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CERTIFICATE GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Policyholder: Perth Amboy Board of Education

Policy Number: 762664-A

Effective Date: September 1, 2023

Group Policy Delivered In:

New Jersey and subject to the laws of that state.

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

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

This Certificate details the main features of the insurance provided under the Group Policy issued to the Policyholder by Standard Insurance Company. Subject to the terms and conditions of the Group Policy and subject to the laws of the state of New Jersey, you are insured for the benefits described in this Certificate. Possession of this Certificate and Summary Plan Description does not necessarily mean you are insured. You are insured only if you meet the requirements set out in this Certificate and Summary Plan Description. If the terms of the Certificate differ from the Group Policy, the terms stated in the Group Policy will govern.

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

President and CEO

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COVERAGE FEATURES

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

GENERAL POLICY INFORMATION

Group Policy Number: 762664-A

Type of Insurance Provided:

Life Insurance: Yes

Dependents Life Insurance: Not applicable

Accidental Death And Dismemberment

(AD&D) Insurance: Yes

Policyholder: Perth Amboy Board of Education
Employer(s): Perth Amboy Board of Education

Group Policy Effective Date: September 1, 2023

Policy Issued in: New Jersey

BECOMING INSURED

To become insured for Life Insurance you must: (a) Be a Member; (b) Complete your Eligibility Waiting Period; and (c) Meet the requirements in **Life Insurance** and **Active Work Provisions**. The requirements for becoming insured for coverages other than Life Insurance are set out in the text.

Definition of Member: You are a Member if you are:

1. An active employee of the Employer; and

2. Regularly working at least 32 hours each week.

You are not a Member if you are:

1. A temporary or seasonal employee.

2. A leased employee.

3. An independent contractor.

4. A full time member of the armed forces of any country.

Class Definition: None

Eligibility Waiting Period: You are eligible on one of the following dates:

If you are a Member on the Group Policy Effective Date,

you are eligible on that date.

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

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Evidence Of Insurability: Required:

a. For late application for Contributory insurance.

b. For reinstatements if required.

 For Members eligible but not insured under the Prior Plan.

d. For any increase resulting from a plan or option change you elect.

PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Life Insurance:

Plan 1: Noncontributory

Plan 2: Contributory

AD&D Insurance:

Plan 1: Noncontributory

Plan 2: Contributory

SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

SCHEDULE OF LIFE INSURANCE

For you:

Life Insurance Benefit:

You will become insured under Plan 1 if you meet the requirements to become insured under the Group Policy.

If you are insured under Plan 1, you may also become insured under Plan 2 if you meet the requirements to become insured under Plan 2 Life Insurance under the Group Policy. Plan 2 is a Contributory plan requiring premium contributions from Members.

Plan 1 (basic): \$2,500

Plan 2 (additional): You may apply for Life Insurance in multiples of \$10,000,

from \$10,000 to \$250,000.

The combined maximum benefit of your Plan 1 (basic) and Plan 2 (additional) Life Insurance Benefit may not exceed 8 times your Annual Earnings.

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

mortuary near your primary place of residence, but not to exceed \$5,000 or 10% of the Life Insurance Benefit,

whichever is less.

SCHEDULE OF AD&D INSURANCE

For you:

AD&D Insurance Benefit: If you are insured for Plan 1 Life Insurance, you are

insured for Plan 1 AD&D Insurance. The amount of your Plan 1 AD&D Insurance Benefit is equal to the amount of your Plan 1 Life Insurance Benefit. The amount payable for certain Losses is less than 100% of the AD&D

Insurance Benefit. See AD&D Table Of Losses.

If you are insured for Plan 2 Life Insurance, you are insured for Plan 2 AD&D Insurance. The amount of your Plan 2 AD&D Insurance Benefit is equal to the amount of your Plan 2 Life Insurance Benefit. The amount payable for certain Losses is less than 100% of the AD&D

Insurance Benefit. See AD&D Table Of Losses.

