the plan of dependent Spouse Voluntary Term Life Insurance and the plan of dependent child Voluntary life insurance shown below. You must notify the Employer of Your election and pay the required premium.

B400.5476

All Options

**Voluntary
Dependent Spouse
Term Life Insurance
Amount**

Plan A

You may elect amounts of voluntary dependent spouse term life insurance in increments of \$5,000.00, but the amount may not be less than \$5,000.00 and may not exceed \$250,000.00.

B400.5550

All Options

**Voluntary
Dependent Child
Insurance Amount**

Plan A

Child's Age At Death

Insurance Amount

From birth but less than 14 days	\$1,000.00
At least 14 days but less than 26 years; less than 26 years if if a full-time student	an amount not less than \$2,000.00, and not more than \$10,000.00, in increments of \$2,000.00.

B400.6729

All Options

In no event may the insurance amount of a dependent Spouse exceed 100% of Your insurance amount.

B400.6002

All Options

In no event may the insurance amount of a dependent child exceed 100% of Your insurance amount.

B400.6004

All Options

Reduction of Dependent Voluntary Life Insurance Amount Based on Age

An employee's dependent benefits are reduced in the same manner as his or her employee benefits. The dependent reductions are based on the employee's age.

B400.5474

All Options

Proof Of Insurability Requirements

Depending on the coverage selected, or as otherwise required in this Certificate, Your Spouse and Dependent Children may be required to supply proof that the person applying for coverage is insurable for the amount and type of coverage selected. This requirement is called Proof of Insurability. For purposes of this section, any person apply for coverage requiring Proof of Insurability is referred to as "Applicant."

To determine if the Applicant is required to submit Proof of Insurability for the type and amount of coverage sought, please see below.

Any applicant required to submit Proof of Insurability is required to complete and submit to Us an Enrollment/Change form. We may also require the completion of additional forms so that we may determine whether the Applicant is insurable according to our underwriting standards for the amount and type of coverage applied for. To determine if the Applicant is insurable, We may also need to obtain and review the Applicant's:

- Health and medical history;
- Prescription history;
- Records relating to treatment, diagnostic testing, hospitalization; and
- Records pertaining to the Applicant's driving and motor vehicle history.

No coverage requiring Proof of Insurability will become effective unless and until it is approved by Us in writing. Our receipt of any premiums associated with coverage requiring Proof of Insurability does not waive or modify any requirement that must be satisfied for coverage to begin, including but not limited to the requirement that the Applicant provide Proof of Insurability. In the event that any premiums are overpaid, Our only obligation is to return the amount of overpaid premiums.

The Policyholder, or its designee, must give Us complete and accurate information so that We may determine:

- Who is insured;
- The type and amount of coverage for which someone is insured; and
- Any other information required so that Guardian may meet its obligations under the Policy.

We require Proof of Insurability as follows:

B400.6014

All Options

We require Proof Of Insurability that a dependent is insurable if You:

- Enroll a dependent, submit the dependent's signed health statement, and agree to make the required payments after the end of the Enrollment Period;
- In the case of a Newly Acquired Dependent, other than the first newborn child, have other eligible dependents who You have not elected to enroll; or
- In the case of a Newly Acquired Dependent, have other eligible dependents whose coverage previously ended because You failed to make the required contributions, or otherwise chose to end such coverage.

B400.6018

All Options

A dependent is not covered by any part of this Policy that requires such proof until You give Us this proof and We approve it in writing.

If Your dependent coverage ends for any reason, including failure to make the required payments, Your dependents will not be covered by this Policy again until You give Us new proof that they are insurable and We approve that proof in writing.

B400.6019

All Options

We require Proof of Insurability before We will insure any dependent Spouse who is enrolled for dependent Spouse Voluntary Term Life Insurance after the time allowed for enrolling as specified in this Policy.

B400.6048

All Options

We require Proof of Insurability for any amount of dependent Voluntary Term Life Insurance in excess of \$25,000.00 with respect to a dependent Spouse.

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All Options

We require Proof of Insurability for any amount of dependent Voluntary Term Life Insurance In excess of \$10,000.00 with respect to a dependent Spouse, if the dependent Spouse's scheduled dependent Voluntary term life effective date is after he or she reaches age 65.

B400.6050

All Options

We require Proof of Insurability before We will insure any dependent child who is enrolled for dependent child Voluntary Term Life Insurance after the time allowed for enrolling as specified in this Policy.

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All Options

Changes to Insurance

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All Options

Changes In Insurance Amounts If You are not Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis, any change in Your amount of coverage will not become effective prior to the date You return to Active Work on a Full-Time basis.

B400.6069

All Options

Changes In Insurance Classification If Your classification changes, insurance will not be changed to the new amount until the first day on which You are:

- Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis; and
- Make a contribution, if required, for the new classification.

If a contribution is required for the new classification for which a larger amount of insurance is provided, You must make the required contribution for the new amount within 31 days of the change. If You do not make the required contribution within 31 days of the change or within 31 days of becoming Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis, if You are not Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis, when Your classification changes, no increase will be allowed due to such change or any later change. In that case, in order to become insured for the larger amount, You must:

- Make the required contribution for the new amount; and
- Furnish Proof Of Insurability to Us, which We approve in writing.

If the insurance amount was previously reduced because of age or retirement, it will be retained at the reduced amount.

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SUPPLEMENTAL RIDER - Accelerated Life Benefit

This Rider is effective as of the effective date of the Employee's Certificate. If this Rider is added to an inforce Certificate, the Rider becomes effective on its issue date. This Rider amends the Certificate by the addition of the following:

Note: This benefit is not available for retirees.

Employee Accelerated Voluntary Life Benefit

IMPORTANT NOTICE: USE OF THIS BENEFIT MAY HAVE TAX IMPLICATIONS. IT MAY ALSO AFFECT GOVERNMENT BENEFITS OR CLAIMS OF CREDITORS. YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR TAX OR FINANCIAL ADVISOR BEFORE YOU APPLY FOR THIS BENEFIT.

THE AMOUNT OF YOUR GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE IS PERMANENTLY REDUCED BY THE GROSS AMOUNT OF THE ACCELERATED LIFE BENEFIT.

Accelerated Life Benefit

You may be eligible for an Accelerated Life Benefit if you meet the following conditions:

- You have a Terminal Condition;
- You supply the required written proof of Your Terminal Condition (see "How To Apply");
- You apply for this benefit in writing while living and before You attain age 60. If You are unable to request this benefit yourself, Your legal representative may request it on Your behalf.

This benefit is a payment of part of Your Group Term Life Insurance made to You before death. You may use this benefit in any way You choose, subject to the restrictions stated below.

If You qualify for the Accelerated Life Benefit, We will subtract the Gross Amount paid to You as an Accelerated Life Benefit from the amount of Your Group Term Life Insurance under the Certificate. The remaining amount of Group Term Life Insurance is permanently reduced by the Gross Amount of this benefit.

You may only receive one Employee Accelerated Life Benefit during Your lifetime. This benefit does not have to be repaid, even if You:

- Live longer than 6 months from the date We receive Your application for this benefit; or
- Recover from the Terminal Condition.

However, the amount of this benefit will not be restored to Your remaining Group Term Life Insurance. And, You may not receive another Accelerated Life Benefit under any circumstances and even if You:

- Have a relapse; or

- You are subsequently diagnosed as having another Terminal Condition.

Benefit Amount For The Accelerated Life Benefit The amount of the Accelerated Life Benefit for which You may apply is based on the amount of group term life insurance for which You are insured on the day before You apply for the benefit subject to the following minimum and maximum amounts.

The minimum benefit amount is the lesser of: (1) \$10,000.00; or (2) 80% of Your amount of Group Term Life Insurance.

The maximum benefit amount is the lesser of: (1) \$250,000.00; or (2) 80% of Your amount of Group Term Life Insurance.

Discount The amount of the Accelerated Life Benefit which is available to You is discounted to the present value in 6 months from the date this benefit is paid. The discount is based on the maximum adjustable policy loan interest rate permitted in the state in which the group policy is delivered.

A detailed statement of the method of computing the amount of the Accelerated Life Benefit is available from Us on request.

Payment Of The Accelerated Life Benefit If We approve Your application for this benefit, We pay the amount You have elected, less the present value discount. We pay this benefit to You in one lump sum. This payment is subject to all of the other terms of the Certificate.

How To Apply You must send Us written proof from a Doctor who is operating within the scope of his or her license that You have a Terminal Condition. We must approve such proof in writing before this benefit is paid.

We may have You examined by a Doctor of Our choice to determine whether the Terminal Condition exists. We will pay the cost of such exam.

If We approve Your application to receive this benefit, We will provide You with a statement along with Your benefit payment which shows:

- The amount of the Accelerated Life Benefit You requested;
- The amount of the present value discount;
- The amount of Your Accelerated Life Benefit check; and
- The remaining amount of Your Voluntary Life Insurance coverage.

Even if You have been approved for a waiver of premium benefit under this Certificate, You may still apply for an Accelerated Life Benefit. But, if You convert Your Group Term Life Insurance, the terms of the converted life policy will apply. Any amount to which You could otherwise convert is permanently reduced by the gross amount of Your Accelerated Life Benefit.

If You Have Assigned Your Group Term Life Insurance If You have already assigned Your Group Term Life Insurance, or any portion thereof, You cannot apply for an Accelerated Life Benefit.

If You Are Legally Incompetent If You are not legally competent, Your lawful guardian, conservator, legal representative, or any person or fiduciary with the lawful authority to act on Your behalf or handle Your affairs may apply for the Accelerated Life Benefit on Your behalf.

Your Remaining Group Term Life Insurance The remaining amount of Your Group Term Life Insurance after You receive an Accelerated Life Benefit payment is subject to any increases or reductions that would otherwise apply to Your insurance. Applicable reductions are applied to the amount of Group Term Life Insurance for which You were insured on the day before the date You applied for the Accelerated Life Benefit.

If Your Life Benefit is scheduled to reduce within 6 months of the date You apply for the Accelerated Life Benefit, any applicable reduction will also be applied to Your Accelerated Benefit amount.

The premium cost of Your remaining insurance is based on the amount of Group Term Life Insurance for which You were insured on the day before the date You applied for the Accelerated Life Benefit.

The total amount of Group Term Life Insurance Your beneficiary would otherwise receive on Your death is reduced by the Gross Amount of the Accelerated Life Benefit.

If You die after applying, and were eligible, for the Accelerated Life Benefit, but before We send You the benefit, Your beneficiary will receive the full amount of Group Term Life Insurance for which You were insured on the day before the date You applied for the Accelerated Life Benefit.

Restrictions We will not pay an Accelerated Life Benefit if:

- Your coverage under the Certificate ends for any reason after You apply for the Accelerated Life Benefit, but before We pay such benefit;
- You are required by law to use the proceeds of the Group Term Life Insurance from the Certificate to meet the claims of creditors, whether or not You are in bankruptcy;
- You are required by court order to pay all or part of the proceeds of the Group Term Life Insurance from the Certificate to another person; or
- You are required by a government agency to use the payment to apply for, receive or maintain a governmental benefit or entitlement.

Definitions This section defines certain terms appearing in this Rider. Additional terms, not listed here, are defined in the Certificate.

- **Doctor:** Any medical practitioner We are required by law to recognize. He or she must:
 - Be properly licensed or certified by the laws of the state where he or she practices; and
 - Provide services that are within the lawful scope of his or her practice.
- **Gross Amount:** This term means the amount of the Accelerated Life Benefit elected by You before subtraction of the discount.

- **Group Term Life Insurance:** This term means the amount of Employee Voluntary Group Term Life Insurance for which You are insured under the Certificate. The term does not include any:
 - Accidental death benefits; or
 - Scheduled increase in the amount of Employee Voluntary group term life insurance that is due within the 6 month period after the date You apply for the Accelerated Life Benefit.
- **Terminal Condition:** This term means a medical condition that is expected to result in death within 6 months from the date You apply for the Accelerated Life Benefit.

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Raymond Marra, Senior Vice President, Group and Worksite Markets

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SUPPLEMENTAL RIDER - Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit

This Rider is effective as of the effective date of the Employee's Certificate. If this Rider is added to an inforce Certificate, the Rider becomes effective on its issue date. This Rider amends the Certificate by the addition of the following:

Terms not specifically defined within this Rider are defined in the Certificate.

**Employee Voluntary Term Life Insurance and
Dependent Voluntary Term Life Insurance
Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit**

This rider applies to Your Voluntary term life insurance and dependent Voluntary term life insurance.

**Seatbelt And Airbag
Benefits**

If You die as a direct result of an automobile accident while properly wearing a seatbelt, We will increase Your term life benefit amount by \$10,000. And, if You die as a direct result of an automobile accident while both properly wearing a seatbelt, and sitting in a seat equipped with an airbag, We will increase Your term life benefit amount by an additional \$5,000, for a total increase of \$15,000.

Proof that You were properly wearing a seatbelt must be provided. A law enforcement official investigating the accident must certify that the seatbelt was properly fastened and that the automobile in which the deceased was traveling was equipped with airbags. A copy of such certification must be submitted to Us with the claim for benefits.

If We cannot determine that You were wearing a seatbelt at the time of the Accident, We will increase Your term life benefit amount by \$1,000.

If We determine that a seatbelt was not worn at the time of the automobile accident directly resulting in Your death, or if the required official report is not provided, no Seatbelt or Airbag benefit will be paid.

The total amount payable for the Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit under Your Voluntary term life insurance and Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance may not exceed \$30,000.

Exclusions This Policy does not pay a Seatbelt or Airbag Benefit for loss of life caused by, or related to an accident occurring:

- While You are the driver in an automobile Accident, if Your driver's license has been suspended or revoked or if You are unlicensed;
- While You are legally intoxicated; or
- While You are voluntarily using a controlled substance, unless:
 - It was prescribed for You by a doctor; and
 - It was used as prescribed.

A controlled substance is anything called a controlled substance in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended from time to time.

- While You were intentionally or voluntarily inhaling or ingesting a gas, chemical, solvent, poison or other substances not intended for internal consumption;
- During Your commission of, or attempt to commit a felony as defined per the laws in the jurisdiction in which the felony was committed or attempted, or as defined under federal law if the offense charged was a federal offense;
- During Your participation in any sport for compensation or profit; or
- During Your racing an automobile in an organized event or street race.

Dependent Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit

Seatbelt And Airbag Benefits

If Your dependent dies as a direct result of an automobile accident while properly wearing a seatbelt, We will increase his or her Voluntary term life benefit amount by \$5,000. And, if Your dependent dies as a direct result of an automobile accident while both properly wearing a seatbelt, and sitting in a seat equipped with an airbag, We will increase his or her Voluntary term life benefit amount by an additional \$2,500, for a total increase of \$7,500.

You are responsible for providing proof that Your dependent was properly wearing a seatbelt. A law enforcement official investigating the Accident must certify that the seatbelt was properly fastened and that the automobile in which the deceased was traveling was equipped with airbags. A copy of such certification must be submitted to Us with the claim for benefits.

If We cannot determine that Your dependent was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the automobile accident directly resulting in his or her death, We will increase Your dependent term life benefit amount by \$1,000.

If We determine that a seatbelt was not worn at the time of the automobile accident directly resulting in Your dependent's death, or if the required official report is not provided, no Seatbelt or Airbag Benefit will be paid.

The total amount payable for the Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit under Your Dependent Voluntary term life insurance and Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment insurance may not exceed \$15,000.

Exclusions This Policy does not pay a Seatbelt or Airbag Benefit for loss of life caused by, or related to an accident occurring:

- While Your dependent is the driver in an automobile Accident, if his or her driver's license is suspended or revoked or if the driver is unlicensed;
- While Your dependent is legally intoxicated; or
- While Your dependent is voluntarily using a controlled substance, unless:
 - It was prescribed for the dependent by a doctor; and
 - It was used as prescribed.

A controlled substance is anything called a controlled substance in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended from time to time.

- While Your dependent intentionally or voluntarily inhales or ingests a gas, chemical, solvent, poison or other substances not intended for internal consumption;
- During Your dependent's commission of, or attempt to commit a felony as defined per the laws in the jurisdiction in which the felony was committed or attempted, or as defined under federal law if the offense charged was a federal offense;
- During Your dependent's participation in any sport for compensation or profit; or
- During Your dependent's racing an automobile in an organized event or street race.

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Raymond Marra, Senior Vice President, Group and Worksite Markets

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SUPPLEMENTAL RIDER - Waiver of Premium Benefit

This Rider is effective as of the effective date of the Employee's Certificate. If this Rider is added to an inforce Certificate, the Rider becomes effective on its issue date. This Rider amends the Certificate by the addition of the following:

**Employee Voluntary Term Life Insurance
Waiver Of Premium Benefit**

Important Notice This rider applies to Your Voluntary term life insurance. It does not apply to any of Your dependent life insurance under the Certificate. To continue dependent life insurance, You must convert Your dependent coverage. See "Converting This Dependent Term Life Insurance" for details.

If You Are Disabled If You are Totally Disabled, and meet the requirements in "How And When To Apply," We will extend Your Voluntary life insurance without payment of premiums from You or the Employer in an amount equal to the amount of Voluntary life insurance for which You are insured on Your last day of Active Work.

How And When To Apply To apply for this benefit, You must submit, while living, written medical proof of Your Total Disability satisfactory to Us within one year of the start of that disability. Any claim filed after one year from the start of Total Disability will be denied, unless We receive written proof that:

- You lacked the legal capacity to file the claim; or
- It was not reasonably possible for You to file the claim within the required period of time.

To be approved for this benefit, You must:

- Become Totally Disabled before You reach age 60 and while insured by the Certificate; and
- Remain Totally Disabled for at least 9 months in a row.

You should apply for this benefit immediately at the start of Your Total Disability.

Continued Proof For Waiver of Premium Benefit We may require written proof that You remain Totally Disabled and receive regular Doctor's care to maintain this benefit. This proof must be given to Us within 30 days of the date We request it.

We can also require that You take part in a medical assessment by a medical professional of Our choice as often as We feel is reasonably necessary during the first 2 years We have waived Your life insurance premiums pursuant to the Rider. After 2 years, We cannot have You examined more than once a year.

Until You Have Been Approved For This Benefit If Your life insurance under the Certificate ends after You have become Totally Disabled and applied for Waiver of Premium Benefits, but before We have approved You for this benefit, You may:

- Continue to pay your group premium payments, including any part which would have been paid by the Employer, until You are approved or declined for this benefit; or
- Apply to convert to an individual permanent or term life insurance policy.

Please read "Converting This Employee Voluntary Term Life Insurance" for details on how to convert.

Converting Your life insurance does not stop You from claiming Your rights under this section. But, if You apply to convert and obtain a policy, and We later approve You for this benefit, We will cancel the converted policy on the date We approve You for this Benefit. See "Converting This Employee Voluntary Term Life Insurance" for details on how We do this. Once You are approved for this benefit, Your insurance under the Certificate will be reinstated at no further cost to You or the Employer.

If You are declined for the Waiver of Premium benefit, You will have the option to apply to convert to an individual permanent or term life insurance policy. If You do not convert within 31 days of the date You are declined for the Waiver of Premium benefit, and You have not returned to Active Work, Your coverage will end.

If the Certificate terminates before You are approved If this group Certificate terminates and You are Totally Disabled and eligible, but not yet approved, for this Waiver of Premium benefit, You must apply to convert to an individual permanent or term policy, and remain insured under such policy until You are approved by Us for the Waiver of Premium benefit.

When This Waiver Begins Once approved by Us, Your Waiver of Premium benefit will be effective on the date following the day You have been Totally Disabled for 9 months in a row.

When This Waiver Ends Your Waiver of Premium benefit will end on the earliest of:

- The date You are no longer Totally Disabled;
- The date We ask You to be examined by Our Doctor, and You refuse;
- The date You do not give Us the proof of Total Disability We require;
- the date you have been out of the United States and/or Canada or a country or region approved by Us for more than 2 months in a 12 month period;
- The date You are no longer receiving regular Doctor's care appropriate to the cause of Your claimed Total Disability;
- The day before the date You reach age 65.

If Your Waiver of Premium Benefit ends and You do not return to Active Work, You will have the option to convert the Employee Voluntary life insurance that was in effect on the date the Waiver of Premium Benefit ends.

Please read "Converting This Employee Voluntary Term Life Insurance" for details on how to convert.

If You Die While Covered By This Waiver of Premium Benefit

If You die while covered for this benefit, We will pay Your beneficiary the amount of Voluntary life insurance for which You were insured as of Your last day of Active Full-Time Work. This payment is subject to all the terms of the Certificate and all reductions which would have applied had You remained an Active at Work Employee.

If You Die Prior to Approval for This Waiver of Premium Benefit

If You die prior to being approved for the Waiver of Premium Benefit and within 12 months of the onset date of Total Disability We'll pay Your beneficiary the amount for which You were covered as of Your last day of Active Full-Time Work, subject to all reductions which would have applied had You stayed an active Employee provided You:

- Were Totally Disabled, as defined by this Rider, through the date of death,
- Became Totally Disabled prior to age 60; and
- Became Totally Disabled while insured; and
- We received the required premiums for this coverage.

Proof Of Death

We will pay the term life insurance benefit as soon as We receive:

- Written proof of Your death; and
- Medical proof that You were continuously Totally Disabled until Your death.

This proof must be sent to Us within one year of Your date of death.

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All Options

Definitions

This section defines certain terms appearing in this Rider. Additional terms, not listed here, are defined in the Certificate.

Reasonable Accommodation: This term means any modification or adjustment that the Employer willingly provides to:

- A job;
- An employment practice;
- A work process; or
- The work place.

The modification or adjustment must make it possible for a Disabled person to:

- Reach the same level of performance as a similarly situated non-disabled person; or
- Enjoy equal benefits and privileges of employment as are available to a similarly situated non-disabled person.

The modification or adjustment must not place an undue hardship on the Employer.

Regular and Appropriate Care: This term means, with respect to Your disabling condition(s) and any other condition(s) which, if left untreated, would adversely affect Your disabling condition, You:

- Visit a Doctor as frequently as medically required, according to generally accepted medical standards, to effectively manage these conditions; and
- Are receiving the most appropriate treatment, according to generally accepted medical standards, designed to achieve maximum medical improvement in these conditions.

Treatment must be provided by a Doctor or Doctors whose specialty is most appropriate according to generally accepted medical standards for You:

- Disability; and
- Any other conditions which left untreated would adversely affect Your disabling condition.

Generally accepted medical standards are those supported by nationally recognized authorities in the health care field including:

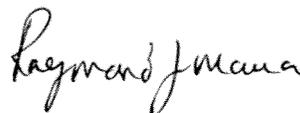
- The American Medical Association(AMA);
- The AMA Board of Medical Specialties;
- The Food and Drug Administration;
- The Centers for Disease Control;
- The National Cancer Institute;
- The National Institutes of Health;
- The Department of Health and Human Services; and
- Any other agency of similar repute.

"Total Disability" and "Totally Disabled": This term means that, due to sickness or injury, You are:

- Not able to perform any work for wages or profit; and
- Receiving Regular and Appropriate Care for the cause of Your Total Disability.

This Rider is a part of this Certificate. Except as stated in this Rider, nothing contained in this Rider changes or affects any other terms of this Certificate.