Seat Belt Benefit: The amount of the Seat Belt Benefit is the lesser of (1)

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

payable for loss of life.

Air Bag Benefit: The amount of the Air Bag Benefit is the lesser of (1)

\$5,000; or (2) the amount of AD&D Insurance Benefit

payable for Loss of your life.

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

within 36 months after the date of your death, exclusive of board and room, books, fees, supplies and other expenses, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year, or the cumulative total of \$10,000 or 25% of the AD&D Insurance Benefit,

whichever is less.

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

within 36 months after the date of your death for all Children under age 13, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year, or the cumulative total of \$10,000 or 25% of the AD&D

Insurance Benefit, whichever is less.

Higher Education Benefit: The tuition expenses incurred per Child within 4 years

after the date of your death at an accredited institution of higher education, exclusive of board and room, books, fees, supplies and other expenses, but not to exceed \$5,000 per year, or the cumulative total of \$20,000 or 25% of the AD&D Insurance Benefit, whichever is less.

AD&D TABLE OF LOSSES

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

Loss: Percentage Payable:

a. Life 100%

b. One hand, one foot or sight of one 50%

eye

c. Two or more of the Losses listed 100% in b. above

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

REDUCTIONS IN INSURANCE

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

Life and AD&D Insurance:

Age Of Member Percentage

65 through 69 65% 70 or over 50%

OTHER BENEFITS

Waiver Of Premium: Yes
Accelerated Benefit: Yes

OTHER PROVISIONS

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

Minimum Time Insured: 5 years

Maximum Conversion Amount: \$10,000

Suicide Exclusion: Applies to:

a. Plan 2 Life Insurance

b. AD&D Insurance

Leave Of Absence Period: 60 days

Continuity Of Coverage: Yes

Insurance Eligible For Portability:

For you:

Life Insurance Yes

Minimum amount: \$10,000 Maximum amount: \$500,000

AD&D Insurance Yes

Minimum amount: \$10,000 Maximum amount: \$500,000 Annual Earnings based on:

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

LIFE INSURANCE

A. Insuring Clause

If you die while insured for Life Insurance, we will pay benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us.

B. Amount Of Life Insurance

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

C. Changes In Life Insurance

1. Increases

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

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

a. Increases Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

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

b. Increases Not Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

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

2. Decreases

A decrease in your Life Insurance because of a change in your classification, age or Annual Earnings becomes effective on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date of the change.

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

D. Repatriation Benefit

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

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

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

E. Suicide Exclusion: Life Insurance

If your death results from suicide or other intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane, 1 and 2 below apply.

1. The amount payable will exclude the amount of your Life Insurance which is subject to this suicide exclusion and which has not been continuously in effect for at least 2 years on the date of your death. In computing the 2 years period, we will include time you were insured under the Prior Plan.

2. We will refund all premiums paid for that portion of your Life Insurance which is excluded from payment under this suicide exclusion.

F. When Life Insurance Becomes Effective

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

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

1. Life Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability

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

- 2. Life Insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability
 - a. Noncontributory Life Insurance

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

b. Contributory Life Insurance

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

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

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

3. Takeover Provision

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

G. When Life Insurance Ends

Life Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

- 1. The date the last period ends for which a premium was paid for your Life Insurance;
- 2. The date the Group Policy terminates;
- 3. The date your employment terminates; and
- 4. The date you cease to be a Member. However, if you cease to be a Member because you are working less than the required minimum number of hours, your Life Insurance will be continued with premium payment during the following periods, unless it ends under 1 through 3 above.
 - a. While your Employer is paying you at least the same Annual Earnings paid to you immediately before you ceased to be a Member.
 - b. While your ability to work is limited because of Sickness, Injury, or Pregnancy.

If you are Totally Disabled and you are not eligible for Waiver Of Premium (see **Waiver Of Premium**), your Life Insurance will continue, while you remain Totally Disabled, for a period of six months, but not beyond the date the Group Policy terminates. This applies even if your employment terminates.

- c. During the first 60 days of:
 - (1) A temporary layoff; or
 - (2) A strike, lockout, or other general work stoppage caused by a labor dispute between your collective bargaining unit and your Employer.
- d. During a leave of absence if continuation of your insurance under the Group Policy is required by a state-mandated family or medical leave act or law.
- e. During any other scheduled leave of absence approved by your Employer in advance and in writing and lasting not more than the period shown in the **Coverage Features**.

H. Reinstatement Of Life Insurance

If your Life Insurance ends, you may become insured again as a new Member. However, 1 through 4 below will apply.

- 1. If your Life Insurance ends because you cease to be a Member, and if you become a Member again within 90 days, the Eligibility Waiting Period will be waived.
- 2. If your Life Insurance ends because you fail to make a required premium contribution, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.
- 3. If you exercised your Right To Convert, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.
- 4. If your Life Insurance ends because you are on a federal or state-mandated family or medical leave of absence, and you become a Member again immediately following the period allowed, your insurance will be reinstated pursuant to the federal or state-mandated family or medical leave act or law.

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

A. Insuring Clause

If you have an accident, while insured for AD&D Insurance, and the accident results in a Loss, we will pay benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us.

B. Definition Of Loss For AD&D Insurance

Loss means loss of life, hand, foot, or sight which meet all of the following requirements:

- 1. Is caused solely and directly by an accident.
- 2. Occurs independently of all other causes.
- 3. Occurs within 365 days after the accident.
- 4. With respect to Loss of life, is evidenced by a certified copy of the death certificate.
- 5. With respect to all other Losses, is certified by a Physician in the appropriate specialty as determined by us.

With respect to a hand or foot, Loss means actual and permanent severance from the body at or above the wrist or ankle joint.

With respect to sight, Loss means entire, uncorrectable, and irrecoverable loss of sight.

C. Amount Payable

See Coverage Features for the AD&D Insurance schedule. The amount payable is a percentage of

the AD&D Insurance Benefit in effect on the date of the accident and is determined by the Loss suffered. See AD&D Table Of Losses in the **Coverage Features**.

D. Changes In AD&D Insurance

Changes in your AD&D Insurance will become effective on the date your Life Insurance changes.

E. AD&D Insurance Exclusions

No AD&D Insurance benefit is payable if the Loss is caused or contributed to by any of 1 through 7 below

- 1. War or act of War. War means declared or undeclared war, whether civil or international, and any substantial armed conflict between organized forces of a military nature.
- 2. Suicide or other intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane.
- 3. Committing or attempting to commit a felony, or engaging in an illegal occupation.
- 4. Being intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotics, unless administered on the advice of a Physician.
- 5. Sickness or Pregnancy existing at the time of the accident.
- 6. Heart attack or stroke.
- 7. Medical or surgical treatment for any of the above.

F. Additional AD&D Benefits

Seat Belt Benefit

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

We will pay a Seat Belt Benefit if all of the following requirements are met:

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

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

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

Air Bag Benefit

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

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

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

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

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

Career Adjustment Benefit

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

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

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

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

Child Care Benefit

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

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

- 1. You are insured for AD&D Insurance under the Group Policy.
- 2. You die as a result of an accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your life.
- 3. Your Spouse pays a licensed child care provider who is not a member of your family for child care provided to your Child(ren) under age 13 within 36 months of your death.
- 4. The child care is necessary in order for your Spouse to work or to obtain training for work or to increase earnings.

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

Higher Education Benefit

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

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

- 1. You are insured for AD&D Insurance under the Group Policy.
- 2. You die as a result of an accident for which an AD&D Insurance Benefit is payable for Loss of your life.
- 3. Your Child is, within 12 months after the date of your death, registered and in full-time attendance at an accredited institution of higher education beyond high school.