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SUPPLEMENTAL RIDER - Portability Privilege

This Rider is effective as of the effective date of the Employee's Certificate. If this Rider is added to an inforce Certificate, the Rider becomes effective on its issue date. This Rider amends the Certificate by the addition of the following:

PORTABILITY PRIVILEGE

This rider applies only to Your Employee and dependent Voluntary term life insurance.

Portability Conditions

Portability is subject to all of the conditions described below.

- You may Port if Your coverage under the Certificate if coverage ends because:
 - You are no longer employed by the Employer; or
 - You are no longer a member of an eligible class of Employees
- You may **not** Port unless You have been covered by the Certificate, or the plan it replaced, for Employee Voluntary term life insurance for at least three months in a row prior to the date Your coverage under the Certificate ends.
- You may **not** Port if You have reached age 70 on the date coverage under the Certificate ends.
- You may **not** Port if You are eligible for the Certificate's Waiver of Premium Benefit.
- You may **not** Port if coverage under the Certificate ends due to:
 - Failure to pay any required premium; or
 - Termination of the Certificate

Portability Options

You may Port the full amount of Your Voluntary term life insurance in force as of the date Your coverage under the Certificate ends. If You do not wish to Port the full amount, You may choose to Port 50% of such amount, if such amount under the Certificate is at least \$50,000 and does not exceed \$1,000,000.

You may Port the full amount of Your dependent's Voluntary term life insurance in force as of the date Your coverage under the Certificate ends. If You do not wish to Port the full amount, You may choose to Port 50% of such amount if:

- Your dependent Spouse amount under the Certificate is at least \$10,000; and
- Your dependent child amount under the Certificate is at least \$2,000.

You may Port:

- Your insurance only;
- Your insurance and insurance of Your covered Spouse; or
- Your insurance and the insurance of all of Your covered dependents.

If You Port the full amount of Your insurance and You choose to Port Your dependent's insurance, You must Port the full amount of Your dependent's insurance. If You Port 50% of Your insurance and You choose to Port Your dependent's insurance, You must Port 50% of Your dependent's insurance.

A dependent must be insured as of the date Your coverage under the Certificate ends in order to be eligible for Portability.

If You die while insured for dependent Voluntary term life insurance, Your Spouse may Port Your dependent Voluntary term life insurance as described above. Your Spouse and dependent children must be insured under the Certificate on the date of Your death. But, this option is not available if:

- There is no surviving Spouse; or
- Your surviving Spouse has reached age 70 on the date of Your death.

The Portable Certificate Of Coverage

If You Port, You will obtain a new Certificate of coverage, which will be issued under the Portable group policy and will describe the benefits provided. The Portable group policy has been established specifically for, and limited to, providing portability coverage for Employees and their dependents whose coverage ends under an Employer's plan. The benefits provided by the Portable certificate of coverage may not be the same as the benefits provided by the Certificate provided by your Employer. The group term life insurance provided by the Portable Certificate of coverage will not provide any of the following benefits or types of coverage:

- Accidental death or dismemberment;
- Income replacement;
- Or Waiver of Premium benefits.

The premium for the Portable certificate of coverage will be based on:

- the covered person's rate class under the Ported Policy; and
- Your or Your surviving Spouse's age bracket as shown in the Life Portability Coverage Premium Notice.

The Portable Certificate of Coverage ends at age 70.

How To Port You or Your surviving Spouse must:

- Apply to Us in writing; and
- Pay the required premium.

You or Your surviving Spouse must do this within 31 days from the date Your coverage under the Certificate ends. In order to port Your Voluntary term life insurance, We will not ask for proof that You or Your surviving Spouse is insurable.

Portability And Conversion If You or Your surviving Spouse choose to Port, the Certificate's conversion privilege will not be available. In the event that a person would be eligible to both convert and to Port, only one of these privileges may be chosen. Coverage under both a converted policy and a Portable certificate of coverage at the same time is not permitted. You or Your surviving Spouse should read the entire Certificate, as well as any related materials carefully before making a choice.

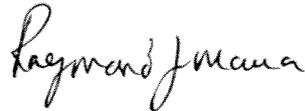
Definitions

This section defines certain terms appearing in this Rider. Additional terms, not listed here, are defined in the Certificate.

- **Port or "To Port":** these terms mean to choose a Portable certificate of coverage which provides group term life insurance.

This rider is a part of this Certificate. Except as stated in this rider, nothing contained in this rider changes or affects any other terms of this Certificate.

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ADDITIONAL SERVICES - THIS IS NOT INSURANCE

Guardian has arranged to make available selected services and supplies identified below from various companies in addition to insurance coverage. Guardian arranges to make services available through outside vendors; they are not provided by Guardian. Guardian assumes no liability for the services or supplies provided under these programs, nor for the amounts charged or for failure by the companies to provide the services or supplies.

Policyholders and/or covered persons may obtain information regarding available services and supplies; associated fees or charges; discounts; eligibility requirements; and conditions, terms and limitations by logging onto www.GuardianAnytime.com.

Policyholders and/or covered persons will be provided with complete details regarding available services and supplies; associated fees or charges; discounts; eligibility requirements; and conditions, terms and limitations and a telephone number to call with questions about the service.

Policyholders and/or covered persons may obtain information regarding available services and supplies; associated fees or charges, discounts, eligibility requirements, terms and limitations by logging onto a Guardian supported website provided to the Policyholders and/or covered persons.

The policyholder and/or covered persons will be provided the following service(s) and/or discounts:

- Financial Planning and Wellness Services

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When this plan ends, access to the services ends for the policyholder and for all persons covered under the plan. When a policyholder no longer meets the conditions for eligibility for a service, access to that service ends for the policyholder and for all persons covered under the plan.

When a covered person's coverage under this plan ends, access to the services ends for that person. When a covered person no longer meets the conditions for eligibility for a service, access to that service ends for the covered person.

Guardian reserves the right to terminate, modify or replace any service at any time.

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STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

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Your group term life insurance benefits may be covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). If so, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under ERISA.

ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

**Receive Information
about Your Plan and
Benefits**

- Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U. S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

**Prudent Actions by
Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate the plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

**Enforcement of
Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules (see Claims Procedures below).

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110.00 a day until you receive the material, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds that your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Questions If you have questions about the plan, you should contact the plan administrator. If you have questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor listed in your telephone directory or the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Life Insurance Claims Procedure If you seek benefits under the plan you should complete, execute and submit a claim form. Claim forms and instructions for filing claims may be obtained from the Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (hereinafter referenced as Guardian.)

Guardian is the Claims Fiduciary with discretionary authority to interpret and construe the terms of the Policy, the Certificate, the Schedule of Benefits, and any riders, or other documents or forms that may be attached to the Certificate or the Policy, and any other plan documents. Guardian has discretionary authority to determine eligibility for benefits and coverage under those documents. Guardian has the right to secure independent professional healthcare advice and to require such other evidence as needed to decide your claim.

In addition to the basic claim procedure explained in your certificate, Guardian will also observe the procedures listed below. These procedures are the minimum requirements for benefit claims procedures of employee benefit plans covered by Title 1 of ERISA.

Definitions "Adverse determination" means any denial, reduction or termination of a benefit or failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit.

Timing for Initial Benefit Determination of Life Insurance Claims The benefit determination period begins when a claim is received. Guardian will make a benefit determination and notify a claimant within a reasonable period of time, but not later than the maximum time period shown below. A written or electronic notification of any adverse benefit determination must be provided.

Guardian will provide a benefit determination not later than 90 days from the date of receipt of a claim. This period may be extended by up to 90 days if Guardian determines that an extension is necessary due to special circumstances, and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 90-day period. Such notification will include the reason for the special circumstances requiring the extension and a date by which the determination is expected to be made.

A notification of an extension to the time period in which a benefit determination will be made will include an explanation of the standards upon which entitlement to a benefit is based, any unresolved issues that prevent a decision of the claim, and the additional information needed to resolve those issues.

**Adverse Benefit
Determination of
Life Insurance
Claims**

If a claim is denied, Guardian will provide notice that will set forth:

- The specific reason(s) for the adverse determination;
- References to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan or other documents, on which the determination is based;
- A description of any additional material or information needed to perfect the claim, and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
- A description of the plan's claim review procedures which a claimant may follow to have a claim for benefits reviewed and the time limits applicable to such procedures; and
- A description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) following an adverse benefit determination.

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**Appeals of Adverse
Determinations of
Life Insurance
Claims**

If a claim is wholly or partially denied, you will have up to 60 days to make an appeal. Guardian will conduct a full and fair review of an appeal which includes providing to claimants the following:

- The opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim;
- The opportunity, upon request and free of charge, for reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim; and
- A review that takes into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

Guardian will notify the claimant of its decision not later than 60 days after receipt of the request for review of the adverse determination. This period may be extended by an additional period of up to 60 days if Guardian determines that special circumstances require an extension of the time period for processing and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 60-day period.

A notification with respect to an extension will indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of the time period for review, and the date by which the final determination will be made.

In the event Guardian denies the appeal of an adverse benefit determination, it will:

- Provide the specific reason or reasons why the appeal was denied;
- Refer to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan, or other documents on which the benefit determination is based;
- Provide a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonably access to, and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits; and
- Provide a statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the Plan, the claimant's right to obtain information about such procedures, and a statement that the claimant's right to bring an action under ERISA section 502(a).

Waiver of Premium If you apply for an extension of life insurance benefits due to Total Disability under the Waiver of Premium benefit under this plan, these claim procedures will apply to such request:

Timing For Initial Benefit Determination for Waiver of Premium The benefit determination period begins when claim is received. Guardian will make a benefit determination and notify a claimant within a reasonable period of time, but not later than the time period shown below. A written or electronic notification of any adverse determination must be provided.

Guardian will make a determination of whether the claimant meets the plan's standard for total disability not later than 45 days from the date of receipt of a claim. This period may be extended by up to 30 days if Guardian determines that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 45-day period. Such notification will include the reason for the extension and a date by which the determination will be made. If prior to the end of the 30-day period Guardian determines that an additional extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, and so notifies the claimant, the time period for making a benefit determination may be extended for up to an additional period of up to 30 days. Such notification will include the special circumstances requiring the extension and a date by which the final determination will be made.

A notification of an extension to the time period in which a benefit determination will be made will include an explanation of the standards upon which entitlement to a benefit is based, any unresolved issues that prevent a decision of the claim, and the additional information needed to resolve those issues.

If Guardian extends the time period for making a benefit determination due to a claimant's failure to submit the information necessary to decide the claim, the claimant will be given at least 45 days to provide the requested information. The extension period will begin on the date on which the claimant responds to the request for additional information.

Adverse Benefit Determination If a claim for an extension of benefits is denied, Guardian will provide a notice that will set forth:

- The specific reason(s) for the adverse determination;
- References to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan or other documents, on which the determination is based;
- A description of any additional material or information needed to perfect the claim, and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
- A description of the plan's claim review procedures which a claimant may follow to have a claim for benefits reviewed and the time limits applicable to such procedures;
- A description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) following an adverse benefit determination; and
- In the case of adverse benefit determination based on medical necessity or experimental treatment, notice will either include an explanation of the scientific or clinical basis for the determination, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

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Appeals of Adverse Determinations for Waiver of Premium If a claim for Waiver of Premium is denied, the claimant will have up to 180 days to make an appeal. Guardian will conduct a full and fair review of an appeal which includes providing to claimants the following:

- The opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim;
- The opportunity, upon request and free of charge, for reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim; and
- A review that takes into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

In reviewing an appeal, Guardian will:

- Provide for a review conducted by a named fiduciary who is neither the person who made the initial adverse determination nor that person's subordinate;

- In deciding an appeal based upon a medical judgment, consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment;
- Identify medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained in connection with an adverse benefit determination; and
- Ensure that a health care professional engaged for consultation regarding an appeal based upon a medical judgment shall be neither the person who was consulted in connection with the adverse benefit determination, nor that person's subordinate.

Guardian will notify the claimant of its decision not later than 45 days after receipt of the request for review of the adverse determination. This period may be extended by an additional period of up to 45 days if Guardian determines that special circumstances require an extension of the time period for processing and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 45-day period.

A notification with respect to an extension will indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of the time period for review, and the date by which the final determination will be made.

In the event Guardian denies the appeal of an adverse benefit determination, it will:

- Provide the specific reason or reasons why the appeal was denied;
- Refer to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan, or other documents on which the benefit determination is based;
- Provide a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonably access to, and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits;
- Provide a statement disclosing any internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse benefit determination (or a statement that such information will be provided free of charge upon request); or a statement that no internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination;
- If applicable, provide an explanation of the basis of disagreement with or not following the views presented by you, of health care professionals who treated you, and vocational professionals who evaluated you;
- If applicable, provide an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following the views of any medical or vocational expert whose advice was obtained on our behalf in connection with the adverse benefit determination, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the determination;
- If applicable, provide an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following a disability determination made by the Social Security Administration that you present to us;

- Provide a statement describing the claimants right to bring a civil suit under Section 502(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 which shall also describe any applicable contractual limitations period that applies the claimant's right to bring such an action, including the calendar date on which the contractual limitations period expires for the claim, and;
- In the event the adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, provide either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

Alternative Dispute Options The claimant and the plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact the local U.S Department of Labor Office and the State insurance regulatory agency.

In addition to any legal rights you may have under section 502(a), if you believe that we have violated ERISA's procedural requirements, you may request that we review any claimed violation(s) and we will respond to you within ten days.

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This Booklet Includes All Benefits For Which You Are Eligible.

You are covered for any benefits provided to you by the policyholder at no cost.

But if you are required to pay all or part of the cost of insurance you will only be covered for those benefits you elected in a manner and mode acceptable to Guardian such as an enrollment form and for which premium has been received by Guardian.

"Please Read This Document Carefully".

CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

10 Hudson Yards
New York, New York 10001
(212) 598-8000

The Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage described in this Certificate is attached to the group Policy effective January 1, 2018. This Certificate replaces any Certificate previously issued under this Policy or under any other plan providing similar or identical benefits issued to the Policyholder by Guardian.

GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGE

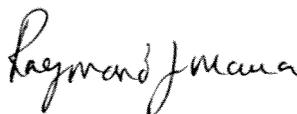
Guardian certifies that the Employee to whom this Certificate is issued is eligible for the coverage, and in the amount, described herein. In order to be eligible for coverage, the Employee must: (a) satisfy all of this Policy's eligibility and Effective Date requirements; (b) be listed in Our and/or the Policyholder's records as a validly covered Employee under the Policy; (c) satisfy any necessary Proof of Insurability requirements; and all required premium payments have been made by or on behalf of the Employee.

The Employee and/or his or her Dependents are not covered by any part of this Policy for which he or she has waived coverage. Such a waiver of coverage is shown in Our and/or the Policyholder's records.

THIS POLICY IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY. If you are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare available from the company.

Policyholder: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC.
Group Policy Number: 00543409

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America



Raymond Marra, Senior Vice President, Group and Worksite Markets

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Applicable Benefits

This Certificate may include multiple benefit options and types of benefits. You will only be covered for benefits if:

- They were previously selected in an acceptable manner and mode, such as an enrollment form or other required form; and
- We have received any required premium.

Limitation Of Authority

Only the President, a Vice President or a Secretary of Guardian, has the authority to act for Us in a written and signed statement to:

- Determine whether any contract, Policy or Certificate is to be issued;
- Waive or alter any contract or Policy provisions, or any of Our requirements;
- Bind Us by any statement or promise relating to the contract issued or to be issued; or
- Accept any information or representation which is not in a signed application.

Agents and brokers do not have the authority to change the contract or Policy or waive any of its provisions.

Incontestability

This Certificate is incontestable after two years from its date of issue, except for non-payment of premiums.

No statement in any application, except a fraudulent statement, made by You, or any dependent, will be used to contest the validity of Your insurance or to deny a claim for a loss incurred, or for a disability which starts, after such insurance has been in force for two years during Your lifetime.

If this Certificate replaces a plan Your Employer had with another insurer, We may rescind this Certificate based on misrepresentations or omissions made by Your Employer or You in a signed application for up to two years from the Effective Date of the Policy.

In the event Your insurance is rescinded, We will refund premiums paid for the periods such insurance is void. The premium paid by You will be sent to Your last known address on file with Your Employer or Us.

Examination And Autopsy

We have the right to have a doctor of Our choice examine the person for whom a claim is being made under the Certificate as often as We feel necessary. We also have the right to have an autopsy performed in the case of death where allowed by law. We will pay for all such examinations and autopsies.

Overpayment Recovery

If We overpay benefits, all such benefits must be repaid in full. We have the right to reduce the benefit, or reduce any other benefits payable under this Certificate, toward recovery of any overpayment.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGE EMPLOYEE COVERAGE

Conditions Of Eligibility

Subject to the conditions of eligibility set forth below, and to all of the other conditions of this Certificate, You are eligible for Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage if You are

- In an eligible class of Employees;
 - Are an active Full time Employee;
 - Legally working in the United States and/or Canada or working outside of the United States for a United States based Employer in a country or region approved by Us;
- and
- Working at least the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class at:
 - The Employer's place of business;
 - Some place where the Employer's business requires You to travel; or
 - Any other place You and the Employer have agreed upon for the performance of your occupational duties.

You are **not** eligible for Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage if You are

- A temporary or seasonal Employee.

The Waiting Period If You are in an eligible class, You are eligible for Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage under this Certificate after You complete the service waiting period, if any, established by the Employer and as stated in the Schedule of Benefits.

Multiple Employment If You work for both the Employer and a covered associated company, or for more than one covered associated company, We will treat You as if only one firm employs You. You will not have multiple Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage under this Certificate. But, if this Certificate uses the amount of Your Insured Earnings to set the rates, determine class, figure insurance amounts, or for any other reason, such Insured Earnings will be figured as the sum of Your Insured Earnings from all covered Employers.

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When Coverage Starts

For coverage to start, You must be fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for the Employer and working the minimum required number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time for Your place of residence on Your scheduled Eligibility Date. And, for coverage to start, You must satisfy all of the Conditions of Eligibility described above, and the conditions shown below which apply to You. If You are not fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation on Your scheduled Eligibility Date, We will postpone the start of Your coverage until You are so capable and working the minimum required number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class for one full day, with the capacity to do so for one full week.

Whether You must pay all or part of the cost of Your coverage, You must elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments before Your coverage will start. If You do this on or before Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You do this within 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments more than 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage will not start until You send Us Proof Of Insurability. Once We approve such Proof Of Insurability, Your coverage will start on the date we approve such coverage.

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Exception to When Coverage Starts Sometimes a scheduled Eligibility Date is not a regularly scheduled work day. If the scheduled Eligibility Date falls on:

- A holiday;
- A vacation day;
- A non-scheduled work day;
- A day during an approved leave of absence not due to sickness or injury, of 90 days or less; or
- A day during a period of absence that is less than 7 days in duration;

and if:

- You are fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for Your Employer for the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class at 12:01 AM Standard Time for Your place of residence on the scheduled Eligibility Date ; and
- You were performing the major duties of Your regular occupation and working the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class on Your last regularly scheduled work day;

Your coverage will start on the scheduled Eligibility Date. However, in no event will any coverage or part of coverage for which You must elect and pay all or part of the cost, start if You are on an approved leave, layoff or absence and such coverage or part of coverage was not previously in force for You under a prior plan which this Certificate replaced.

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Delayed Eligibility Date For Employee Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

If due to sickness or injury, You are not Actively At Work and working the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class on the date Your Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage is scheduled to start, We will postpone coverage for an otherwise Covered Loss for any condition(s) that prevent you from meeting the Actively at Work requirement. We will postpone such coverage until You:

- Complete one full day of Active Work, working the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class, with the capacity to do so for one full week; and,
- Do not miss a day of work due to the same condition.

Coverage for an otherwise Covered Loss due to all other conditions will start on the date You:

- Return to Active Work working the minimum number of hours of an Employee in Your eligible class and;
- Are performing the regular duties of your occupation.

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When Coverage Ends

Your coverage will end on the first of the following dates:

- The date Your Active Work ends for any reason, except as noted below under Coverage During Leave of Absence. Such reasons include:
 - Disability;
 - Death;
 - Retirement;

- Layoff;
 - Leave of absence;
 - The end of employment; and
 - Expiration of the employment contract.
- The date You stop being an eligible Employee under this Certificate.
 - The date You are no longer working in the United States and/or Canada, or no longer working outside the United States for a United States based Employer in a country or region approved by Us. Any incidental business or personal travel outside of the United States and/or Canada, or outside of a country or region approved by Us, is covered. Such travel will be considered incidental if it is for a period not to exceed 30 consecutive days.
 - The date the group Certificate ends, or is discontinued for a class of Employees to which You belong.
 - The last day of the period for which required payments are made for You.

You may have the right to continue certain group benefits for a limited time after Your coverage would otherwise end. Contact Your Employer regarding any continuation options available.

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CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

Coverage During Disability

If Your Active Work ends because You are Totally Disabled, You and Your Employer may agree to continue Your insurance, subject to continued payment of all required premiums, until the earlier of:

- The date you are no longer Totally Disabled, as defined by this Certificate;
- 12 months; from the date Your Total Disability began;
- The date you are approved for any Waiver of Premium Benefit for which you are eligible; or
- The date of Your 99th birthday.

We may require written Proof of Loss that You remain Totally Disabled and receiving regular Doctor's care to maintain this benefit. This Proof of Loss must be given to Us within 30 days of the date we request it.

Your eligibility for benefits will be governed by all the terms of this Certificate.

Coverage During Temporary Layoff

If Your Active Work ends because You are temporarily laid off, You and Your Employer may agree to continue Your insurance, subject to continued payment of all required premium, until the earlier of:

- The end of the temporary layoff; or
- The end of the month in which You are laid off plus 1 months following the date the temporary layoff begins.
- The end of the time period covered under a severance agreement not to exceed 1 months.

If You die or become Disabled under this Certificate while Your coverage is being continued during a temporary layoff, Your eligibility for benefits will be governed by all the terms of this Certificate.

Coverage During Temporary Leave of Absence

If Your Active Work ends because You go on a leave of absence that has been approved by Your Employer, You and Your Employer may agree to continue Your insurance, subject to continued payment of all required premiums, until the earlier of:

- The end of the Employer approved leave of absence; or

- The end of the month in which Your leave begins plus 1 months following the date the approved leave of absence begins.

If You become disabled under this Certificate while Your coverage is being continued during a leave of absence, Your eligibility for benefits will be governed by all the terms of this Certificate.

B400.6111

All Options

DEPENDENT COVERAGE

B400.6116

All Options

Eligible Dependents For Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

Your eligible dependents are Your:

- Spouse who is under age 70; and
- Your dependent children who are under age 26.

B400.6120

All Options

Adopted Children And Step-Children

Your dependent children include Your legally adopted children and Your step-children. However, to qualify as a dependent, each person must depend on You for at least 50% of their support and maintenance. We treat a child as legally adopted from the time the child is placed in Your home for the purpose of adoption. We treat such a child this way whether or not a final adoption order is ever issued.

B400.6127

All Options

Dependents Not Eligible

We exclude:

- A dependent who is on Active Duty in any armed force.