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

G. Becoming Insured For AD&D Insurance

1. Eligibility

You become eligible for AD&D Insurance on the date your Life Insurance is effective.

2. Effective Date

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

a. Noncontributory AD&D Insurance

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

b. Contributory AD&D Insurance

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

- (i) The date you become eligible if you apply on or before that date.
- (ii) The first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date you apply, if you apply after you become eligible.

H. When AD&D Insurance Ends

AD&D Insurance ends automatically on the earlier of:

- 1. The date your Life Insurance ends; and
- 2. The date your Waiver Of Premium begins.
- 3. The date AD&D Insurance terminates under the Group Policy.
- 4. The date the last period ends for which a premium was paid for your AD&D Insurance.

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ACTIVE WORK PROVISIONS

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

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

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

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CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE

A. Waiver Of Active Work Requirement

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

B. Payment Of Benefit

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

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

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PORTABILITY OF INSURANCE

A. Portability Of Insurance

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

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

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

- 2. On the date your employment terminates, you are under age 75.
- 3. On the date your employment terminates, you must have been continuously insured under the Group Policy for at least 12 consecutive months. In computing the 12 consecutive month period, we will include time insured under the Prior Plan.
- 4. You must apply in writing and pay the first premium directly to us at our Home Office within 31 days after the date your employment terminates. You must purchase portable group life insurance coverage for yourself in order to purchase any other insurance eligible for portability.

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

B. Amount Of Portable Insurance

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

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

C. When Portable Insurance Becomes Effective

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

If death occurs within 31 days after the date insurance ends under the Group Policy, life insurance benefits, if any, will be paid according to the terms of the Group Policy in effect on the date your employment terminates and not the terms of the Group Life Portability Insurance Policy. AD&D benefits, if any, will be paid according to the terms of the Group Policy or the Group Life Portability Insurance Policy, but not both. In no event will the benefits paid exceed the amount in effect under the Group Policy on the day before your employment terminates.

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WAIVER OF PREMIUM

A. Waiver Of Premium Benefit

Payment of premium for your Insurance will be waived if you give Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us that while insured under the Group Policy, and under age 60, you meet the requirements in 1. or 2. below:

- 1. You receive an Accelerated Benefit for your Qualifying Medical Condition; or
- 2. You become Totally Disabled and complete your Waiting Period.

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

B. Definitions For Waiver Of Premium

- 1. Insurance means all your insurance under the Group Policy, except AD&D Insurance.
- 2. Totally Disabled means that, as a result of Sickness, accidental Injury, or Pregnancy, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any gainful occupation for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training and experience.
- 3. Waiting Period means the 180 consecutive day period beginning on the date you become Totally Disabled. Waiver Of Premium begins when you complete the Waiting Period.

C. Premium Payment

Premium payment must continue until the later of:

- 1. The date you complete your Waiting Period;
- 2. The date we approve your claim for Waiver Of Premium; and
- 3. The date you receive the Accelerated Benefit.

D. Refund Of Premiums

We will refund up to 12 months of the premiums that were paid for Insurance after the date you become Totally Disabled.

E. Amount Of Insurance

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

- 1. If you become Totally Disabled, Insurance will be reduced or terminated according to the Group Policy provisions in effect on the day before you become Totally Disabled.
- 2. If you become insured under a group life insurance plan that replaces the Group Policy while you are eligible for Waiver Of Premium, any death benefit payable under the Group Policy will be reduced by the amount payable under the replacement group life insurance plan.