B400.6128

All Options

Continuing Coverage For Dependent Children Past the Limiting Age

If You have a child or children who:

- Is/are incapable of independent living by reason of a mental, intellectual, physical, or developmental disability; and
- Is/are primarily dependent upon You for support and maintenance;

Then, the child or children may remain eligible for dependent benefits past the age limit provided all the conditions shown below are satisfied.

Each such child:

- Must have a mental, intellectual, physical, or developmental disability that began before he or she reached the dependent age limit;
- Became covered by this Certificate, or the prior carrier's group accidental death and dismemberment plan that it replaced, before he or she reached the dependent age limit;
- and remains:
 - Incapable of independent living; and
 - Dependent upon You for most of his or her support and maintenance; and

You send Us written proof, and we approve such proof, of the child's disability and dependence within 31 days from the date he or she reaches the dependent age limit. After the two year period following the child's attainment of the age limit, We can ask for periodic proof that the child's condition continues, but We cannot ask for this proof more than once a year.

Irrespective of this provision, any coverage provided under this section ends when Your coverage ends.

B400.9719

All Options

When Dependent Coverage Starts

In order for Your dependent coverage to start, You must already be covered for Employee coverage, or enroll for Employee and dependent coverage at the same time.

Subject to the Exception shown below and to all of the other terms of this Certificate, the date Your dependent coverage starts depends on when You elect to enroll Your Initial Dependents and agree to make any required payments.

Initial Dependents If You enroll Your Initial Dependents on or before Your Eligibility Date, the dependents' coverage begins on the later of Your Eligibility Date and the date You become covered for Employee coverage.

If You enroll Your Initial Dependents within the Enrollment Period, their coverage begins on the later of Your Eligibility Date and the date You become covered for Employee coverage.

If You do not enroll Your Initial Dependents when they are first eligible, and enroll those Initial Dependents after the Enrollment Period ends, You must supply Proof Of Insurability and coverage will not start until We approve that proof in writing.

If an Initial Dependent becomes eligible after this Certificate's Effective Date, his or her coverage will start on the date We approve him or her for coverage.

If Dependent Proof of Insurability is required Subject to the Exception shown below, if Proof Of Insurability is required for dependent benefits, You must send Us the proof We require, and We must approve that proof in writing. Those benefits will then begin on the approved Eligibility Date.

If You must pay part of the cost of dependent coverage, We will not cover You for such coverage until You enroll each of Your dependents, agree to make the required payments, submit Proof Of Insurability and We approve that proof in writing.

Newly Acquired Dependents If You do not pay any part of the cost of dependent coverage, a Newly Acquired Dependent is covered from the date he or she first becomes eligible.

If You must pay part of the cost of dependent coverage, and are already enrolled for dependent child coverage for Your Initial Dependent children, any Newly Acquired Dependent children will be covered as of the date he or she is first eligible.

However, if You were previously eligible to enroll for dependent child coverage and waived coverage or failed to enroll, We will not cover any of Your dependent children until You submit Proof of Insurability and we approve that proof in writing and you make any additional required payments.

B400.6130

All Options

Exception We will postpone the Eligibility Date of a dependent's, other than a newborn child's, coverage if, on that date, he or she is Unable to perform two or more Activities of Daily Living (ADLs).

In that case, We will postpone the Eligibility Date of his or her coverage until the day after the date he or she no longer requires assistance with two or more Activities of Daily Living.

If a dependent was covered under a prior plan at transfer, this language will not apply to the amount of coverage that was in force with the prior plan. This exception does not apply to adopted children and step-children.

B400.9722

All Options

When Dependent Coverage Ends

Dependent coverage ends for all of Your dependents when:

- Your Employee coverage ends;
- You stop being a member of a class of Employees eligible for such coverage;
- This Certificate ends, or
- Dependent coverage is discontinued from this Certificate for all Employees or for Your class.

If You are required to pay part of the cost of dependent coverage, and You fail to do so, Your dependent coverage ends. It ends on the last day of the period for which You made the required payments, unless coverage ends earlier for other reasons.

An individual dependent's coverage ends when he or she stops being an eligible dependent. For dependent children the coverage ends at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time for Your place of residence on the date the child attains this Certificate's age limit, or when a step-child is no longer dependent on You for at least 50% of their support and maintenance, or for Your disabled child who has reached the age limit, when he or she is no longer eligible under the Continuing Coverage for Dependent Children Past the Limiting Age provision.

Coverage ends for a Spouse when a marriage is lawfully terminated, and with respect to Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage, it happens at 12:01 A.M. on the date the Spouse reaches age 70 .

Read this Certificate carefully if dependent coverage ends for any reason. Dependents may have the right to continue certain group benefits for a limited time. And, they may have the right to replace certain group benefits with converted policies.

B400.6132

**EMPLOYEE ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT
(AD&D) INSURANCE**

B400.6134

**Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance
And Catastrophic Loss Benefits**

B400.6140

We will pay the benefits described below if You suffer an irreversible loss due to an Accident and the Accident occurs while You are insured by this Certificate. The loss also must:

- Be a direct result of the Accident;
- Be independent of all other causes; and
- Occur within 365 days of the date of the Accident.

Payment Of Benefits We will pay this insurance as soon as We receive written Proof of Loss as shown in the Claims Provisions section of this Certificate.

Payment Of Benefits For Covered Loss of life, We pay the beneficiary of Your Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance under the Employer's Policy with Us.

For all other Covered Losses, We pay You if You are living. If You are not living, We pay the beneficiary of Your Voluntary Term Life coverage under the Employer's Plan with Us.

Subject to all the terms of this Certificate, We pay all benefits in a lump sum as soon as We receive written proof of Covered Loss and proof of claim which is acceptable to Us. This should be sent to Us as soon as possible.

The Beneficiary You decide who receives this benefit when You die. Your beneficiary designation should be provided in a means acceptable by Us.

You can change Your beneficiary at any time by providing written notice. But, the change will not take effect until We or the Employer records the change.

We will not be liable for any amounts paid before receiving notice of a beneficiary change.

In no event may a beneficiary be changed by a Power of Attorney.

If You named more than one person as a primary beneficiary, but You do not specify what shares each such primary beneficiary is entitled to receive, We will divide the benefits equally among all such named primary beneficiaries who survive You. If someone You named as a primary beneficiary dies before You, that person's share will be divided equally by the primary beneficiaries still alive; unless You have specified otherwise.

If You have named a contingent beneficiary or contingent beneficiaries, We will pay Your contingent beneficiary or contingent beneficiaries, if no primary beneficiary survives You. If there is more than one contingent beneficiary who is eligible for benefits, We will divide the benefits equally among all such named contingent beneficiaries who survive You; unless You have specified otherwise.

If there is no primary or contingent beneficiary or beneficiaries eligible for benefits when You die, We will pay this benefit as follows:

- To Your Spouse;
- If Your Spouse does not survive You, then to Your children who survive You in equal shares;
- If no Spouse or children survive You, then to Your parents who survive You in equal shares;
- If no Spouse, children, or parents survive You, then to then to Your brothers and sisters in equal shares;
- If none of the above parties survive You, then to Your executors or administrators of Your estate.

Payment Of Funeral Expenses We have the option of paying up to \$500 of this benefit to any person who incurred expenses for Your funeral.

B400.6142

All Options

Covered Losses Benefits will be paid only for losses listed in the Table of Covered Losses shown below. Your insurance amount is shown in the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Schedule Of Benefits.

B400.6147

All Options

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT

Table Of Covered Losses

Covered Loss	Benefit
Loss of life	100% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Disappearance	100% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.

Loss of a hand	50% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "loss of one arm".
Loss of a foot	50% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "loss of one leg".
Loss of sight in one eye	50% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand	25% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a hand" or "loss of one arm".
Loss of four fingers of same hand	25% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a hand" or "loss of one arm".
Loss of all toes of same foot	25% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a foot" or "loss of one leg".
Loss of the great toe (hallux)	15% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a foot" or "loss of one leg".

CATASTROPHIC LOSS BENEFITS

Loss of speech and hearing	100% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Loss of speech or hearing	50% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Quadriplegia	100% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a foot" or "loss of one leg".

Paraplegia	75% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Hemiplegia	50% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Uniplegia	25% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount
Loss of cognitive function	100% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Comatose state, in excess of one month	100% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Loss of one arm or leg	75% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Third degree burns covering 75% or more of the body	75% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount
Third degree burns covering 50% or more but less than 75% of the body	50% of Your Voluntary AD&D insurance amount

B400.6146

All Options

As used here:

- "Loss of cognitive function" means a significant decline or loss in intellectual aptitude. Such loss must result from an Accidental injury. And, it must be supported by clinical proof or standardized tests that precisely measure decline in the areas of:
 - Short term memory;
 - Orientation to time, place and person;
 - Deductive or abstract reasoning; and
 - Judgement as it relates to awareness of safety.
- "Loss of a hand" means the hand is completely severed at or above the wrist.
- "Loss of a foot" means the foot is completely severed at or above the ankle.

- "Loss of hearing" means that hearing in both ears is lost entirely.
- "Loss of sight" means total and permanent loss of sight.
- "Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand" or "Loss of four fingers of same hand" means complete severance at the metacarpophalangeal joints of the same hand.
- "Loss of all toes of same foot" means complete severance at the metatarsalphalangeal joint.
- "Loss of the great toe (hallux)" means complete severance at the metatarsalphalangeal joint.
- "Loss of one arm" means the arm is completely severed at or above the elbow.
- "Loss of one leg" means the leg is completely severed at or above the knee.
- "Loss of speech" means that speech is lost entirely.
- "Hemiplegia" means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, unilaterally.
- "Paraplegia" means total paralysis of both lower limbs.
- "Quadriplegia" means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, bilaterally.
- "Uniplegia" means paralysis of one arm or one leg

B400.6150

All Options

Multiple Losses For more than one Covered Loss due to the same Accident, We will pay up to 100% of Your Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance amount. We will not pay more than 100% of Your Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance amount for all losses due to the same Accident, except as shown under the Common Carrier Benefit, Seatbelt And Airbag Benefits and Repatriation Benefit.

B400.6152

All Options

Exclusions Conditions that are not considered Covered Losses and that are not covered under the terms of this Certificate can be found in the definition of "Accident". Please refer to the Definitions section of this Certificate.

B400.6153

All Options

Common Carrier Benefit If You suffer a Covered Loss due to an Accident which occurs while You are riding in a public conveyance as a fare paying passenger, We increase the benefit payable. In that case, We will pay two times the amount which otherwise applies to the loss.

B400.6154

All Options

Repatriation Benefit We pay an extra sum for Covered Loss of life due to an Accident which occurs at least 75 miles from Your home. In that case, We pay up to \$5,000 for costs to prepare and transport Your body to a mortuary chosen by You or an authorized agent. In the event that a Repatriation Benefit is paid under Your Group Term Life Insurance Certificate, no additional benefit will be paid under this Accidental Death and Dismemberment Certificate.

B400.6155

All Options

Exposure If You suffer a Covered Loss shown in the Table of Covered Losses due to an Accidental bodily injury caused by being unavoidably exposed to the elements, We will pay the amount which otherwise applies to the loss. If Covered Loss benefits are deemed payable under Exposure, the Covered Loss benefit is only paid once, not in addition to the Exposure payments.

B400.6156

All Options

Disappearance You will have a presumed Covered Loss due to an Accident if:

- You are riding in a public conveyance that is involved in an Accident;
- As a result of the Accident, the public conveyance is wrecked, sinks, is stranded or disappears;
- Your body is not found within 365 days of the day the Accident; and
- The Accident occurs while You are covered by this Certificate.

If Covered Loss benefits are deemed payable under Disappearance, the Covered Loss benefit is only paid once, not in addition to the Disappearance payments.

B400.6157

All Options

Helmet Benefit If You die as a result of a Motorcycle Accident while properly wearing a Helmet and You are the driver and hold a valid driver's license with a Motorcycle endorsement and We determine an Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit is payable, We will increase Your benefit by the lesser of:

- 50% of the benefit amount; or

- \$25,000.

We must receive satisfactory evidence that the Employee's death resulted from a Motorcycle Accident, and that the Employee was wearing a Helmet at the time of the Accident. A copy of the police report is required.

Definitions: As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

Helmet: This term means a protective head covering made of a hard material to resist impact and that conforms to the Department Of Transportation helmet certification.

Motorcycle: This term means a motor vehicle licensed for use on public highways which requires a Motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license to operate the vehicle.

B400.6158

All Options

Workplace Assault If You suffer a Covered Loss due to an Accidental bodily injury caused directly by a Felonious Act of Violence and We determine that an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit is payable, We will pay a Workplace Assault benefit subject to all the terms below:

- A benefit is payable under the Certificate's Employee Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Benefit due to a Covered Loss;
- The Felonious Act of Violence must occur while You are working for Your Employer, at Your Employer's usual place of business, at an alternative work site at the direction of Your Employer, including Your home or a location to which the job requires You to travel;
- The loss did not occur while You were committing a felonious act; and
- The Felonious Act of Violence was not committed by members of Your family or household.

What We Pay: Subject to all the terms of this Certificate, the Workplace Assault Benefit pays the lesser of: (a) 10% of the benefit amount; or (b) \$25,000.

Definitions: As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

- **A Felonious Act of Violence:** This term includes but is not limited to robbery, theft, hijacking, assault and battery, sniping, murder or civil disturbance. The Workplace Assault benefit is subject to all the exclusions under the Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit, including act of war language.

B400.6164

All Options

Rehabilitation Benefit If You suffer a Covered Loss other than loss of life due to an Accidental bodily injury and We determine an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit is payable, We will pay a Rehabilitation Benefit subject to all of the terms below:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Employee Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Benefit due to a Covered Loss other than loss of life;
- You require rehabilitative training, for which there is an Incurred Expense, due to Your Accidental bodily injury;
- You are trained for another occupation because You cannot perform Your occupation due to the Accidental bodily injury; and
- The expense is incurred within one year of the date of the Accident.

What We Pay: Subject to all the terms of this Certificate, the Rehabilitation Benefit pays the lesser of:

- The expense incurred for rehabilitative training; or
- 5% of the benefit amount payable for the Covered Loss; or
- \$2,500. We pay this benefit in arrears, upon receipt of incurred expense for training. Proof must be submitted within 90 days of the Incurred Expense.

Definitions: As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

Incurred Expense: This term means the actual cost of the

- Training; and
- Materials needed for the training.

B400.6170

All Options

Adaptive Home & Vehicle Benefit If You suffer a Covered Loss other than loss of life due to an Accidental bodily injury and We determine that an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit is payable, We will pay an Adaptive Home and Vehicle Benefit subject to all of the terms below:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Employee Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Benefit due to a Covered Loss other than loss of life; and
- The home alteration must be:
 - Made to Your principal residence;
 - Made by a licensed contractor that is not You, Your Spouse, child, parent, sibling or business associate; and
 - Reasonable based on Your residual capabilities; and

- The vehicle modification must be:
 - Made to Your Private Automobile; and
 - Carried out by a licensed technician that is not You, Your Spouse, child, parent, sibling or business associate; and
 - Approved by the Motor Vehicle Department; and
- The expense is incurred within one year of the date of the Accident.

What We Pay: Subject to all the terms of this Policy, the Adaptive Home and Vehicle Benefit pays the lesser of:

- 5% of the Insurance Amount; or
- \$2,500; or
- The actual one-time cost.

We pay this benefit in arrears, upon receipt of incurred expense for the alteration or modification. Proof must be submitted within 90 days of the incurred expense.

Definitions: As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

Incurred Expense: This term means the actual cost (materials and labor) of the alteration and modification.

Private Automobile: This term means a four-wheeled, private passenger car, station wagon, pick-up truck, van or jeep-type automobile which is not being used as a public conveyance.

B400.6161

All Options

Spousal Education And Retraining Benefit

If You suffer a Specified Loss due to an Accidental bodily injury, We will pay a Spousal Education and Retraining Benefit subject to all of the terms shown below.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

- **Hemiplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, unilaterally.
- **Institute Of Higher Learning:** This term includes, but is not limited to:
 - Universities;
 - Colleges;
 - Trade schools; and
 - Professional schools.

It does not include graduate level programs.

- **Loss Of Cognitive Function:** This term means a significant decline or loss in intellectual aptitude. Such loss must result from an Accidental injury. And, it must be supported by clinical proof or standardized tests that precisely measure decline in the areas of:
 - Short term memory;
 - Orientation to time, place and person;
 - Deductive or abstract reasoning; and
 - Judgment as it relates to awareness of safety.
- **Net Tuition Expense:** This term means Tuition Expense less any scholarships or grants to which the Spouse is entitled.
- **Paraplegia:** This term means total paralysis of both lower limbs.
- **Quadriplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, bilaterally.
- **Specified Loss:** This term means:
 - Loss of life;
 - A comatose state which lasts for a period in excess of one month;
 - Spinal cord injury which results in Hemiplegia, Paraplegia or Quadriplegia; or
 - Severe head injury which results in Loss of Cognitive Function.
- **Tuition Expense:** This term means charges incurred for courses or lab fees. It does not include:
 - Cost of books;
 - Cost of other related course materials;
 - Student activity fees; or
 - Room and board.

When And How The Spousal Education And Retraining Benefit Begins

We will pay a Spousal Education and Retraining Benefit when all of the conditions shown below are met:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Insurance due to a Specified Loss;
- You and Your Spouse share the same place of residence on the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss; and
- We receive proof of Your enrollment in an Institute Of Higher Learning. You must:
 - Be enrolled on the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss; or

- Enroll within 12 months of that date.

What We Pay Subject to all the terms of this Policy, this benefit per academic term will be equal to the lesser of:

- Your Net Tuition Expense for the term;
- 5% of the Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Insurance Benefit paid as a result of the Specified Loss; and
- \$2,500 And, this benefit is subject to a lifetime maximum of \$20,000.

We pay this benefit to the person who has primary responsibility for these expenses.

This benefit is paid per academic term. The maximum number of benefit payments is based on whether You are enrolled in a part-time or full-time course of study. For full-time study, the maximum number of benefit payments is eight. For part-time study, the maximum number of benefit payments is four.

Continued Eligibility For The Spousal Education And Retraining Benefit We require periodic proof of Your continued enrollment in an Institute Of Higher Learning. And, You must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent. We also require proof, per academic term of:

- Your Tuition Expenses; and
- Any scholarships and grants to which You are entitled.

When The Spousal Education And Retraining Benefit Ends This benefit ends on the earliest of the dates shown below:

- The date You are no longer enrolled in an Institute Of Higher Learning;
- The date You fail to maintain a minimum grade point average as shown above;
- The date You fail to furnish any required proof as shown above;
- The date the lifetime maximum benefit is paid; and
- The date the maximum number of benefit payments have been made.

If you die as a result of an Accidental bodily injury and the Spousal Education and Retraining benefit is in effect on the date You die and there is no qualified dependent Spouse who could qualify for this benefit, we will pay a one time benefit of \$500 to the beneficiary in one sum.

B400.6169

Dependent Child Education Benefit

If You suffer a Specified Loss due to an Accidental bodily injury, We will pay a Dependent Child Education Benefit on behalf of a Qualified Dependent Child subject to all of the terms shown below.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

- **Hemiplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, unilaterally.
- **Institute Of Higher Learning:** This term includes, but is not limited to:
 - Universities;
 - Colleges;
 - Trade schools; and
 - Professional schools.

It does not include graduate level programs

- **Loss Of Cognitive Function:** This term means a significant decline or loss in intellectual aptitude. Such loss must result from an Accidental injury. And, it must be supported by clinical proof or standardized tests that precisely measure decline in the areas of: (1) short term memory; (2) orientation to time, place and person; (3) deductive or abstract reasoning; and (4) judgement as it relates to awareness of safety.
- **Net Tuition Expense:** This term means Tuition Expense less any scholarships or grants to which the dependent child is entitled.
- **Paraplegia:** This term means total paralysis of both lower limbs.
- **Quadriplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, bilaterally.
- **Qualified Dependent Child:** This term means a child who is:
 - Your biological child, lawfully adopted child, stepchild, or any other child who is living with You in a regular parent-child relationship; and
 - Dependent on You for his or her chief support and maintenance.
- **Specified Loss:** This term means:
 - Loss of life;
 - A comatose state which lasts for a period in excess of one month;
 - Spinal cord injury which results in Hemiplegia, Paraplegia or Quadriplegia; or

- Severe head injury which results in Loss of Cognitive Function.
- **Tuition Expense:** This term means charges incurred for courses or lab fees. It does not include:
 - Cost of books;
 - Cost of other related course materials;
 - Student activity fees; or
 - Room and board.

**When And How The
Dependent Child
Education Benefit
Begins**

We will pay a dependent child education benefit when all of the conditions shown below are met:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Insurance due to a Specified Loss;
- On the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss, the Qualified Dependent Child must be 22 years of age or younger; and
- We receive proof of the Qualified Dependent Child's enrollment in an Institute Of Higher Learning. He or she must be a full-time student, as defined by the institute. And, he or she must:
 - Be enrolled on the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss; or
 - Be in the 12th grade and enroll within 12 months of that date.

What We Pay

Subject to all the terms of this Policy, this benefit per academic term will be equal to the lesser of:

- The Qualified Dependent Child's Net Tuition Expense for the term;
- 5% of the Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Insurance Benefit paid as a result of the Specified Loss; and
- \$2,500 And, this benefit is subject to a lifetime maximum of \$20,000.

We pay this benefit to the person who has primary responsibility for these expenses.

This benefit is paid per academic term. The maximum number of benefit payments is eight.

**Continued Eligibility
For The Dependent
Child Education
Benefit**

We require periodic proof that a child remains a Qualified Dependent Child as shown above. We also require proof, per academic term of:

- His or her Tuition Expenses; and
- Any scholarships and grants to which he or she is entitled.

**When The
Dependent Child
Education Benefit
Ends**

This benefit ends on the earliest of the dates shown below:

- The date the child is no longer a Qualified Dependent Child as shown above;
- The date the child is no longer enrolled in an Institute Of Higher Learning;
- The date the child fails to furnish any required proof as shown above;
- The date the lifetime maximum benefit is paid; and
- The date the maximum number of benefit payments have been made.
- The end of a period of six years from the date the first child education benefit payment is made.

If you die as a result of an Accidental bodily injury and the Dependent Child Education benefit is in effect on the date You die and there is no Qualified Dependent Child who could qualify for this benefit, we will pay a one time benefit of \$500 to the beneficiary in one sum.

B400.6173

All Options

Day Care Expense Benefit

If You suffer a Specified Loss due to an Accidental bodily injury, We will pay a Day Care Expense Benefit subject to all of the terms shown below.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

- **Hemiplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, unilaterally.
- **Loss Of Cognitive Function:** This term means a significant decline or loss in intellectual aptitude. Such loss must result from an Accidental injury. And, it must be supported by clinical proof or standardized tests that precisely measure decline in the areas of:
 - Short term memory;
 - Orientation to time, place and person;
 - Deductive or abstract reasoning; and
 - Judgement as it relates to awareness of safety.
- **Paraplegia:** This term means total paralysis of both lower limbs.
- **Quadriplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, bilaterally.
- **Qualified Day Care Program:** This term means a program of child care which:

- Is provided in a facility that is licensed as a day care center or is operated by a licensed day care provider; and
- Charges a fee for the care of children.

The term does not include child care provided by a:

- Parent;
- Stepparent;
- Grandparent;
- Sibling;
- Aunt; or
- Uncle.
- **Qualified Dependent Child:** This term means a child who is:
 - Your biological child, lawfully adopted child, stepchild, or any other child who is living with You in a regular parent-child relationship; and
 - Dependent on You for his or her chief support and maintenance.
- **Specified Loss:** This term means:
 - Loss of life
 - A comatose state which lasts for a period in excess of one month;
 - Spinal cord injury which results in Hemiplegia, Paraplegia or Quadriplegia; or
 - Or severe head injury which results in Loss of Cognitive Function.

When And How The Day Care Expense Benefit Begins

We will pay a day care expense benefit when all of the conditions shown below are met:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss due to a Specified Loss;
- On the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss, the Qualified Dependent Child must be under the age of seven of age or younger; and
- We receive proof of the Qualified Dependent Child's enrollment in a Qualified Day Care Program. His or her enrollment must start within 12 months of the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss.

What We Pay

Subject to all the terms of this Policy, this benefit will be equal to the lesser of:

- \$10,000 per year; and

- The actual yearly day care expenses for all of Your Qualified Dependent Children.

If this benefit is payable as both an Employee Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit and a Dependent Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit under this Certificate, the total benefit paid will not exceed the yearly day care expenses for all of Your Qualified Dependent Children.

We pay this benefit to the person who has primary responsibility for these expenses.

Continued Eligibility For The Day Care Expense Benefit

We require periodic proof:

- That a child remains enrolled in a Qualified Day Care Program; and
- Of the child's day care expenses.

When The Day Care Expense Benefit Ends

This benefit ends on the earliest of the dates shown below:

- The date the child is no longer a Qualified Dependent Child as shown above;
- The date the child is no longer enrolled in a Qualified Day Care Program;
- The date We do not receive any required proof as shown above; and
- The end of a period of four years from the date the first day care expense benefit was paid.

If you die as a result of an Accidental bodily injury and the Day Care Expense benefit is in effect on the date You die and there is no Qualified Dependent Child who could qualify for this benefit, we will pay a one time benefit of \$500 to the beneficiary in one sum.

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All Options

**DEPENDENT ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT
(AD&D) INSURANCE**

B400.6177

All Options

**Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment
Insurance And Catastrophic Loss Benefits**

B400.6179

All Options

We will pay the benefits described below if a covered dependent suffers an irreversible loss due to an Accident that occurs while he or she is insured under this Certificate. The loss must: (1) be a direct result of the Accident; (2) be independent of all other causes; and (3) occur within 365 days of the date of the Accident.

B400.6180

All Options

Payment Of Benefits For all Covered Losses, We pay You, if You are living. If You are not living, We will pay this benefit as follows:

If the dependent was Your Spouse, We will pay this benefit in equal shares to the first eligible party or parties in the following order:

- To Your Spouses estate;
- To Your Spouses children in equal shares;
- If no children survive him or her, then to his or her parents in equal shares;
- If no children, or parents survive him or her, then to then to his or her brothers and sisters in equal shares;
- If none of the above parties survive Your Spouse, then to the executors or administrators of Your estate.

If the dependent was Your child, we will pay this benefit in equal shares to the first eligible party or parties in the following order:

- Your childs custodial parent(s);
- If no custodial parent survives him or her, then to Your parents;
- If no custodial parent or Your parents survive him or her, then to Your childs estate;

- If none of the above parties survive him or her and no estate exists, then to the executors or administrators of Your estate;
- If none of the above parties survive him or her, and no estates exist, then to Your child's siblings.

Payment of Funeral Expenses We have the option of paying up to \$500 of this benefit to any person who incurred expenses for your dependents funeral.

B400.6184

All Options

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT

Covered Losses Benefits will be paid only for losses listed in the Table of Covered Losses shown below. Your covered dependent's insurance amount is shown in the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Schedule Of Benefits.

Table Of Covered Losses

Covered Loss	Benefit
Loss of life	100% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Disappearance	100% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Loss of a hand	50% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "loss of one arm".
Loss of a foot	50% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "loss of one leg".
Loss of sight in one eye	50% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand	25% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a hand" or "loss of one arm".

Loss of four fingers of same hand	25% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a hand" or "loss of one arm".
Loss of all toes of same foot	25% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a foot" or "loss of one leg".
Loss of the great toe (hallux)	15% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a foot" or "loss of one leg".

CATASTROPHIC LOSS BENEFITS

Quadriplegia	100% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount. No benefit will be paid if benefits have been paid for "Loss of a foot" or "loss of one leg".
Hemiplegia	50% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Paraplegia	75% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Uniplegia	25% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount
Comatose state, in excess of one month	100% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Loss of cognitive function	100% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.

Loss of speech and hearing	100% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Loss of speech or hearing	50% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Loss of one arm or leg	75% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount.
Third degree burns covering 75% or more of the body	75% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount
Third degree burns covering 50% or more but less than 75% of the body	50% of the Voluntary AD&D insurance amount

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All Options

As used here:

- "Loss of cognitive function" means a significant decline or loss in intellectual aptitude. Such loss must result from an Accidental injury. And, it must be supported by clinical proof or standardized tests that precisely measure decline in the areas of:
 - Short term memory;
 - Orientation to time, place and person;
 - Deductive or abstract reasoning; and
 - Judgment as it relates to awareness of safety.
- "Loss of a hand" means the hand is completely severed at or above the wrist.
- "Loss of a foot" means the foot is completely severed at or above the ankle.
- Loss of all toes of same foot means complete severance at the metatarsalphalangeal joint.
- Loss of the great toe (hallux) means complete severance at the metatarsalphalangeal joint.
- Loss of one arm means the arm is completely severed at or above the elbow.
- Loss of one leg means the leg is completely severed at or above the knee.
- "Loss of hearing" means that hearing in both ears is lost entirely.

- "Loss of sight" means total and permanent loss of sight.
- "Loss of speech" means that speech is lost entirely.
- Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand or Loss of four fingers of same hand means complete severance at the metacarpophalangeal joints of the same hand.
- Loss of all toes of same foot means complete severance at the metatarsalphalangeal joint.
- "Hemiplegia" means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, unilaterally.
- "Paraplegia" means total paralysis of both lower limbs.
- "Quadriplegia" means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, bilaterally.
- Uniplegia means total paralysis of one arm or one leg.

B400.6188

All Options

Multiple Losses For more than one Covered Loss due to the same Accident, We will pay up to 100% of the covered dependent's Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance amount. We will not pay more than 100% of his or her Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance amount for all losses due to the same Accident, except as shown under the Common Carrier Benefit, Seatbelt And Airbag Benefits and Repatriation Benefit.

B400.6189

All Options

Common Disaster If loss of life benefits are payable under this Certificate for both You and Your Spouse, We will increase the benefit payable due to the death of Your Spouse. In place of the Spouse's benefit, We will pay 100% of Your Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance amount, to a maximum of \$250,000. But, the conditions shown below must be met:

- This Certificate must be in force on the date of the Accident; and
- Both You and Your Spouse must die due to injuries:
 - Sustained in the same Accident; or
 - Sustained in separate Accidents that occur within the same 24 hour period.

B400.6190

All Options

Common Carrier Benefit If the covered dependent's loss is due to an Accident which occurs while he or she is riding in a public conveyance as a fare paying passenger, We increase the benefit payable. In that case, We will pay two times the amount which otherwise applies to the loss.

B400.7167

All Options

Repatriation Benefit We pay an extra sum for Covered Loss of life due to an Accident which occurs at least 75 miles from the covered dependent's home. In that case, We pay up to \$5,000 for costs to prepare and transport his or her body to a mortuary chosen by You.

B400.7168

All Options

Exposure If the covered dependent suffers a Covered Loss shown in the Table of Covered Losses due to an Accidental bodily injury caused by being unavoidably exposed to the elements, We will pay the amount which otherwise applies to the loss.

If Covered Loss benefits are deemed payable under Exposure, the Covered Loss benefit is only paid once, not in addition to the Exposure payment.

B400.7169

All Options

Disappearance The covered dependent will have a presumed Accidental bodily injury due to an Accident if:

- The covered dependent is riding in a public conveyance that is involved in an Accident;
- As a result of the Accident, the public conveyance is wrecked, sinks, is stranded or disappears;
- The covered dependent's body is not found within 365 days of the day the Accident; and
- The Accident occurs while the covered dependent is covered by this policy.

If Covered Loss benefits are deemed payable under Disappearance, the Covered Loss benefit is only paid once, not in addition to the Disappearance payment.

B400.7170

All Options

Helmet Benefit If the covered dependent dies as a result of a Motorcycle Accident while properly wearing a Helmet and he or she held a valid driver's license with a Motorcycle endorsement and We determine an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit is payable, We will increase the benefit by the lesser of:

- 25% of the benefit amount; or
- \$25,000.

We must receive satisfactory evidence that the covered dependent's death resulted from a Motorcycle Accident, and that the covered dependent was wearing a Helmet at the time of the Accident. A copy of the police report is required.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

Helmet: This term means a protective head covering made of a hard material to resist impact and that conforms to the Department of Transportation helmet certification.

Motorcycle: This term means a motor vehicle licensed for use on public highways which requires a Motorcycle endorsement on a driver's license to operate the vehicle.

B400.7171

All Options

Rehabilitation Benefit If the covered dependent suffers a Covered Loss other than loss of life due to an Accidental bodily injury and We determine an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit is payable, We will pay a Rehabilitation Benefit subject to all of the terms below:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Dependent Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Benefit due to a Covered Loss other than loss of life;
- Rehabilitative training is required, for which there is an Incurred Expense, due to the covered dependents Accidental bodily injury;
- The covered dependent is trained for another occupation because he or she cannot perform his or her occupation due to the Accidental bodily injury; and
- The expense is incurred within one year of the date of the Accident.

What We Pay Subject to all the terms of this Certificate, the Rehabilitation Benefit pays the lesser of:

- The expense incurred for rehabilitative training; or
- 5% of the benefit amount payable for the Covered Loss; or
- \$2,500.

We pay this benefit in arrears, upon receipt of incurred expense for training. Proof must be submitted within 90 days of the incurred expense.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

Incurred Expense This term means the actual cost of the (a) training; and (b) materials needed for the training.

B400.7172

All Options

Adaptive Home And Vehicle Benefit If the covered dependent suffers a Covered Loss other than loss of life due to an Accidental bodily injury and We determine that an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit is payable, We will pay an Adaptive Home and Vehicle Benefit subject to all of the terms below:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Dependent Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Benefit due to a Covered Loss other than loss of life;
- The home alteration must be:
 - Made to the covered dependent's principal residence;
 - Made by a licensed contractor that is not You, Your Spouse, child, parent, sibling or business associate; and
 - Reasonable based on Your residual capabilities;
- The vehicle modification must be:
 - Made to the covered dependent's Private Automobile; and
 - Carried out by a licensed technician that is not You, Your Spouse, child, parent, sibling or business associate; and
 - Approved by the Motor Vehicle Department; and
- The expense is incurred within one year of the date of the Accident.

What We Pay Subject to all the terms of this Certificate, the Adaptive Home and Vehicle Benefit pays the lesser of:

- 5% of the Insurance Amount;
- \$2,500; or
- The actual one-time cost.

We pay this benefit in arrears, upon receipt of the incurred expense for the alteration or modification. Proof must be submitted within 90 days of the incurred expense.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

Incurred Expense: This term means the actual cost (materials and labor) of the alteration and modification.

Private Automobile: means a four-wheeled, private passenger car, station wagon, pick-up truck, van or jeep-type automobile which is not being used as a public conveyance.

B400.7173

All Options

Spousal Education And Retraining Benefit

If Your covered Spouse suffers a Specified Loss due to an Accidental bodily injury, We will pay You a spousal education and retraining benefit subject to all of the terms shown below.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

- **Hemiplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, unilaterally.
- **Institute Of Higher Learning:** This term includes, but is not limited to:
 - Universities;
 - Colleges;
 - Trade schools; and
 - Professional schools.

It does not include graduate level programs.

- **Loss Of Cognitive Function:** This term means a significant decline or loss in intellectual aptitude. Such loss must result from an Accidental injury. And, it must be supported by clinical proof or standardized tests that precisely measure decline in the areas of:
 - Short term memory;
 - Orientation to time, place and person;
 - Deductive or abstract reasoning; and
 - Judgement as it relates to awareness of safety.
- **Net Tuition Expense:** This term means Tuition Expense less any scholarships or grants to which the You are entitled.
- **Paraplegia:** This term means total paralysis of both lower limbs.
- **Quadriplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, bilaterally.

- **Specified Loss:** This term means:
 - Loss of life;
 - A comatose state which lasts for a period in excess of one month;
 - Spinal cord injury which results in Hemiplegia, Paraplegia or Quadriplegia or
 - Severe head injury which results in Loss of Cognitive Function.
- **Tuition Expense:** This term means charges incurred for courses or lab fees. It does not include:
 - Cost of books;
 - Cost of other related course materials;
 - Student activity fees; or
 - Room and board.

When And How The Spousal Education And Retraining Benefit Begins

We will pay a spousal education and retraining benefit when all of the conditions shown below are met:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Insurance due to a Specified Loss;
- You and Your Spouse share the same place of residence on the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss; and
- We receive proof of Your enrollment in an Institute Of Higher Learning. You must: (a) be enrolled on the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss; or (b) enroll within 12 months of that date.

What We Pay

Subject to all the terms of this Certificate, this benefit per academic term will be equal to the lesser of:

- Your Net Tuition Expense for the term;
- 5% of the Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Insurance Benefit paid as a result of the Specified Loss; and
- \$2,500

And, this benefit is subject to a lifetime maximum of \$20,000

We pay this benefit to the person who has primary responsibility for these expenses.

This benefit is paid per academic term. The maximum number of benefit payments is based on whether You are enrolled in a part-time or full-time course of study. For full-time study, the maximum number of benefit payments is eight. For part-time study, the maximum number of benefit payments is four.

Continued Eligibility For The Spousal Education And Retraining Benefit We require periodic proof of Your continued enrollment in an Institute Of Higher Learning. And, You must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale, or its equivalent. We also require proof, per academic term of:

- Your Tuition Expenses; and
- Any scholarships and grants to which You are entitled.

When The Spousal Education And Retraining Benefit Ends This benefit ends on the earliest of the dates shown below:

- The date You are no longer enrolled in an Institute Of Higher Learning;
- The date You fail to maintain a minimum grade point average as shown above;
- The date You fail to furnish any required proof as shown above;
- The date the lifetime maximum benefit is paid; and
- The date the maximum number of benefit payments have been made.

B400.7174

All Options

Dependent Child Education Benefit

If Your covered Spouse suffers a Specified Loss due to an Accidental bodily injury, We will pay you a Dependent Child Education Benefit on behalf of a Qualified Dependent Child subject to all of the terms shown below.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

- **Hemiplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, unilaterally.
- **Institute Of Higher Learning:** This term includes, but is not limited to:
 - Universities;
 - Colleges;
 - Trade schools; and
 - Professional schools

It does not include graduate level programs.

- **Loss Of Cognitive Function:** This term means a significant decline or loss in intellectual aptitude. Such loss must result from an Accidental injury. And, it must be supported by clinical proof or standardized tests that precisely measure decline in the areas of:
 - Short term memory;

- Orientation to time, place and person;
- Deductive or abstract reasoning; and
- Judgement as it relates to awareness of safety.
- **Net Tuition Expense:** This term means Tuition Expense less any scholarships or grants to which the Qualified Dependent Child is entitled.
- **Paraplegia:** This term means total paralysis of both lower limbs.
- **Quadriplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, bilaterally.
- **Qualified Dependent Child:** This term means a child who is:
 - Your biological child, lawfully adopted child, stepchild, or any other child who is living with You in a regular parent-child relationship;
 - Dependent on You for his or her chief support and maintenance.
- **Specified Loss:** This term means:
 - Loss of life;
 - A comatose state which lasts for a period in excess of one month;
 - Spinal cord injury which results in Hemiplegia, Paraplegia or Quadriplegia; or
 - Severe head injury which results in Loss of Cognitive Function.
- **Tuition Expense:** This term means charges incurred for courses or lab fees. It does not include:
 - Cost of books;
 - Cost of other related course materials;
 - Student activity fees; or
 - Room and board.

**When And How The
Dependent Child
Education Benefit
Begins**

We will pay a Dependent Child Education Benefit when all of the conditions shown below are met:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Insurance due to a Specified Loss;
- On the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss, the Qualified Dependent Child must be 22 years of age or younger; and
- We receive proof of the Qualified Dependent Child's enrollment in an Institute Of Higher Learning. He or she must be a full-time student, as defined by the institute. And, he or she must:

- Be enrolled on the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss; or
- Be in the 12th grade and enroll within 12 months of that date.

What We Pay Subject to all the terms of this Certificate, this benefit per academic term will be equal to the lesser of:

- The Qualified Dependent Child's Net Tuition Expense for the term;
- 5% of the Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Insurance benefit paid as a result of the Specified Loss; and
- \$2,500 And, this benefit is subject to a lifetime maximum of \$20,000

We pay this benefit to the person who has primary responsibility for these expenses.

This benefit is paid per academic term. The maximum number of benefit payments is eight.

Continued Eligibility For The Dependent Child Education Benefit We require periodic proof that a child remains a Qualified Dependent Child as shown above. We also require proof, per academic term of:

- His or her Tuition Expenses; and
- Any scholarships and grants to which he or she is entitled.

When The Dependent Child Education Benefit Ends

This benefit ends on the earliest of the dates shown below:

- The date the child is no longer a Qualified Dependent Child as shown above;
- The date the child is no longer enrolled in an Institute Of Higher Learning;
- The date the child fails to furnish any required proof as shown above;
- The date the lifetime maximum benefit is paid; and
- The date the maximum number of benefit payments have been made.
- The end of a period of six years from the date the first child education benefit is made.

B400.7175

All Options

Day Care Expense Benefit

If Your covered Spouse suffers a Covered Loss due to an Accidental bodily injury, We will pay you a Day Care Expense Benefit subject to all of the terms shown below.

Definitions As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below.

- **Hemiplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, unilaterally.
- **Loss Of Cognitive Function:** This term means a significant decline or loss in intellectual aptitude. Such loss must result from an Accidental injury. And, it must be supported by clinical proof or standardized tests that precisely measure decline in the areas of:
 - Short term memory;
 - Orientation to time, place and person;
 - Deductive or abstract reasoning; and
 - Judgement as it relates to awareness of safety.
- **Paraplegia:** This term means total paralysis of both lower limbs.
- **Quadriplegia:** This term means total paralysis of upper and lower limbs, bilaterally.
- **Qualified Day Care Program:** This term means a program of child care which:
 - Is provided in a facility that is licensed as a day care center or is operated by a licensed day care provider; and
 - charges a fee for the care of children. The term does not include child care provided by a:
 - Parent;
 - Stepparent;
 - Grandparent;
 - Sibling;
 - Aunt; or
 - Uncle.
- **Qualified Dependent Child:** This term means a child who is:
 - Your biological child, lawfully adopted child, stepchild, or any other child who is living with You in a regular parent-child relationship; and
 - Dependent on You for his or her chief support and maintenance.
- **Specified Loss:** This term means:
 - Loss of life;
 - A comatose state which lasts for a period in excess of one month;
 - Spinal cord injury which results in Hemiplegia, Paraplegia or Quadriplegia; or
 - Severe head injury which results in Loss of Cognitive Function.

When And How The Day Care Expense Benefit Begins We will pay a Day Care Expense Benefit when all of the conditions shown below are met:

- A benefit is payable under this Certificate's Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Catastrophic Loss Insurance due to a Specified Loss;
- On the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss, the Qualified Dependent Child must be under the age of seven or younger; and
- We receive proof of the Qualified Dependent Child's enrollment in a Qualified Day Care Program. His or her enrollment must start within 12 months of the date of the Accidental injury which results in the Specified Loss.

What We Pay Subject to all the terms of this Certificate, this benefit will be equal to the lesser of:

- \$10,000 per year; and
- The actual yearly day care expenses for all of Your Qualified Dependent Children.

If this benefit is payable as both an Employee Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit and a Dependent Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit under this Certificate, the total benefit paid will not exceed the yearly day care expenses for all of Your Qualified Dependent Children.

We pay this benefit to the person who has primary responsibility for these expenses.

Continued Eligibility For The Day Care Expense Benefit We require periodic proof:

- That a child remains enrolled in a Qualified Day Care Program; and
- Of the child's day care expenses.

When The Day Care Expense Benefit Ends This benefit ends on the earliest of the dates shown below:

- The date the child is no longer a Qualified Dependent Child as shown above;
- The date the child is no longer enrolled in a Qualified Day Care Program;
- The date We do not receive any required proof as shown above; and
- The end of a period of four years from the date the first day care expense benefit was paid.

B400.7176

CLAIM PROVISIONS

Your right to make a claim for Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Benefits provided by this Certificate is governed as follows:

Authority We have discretionary authority to:

- Interpret the terms of this Certificate; and
- Determine Your eligibility for coverage and benefits under this Certificate.

All such determinations are conclusive and binding, except that they may be modified or reversed by a court or regulatory agency with appropriate jurisdiction.

Notice Written notice of intent to file a claim under this Certificate must be sent to Us within 20 days of the date of the loss. This Notice should include the name of the insured and the Policy number. If the claim is being made for any other Covered Person, his or her name should also be shown. For details, You can call Us at 1-800-525-4542.

Claim Forms We will furnish forms for filing proof of death within 15 days of receipt of Notice. If we do not furnish the forms on time, We will accept a written Notice and adequate proof of death that is the basis of the claim as Proof of Loss.

Proof of Loss You must send written Proof of Loss to Our designated office within 90 days of the loss.

Late Notice and Proof of Loss We will not void or reduce Your claim if we do not receive Notice and Proof of Loss within the required time. In that case, Notice and Proof of Loss must be sent as soon as reasonably possible.

Proof of loss and other claim data should be submitted to:

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America
Group Life Claims Department
P.O. Box 14334
Lexington, KY 40512

Payment of Benefits We will pay the Group Accidental Death & Dismemberment Insurance Benefit as soon as We receive written Proof of Loss.

Legal Actions No legal action against Guardian related to this Certificate may be brought until 60 days from the date Proof of Loss has been given as shown above. No legal action may be brought against Guardian related to claims for benefits under this Certificate after three years from the date of the final benefit determination.

B400.7177

DEFINITIONS

This section defines certain terms appearing in Your Certificate.

B400.7183

All Options

Accident This term means an event or occurrence, resulting in bodily injury or death, independent of all other causes, while a Covered Person is insured by this Certificate. Accident does not include:

- Willful self-injury, suicide, or attempted suicide while sane or insane;
- Sickness, disease, mental infirmity, or result of any medical or surgical treatment;
- Infection, except pyogenic infections which result from a bodily injury or bacterial infections which result from the unintentional ingestion of contaminated substances;
- The intentional or voluntary inhalation or ingestion of gas, chemical, solvent, poison or other substances not intended for internal consumption;
- An injury the Covered Person suffers while taking part in a riot or other civil disorder; or in the commission of or attempt to commit a felony, as defined per the laws in the jurisdiction in which the felony was committed or attempted, or as defined under federal law if the offense charged was a federal offense;
- Injury suffered while travelling on any type of aircraft if the Covered Person is an instructor or crew member; or has any duties at all on that aircraft;
- Injury suffered in declared or undeclared war or act of war or armed aggression;
- Injury suffered while the Covered Person is a member of any armed force;
- Injury suffered while the Covered Person is a driver in a motor vehicle Accident, if his or her driver's license has been suspended, revoked or has been expired for more than 90 days, or if the driver is unlicensed;
- Injury suffered while the Covered Person is legally intoxicated; or
- Injury suffered while the Covered Person is voluntarily using a controlled substance, unless:

- It was prescribed for the Covered Person by a doctor; and
- It was used as prescribed.

A controlled substance is anything called a controlled substance in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended from time to time.

B400.7184

All Options

Active Work or Actively At Work These terms mean You are able to perform, and are performing, all of the regular duties of Your work for the Employer at:

- One of the Employer's usual places of business;
- Some place where the Employer's business requires You to travel; or
- Any other place You and the Employer have agreed on for Your work.

B400.7186

All Options

Activities Of Daily Living This term means the ability to independently perform the following, with or without equipment or adaptive devices:

- **Bathing:** wash in a tub or shower; or take a sponge bath; and towel dry.
- **Dressing:** put on and take off all clothes; and those medically necessary braces or prosthetic limbs usually worn; and fasten or unfasten them.
- **Toileting:** get to and from and on and off the toilet; to maintain personal hygiene; and care for clothes.
- **Transferring:** move in and out of a chair or bed.
- **Continence:** control bowel and bladder function; or, in the event of incontinence, maintain personal hygiene.
- **Eating:** get food into the body by any means once it has been prepared and made available.

B400.7187

All Options

Certificate This term means this Certificate of Coverage, including any riders and enrollment forms that may be attached to this Certificate.

B400.7188

All Options

Covered Loss This term means loss due to an Accident while a Covered Person is insured by this Certificate and as outlined in the Table of Covered Losses.

B400.7189

All Options

Covered Person This term means the Employee and dependents who are insured by this Certificate.

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All Options

Effective Date The date the Certificate goes into force and effect as stated on the cover page of the Certificate of Coverage, or any change to the Certificate as requested by the Policyholder and approved by Us and in force and effect as stated on the cover page of the Certificate of Coverage.

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All Options

Eligibility Date This term means the earliest date a Covered Person is eligible for coverage under this Certificate, and he or she has satisfied all requirements for coverage to begin, as required by this Certificate.

- For Employee coverage, this term means the earliest date You are eligible for coverage under this Certificate.
- For an Employee in Active Work who had completed any waiting period required by the Employer as of the Effective Date of this Certificate, the Eligibility Date means the Effective Date of this Certificate.
- For an Employee in Active Work as of the Effective Date of this Certificate who has not completed any waiting period required by the Employer, the Eligibility Date will be the first date following the completion of the required waiting period.
- For an Employee hired on or after the Effective Date of this Certificate, the Eligibility Date will be the later of the Employee's date of hire, or the first date following the completion of any waiting period required by the Employer.

If this plan requires Employees to elect coverage under this Certificate, the Eligibility date will be the later of:

- The Employee's date of hire;
- The first date following the completion of any waiting period required by the Employer; or
- The approval by Us in writing of any coverage for which You were required to provide Proof of Insurability.

For dependent coverage, this term means the earliest date on which:

- You have Initial Dependents; and
- Are eligible for dependent coverage.

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All Options

Employee This term means a person who works for the Employer at the Employer's place of business and whose income is reported to the United States Internal Revenue Service, and/or a state, for tax purposes. Partners and proprietors will also be treated as Employees if the eligibility requirements are met.

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All Options

Employer This term means SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. .

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All Options

Enrollment Period This term means the 31 day period which starts on the date You first become eligible for coverage.

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All Options

Full-Time This term means You are not a part time Employee as defined by Your Employer and the average number of hours You worked for the six months prior to the last full day worked was at least 20 hours per week at:

- Your Employer's place of business;
- Some place where the Employer's business requires You to travel; or
- Any other place You and Your Employer have agreed upon for the performance of occupational duties.

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All Options

Initial Dependents This term means those eligible dependents You have at the time You first become eligible for Employee coverage. If at this time You do not have any eligible dependents, but You later acquire them, the first eligible dependents You acquire are Your Initial Dependents.

B400.7199

All Options

Legally Intoxicated "Intoxicated" means that the Covered Person's blood alcohol content meets or exceeds the percentage or amount of blood alcohol content that creates a legal presumption of intoxication under the laws of the state or territory in which the loss occurred for operating a motor vehicle under the influence, regardless of whether the Covered Person was operating a motor vehicle at the time the loss occurred.

B400.7219

All Options

Month or Months or Monthly These terms mean a consecutive 30 day period.

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All Options

Newly Acquired Dependent This term means an eligible dependent You acquire after You already have coverage in force for Initial Dependents.

B400.7221

All Options

Policy or Plan This term means the Group Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage described in the Policy and in this Certificate.

B400.7223

All Options

Proof Of Insurability This terms means the completion of an evidence of insurability form, acceptable to Us, which shows that a person is insurable.

B400.7224

All Options

Proof of Loss This term means the documents that are deemed acceptable for purposes of substantiating a life claim. Acceptable Proof of Loss includes:

- An original certified finalized death certificate;
- The beneficiary designation in effect at the time of death;
- Enrollment information documenting that the insured was properly enrolled for the amount of coverage claimed;
- A fully completed claim form; and
- Any additional information deemed necessary during the course of Our claim investigation. This may include, but is not limited to, an autopsy report, investigative reports, toxicology reports and medical records.

B400.7225

All Options

Third degree Burn This term means a burn involving the full thickness of skin including the tissue beneath the skin; burns in which both the epidermis and dermis are destroyed with damage extending into underlying tissues.

B400.7227

All Options

Spouse This term means the person to whom You are legally married, as recognized and allowed by federal law, or state law in Your state of residence or the state in which the marriage was recorded.

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All Options

We, Us and Our These terms mean The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.

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All Options

You or Your These terms mean the insured Employee.

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All Options

**GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT
SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

B400.7846

All Options

**Employee Voluntary Accidental Death And Dismemberment (AD&D)
Insurance Schedule**

B400.8097

All Options

Initial Election You may choose to be insured under one of the plans of Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance which is equal to 100% of the Voluntary Term Life amount not to exceed \$500,000.00. You may only be insured under one plan at a time. You must notify the Employer of your election and pay the required premium.

B400.8101

All Options

Changing Election You may switch to another benefit any time. You must notify the Employer of the switch and the amount must be 100% of the Voluntary Term Life amount.

B400.8105

All Options

Voluntary AD&D Insurance Amount *Plan A*
You may elect amounts of Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance in increments of \$10,000.00, but your amount may not be less than \$10,000.00 and may not exceed \$500,000.00.

B400.8127

All Options

Family Status Change You may request a change to your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance coverage if you have experienced a Family Status Change.

A Family Status Change includes one or more of the following:

- Marriage or divorce;
- Death of a Spouse or child;
- Birth or adoption of a child;

- Your Spouse's termination of employment or a change in Your Spouse's employment that results in the loss of group coverage.

The term "marriage" may also refer to civil unions and domestic partnerships, as recognized by the jurisdiction in which You reside.

If a change in Family Status occurs, You may request an increase to Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance amount or the addition of Employee Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance for which You were not previously insured. You may also request an increase or the addition of dependent Spouse or dependent child Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance for your living eligible dependents. You must provide proof of the Family Status Change and request the change to Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance in writing within 31 days after the date of the Family Status Change as described below.

B400.9096

All Options

**Reduction of
Voluntary AD&D
Insurance Amount
Based on Age**

If You are less than age 70 when Your insurance under this Plan starts, Your insurance amount is reduced at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time for Your place of residence on the date You reach age 70, by 35% of the amount which otherwise applies to Your classification. But in no case will such reduced amount be less than \$1,000.00. This reduction also applies to Your initial insurance amount if Your insurance starts after You reach age 70, but before You reach age 75.

If You are less than age 75 when Your insurance under this Plan starts, Your insurance amount is reduced at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time for Your place of residence on the date You reach age 75, by 50% of the amount which otherwise applies to Your classification. But in no case will such reduced amount be less than \$1,000.00. This reduction also applies to Your initial insurance amount if Your insurance starts after You reach age 75.

The reduced amount is in place of the amount which otherwise applies to Your classification.

B400.9128

All Options

Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Schedule

B400.9308

All Options

Initial Election You may choose the plan of dependent Spouse Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance and the plan of dependent child Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance shown below. You must notify the Employer of Your election and pay the required premium.

B400.9309

All Options

**Voluntary
Dependent Spouse
Insurance Amount**

Plan A

You may elect amounts of Voluntary dependent spouse Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance in increments of \$5,000.00, but the amount may not be less than \$5,000.00 and may not exceed \$250,000.00.

B400.9318

All Options

**Dependent Child
Voluntary AD&D
Insurance Amount**

Plan A

Child's Age At Death

Insurance Amount

From birth to 14 days \$1,000.00

At least 14 days but less than
26 years an amount not less than
\$2,000.00, and not more
than \$10,000.00, increments
of \$2,000.00

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All Options

In no event may the insurance amount of a dependent Spouse exceed 100% of Your insurance amount.

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All Options

In no event may the insurance amount of a dependent child exceed 100% of Your insurance amount.

B400.9343

All Options

**Reduction of
Dependent
Voluntary
Accidental Death
and
Dismemberment
Insurance Amount
based on Age**

Your dependent benefits are reduced in the same manner as Your benefits. The dependent reductions are based on Your age.

B400.9363

All Options

Changes to Insurance

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All Options

Changes In Insurance Amounts If You are not Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis, any change in Your amount of coverage or the amount of coverage on a covered dependent will not become effective prior to the date You return to Active Work on a Full-Time basis.

B400.9568

All Options

Changes In Insurance Classification If Your classification changes, insurance will not be changed to the new amount until the first day on which You are:

- Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis; and
- Make a contribution, if required, for the new classification.

If a contribution is required for the new classification for which a larger amount of insurance is provided, You must make the required contribution for the new amount within 31 days of the change. If You do not make the required contribution within 31 days of the change or within 31 days of becoming Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis, if You are not Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis, when Your classification changes, no increase will be allowed due to such change or any later change. In that case, in order to become insured for the larger amount, You must:

- Make the required contribution for the new amount; and
- Furnish Proof Of Insurability to Us, which We approve in writing.

If the insurance amount was previously reduced because of age or retirement, it will be retained at the reduced amount.

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CERTIFICATE RIDER - Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit

This Rider is effective as of the effective date of the Employee's Certificate. If this Rider is added to an inforce Certificate, the Rider becomes effective on its issue date. This Rider amends the Certificate by the addition of the following:

Terms not specifically defined within this Rider are defined in the Certificate.

**Employee Voluntary Accidental Death
and Dismemberment Insurance
and Dependent Voluntary Accidental Death
and Dismemberment Insurance
Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit**

This rider applies to Your Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance and dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance.

**Seatbelt And Airbag
Benefits**

If You die as a direct result of an automobile Accident while properly wearing a seatbelt, We will increase Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit amount by \$10,000. And, if You die as a direct result of an automobile Accident while both properly wearing a seatbelt, and sitting in a seat equipped with an airbag, We will increase Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit amount by an additional \$5,000, for a total increase of \$15,000.

Proof that You were properly wearing a seatbelt must be provided. A law enforcement official investigating the Accident must certify that the seatbelt was properly fastened and that the automobile in which the deceased was traveling was equipped with airbags. A copy of such certification must be submitted to Us with the claim for benefits.

If We cannot determine that You were wearing a seatbelt at the time of the Accident, We will increase Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit amount by \$1,000.

If We determine that a seatbelt was not worn at the time of the automobile Accident directly resulting in Your death, or if the required official report is not provided, no Seatbelt or Airbag Benefit will be paid.

The total amount payable for the Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit under Your Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance and Voluntary Group Term Life Insurance and may not exceed \$30,000.

Exclusions

This Certificate Rider does not pay a Seatbelt or Airbag Benefit for loss of life caused by, or related to an Accident occurring:

- While You are the driver in an automobile Accident, if Your driver's license has been suspended or revoked or if You are unlicensed;
- While You are the driver and Legally Intoxicated;

- While You are the driver and voluntarily using a controlled substance, unless:
 - It was prescribed for You by a Doctor; and
 - It was used as prescribed.

A controlled substance is anything called a controlled substance in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended from time to time.

- While You were intentionally or voluntarily inhaling or ingesting a gas, chemical, solvent, poison or other substances not intended for internal consumption;
- During Your commission of, or attempt to commit a felony as defined per the laws in the jurisdiction in which the felony was committed or attempted, or as defined under federal law if the offense charged was a federal offense;
- During Your participation in any sport for compensation or profit; or
- During Your racing an automobile in an organized event or street race.

Dependent Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit

Seatbelt And Airbag Benefits

If Your dependent dies as a direct result of an automobile Accident while properly wearing a seatbelt, We will increase his or her Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit amount by \$5,000. And, if Your dependent dies as a direct result of an automobile Accident while both properly wearing a seatbelt, and sitting in a seat equipped with an airbag, We will increase his or her Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit amount by an additional \$2,500, for a total increase of \$7,500.

You are responsible for providing proof that Your dependent was properly wearing a seatbelt. A law enforcement official investigating the Accident must certify that the seatbelt was properly fastened and that the automobile in which the deceased was traveling was equipped with airbags. A copy of such certification must be submitted to Us with the claim for benefits.

If We cannot determine that Your dependent was wearing a seatbelt at the time of the automobile Accident directly resulting in his or her death, We will increase Your dependent Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit amount by \$1,000.

If We determine that a seatbelt was not worn at the time of the automobile Accident directly resulting in Your dependent's death, or if the required official report is not provided, no Seatbelt or Airbag Benefit will be paid.

The total amount payable for the Seatbelt and Airbag Benefit under Your dependent Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance and Voluntary Group Term Life Insurance may not exceed \$15,000 for each covered dependent.

Exclusions

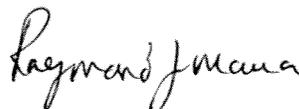
This Policy does not pay a Seatbelt or Airbag Benefit for loss of life caused by, or related to an Accident occurring:

- While Your dependent is the driver in an automobile Accident, if his or her driver's license is suspended or revoked or if the driver is unlicensed;
- While Your dependent is the driver and is Legally Intoxicated;
- While Your dependent is the driver and is voluntarily using a controlled substance, unless:
 - It was prescribed for the dependent by a doctor; and
 - It was used as prescribed.

A controlled substance is anything called a controlled substance in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended from time to time.

- While Your dependent intentionally or voluntarily inhales or ingests a gas, chemical, solvent, poison or other substances not intended for internal consumption;
- During Your dependent's commission of, or attempt to commit a felony as defined per the laws in the jurisdiction in which the felony was committed or attempted, or as defined under federal law if the offense charged was a federal offense;
- During Your dependent's participation in any sport for compensation or profit;
- During Your dependent's racing an automobile in an organized event or street race.

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STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

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Your group term accidental death and dismemberment insurance benefits may be covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). If so, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under ERISA.

ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

**Receive Information
about Your Plan and
Benefits**

- Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U. S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

**Prudent Actions by
Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate the plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

**Enforcement of
Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules (see Claims Procedures below).

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110.00 a day until you receive the material, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds that your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Questions If you have questions about the plan, you should contact the plan administrator. If you have questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor listed in your telephone directory or the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Claims Procedure If you seek benefits under the plan you should complete, execute and submit a claim form. Claim forms and instructions for filing claims may be obtained from the Guardian Life Insurance Company of America (hereinafter referenced as Guardian.)

Guardian is the Claims Fiduciary with discretionary authority to interpret and construe the terms of the Policy, the Certificate, the Schedule of Benefits, and any riders, or other documents or forms that may be attached to the Certificate or the Policy, and any other plan documents. Guardian has discretionary authority to determine eligibility for benefits and coverage under those documents. Guardian has the right to secure independent professional healthcare advice and to require such other evidence as needed to decide your claim.

In addition to the basic claim procedure explained in your certificate, Guardian will also observe the procedures listed below. These procedures are the minimum requirements for benefit claims procedures of employee benefit plans covered by Title 1 of ERISA.

Definitions "Adverse determination" means any denial, reduction or termination of a benefit or failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit.

**Timing for Initial
Benefit
Determination of
Accidental Death
and
Dismemberment
Insurance Claims**

The benefit determination period begins when a claim is received. Guardian will make a benefit determination and notify a claimant within a reasonable period of time, but not later than the maximum time period shown below. A written or electronic notification of any adverse benefit determination must be provided.

Guardian will provide a benefit determination not later than 90 days from the date of receipt of a claim. This period may be extended by up to 90 days if Guardian determines that an extension is necessary due to special circumstances, and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 90-day period. Such notification will include the reason for the special circumstances requiring the extension and a date by which the determination is expected to be made.

A notification of an extension to the time period in which a benefit determination will be made will include an explanation of the standards upon which entitlement to a benefit is based, any unresolved issues that prevent a decision of the claim, and the additional information needed to resolve those issues.

**Adverse Benefit
Determination of
Accidental Death
and
Dismemberment
Insurance Claims**

If a claim is denied, Guardian will provide notice that will set forth:

- The specific reason(s) for the adverse determination;
- References to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan or other documents, on which the determination is based;
- A description of any additional material or information needed to perfect the claim, and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
- A description of the plan's claim review procedures which a claimant may follow to have a claim for benefits reviewed and the time limits applicable to such procedures;
- Identification and description of any specific internal rule, guideline or protocol that was relied upon in making an adverse benefit determination, or a statement, that a copy of such information will be provided to the claimant free of charge upon request;
- A description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) following an adverse benefit determination; and
- In the case of adverse benefit determination based on medical necessity or experimental treatment, notice will either include an explanation of the scientific or clinical basis for the determination, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

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Appeals of Adverse Determinations of Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Claims

If a claim is wholly or partially denied, you will have up to 60 days to make an appeal. Guardian will conduct a full and fair review of an appeal which includes providing to claimants the following:

- The opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim;
- The opportunity, upon request and free of charge, for reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim; and
- A review that takes into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

In reviewing an appeal, Guardian will:

- Provide for a review conducted by a named fiduciary who is neither the person who made the initial adverse determination nor that person's subordinate;
- In deciding an appeal based upon a medical judgment, consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment;
- Identify medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained in connection with an adverse benefit determination; and
- Ensure that a health care professional engaged for consultation regarding an appeal based upon a medical judgment shall be neither the person who was consulted in connection with the adverse benefit determination, nor that person's subordinate.

Guardian will notify the claimant of its decision not later than 60 days after receipt of the request for review of the adverse determination. This period may be extended by an additional period of up to 60 days if Guardian determines that special circumstances require an extension of the time period for processing and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 60-day period.

A notification with respect to an extension will indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of the time period for review, and the date by which the final determination will be made.

In the event Guardian denies the appeal of an adverse benefit determination, it will:

- Provide the specific reason or reasons why the appeal was denied;
- Refer to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan, or other documents on which the benefit determination is based;
- Provide a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits;

- In the event the adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, provide either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

Waiver of Premium If you apply for an extension of accidental death and dismemberment insurance benefits due to Total Disability under the Waiver of Premium benefit under this plan, these claim procedures will apply to such request:

Timing For Initial Benefit Determination for Waiver of Premium The benefit determination period begins when a claim is received. Guardian will make a benefit determination and notify a claimant within a reasonable period of time, but not later than the time period shown below. A written or electronic notification of any adverse determination must be provided.

Guardian will make a determination of whether the claimant meets the plan's standard for total disability not later than 45 days from the date of receipt of a claim. This period may be extended by up to 30 days if Guardian determines that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 45-day period. Such notification will include the reason for the extension and a date by which the determination will be made. If prior to the end of the 30-day period Guardian determines that an additional extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, and so notifies the claimant, the time period for making a benefit determination may be extended for up to an additional period of up to 30 days. Such notification will include the special circumstances requiring the extension and a date by which the final determination will be made.

A notification of an extension to the time period in which a benefit determination will be made will include an explanation of the standards upon which entitlement to a benefit is based, any unresolved issues that prevent a decision on the claim, and the additional information needed to resolve those issues.

If Guardian extends the time period for making a benefit determination due to a claimant's failure to submit the information necessary to decide the claim, the claimant will be given at least 45 days to provide the requested information. The extension period will begin on the date on which the claimant responds to the request for additional information.

Adverse Benefit Determination If a claim for an extension of benefits is denied, Guardian will provide a notice that will set forth:

- The specific reason(s) for the adverse determination;
- References to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan or other documents, on which the determination is based;
- A description of any additional material or information needed to perfect the claim, and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary;
- A description of the plan's claim review procedures which a claimant may follow to have a claim for benefits reviewed and the time limits applicable to such procedures;

- A statement disclosing any internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse benefit determination (or a statement that such information will be provided free of charge upon request); or a statement that no internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination;
- If applicable, an explanation of the basis of disagreement with or not following the views presented by you, of health care professionals who treated you and vocational professionals who evaluated you;
- If applicable, an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following the views of any medical or vocational expert whose advice was obtained on our behalf in connection with the adverse benefit determination, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the determination;
- If applicable, an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following a disability determination made by the Social Security Administration that you present to us;
- A description of the plan's review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) following an adverse benefit determination; and
- In the case of adverse benefit determination based on medical necessity or experimental treatment, notice will either include an explanation of the scientific or clinical basis for the determination, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

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All Options

Appeals of Adverse Determinations for Waiver of Premium

If a claim for Waiver of Premium is denied, the claimant will have up to 180 days to make an appeal. Guardian will conduct a full and fair review of an appeal which includes providing to claimants the following:

- The opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim;
- The opportunity, upon request and free of charge, for reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relevant to the claim; and
- A review that takes into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

In reviewing an appeal, Guardian will:

- Provide for a review conducted by a named fiduciary who is neither the person who made the initial adverse determination nor that person's subordinate;

- In deciding an appeal based upon a medical judgment, consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment;
- Identify medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained in connection with an adverse benefit determination; and
- Ensure that a health care professional engaged for consultation regarding an appeal based upon a medical judgment shall be neither the person who was consulted in connection with the adverse benefit determination, nor that person's subordinate.

Guardian will notify the claimant of its decision not later than 45 days after receipt of the request for review of the adverse determination. This period may be extended by an additional period of up to 45 days if Guardian determines that special circumstances require an extension of the time period for processing and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 45-day period.

A notification with respect to an extension will indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of the time period for review, and the date by which the final determination will be made.

In the event Guardian denies the appeal of an adverse benefit determination, it will:

- Provide the specific reason or reasons why the appeal was denied;
- Refer to the specific provisions in the Policy, Certificate, plan, or other documents on which the benefit determination is based;
- Provide a statement that the claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonably access to, and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim for benefits;
- Provide a statement disclosing any internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse benefit determination (or a statement that such information will be provided free of charge upon request); or a statement that no internal rule, guideline, protocol or similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse benefit determination;
- If applicable, provide an explanation of the basis of disagreement with or not following the views presented by you, of health care professionals who treated you, and vocational professionals who evaluated you;
- If applicable, provide an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following the views of any medical or vocational expert whose advice was obtained on our behalf in connection with the adverse benefit determination, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the determination;
- If applicable, provide an explanation of the basis for disagreeing with or not following a disability determination made by the Social Security Administration that you present to us;

- Provide a statement describing the claimants right to bring a civil suit under Section 502(a) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 which shall also describe any applicable contractual limitations period that applies the claimant's right to bring such an action, including the calendar date on which the contractual limitations period expires for the claim, and;
- In the event the adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, provide either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

Alternative Dispute Options The claimant and the plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact the local U.S Department of Labor Office and the State insurance regulatory agency.

In addition to any legal rights you may have under section 502(a), if you believe that we have violated ERISA's procedural requirements, you may request that we review any claimed violation(s) and we will respond to you within ten days.

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This Booklet Includes All Benefits For Which You Are Eligible.

You are covered for any benefits provided to you by the policyholder at no cost.

But if you are required to pay all or part of the cost of insurance you will only be covered for those benefits you elected in a manner and mode acceptable to Guardian such as an enrollment form and for which premium has been received by Guardian.

"Please Read This Document Carefully".

CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

The Guardian

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New York, New York 10001
1-(888)-482-7342

The group Critical Illness coverage described in this Certificate is attached to the group Policy effective January 1, 2018. This Certificate replaces any Certificate previously issued under this Plan or under any other plan providing similar or identical benefits issued to the planholder by Guardian.

Important Notice: This is a limited plan of Critical Illness insurance. It is a supplement to health insurance. It is not a substitute for hospital or medical expense insurance, a health maintenance organization (HMO) contract, or major medical expense insurance. Please read this Plan carefully to fully understand what it covers, limits, and excludes. THIS POLICY IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY. If you are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare available from the company.

GROUP CRITICAL ILLNESS COVERAGE

Guardian certifies that the Employee to whom this Certificate is issued is entitled to the benefits described herein. However, the Employee must: (a) satisfy all of this Plan's eligibility and effective date requirements; (b) be listed in Our and/or the Policyholder's records as a validly covered Employee under this Plan; and (c) all required premium payments must have been made by or on behalf of the Employee.

The Employee and/or his or her Dependents are not covered by any part of this Plan for which he or she has waived coverage. Such a waiver of coverage is shown in Our and/or the Policyholder's records.

Policyholder: SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC.

Group Policy Number: 00543409

Stuart J Shaw
Vice President, Risk Mgt. & Chief Actuary

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DEFINITIONS

This section defines certain terms appearing in Your Certificate.

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All Options

Active Work or Actively At Work: These terms mean Your performance of all the duties that pertain to Your work at the place: (1) where it is normally done; or (2) where it is required to be done by Your Employer.

B040.0882

All Options

Board Certified: This term means a Doctor who has been certified in the appropriate medical specialty by a member board of the American Board of Medical Specialties.

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All Options

Covered Dependent Child: This term means Your eligible dependent child covered under this Plan.

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All Options

Covered Person: This term means You, if You are covered under this Plan and Your covered dependents.

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All Options

Critical Illness: This term means any of the conditions shown in the Covered Critical Illnesses section of this Plan.

B005.0013

All Options

Diagnosis: This term means the establishment of a Critical Illness by a Doctor through the use of clinical and/or lab findings, as described in the Covered Critical Illnesses section of this Plan.

B005.0042

All Options

Doctor: This term means any medical practitioner We are required by law to recognize. He or she must: (1) be properly licensed or certified by the laws of the state where he or she practices; and (2) provide services that are within the lawful scope of his or her practice.

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Eligibility Date: For Employee coverage, this term means the earliest date You are eligible for coverage under this Plan. For dependent coverage, this term means the earliest date on which: (1) You have Initial Dependents; and (2) are eligible for dependent coverage.

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All Options

Employee: This term means a person who works for the Employer and whose income is reported for tax purposes using a W-2 form.

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All Options

Employer: This term means SKILLS DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, INC. .

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All Options

Enrollment Period: This term means the 31 day period which starts on the date You first become eligible for dependent coverage.

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All Options

Full-Time: This term means You regularly work at least the number of hours in the normal work week set by the Employer (but not less than 20 hours per week), at: (1) Your Employer's place of business; (2) some place where the Employer's business requires You to travel; or (3) any other place You and Your Employer have agreed upon for the performance of occupational duties.

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All Options

Initial Dependents: This term means eligible dependents You have at the time You first become eligible for Employee coverage. If at this time You do not have any eligible dependents, but You later acquire them, the first eligible dependents You acquire are Your initial dependents.

B005.0023

All Options

Injury: This term means: (1) all damage to a Covered Person's body due to an accident; and (2) all complications arising from that damage.

B005.0024

All Options

Medically Necessary This term means health services and supplies that are all of the following:

- (1) medically appropriate;
- (2) needed to Diagnose or treat a Sickness or Injury;
- (3) consistent in type, frequency, and length of treatment with scientifically based guidelines of national medical research or health care coverage organizations or government agencies;
- (4) needed for reasons other than comfort or convenience of the Covered Person or Doctor;
- (5) of proven medical value; and
- (6) done with the appropriate level of service or supply needed to provide safe and adequate care.

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All Options

Newly Acquired Dependent: This term means an eligible dependent You acquire after You already have coverage in force for Initial Dependents.

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All Options

Plan: This term means the group Critical Illness coverage plan described in the Policy and this Certificate.

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All Options

Proof of Insurability: This term means the completion of an evidence of insurability form, acceptable to Us, showing that a person is insurable.

B005.0029

All Options

Sickness: This term means any illness or disease suffered by a Covered Person.

B005.0030

All Options

Spouse: This term means Your lawful spouse, which shall include the marriage between opposite or same-sex partners legally performed in other jurisdictions.

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All Options

We, Us, Our and Guardian: These terms mean The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America.

Your or Your: These terms mean the insured Employee.

B005.0032

All Options

GENERAL PROVISIONS

B005.0033

All Options

Applicable Benefits

This Certificate may include multiple benefit options and types of benefits. In the event that the Certificate includes such multiple benefit options and types of benefits, each Covered Person will only be covered for those applicable benefits that (1) were previously selected in a manner and mode acceptable to Guardian such as an enrollment form and (2) for which applicable premium has been received by Guardian.

B005.0034

All Options

Limitation of Authority

No person, except by a writing signed by the President, a Vice President or a Secretary of Guardian, has the authority to act for Us to: (1) determine whether any contract, Policy or certificate is to be issued; (2) waive or alter any provisions of any contract or Policy, or any of Our requirements; (3) bind Us by any statement or promise relating to any contract, Policy or certificate issued or to be issued; or (4) accept any information or representation which is not in a signed application.

B005.0035

All Options

Incontestability

The Policy is incontestable after two years from its date of issue, except for non-payment of premiums.

No statement in any application, except a fraudulent statement, made by a Covered Person will be used to contest the validity of his or her insurance or to deny a claim for a loss incurred after such insurance has been in force for two years during his or her lifetime.

If the Policy replaces a plan your Employer had with another insurer, we may rescind the Plan based on misrepresentations made by the Employer or an Employee in a signed application for up to two years from the effective date of the Plan.

In the event Your insurance is rescinded due to a fraudulent statement made in Your application We will refund premiums paid for the periods such insurance is void. The premium paid by You will be sent to Your last known address on file with Your Employer or Us.

B005.0036

All Options

Examination and Autopsy

We have the right to have a doctor of our choice examine the person for whom a claim is being made under the Plan as often as We feel necessary. We also have the right to have an autopsy performed in the case of death where allowed by law. We will pay for all such examinations and autopsies.

B005.0038

All Options

Critical Illness Claims Provisions

Your right to make a claim for Critical Illness benefits provided by the Policy is governed as shown below.

Notice

You must send Us written notice of an Injury or sickness for which a claim is being made within 20 days of the date the Injury occurs or the sickness starts. This notice should include Your name and the Policy number. If the claim is being made for any other Covered Person, his or her name should also be shown.

Claim Forms

We will furnish You with forms for filing proof of loss within 15 days of receipt of notice. If We do not furnish the forms on time, We will accept a written description and adequate proof of the Injury or sickness that is the basis of the claim as proof of loss. You must detail the nature and extent of the loss for which the claim is being made.

Proof Of Loss

You must send written proof to Our designated office within 90 days from the date we request it.

Late Notice Of Proof

We will not void or reduce Your claim if You cannot send Us notice and proof of loss within the required time. In that case, You must send Us notice and proof as soon as reasonably possible.

Payment Of Benefits

We will pay Critical Illness benefits as soon as we receive written proof of loss.

Unless otherwise required by law or regulation, We pay all Critical Illness benefits to You if you are living. If You are not living, We have the right to pay all Critical Illness benefits to one of the following: (1) Your estate; (2) Your spouse; (3) Your parents; (4) Your children; or (5) Your brothers and sisters.

Legal Actions

No legal action against this Plan shall be brought until 60 days from the date proof of loss has been given as shown above. No legal action shall be brought against this Plan after three years from the date written proof of loss is required to be given.

Workers' Compensation

The Critical Illness benefits provided by this Plan are not in place of and do not affect requirements for coverage by Workers' Compensation.

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ELIGIBILITY FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS - EMPLOYEE COVERAGE

Eligible Employees

Subject to the conditions of eligibility set forth below, and to all of the other conditions of the Plan, You are eligible if You are in an eligible class of Employees and are an active Full-Time Employee.

If You are a partner or proprietor, We will treat You like an Employee if You meet the Plan's conditions of eligibility.

Conditions of Eligibility

You are eligible for Critical Illness coverage if You are;

- Legally working in the United States, or working outside of the United States for a United States based employer in a country or region approved by Us; and
- Regularly working at least the number of hours in the normal work week set by the Employer (but not less than 20 hours per week) at: (1) the Employer's place of business; (2) some place where the Employer's business requires You to travel; or (3) any other place You and the Employer have agreed upon for the performance of occupational duties.

You are **not** eligible for Critical Illness coverage if You are a temporary or seasonal Employee.

Enrollment Requirement: If You must pay all or part of the cost of Your coverage, We will not cover You until You enroll and agree to make the required payments.

Proof of Insurability: If You: (1) do not meet this Plan's enrollment requirement within 31 days after You first become eligible; or (2) enroll after You previously had coverage which ended because You failed to make a required payment, We will ask for Proof of Insurability. And, You will not be covered until We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

Part or all of Your insurance amounts may be subject to Proof of Insurability. The Schedule of Benefits explains if and when We require Proof of Insurability. You will not be covered for any amount that requires such Proof of Insurability until You give the Proof of Insurability to Us and We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

If Your active Full-Time service ends before You meet any Proof of Insurability requirements that apply You will still have to meet those requirements if You are later re-employed by the Employer or an associated company.

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All Options

The Waiting Period If You are in an eligible class, You are eligible for Critical Illness coverage under this Plan after You complete the service waiting period, if any, established by the Employer.

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All Options

Multiple Employment If You work for both the Employer and a covered associated company, or for more than one covered associated company, We will treat You as if only one firm employs You. You will not have multiple Critical Illness coverages under this plan. But, if this Plan uses the amount of Your earnings to set the rates, determine class, figure coverage amounts, or for any other reason, such earnings will be figured as the sum of Your earnings from all covered Employers.

B005.0046

All Options

When Employee Coverage Starts

Your eligibility date is the date You have met all of the conditions of eligibility.

Whether You must pay all or part of the cost of Your coverage, You must elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments before Your coverage will start. If You do this on or before Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You do this within 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments more than 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage will not be scheduled to start until You send Us Proof of Insurability. Once We have approved such Proof of Insurability, Your coverage is scheduled to start on the effective date shown in the endorsement section of Your evidence of insurability form.

Any part of Your coverage which is subject to Proof of Insurability will not start unless You send such Proof of Insurability to Us, and We approve it in writing. Once We have approved it, that part of Your coverage is scheduled to start on the effective date shown in the endorsement section of Your evidence of insurability form. If Your active service ends before You meet any Proof of Insurability requirements that apply You will still have to meet those requirements if You are later re-employed by the Employer or an associated company.

On the date all or part of Your coverage is scheduled to start, You must be: (1) Actively At Work; (2) fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation; and (3) working Your regular number of hours. In that case, Your coverage will start at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time for Your place of residence on that date. In any other case, We will postpone the start of Your coverage until the date You: (a) return to Active Work; (b) are working Your regular number of hours; and (c) are fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation. Sometimes, a scheduled effective date is not a regularly scheduled work day. If the scheduled effective date falls: on a holiday; on a vacation day; on a non-scheduled work day; during a layoff of less than 180 days in duration; during an approved leave of absence not due to sickness or injury, of 90 days or less; or on a day during a period of absence that is less than 7 days in duration; and if: (a) You were fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for the Employer on a full-time basis at 12:01 AM Standard Time for Your place of residence on the scheduled effective date; and (b) You were performing the major duties of Your regular occupation and working Your regular number of hours on Your last regularly scheduled work day; Your coverage will start on the scheduled effective date.

Delayed Effective Date For Voluntary Critical Illness Coverage: If You are not Actively At Work on the date Your Voluntary Critical Illness coverage is scheduled to start due to Sickness or Injury, We will postpone coverage for an otherwise covered loss due to that Sickness or Injury. We will postpone such coverage until You complete ten days in a row without missing a work day due to that Sickness or Injury in which You are: (1) Actively At Work; (2) fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation; and (3) working Your regular number of hours. Coverage for an otherwise covered loss due to all other conditions will start on the date You are: (a) Actively At Work; (b) fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation; and (c) working Your regular number of hours.

Exception to When Employee Coverage Starts: If You are not capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for Your Employer on a full-time basis on the date Your coverage is scheduled to start, You will be insured for Critical Illness insurance if:

1. You were insured under the prior insurer's group critical illness policy at the time of the transfer;
2. You are a member of an eligible class; and
3. premiums for You were paid up to date; and
4. You are not receiving or eligible to receive benefits under the prior insurer's group critical illness policy.

Any Critical Illness benefit payable will be the lesser of:

1. the Critical Illness benefit payable under the Group Policy; or
2. the critical illness benefit payable under the prior insurer's group critical illness policy had it remained in force.

The Critical Illness benefit payable will be reduced by any amount paid by the prior insurer's group critical illness policy.

All other provisions under this Policy will apply under the Exception to When Employee Coverage Starts.

You will remain insured under this provision until the first to occur of:

1. the date You are fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for Your Employer on a full-time basis;
2. the date insurance terminates for one of the reasons stated in When Employee Coverage Ends;
3. the last day of a period of 12 consecutive months which begins on the Policy effective date; or
4. the last day You would have been covered under the prior insurer's group critical illness policy, had the prior plan not terminated.

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All Options

When Employee Coverage Ends

Your coverage will end on the first of the following dates:

- The date in which Your active service ends for any reason. Your active service ends when You are no longer: (1) Actively At Work; and (2) working Your regular number of hours.
- The date You stop being an eligible Employee under this Plan.
- The date You are no longer working in the United States or working outside of the United States for a United States based Employer in a country or region approved by Us.
- The date the group Plan ends, or is discontinued for a class of Employees to which You belong.
- The last day of the period for which required payments are made for You.

B005.0050

All Options

Your Right to Continue Critical Illness Coverage During a Family Leave of Absence

Important Notice: This section may not apply to Your Employer's Plan. You must contact Your Employer to find out if he or she must allow for a family leave of absence under federal law. If he or she must allow for such leave, this section applies.

If Your Coverage Would End: Your Critical Illness coverage would normally end because You cease work due to an approved leave of absence. But, You may continue Your coverage if the leave has been granted: (1) to allow You to care for a seriously injured or ill spouse, child or parent; (2) after the birth or adoption of a child; (3) due to Your own serious health condition; or (4) because of a serious Injury or illness arising out of the fact that Your spouse, child, parent or next of kin who is a covered service member is on active duty, or has been notified of an impending call or order to active duty, in the Armed Forces in support of a contingency operation. To continue Your coverage, You will be required to pay the same share of the premium as You paid before the leave of absence.

When Continuation Ends: Continued coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

- The date You return to Active Work.
- In the case of a leave granted to You to care for a covered service member, the end of a total leave period of 26 weeks in one 12 month period. This 26 weeks total leave period applies to all leaves granted to You under this section for all reasons. If You take an additional leave of absence in a subsequent 12 month period, continued coverage will cease at the end of a total leave period of 12 weeks.
- In any other case, the end of a total leave period of 12 weeks in any 12 month period.
- The date on which Your Employer's Plan is terminated or You are no longer eligible for coverage under this Plan.
- The end of the period for which premium has been paid.

Definitions: As used in this section, the terms listed below have the meanings shown below:

- **Active Duty:** This term means duty under a call or order to active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States.
- **Contingency Operation:** This term means a military operation that: (1) is designated by the Secretary of Defense as an operation in which members of the Armed Forces are or may become involved in military actions, operations or hostilities against an enemy of the United States or against an opposing military force; or (2) results in the call or order to, or retention on, active duty of members of the uniformed services under any provision of law or during a national emergency declared by the President or Congress.

- **Covered Service Member:** This term means a member of the Armed Forces, including a member of the National Guard or Reserves, who for a Serious Injury or Illness is: (1) undergoing medical treatment, recuperation or therapy; (2) otherwise in Outpatient Status; or (3) otherwise on the temporary disability retired list.
- **Next Of Kin:** This term means Your nearest blood relative.
- **Outpatient Status:** This term means, in the case of a covered service member, that he or she is assigned to: (1) a military medical treatment facility as an outpatient; or (2) a unit established for the purpose of providing command and control of members of the Armed Forces receiving medical care as outpatients.
- **Serious Injury Or Illness:** This term means, in the case of a Covered Service Member, an Injury or illness incurred by him or her in line of duty on active duty in the Armed Forces that may render him or her medically unfit to perform the duties of his or her: (1) office; (2) grade; (3) rank; or (4) rating.

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**ELIGIBILITY FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS COVERAGE -
DEPENDENT COVERAGE**

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All Options

Eligible Dependents for Dependent Critical Illness Coverage

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All Options

**Eligible Dependents
for Voluntary
Dependent Critical
Illness** Your eligible dependents are Your spouse and unmarried dependent children
from birth until they reach age 26.

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Adopted Children and Step-Children

Your "unmarried dependent children" include Your legally adopted children, and Your step-children. But, Your step-children must depend on You for most of their support and maintenance. We treat a child as legally adopted from the time the child is placed in Your home for the purpose of adoption. We treat such a child this way whether or not a final adoption order is ever issued.

B005.0065

All Options

Dependents Not Eligible

We exclude any dependent who is on active duty in any armed force. And, We exclude any dependent who is covered by this Plan as an Employee.

A child may be an eligible dependent of more than one Employee who is insured under this Plan. In that case, the child may be insured for dependent Critical Illness benefits by only one Employee at a time.

B005.0066

Disabled Children

You may have an unmarried child who is: (a) incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of a mental, intellectual or physical disability or developmental disability; and (b) chiefly dependent upon You for support and maintenance. In that case such a child may remain eligible for dependent benefits past the age limit subject to the conditions shown below.

- His or her condition started before he or she reached the age limit.
- He or she became covered for dependent Critical Illness benefits before he or she reached the age limit.
- He or she stays unmarried and remains: (i) incapable of self-sustaining employment; and (ii) dependent upon You for most of his or her support and maintenance.
- You send Us written proof, and We approve such proof, of the child's disability and dependence within 31 days from the date he or she reaches the age limit. After the two year period following the child's attainment of the age limit, We can ask for periodic proof that the child's condition continues, but We cannot ask for this proof more than once a year. The child's coverage ends when Your coverage ends.

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Proof of Insurability

We require Proof of Insurability that a dependent is insurable if You: (1) enroll a dependent who was previously declined or would have been considered a late enrollee under a group critical illness coverage plan providing dependent coverage which this Plan replaced; (2) enroll a dependent and agree to make the required payments after the end of the Enrollment Period.

A dependent is not covered by any part of this Plan that requires such Proof of Insurability until You give Us this Proof of Insurability and We approve it in writing.

If Your dependent coverage ends for any reason, including failure to make the required payments, Your dependent will not be covered by this Plan again until You give Us new Proof of Insurability that they are insurable and We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

B005.0069

All Options

When Dependent Coverage Starts

In order for Your dependent coverage to start, You must already be covered for Employee coverage, or enroll for Employee and dependent coverage at the same time.

Subject to the Exception below and to all of the other terms of this Plan, the date Your dependent coverage starts depends on when You elect to enroll Your Initial Dependents and agree to make any required payments. If You do this on or before Your Eligibility Date, the dependent's coverage is scheduled to start on the later of Your eligibility date and the date you become covered for Employee coverage.

If You do this within the Enrollment Period, the coverage is scheduled to start on the date You become covered for Employee coverage.

If You do this after the Enrollment Period ends, Your dependent coverage is subject to Proof of Insurability and will not start until We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

Once You have dependent child coverage for Your Initial Dependent child(ren) any Newly Acquired Dependent children will be covered as of the date he or she is first eligible.

If Proof of Insurability is required for dependent benefits as explained above, those benefits will not be scheduled to start until You give Us Proof of Insurability that the dependent is insurable. Once We have approved that Proof of Insurability, those benefits will be scheduled to start on the effective date shown in the endorsement section of Your application.

B005.0070

All Options

Exception We will postpone the effective date of a dependent's, other than a newborn child's, coverage if, on that date, he or she is: (1) confined to a hospital or other health care facility; (2) home confined; or (3) unable to perform two or more Activities of Daily Living. In that case, We will postpone the effective date of his or her coverage until the day after the date: (a) of his or her discharge from such facility; (b) his or her home confinement ends; or (c) he or she is no longer requires assistance with two or more Activities of Daily Living. If a dependent was covered under a prior plan at transfer, this language will not apply to the amount of coverage that was in force with the prior plan. This exception does not apply to adopted children and step-children.

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When Dependent Coverage Ends

Dependent coverage ends for all of Your dependents when Your Employee coverage ends. Dependent coverage also ends for all of Your dependents when You stop being a member of a class of Employees eligible for such coverage. And, it ends when this Plan ends, or when dependent coverage is dropped from this Plan for all Employees or for Your class.

If You are required to pay all or part of the cost of dependent coverage, and You fail to do so, Your dependent coverage ends. It ends on the last day of the period for which You made the required payments, unless coverage ends earlier for other reasons.

Your dependent's coverage ends when he or she stops being an eligible dependent. This happens to a child at 12:01 A.M. on the date the child attains this Plan's age limit, when he or she marries, or when a step-child is no longer dependent on You for support and maintenance. It happens to a spouse: (1) when a marriage ends in legal divorce or annulment; and (2) at 12:01 A.M. on the date the spouse reaches the limiting age, if applicable.

B005.0075

All Options

CRITICAL ILLNESS COVERAGE

This Certificate includes the Schedule of Benefits form. Your class and benefit options are shown in the Schedule of Benefits that applies to You.

Subject to all of this Plan's terms, We will pay the benefits described below if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with a listed Critical Illness on or after the date he or she becomes covered by this Plan.

This Plan pays no Critical Illness benefits for any condition other than those listed below in Covered Critical Illnesses.

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All Options

Critical Illness Benefits

This Plan will pay a benefit based on the benefit amount for which a Covered Person is covered. The benefit will be subject to all of the terms of this Plan.

This Plan only pays benefits for the occurrence of the Critical Illnesses listed and defined in the Covered Critical Illnesses section below.

Each Critical Illness must occur while the Covered Person is covered by this Plan. This Plan deems each Critical Illness to occur on the date described for each Critical Illness in the Covered Critical Illnesses section below.

Where one Critical Illness is caused by or contributes to another Critical Illness, only one benefit is payable. We will pay the greater of the benefits payable. If the amount payable for each Critical Illness is the same, You may choose which benefit to receive.

This Plan pays benefits for the First Occurrence of each Critical Illness. The benefit levels are shown in the Schedule of Benefits. We pay no benefits for any occurrences beyond the First Occurrence.

By First Occurrence We mean the first time a Covered Person is Diagnosed with a Critical Illness while insured by this Plan.

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Covered Critical Illnesses

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Vascular Conditions

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All Options

Arteriosclerosis We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is diagnosed with Arteriosclerosis, which means blockage of a coronary artery of sufficient severity to require one or more coronary artery bypass graft(s).

Diagnosis must include demonstrated need for intervention.

We deem Arteriosclerosis to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis of Arteriosclerosis of sufficient severity to warrant one or more coronary artery bypass graft(s).

B005.0092

All Options

Heart Attack We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with a Heart Attack, which means death of heart muscle due to inadequate blood supply. Symptoms of cardiac ischemia must be present, as well as two or more of the following criteria for acute myocardial infarction:

- (1) typical clinical symptoms such as central chest pain;
- (2) diagnostic increase of specific cardiac markers;
- (3) new electrocardiographic changes indicative of new ischemia (new ST-T changes or new left bundle branch block (LBBB));
- (4) development of pathological Q waves in the ECG; or
- (5) imaging evidence of new loss of viable myocardium or new regional wall motion abnormality.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is not a Heart Attack.

Proof of Heart Attack requires submission of medical records. We deem a heart attack to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis. A Heart Attack that results in death or is Diagnosed after death will be covered under this provision.

We don't pay a benefit for a Heart Attack that occurs during a medical procedure, including, but not limited to, surgery.

B005.0093

All Options

Heart Failure We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Heart Failure. By Heart Failure We mean the irreversible failure of the heart, which requires a human to human heart, heart/lung or heart combined with any other organ transplant determined to be Medically Necessary by a Doctor of the appropriate specialty.

We deem Heart Failure to occur on the date the Covered Person is accepted onto the transplant waiting list of a recognized transplant program in the United States. We pay the benefit whether or not the transplant is ever performed. If the Covered Person is too ill for a transplant, but otherwise meets the criteria for being on the waiting list of a recognized transplant program, the waiting list requirement will be waived. In this instance We deem Heart Failure to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty deems the Covered Person is too ill for a transplant, but otherwise meets the criteria for being on a waiting list of a recognized transplant program in the United States.

B005.0094

All Options

Stroke We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is diagnosed with a Stroke, which means death of brain tissue due to an acute cerebrovascular event. All of the following criteria must be satisfied: (1) clinical evidence of infarction of brain tissue, or intracranial or subarachnoid hemorrhage; (2) clear evidence on a CT, MRI or similar imaging techniques that a stroke has occurred; and (3) permanent neurologic deficit measured 30 days or more after the event that results in functional impairment rated at a score of two or higher on the Modified Rankin Scale for stroke outcome. The term does not mean symptoms due to: (a) transient ischemic attack; (b) migraine; (c) hypoxia; (d) traumatic injury to brain tissue or blood vessels; and (e) vascular disease affecting the eye, optic nerve or vestibular functions.

Diagnosis of Stroke must be:

- (1) confirmed in writing by a Doctor of the appropriate specialty; and
- (2) based on medical records. These records must show objective evidence of significant neurological impairment.

Such impairment must be documented by meeting all of the following criteria:

- (a) clinical evidence of infarction of brain tissue, or intracranial or subarachnoid hemorrhage;
- (b) clear evidence on a CT, MRI or similar imaging techniques that a stroke has occurred; and
- (c) permanent neurologic deficit measured 30 days or more after the event that results in a score of two or higher on the Modified Rankin Scale for stroke outcome.

We deem the Stroke to occur on the date of the event. In the event of death, an autopsy confirmation and/or death certificate identifying Stroke as the cause of death will be accepted.

B005.0095

All Options

Neurological Conditions

B005.0096

All Options

Alzheimer's Disease We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease, which means a progressive degenerative disease of the brain that is Diagnosed by a Board Certified psychiatrist or Board Certified neurologist as Alzheimer's Disease. The Diagnosis must be supported by medical evidence that the Covered Person exhibits the loss of intellectual capacity resulting in impairment of memory and judgment as documented and demonstrated by cognitive testing and supported by neuroradiological tests (e.g., CT Scan, MRI, PET of the brain). This impairment must result in a significant reduction in mental and social functioning, resulting in the Covered Person's inability to permanently perform two or more of the Activities of Daily Living without the continuing assistance of another person. No other dementing organic brain disorders or psychiatric illnesses are included in this definition.

Activities of Daily Living include:

- Bathing: wash in a tub or shower; or take a sponge bath; and towel dry.
- Dressing: put on and take off all clothes; and those medically necessary braces or prosthetic limbs usually worn; and fasten or unfasten them.
- Toileting: get to and from and on and off the toilet; to maintain personal hygiene; and care for clothes.
- Transferring: move in and out of a chair or bed.
- Continence: control bowel and bladder function; or, in the event of incontinence, maintain personal hygiene.
- Eating: get food into the body by any means once it has been prepared and made available.

Diagnosis must be based on clinical and/or diagnostic findings as supported by the Covered Person's medical records. We deem Alzheimer's Disease to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis. The Diagnosis must occur while the Covered Person is insured under this Plan.

B005.0097

All Options

Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (also known as ALS or Lou Gehrig's Disease) We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), which means motor neuron disease, marked by muscular weakness and atrophy with spasticity and hyperreflexia due to a loss of motor neurons of the spinal cord, medulla and cortex.

We deem ALS to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis.

B005.0098

All Options

Huntington's Disease We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Huntington's Disease, which is a neurodegenerative genetic disorder that affects muscle coordination and leads to cognitive decline and psychiatric problems.

Diagnosis must document symptoms and verify the presence of the gene via genetic testing. We don't pay a benefit for the presence of the Huntington's Disease gene in absence of symptoms.

Symptoms include

- Personality changes, mood swings and depression;
- Forgetfulness and impaired judgment;
- Unsteady gait and involuntary movements;
- Slurred speech and difficulty in swallowing.

We deem Huntington's Disease to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis.

The Diagnosis must occur while the Covered Person is insured under this Plan.

B005.0099

All Options

Multiple Sclerosis (MS) We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis (MS), which means demonstrated neurological deficits that have been present for 6 months or more. Diagnosis must be made on the basis of:

- (1) neurological examination demonstrating functional impairments;
- (2) imaging studies of the brain or spine demonstrating lesions consistent with MS; and
- (3) analysis of cerebrospinal fluid consistent with the diagnosis.

We deem MS to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis. Diagnosis must occur while the Covered Person is insured under this Plan.

B005.0100

All Options

Advanced Parkinson's Disease We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Advanced Parkinson's Disease, which means Parkinson's Disease that has progressed to Stage 4, as Diagnosed by a Board Certified, or board-eligible, neurologist based on abnormal findings from neurological examination, cognitive testing, and results of imaging studies.

We deem Advanced Parkinson's Disease to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis that the person has progressed to Stage 4. The Diagnosis must occur while the Covered Person is covered under this Plan.

B005.0101

All Options

Childhood Conditions

B005.0102

All Options

Cerebral Palsy We pay a benefit if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed with Cerebral Palsy, which means a group of disorders of the development of movement and posture causing activity limitation that are attributed to progressive disturbances that occurred in the developing fetal or infant brain. The motor disorders of cerebral palsy are often accompanied by disturbances of sensation, cognition, communication, perception and/or behavior and/or a seizure disorder. Other similar conditions such as degenerative nerve disorders, genetic diseases, muscle diseases, metabolic disorders, nervous system tumors, coagulation disorders, or other injuries or disorders which delay early development, but can be outgrown, are not included in this definition.

We deem Cerebral Palsy to occur on the first date after live birth where a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis.

B005.0103

All Options

Cleft Lip or Palate We pay a benefit if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed with Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate. A Cleft Lip appears as a narrow opening or gap in the skin of the upper lip that extends all the way to the base of the nose. A Cleft Palate is an opening between the roof of the mouth and the nasal cavity, including clefts that occur on one side of the mouth or both sides.

We pay a benefit for either a Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate, but not both.

We deem Cleft Lip or Cleft Palate to occur on the first date after live birth where a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a definite clinical Diagnosis of a cleft lip or palate.

B005.0104

All Options

Clubfoot We pay a benefit if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed with Clubfoot, which means a congenital deformity of the foot.

We pay the benefit only once even if Clubfoot is present in both of the child's feet.

We deem Clubfoot to occur on the first day after live birth where a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a definite Diagnosis of Clubfoot.

B005.0105

All Options

Cystic Fibrosis We pay a benefit if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed with Cystic Fibrosis, which means chronic lung disease and pancreatic insufficiency. The Diagnosis of Cystic Fibrosis made via sweat test is based upon sweat chloride concentrations greater than 60 mmol/L.

We deem Cystic Fibrosis to occur on the first date after live birth where Cystic Fibrosis has been definitively Diagnosed by a Doctor of appropriate specialty via sweat test.

B005.0106

All Options

Down Syndrome We pay a benefit if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed with Down Syndrome, which means a Diagnosis of Down Syndrome through study of the 21st chromosome. Down Syndrome includes:

- Trisomy - an individual has three instead of two number 21 chromosomes;
- Translocation - an extra part of the 21st chromosome is attached to another chromosome;
- Mosaicism - the individual has an extra 21st chromosome in only some of the cells but not all of them. The other cells have the usual pair of 21st chromosomes.

We deem Down Syndrome to occur on the first date after live birth where a Doctor of appropriate specialty completes a chromosome test that positively reveals Down Syndrome.

B005.0107

All Options

Muscular Dystrophy We pay a benefit if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed with Muscular Dystrophy, which means a hereditary condition that is marked by progressive weakening and wasting of muscles. The Covered Dependent Child must have well defined neurological abnormalities, confirmed by electromyography and muscle biopsy.

We deem Muscular Dystrophy to occur on the first date after live birth where a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis.

B005.0108

All Options

Spina Bifida We pay a benefit if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed with Spina Bifida, which means either of the following types of Spina Bifida:

- (1) Meningocele - the protective coatings (meninges) come through the open part of the spine like a sac that is pushed out. Cerebrospinal fluid is in the sac and there is usually no nerve damage.
- (2) Myelomeningocele - This occurs when the meninges (protective covering of the spinal cord) and spinal nerves come through the open part of the spine.

We pay no benefits for spina bifida occulta.

We deem Spina Bifida to occur on the first date after live birth where a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis

B005.0109

All Options

Type 1 Diabetes We pay a benefit if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes, which means the child has a total insulin deficiency and a continuous dependence on exogenous insulin for survival. Dependence on insulin must persist for a continuous period of at least 3 months.

We deem Type 1 Diabetes to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis.

B005.0110

All Options

Other Critical Illnesses

B005.0111

All Options

Addison's Disease We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Addison's disease, which means an endocrine or hormonal disorder resulting in the adrenal glands not producing sufficient cortisol.

Diagnosis must be made by laboratory tests designed to show insufficient levels of cortisol.

We deem Addison's Disease to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis.

B005.0112

All Options

Coma We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with a Coma, which means a state of complete mental unresponsiveness with no evidence of appropriate responses to stimulation, lasting for a period of 7 or more consecutive days and characterized by the absence of eye opening, verbal response and motor response. The condition must require intubation for respiratory assistance. This benefit is not payable for a medically induced Coma.

We deem a Coma to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis.

B005.0113

All Options

Kidney Failure We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Kidney Failure, which means chronic irreversible failure of both kidneys to function, as a result of which either weekly or bi-weekly renal or peritoneal dialysis is started, or renal transplant is performed.

Proof of Kidney Failure requires submission of medical records. Diagnosis of Kidney Failure will be deemed to occur on the earlier of the date: (a) renal or peritoneal dialysis is started; or (b) the date the Covered Person is accepted onto the kidney transplant waiting list of a recognized transplant program in the United States. If the Covered Person is too ill for a transplant, but otherwise meets the criteria for being on the waiting list of a recognized transplant program, the waiting list requirement will be waived. In this instance We deem Kidney Failure to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty deems the Covered Person is too ill for a transplant, but otherwise meets the criteria for being on a waiting list of a recognized transplant program in the United States.

B005.0114

All Options

Loss of Hearing We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Loss of Hearing, which means clinically-proven irreversible loss of hearing in both ears, with an auditory threshold of more than 90 decibels, as a result of illness or injury that has continued without interruption for at least 6 consecutive months after Diagnosis.

No benefit will be paid if, in general medical opinion, surgery, a hearing aid, device, or implant could result in the partial or total restoration of hearing.

The Diagnosis must be made by physical examination by an licensed audiologist.

A Covered Dependent Child must be at least 3 years old on the date of Diagnosis in order to receive a benefit. However, if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed prior to age 3, We will pay a benefit if the initial Diagnosis occurred while insured by this Plan, and the Diagnosis is confirmed on or after the child reaches age 3 and remains insured by this Plan.

We deem Loss of Hearing to occur on the date on which a licensed audiologist physically examines the Covered Person and certifies that the Covered Person meets the definition above.

B005.0115

All Options

Loss of Sight We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is diagnosed with Loss of Sight, based on best corrected visual acuity of 20/400 or less or visual field of 20 degrees or less in the better eye. No benefit will be paid if, in general medical opinion, surgery, device, or implant could result in the partial or total restoration of sight.

A Covered Dependent Child must be at least 3 years old on the date of Diagnosis in order to receive a benefit. However, if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed prior to age 3, We will pay a benefit if the initial diagnosis occurred while insured by this Plan, and the Diagnosis is confirmed on or after the child reaches age 3 and remains insured by this Plan.

We deem Loss of Sight to occur on the date on which a licensed ophthalmologist physically examines the Covered Person and certifies that the Covered Person has best corrected visual acuity of 20/400 or less or visual field of 20 degrees or less in the better eye.

B005.0116

All Options

Loss of Speech We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Loss of Speech, which means the clinically proven total, permanent and irreversible loss of the ability to speak as a result of Illness or injury that has continued without interruption for a period of at least 6 consecutive months.

No benefit will be payable if, in general medical opinion, surgery, a device or implant could result in the partial or total restoration of speech.

The Diagnosis must be made by physical examination by a speech pathologist.

A Covered Dependent Child must be at least 3 years old on the date of Diagnosis in order to receive a benefit. However, if a Covered Dependent Child is Diagnosed prior to age 3, We will pay a benefit if the initial diagnosis occurred while insured by this Plan, and the Diagnosis is confirmed on or after the child reaches age 3 and remains insured by this Plan.

We deem Loss of Speech to occur on the date on which a Doctor of appropriate specialty physically examines the Covered Person and certifies that the Covered Person meets the definition above.

B005.0117

All Options

Major Organ Failure We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Major Organ Failure. By Major Organ Failure We mean the irreversible failure of both lungs, liver, pancreas, or bone marrow, which requires a human to human transplant determined to be Medically Necessary by a Doctor of the appropriate specialty.

We deem Major Organ Failure to occur on the date the Covered Person is accepted onto the transplant waiting list of a recognized transplant program in the United States. We pay the benefit whether or not the transplant is ever performed. If the Covered Person is too ill for a transplant, but otherwise meets the criteria for being on the waiting list of a recognized transplant program, the waiting list requirement will be waived. In this instance We deem Major Organ Failure to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty deems the Covered Person is too ill for a transplant, but otherwise meets the criteria for being on a waiting list of a recognized transplant program in the United States.

We don't pay a benefit under both this provision and the Heart Failure provision at the same time.

We pay no benefits for autologous bone marrow transplants.

B005.0118

All Options

Permanent Paralysis We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Permanent Paralysis, which means a complete and irreversible condition marked by loss of muscle function in any combination of arms and legs. Permanent Paralysis must be the direct result of a Sickness or Injury, other than a Stroke.

We pay 100% of the benefit amount for the Permanent Paralysis of two or more limbs. We pay 50% of the benefit amount for the Permanent Paralysis of one limb.

We deem Permanent Paralysis to occur on the date a Doctor of appropriate specialty makes a Diagnosis.

B005.0119

All Options

Severe Burns We pay a benefit if a Covered Person is Diagnosed with Severe Burns, which means full-thickness or third-degree burn, as determined by a Doctor covering at least 25% of the body. A full-thickness or third-degree burn is the destruction of the skin through the entire thickness or depth of the dermis and possibly into underlying tissues, with loss of fluid and sometimes shock, by means of exposure to fire, heat, caustics, electricity or radiation.

We deem Severe Burns to occur on the date of the Injury.

B005.0120

All Options

Limitations

B005.0124

All Options

Age Reduction The Covered Person's benefit amount will be reduced when You reach certain ages. These reductions are shown in the Schedule of Benefits. The dependent's benefit amount will be reduced on a pro rata basis when Your benefit amount is reduced.

B005.0126

All Options

Proof Of Insurability The Covered Person's benefit amount, part of it, or increases in it, may not become effective until he or she submits Proof of Insurability to Us. We must approve such Proof of Insurability in writing. These requirements are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

B005.0127

All Options

Pre-Existing Conditions A pre-existing condition is a Injury or Sickness, whether diagnosed or misdiagnosed, and any symptoms of it, for which in the 12 months before a person becomes covered by this Plan he or she: (1) receives advice or treatment from a Doctor; (2) undergoes diagnostic procedures, other than routine screening in the absence of symptoms or suspicion of disease process by a Doctor; (3) is prescribed or has taken prescription drugs; or (4) receives other medical care or treatment, including consultation with a Doctor. This Plan will not pay benefits for a Critical Illness that is caused by, or results from, a Pre-Existing Condition if the Critical Illness occurs during the first 12 months the person is covered by this Plan.

This Plan also limits the Covered Person's benefits under this Plan if a Critical Illness that is caused by, or results from, a Pre-Existing Condition occurs after: (a) a change which provides for an increase in the benefits payable by this Plan; or (b) a change in Your benefit election which increased the benefit payable by this Plan, In this case, Your benefit will be limited to the amount that would have been payable had the change not taken place. This limit does not apply if the Critical Illness occurs after the Covered Person completes at least one full day of active work after the change has been in force for 12 months in a row.

B005.0137

All Options

If This Plan Replaces Another Plan This Plan may be replacing a similar plan that the Employer had with some other carrier. In that case, the Pre-Existing Condition limitation will not apply to any Covered Person who: (1) was covered under the Employer's old plan on the day before this Plan started; and (2) has met the requirements of any Pre-Existing Condition or limitation of the old plan; and (3) in Your case, are Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis on the effective date of this Plan.

This Plan will credit any time used to meet the old plan's Pre-Existing Condition provision toward meeting this Plan's Pre-Existing Condition provision, if the Covered Person: (1) was covered under the old plan when it ended; (2) enrolls for coverage under this Plan on or before this Plan's effective date; and (3) is Actively Working on the effective date of this Plan; but (4) has not fulfilled the requirements of any Pre-Existing Condition provision of the old plan.

But, this Plan limits a Covered Person's benefit under this Plan if: (1) it is more than the Critical Illness benefit for which he or she was covered under the old plan; (2) the illness is due to a Pre-Existing Condition; and (3) this Plan pays benefits because this Plan credits time as explained above. In this case, this Plan limits the benefit to the amount the Covered Person to which he or she would have been entitled under the old plan.

This Plan deducts all payments made by the old plan under an extension provision.

B005.0130

All Options

Exclusions

- 1) This Plan will not pay benefits for any Critical Illness:
 - That is not listed as a Critical Illness in the section entitled Covered Critical Illnesses.
 - Caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from: (1) participating in a felony, riot or insurrection; (2) intentionally causing a self-inflicted Injury; (3) committing or attempting to commit suicide while sane or insane; (4) engaging in any illegal occupation; or (5) serving in the armed forces or any auxiliary unit of the armed forces of any country.
 - Caused by, contributed to by, or resulting from voluntary use of any poison, chemical, prescription or non-prescription drug or controlled substance unless: (1) it was prescribed for the Covered Person by a Doctor, and (2) it was used as prescribed. In the case of a non-prescription drug, this Plan does not pay for any Critical Illness resulting from or contributed to by use in a manner inconsistent with package instructions. "Controlled substance" means anything called a controlled substance in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as amended from time to time.
 - Arising from war or act of war, even if war is not declared.

- For which Diagnosis is made outside the United States, unless the Diagnosis is confirmed in the United States. In that case, the Critical Illness will be deemed to occur on the date the Diagnosis was made outside the United States.
- That is Diagnosed while the person is not covered by this Plan.
- For which Diagnosis is made by a Doctor who is the Covered Person, his or her spouse, child, parent, sibling or business associate.
- For which Diagnosis is made while the Covered Person is not alive, unless otherwise specified under Covered Critical Illnesses.

2) This Plan will not pay benefits for the First Occurrence of a Critical Illness if it occurs less than 3 months after the First Occurrence of a related Critical Illness for which this Plan paid benefits. By related we mean either: (a) both Critical Illnesses are contained within the Cancer Related Conditions category; or (b) both Critical Illnesses are contained within the Vascular Conditions category; or (c) both Critical Illnesses are contained within the Childhood Conditions category.

B044.0034

All Options

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

CRITICAL ILLNESS COVERAGE

Effective on the latter of (i) the original effective date of the Policy; or (ii) the effective date of any applicable amendment requested by the Policyholder and approved by the Insurance Company, this Schedule of Benefits is attached to the Certificate. This Schedule of Benefits replaces any previously issued Schedule of Benefits.

B005.0141

All Options

Initial Election When You first become eligible for this Plan You may choose to become covered for one of the Plans described below and pay the required premium.

You may request to switch to another Plan at any time. But, We will require Proof of Insurability before You switch to another Plan which provides greater benefits if You do this outside of the group enrollment period (See Conditions of Eligibility for more information). You must notify the Employer of any desired switch and pay the required premium.

B005.0762

All Options

Annual Election After You are initially covered under this Plan You may increase Your coverage by selecting the next higher Critical Illness Benefit Amount, up to this Plan's guaranteed issue amount, without submitting Proof of Insurability. This option is available during Your open enrollment period specified by Your Employer. (See Conditions of Eligibility for more information).

If the next available option is greater than the guaranteed issue amount You will need to supply Proof of Insurability. If Proof of Insurability is required and has been declined, You will not be eligible for additional increases. Also, any increase in dependent coverage due to Your annual election will require Proof of Insurability.

B005.0763

All Options

Benefit Levels	Critical Illness	% of Benefit Amount for First Occurrence	% of Benefit Amount for Recurrence
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All Options

Vascular
Conditions:

All Options

Arteriosclerosis	30%	Not Covered
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All Options	Heart Attack	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Heart Failure	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Stroke	100%	Not Covered
All Options	<u>Neurological Conditions:</u>		
All Options	Alzheimer's Disease for Covered Person	50%	Not Covered
All Options	ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease)	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Huntington's Disease	30%	Not Covered
All Options	Multiple Sclerosis	30%	Not Covered
All Options	Advanced Parkinson's Disease	100%	Not Covered
All Options	<u>Childhood Conditions:</u> (applies only to covered dependent children)		
All Options	Cerebral Palsy	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Cleft lip/cleft palate	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Club Foot	100%	Not Covered

All Options	Cystic Fibrosis	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Down's Syndrome	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Muscular Dystrophy	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Spina Bifida	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Type 1 Diabetes	100%	Not Covered
All Options	<u>Other Conditions:</u>		
All Options	Addison's Disease	30%	Not Covered
All Options	Coma	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Kidney Failure	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Loss of Hearing	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Loss of Sight	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Loss of Speech	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Major Organ Failure	100%	Not Covered
All Options	Permanent Paralysis	100% for 2 or more limbs; 50% for 1 limb	Not Covered
All Options	Severe Burns	100%	Not Covered

All Options

EMPLOYEE VOLUNTARY CRITICAL ILLNESS COVERAGE

All Options

Critical Illness Insurance Amount *Plan A*

You may elect amounts of critical illness insurance in increments of \$5,000.00, but the amount may not be less than \$5,000.00 and may not exceed \$50,000.00.

B005.0317

All Options

Reduction of Critical Illness Benefit Amount Based On Age

If You are less than age 70 when Your coverage under this Plan starts, Your benefit amount will be reduced. It will be reduced on the date you reach age 70, by 50% of that amount. Reduced amounts will be rounded to the nearest dollar. But, in no case will such amount be less than \$1,000.00.

This reduction also applies to Your initial benefit amount if Your coverage starts on or after the date You reach age 70.

B005.0318

All Options

Proof of Insurability Requirements

Proof of Insurability requirements may apply to this coverage. Such requirements may apply to the full benefit amount, or just part of it. When Proof of Insurability requirements apply, it means You must submit to Us, Proof of Insurability, and We must approve the Proof of Insurability in writing before the coverage, or the specified part becomes effective.

We require Proof of Insurability as follows:

We require Proof of Insurability before We will cover You if You enroll for Critical Illness coverage after 31 days from Your Eligibility Date or outside of the group enrollment period specified by Your Employer. (See Conditions of Eligibility for more information).

We require Proof of Insurability when You switch from Your current Plan of Critical Illness coverage to a Plan with a higher benefit amount if You elect a higher Plan outside of the group enrollment period specified by Your Employer. (See Conditions of Eligibility for more information).

Proof of Insurability requirements vary depending on Your age. If You are less than age 70, You must provide Proof of Insurability for amounts of Critical Illness coverage in excess of \$20,000.00.

If You are age 70 or over, You must provide Proof of Insurability for all amounts of Critical Illness coverage.

B005.0767

All Options

DEPENDENT VOLUNTARY CRITICAL ILLNESS COVERAGE

All Options

Dependent Spouse Critical Illness Benefit Amount An amount up to 50% of Your Critical Illness Benefit Amount, but not more than \$25,000.00. B005.0404

All Options

Dependent Child Critical Illness Benefit Amount \$12,500.00 not to exceed 25% of Your Critical Illness Benefit Amount. B005.0427

All Options

Reduction of Critical Illness Benefit Amount Based On Employee's Age Your dependent's Critical Illness Benefit Amount is reduced in the same manner as Your Critical Illness Benefit Amount. B005.0442

All Options

Dependent Spouse Proof of Insurability Requirements Proof of Insurability requirements may apply to this coverage. Such requirements may apply to the full benefit amount, or just part of it. When Proof of Insurability requirements apply, it means You must submit to Us, Proof of Insurability for Your dependent Spouse, and We must approve the Proof of Insurability in writing before the coverage, or the specified part becomes effective.

We require Proof of Insurability as follows:

We require Proof of Insurability before We will cover Your Spouse if You enroll him or her for Critical Illness coverage after 31 days from Your Eligibility Date or outside of the group enrollment period specified by Your Employer. (See Conditions of Eligibility for more information).

We require Proof of Insurability when You switch from Your current Plan of Critical Illness coverage to a Plan with a higher benefit amount if You elect a higher Plan outside of the group enrollment period specified by Your Employer. (See Conditions of Eligibility for more information).

Proof of Insurability requirements vary depending on Your Spouse's age. If Your Spouse is less than age 70, You must provide Proof of Insurability for Your Spouse for amounts of dependent Spouse Critical Illness coverage in excess of \$10,000.00.

If Your Spouse is age 70 or over, You must provide Proof of Insurability for Your Spouse for all amounts of dependent Spouse Critical Illness coverage.

B005.0773

All Options

Changes To Coverage

Changes in Coverage Amounts If You are not Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis, any change in Your amount of coverage or the amount of coverage on a covered dependent will not become effective prior to the date You return to Active Work on a Full-Time basis.

Changes in Insurance Classification If Your classification changes, coverage will not be changed to the new amount until the first day on which You are: (1) Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis; and (2) make a contribution, if required, for the new classification.

If a contribution is required for the new classification for which a larger amount of coverage is provided, You must make the required contribution for the new amount within 31 days of the change. If You do not make the required contribution within 31 days of the change or within 31 days of becoming Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis, if You are not Actively At Work on a Full-Time basis, when Your classification changes, no increase will be allowed due to such change or any later change. In that case, in order to become covered for the larger amount, You must: (1) make the required contribution for the new amount; and (2) furnish Proof of Insurability to Us, which We approve in writing.

If the coverage amount was previously reduced because of age or retirement, it will be retained at the reduced amount.

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CERTIFICATE RIDER - Portability Privilege

Effective on the latter of (i) the original effective date of the Policy; or (ii) the effective date of any applicable amendment requested by the Policyholder and approved by the Insurance Company, this rider amends this Plan by the addition of the following:

PORTABILITY PRIVILEGE

Definition: As used in this provision, the terms "port" and "to port" mean to choose a portable certificate of coverage which provides group Critical Illness coverage.

Portability Conditions: Portability is subject to all of the Conditions described below.

- You may port if Your coverage under this Plan ends because: (1) You have terminated employment; (2) You stop being a member of an eligible class of Employees; or (3) this Plan ends.
- You may **not** port Your coverage if You have reached Your 70th birthday on the date coverage under this Plan ends.
- You may **not** port coverage for any of Your dependents if he or she has reached his or her 70th birthday on the date coverage under this Plan ends.
- You may **not** port if coverage under this Plan ends due to Your failure to pay any required premium.

Portability Options: You may port Your Critical Illness coverage, subject to any benefit amount reductions based on age, less the amount of any Critical Illness benefits paid by this Plan.

You may port Your dependent's Critical Illness coverage, subject to any benefit amount reductions based on Your age, less the amount of any Critical Illness benefits paid by this Plan.

You may port: (1) Your coverage only; (2) Your coverage and coverage of Your covered Spouse; (3) Your coverage and the coverage of all of Your covered dependents; or (4) if You are a single parent, Your coverage and the coverage of all of Your covered dependent children. No other combinations will be allowed.

A dependent must be covered as of the date Your coverage under this Plan ends in order to be eligible for portability.

If You die while covered for dependent Critical Illness coverage, Your Spouse may port Your dependent Critical Illness coverage as described above. Your Spouse and dependent children must be covered under this Plan on the date of Your death. But, this option is not available if: (1) there is no surviving Spouse; or (2) Your surviving Spouse has reached his or her 70th birthday on the date of Your death.

The Portable Certificate of Coverage: The portable certificate of coverage provides group Critical Illness. The benefits provided by the portable certificate of coverage are the same as the benefits provided by this Plan. The portable certificate provides seamless coverage. Benefit limits, maximums and timeframes do not reset when someone becomes covered under the portable certificate. The premium for the portable certificate of coverage will be based on: (1) the Covered Person's rate class under this Plan; and (2) Your surviving Spouse's age bracket as shown in the Critical Illness Portability Coverage Premium Notice.

How to Port: You or Your surviving Spouse must: (1) apply to Us in writing; and (2) pay the required premium. You or Your surviving Spouse must do this within 31 days from the date Your coverage under this Plan ends. We will not ask for proof that You or Your surviving Spouse are in good health.

This rider is a part of this Certificate. Except as stated in this rider, nothing contained in this rider changes or affects any other terms of this Certificate.

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

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CERTIFICATE RIDER - Wellness Benefit

Effective on the latter of (i) the original effective date of the Policy; or (ii) the effective date of any applicable amendment requested by the Policyholder and approved by the Insurance Company, this rider amends this Plan by the addition of the following:

Wellness Benefit

This Plan will pay a benefit if a Covered Person has one of the following wellness tests or procedures performed.

We limit what we pay to \$50.00 per day of wellness tests or procedures. We limit what we pay to one day per Covered Person per Benefit Year.

By Benefit Year, we mean a 12 month period which starts on January 1st and ends on December 31st of each year.

By Covered Person, we mean You, as the Employee insured under this Plan and Your dependent Spouse and Covered Dependent Child(ren).

This Plan pays this benefit regardless of the results of the test or procedure.

Wellness tests or procedures are limited to:

- Blood test for triglycerides
- Bone marrow testing
- Breast ultrasound
- Cancer genetic mutation test
- CA 15-3 (blood test for breast cancer)
- CA125 (blood test for ovarian cancer)
- CEA (blood test for colon cancer)
- Chest x-ray
- Colonoscopy
- Completion of a smoking cessation program
- Completion of a weight reduction program
- Fasting blood glucose test
- Flexible Sigmoidoscopy
- Hemocult stool analysis
- Mammography
- Pap smear
- PSA (blood test for prostate cancer)
- Serum cholesterol test to determine level of
- HDL and LDL
- Serum Protein Electrophoresis (blood test for myeloma)
- Stress test on a bicycle or treadmill
- Thermography
- ThinPrep pap test
- Virtual colonoscopy

The Covered Person must submit proof of the test or procedure.

This rider is a part of this Certificate. Except as stated in this rider, nothing contained in this rider changes or affects any other terms of this Certificate.

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CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT - ELIGIBILITY FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS COVERAGE

Effective on the latter of (i) the original effective date of the Policy; or (ii) the effective date of any applicable amendment requested by the Policyholder and approved by the Insurance Company, this rider amends this Plan by replacing the following sections:

Conditions of Eligibility

Proof of Insurability: Part or all of Your insurance amounts may be subject to Proof of Insurability. The Schedule of Benefits explains if and when We require Proof of Insurability. You will not be covered for any amount that requires such Proof of Insurability until You give the Proof of Insurability to Us and We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

If You elect to enroll within 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date.

If You do not elect this coverage within 31 days of Your Eligibility Date, You must answer health questions, or wait until the next scheduled group enrollment period. Once each year, during the group enrollment period, You may elect to enroll in this coverage as offered by the Employer. As used here, "group enrollment period" means an annual open enrollment period set by the Employer and agreed to by Us. If You elect to enroll outside of the group open enrollment period, You must provide Proof of Insurability by answering health questions, or wait until the next group enrollment period.

If Proof of Insurability is required, You will not be covered by this Plan until We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing and notify You of Your effective date of coverage.

When Employee Coverage Starts

Your eligibility date is the date You have met all of the conditions of eligibility.

Whether You must pay all or part of the cost of Your coverage, You must elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments before Your coverage will start. If You do this on or before Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You do this within 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments more than 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage will not be scheduled to start until You send Us Proof of Insurability or until You enroll during the next group enrollment period. If Proof of Insurability is required, You will not be covered by this Plan until We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing and notify You of Your effective date of coverage.

If Your active service ends before You meet any Proof of Insurability requirements that apply, You will still have to meet those requirements if You are later re-employed by the Employer or an associated company.

On the date all or part of Your coverage is scheduled to start, You must be: (1) Actively At Work; (2) fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation; and (3) working Your regular number of hours. In that case, Your coverage will start at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time for Your place of residence on that date. In any other case, We will postpone the start of Your coverage until the date You: (a) return to Active Work; (b) are working Your regular number of hours; and (c) are fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation. Sometimes, a scheduled effective date is not a regularly scheduled work day. If the scheduled effective date falls: on a holiday; on a vacation day; on a non-scheduled work day; during a layoff of less than 180 days in duration; during an approved leave of absence not due to sickness or injury, of 90 days or less; or on a day during a period of absence that is less than 7 days in duration; and if: (a) You were fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for the Employer on a full-time basis at 12:01 AM Standard Time for Your place of residence on the scheduled effective date; and (b) You were performing the major duties of Your regular occupation and working Your regular number of hours on Your last regularly scheduled work day; Your coverage will start on the scheduled effective date.

Delayed Effective Date For Voluntary Critical Illness Coverage: If You are not Actively At Work on the date Your Voluntary Critical Illness coverage is scheduled to start due to Sickness or Injury, We will postpone coverage for an otherwise covered loss due to that Sickness or Injury. We will postpone such coverage until You complete ten days in a row without missing a work day due to that Sickness or Injury in which You are: (1) Actively At Work; (2) fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation; and (3) working Your regular number of hours. Coverage for an otherwise covered loss due to all other conditions will start on the date You are: (a) Actively At Work; (b) fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation; and (c) working Your regular number of hours.

Exception to When Employee Coverage Starts: If You are not capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for Your Employer on a full-time basis on the date Your coverage is scheduled to start, You will be insured for Critical Illness insurance if:

1. You were insured under the prior insurer's group critical illness policy at the time of the transfer;
2. You are a member of an eligible class; and
3. premiums for You were paid up to date; and
4. You are not receiving or eligible to receive benefits under the prior insurer's group critical illness policy.

Any Critical Illness benefit payable will be the lesser of:

1. the Critical Illness benefit payable under the Group Policy; or
2. the critical illness benefit payable under the prior insurer's group critical illness policy had it remained in force.

The Critical Illness benefit payable will be reduced by any amount paid by the prior insurer's group critical illness policy.

All other provisions under this Policy will apply under the Exception to When Employee Coverage Starts.

You will remain insured under this provision until the first to occur of:

1. the date You are fully capable of performing the major duties of Your regular occupation for Your Employer on a full-time basis;
2. the date insurance terminates for one of the reasons stated in When Employee Coverage Ends;
3. the last day of a period of 12 consecutive months which begins on the Policy effective date; or
4. the last day You would have been covered under the prior insurer's group critical illness policy, had the prior plan not terminated.

DEPENDENT COVERAGE

Proof of Insurability

Part or all of Your Initial Dependents insurance amounts may be subject to Proof of Insurability. The Schedule of Benefits explains if and when We require Proof of Insurability. Your Initial Dependents will not be covered for any amount that requires such Proof of Insurability until You give the Proof of Insurability to Us and We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

If You elect to enroll Your Initial Dependents within 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date.

If You do not elect Initial Dependent coverage within 31 days of Your Eligibility Date, Your Initial Dependents must answer health questions, or wait until the next scheduled group enrollment period to enroll. Once each year, during the group enrollment period, You may elect to enroll Initial Dependents in this coverage as offered by the Employer. As used here, "group enrollment period" means an annual open enrollment period set by the Employer and agreed to by Us. If You elect to enroll Your Initial Dependents outside of the group open enrollment period, You must provide Proof of Insurability by answering health questions, or wait until the next group enrollment period.

If Proof of Insurability is required, Your Initial Dependents will not be covered by this Plan until We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing and notify You of Your Initial Dependent's effective date of coverage.

In the case of a Newly Acquired Dependent, other than the first newborn child, You may elect to enroll a Newly Acquired Dependent within 31 days. If You do not elect to enroll a Newly Acquired Dependent within 31 days of his or her Eligibility Date, Your Newly Acquired Dependent(s) may have to answer health questions, or wait until the next scheduled group enrollment period to enroll.

If Your dependent coverage ends for any reason, including failure to make the required payments, Your dependent will not be covered by this Plan again until You give Us new Proof of Insurability that they are insurable and We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing, or wait until the next group enrollment period.

When Dependent Coverage Starts

In order for Your dependent coverage to start, You must already be covered for Employee coverage, or enroll for Employee and dependent coverage at the same time.

If You enroll Your dependents on or before Your Eligibility Date, the dependent's coverage is scheduled to start on the later of the 1st day of the month which coincides with or next follows Your Eligibility Date and the date You become covered for Employee coverage.

If You do this within the group enrollment period, the coverage is scheduled to start on the later of the 1st day of the month which coincides with or next follows the date You sign the enrollment form and the date You become covered for Employee coverage.

If You do this after the group enrollment period ends, Your dependent coverage may be subject to Proof of Insurability and will not start until We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing.

Once You have dependent child coverage for Your Initial Dependent child(ren) any Newly Acquired Dependent children will be covered as of the date he or she is first eligible.

Whether You must pay all or part of the cost of Your coverage, You must elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments before Your coverage will start. If You do this on or before Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You do this within 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage is scheduled to start on Your Eligibility Date. If You elect to enroll and agree to make the required payments more than 31 days after Your Eligibility Date, Your coverage will not be scheduled to start until You send Us Proof of Insurability or until You enroll during the next group enrollment period. If Proof of Insurability is required, You will not be covered by this Plan until We approve that Proof of Insurability in writing and notify You of Your effective date of coverage.

If Proof of Insurability is required for dependent benefits as explained above, those benefits will not be scheduled to start until You give Us Proof of Insurability that the dependent is insurable. Once We have approved that Proof of Insurability, those benefits will be scheduled to start on the effective date shown in the endorsement section of Your application.

Exception: We will postpone the effective date of a dependent's, other than a newborn child's, coverage if, on that date, he or she is: (1) confined to a hospital or other health care facility; (2) home confined; or (3) unable to perform two or more Activities of Daily Living. In that case, We will postpone the effective date of his or her coverage until the day after the date: (a) of his or her discharge from such facility; (b) his or her home confinement ends; or (c) he or she is no longer requires assistance with two or more Activities of Daily Living. If a dependent was covered under a prior plan at transfer, this language will not apply to the amount of coverage that was in force with the prior plan. This exception does not apply to adopted children and step-children.

This rider is a part of this Certificate. Except as stated in this rider, nothing contained in this rider changes or affects any other terms of this Certificate.

The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Raymond J. Manna". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'R'.

Senior Vice President, Group and Worksite Markets

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All Options

The following notice applies if your plan is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 and its amendments. This notice is not part of the Guardian plan of insurance or any employer funded benefits, not insured by Guardian.

STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

As a participant, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits

- (a) Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U. S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- (b) Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts, collective bargaining agreements and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- (c) Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

Prudent Actions By Plan Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate the plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

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Enforcement Of Your Rights If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110.00 a day until you receive the material, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds that your claim is frivolous.

Assistance with Questions If you have questions about the plan, you should contact the plan administrator. If you have questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor listed in your telephone directory or the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

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Group Health Benefits Claims Procedure

If you seek benefits under the plan you should complete, execute and submit a claim form. Claim forms and instructions for filing claims may be obtained from the Plan Administrator.

Guardian is the Claims Fiduciary with discretionary authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe the terms of the plan with respect to claims. Guardian has the right to secure independent professional healthcare advice and to require such other evidence as needed to decide your claim.

In addition to the basic claim procedure explained in your certificate, Guardian will also observe the procedures listed below. These procedures are the minimum requirements for benefit claims procedures of employee benefit plans covered by Title 1 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA").

Definitions "Adverse Benefit Determination" means any denial, reduction or termination of a benefit or failure to provide or make payment (in whole or in part) for a benefit.

"Group Health Benefits" means any accident, cancer, critical illness, specified disease or hospital indemnity coverages which are a part of this plan.

Timing For Initial Benefit Determination The benefit determination period begins when a claim is received. Guardian will make a benefit determination and notify a claimant within a reasonable period of time, but not later than the maximum time period shown below. A written or electronic notification of any adverse benefit determination must be provided.

Claims. Guardian will provide a benefit determination not later than 30 days after receipt of a claim. If a claimant fails to provide all information needed to make a benefit determination, Guardian will notify the claimant of the specific information that is needed as soon as possible but no later than 30 days after receipt of the claim.

The time period for completing a benefit determination may be extended by up to 15 days if Guardian determines that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, and so notifies the claimant before the end of the initial 30-day period.

If Guardian extends the time period for making a benefit determination due to a claimant's failure to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the claimant will be given at least 45 days to provide the requested information. The extension period will begin on the date on which the claimant responds to the request for additional information.

Adverse Benefit Determination If a claim is denied, Guardian will provide a notice that will set forth:

- the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination;
- reference to the specific plan provision(s) on which the determination is based;

Group Health Benefits Claims Procedure (Cont.)

- a description of any additional material or information necessary to make the claim valid and an explanation of why such material or information is needed;
- a description of the plan's claim review procedures and the time limits applicable to such procedures, including a statement indicating that the claimant has the right to bring a civil action under ERISA Section 502(a) following an adverse benefit determination;
- identification and description of any specific internal rule, guideline or protocol that was relied upon in making an adverse benefit determination, or a statement that a copy of such information will be provided to the claimant free of charge upon request.

Appeal of Adverse Benefit Determinations

If a claim is wholly or partially denied, the claimant will have up to 180 days to make an appeal.

Guardian will conduct a full and fair review of an appeal which includes providing to claimants the following:

- the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim;
- the opportunity, upon request and free of charge, for reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and other information relating to the claim; and
- a review that takes into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the claimant relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

In reviewing an appeal, Guardian will:

- provide for a review conducted by a named fiduciary who is neither the person who made the initial adverse determination nor that person's subordinate;
- in deciding an appeal based upon a medical judgment, consult with a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment;
- identify medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained in connection with an adverse benefit determination; and
- ensure that a health care professional engaged for consultation regarding an appeal based upon a medical judgment shall be neither the person who was consulted in connection with the adverse benefit determination, nor that person's subordinate.

Guardian will notify the claimant of its decision regarding review of an appeal as follows:

Group Health Benefits Claims Procedure (Cont.)

Claims. Guardian will notify the claimant of its decision not later than 60 days after receipt of the request for review of the adverse benefit determination.

Alternative Dispute Options The claimant and the plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact the local U.S Department of Labor Office and the State insurance regulatory agency.

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All Options

Termination of This Group Plan

Your *employer* may terminate this group *plan* at any time by giving us 31 days advance written notice. This *plan* will also end if your *employer* fails to pay a premium due by the end of this grace period.

We may have the option to terminate this *plan* if the number of people insured falls below a certain level.

When this *plan* ends, you may be eligible to continue your insurance coverage. Your rights upon termination of the *plan* are explained in this booklet.

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YOUR BENEFITS INFORMATION - ANYTIME, ANYWHERE

www.GuardianAnytime.com

Insured employees and their dependents can access helpful, secure information about their Guardian benefits(s) online at:

GuardianAnytime.com - 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Anytime, anywhere you have an internet connection you will be able to:

- Review your benefits
- Look up coverage amounts
- Check the status of a claim
- Print forms and plan materials
- And so much more!

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