- 3. If you receive an Accelerated Benefit, Insurance will be reduced according to the **Accelerated Benefit** provision, and terminated according to the Group Policy provisions in effect on the day before you receive the Accelerated Benefit.
- F. Effect Of Death During The Waiting Period

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

G. Termination Or Amendment Of The Group Policy

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

H. When Waiver Of Premium Ends

Waiver Of Premium ends on the earliest of:

- 1. The date you cease to be Totally Disabled;
- 2. 90 days after the date we mail you a request for additional Proof Of Loss, if it is not given;
- 3. The date you fail to attend an examination or cooperate with the examiner;
- 4. With respect to the amount of Insurance which an insured has converted, the effective date of the individual life insurance policy issued to the insured;
- 5. The date you reach age 65; and
- 6. The date you no longer have a Qualifying Medical Condition, as defined in the **Accelerated Benefit** provision.

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ACCELERATED BENEFIT

A. Accelerated Benefit

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

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

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

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

B. Application For Accelerated Benefit

You must apply for an Accelerated Benefit. To apply you must give us satisfactory Proof Of Loss on our forms. Proof Of Loss must include a statement from a Physician that you have a Qualifying Medical Condition.

If you die after you elect to receive the Accelerated Benefit but before any such benefits are received, the election shall be cancelled and the death benefit will be paid in accordance with the Group Policy.

C. Amount Of Accelerated Benefit

You may receive an Accelerated Benefit of up to 75% of your Insurance if you meet a Qualifying Medical Condition. The maximum Accelerated Benefit is \$500,000. The minimum Accelerated Benefit is \$5,000 or 10% of your Insurance, whichever is greater.

If the amount of your Insurance is scheduled to reduce within 24 months following the date you apply for the Accelerated Benefit, your Accelerated Benefit will be based on the reduced amount.

The Accelerated Benefit will be paid to you once in your lifetime in a lump sum. An interest charge will be deducted from the Accelerated Benefit. The interest charge is found by applying a rate of interest to the Accelerated Benefit which assumes that the remaining Life Insurance Benefit would be paid 12 months after the date the Accelerated Benefit is paid.

If you recover from your Qualifying Medical Condition after receiving an Accelerated Benefit, we will not ask you for a refund. If you die before all payments of the Accelerated Benefit have been paid, the remaining payments will be added to the death benefit.

D. Effect On Insurance And Other Benefits

The amount of your Insurance after payment of the Accelerated Benefit will be

- 1. The amount of your Insurance as if no Accelerated Benefit had been paid; minus
- 2. The amount of the Accelerated Benefit after the interest charge is deducted.

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

E. Conditions For Payment

No Accelerated Benefit will be paid if:

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

F. Payment Of Premium

If the Group Policy contains a **Waiver Of Premium** provision for which you qualify, your premiums will be waived and your Insurance will continue in force according to the terms of the **Waiver Of Premium** provision. If you do not qualify for waiver under the terms of the **Waiver Of Premium** provision, premium payments must be continued for the amount of your Insurance which remains after the date you receive the Accelerated Benefit.

G. Definitions For Accelerated Benefit

Insurance means your Life Insurance Benefit under the Group Policy.

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RIGHT TO CONVERT

A. Right To Convert

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

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

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

B. Definitions For Right To Convert

- 1. Conversion Period means the 31-day period after the date of any Qualifying Event.
- 2. Insurance means all your insurance under the Group Policy, including insurance continued under Waiver Of Premium, but excluding AD&D Insurance.
- 3. Qualifying Event means termination or reduction of your Insurance for any reason except:
 - a. The Member's failure to make a required premium contribution.
 - b. Payment of an Accelerated Benefit.
- 4. You and your mean any person insured under the Group Policy.

C. Limits On Right To Convert

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

- 1. You may not convert Insurance which has been in effect for less than the Minimum Time Insured. See **Coverage Features**.
- 2. The maximum amount you have a Right To Convert is the lesser of:
 - a. The amount of your Insurance which ended, minus any other group life insurance for which you become eligible during the Conversion Period; and
 - b. The Maximum Conversion Amount. See Coverage Features.

D. The Individual Policy

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

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

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

E. Death During The Conversion Period

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

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CLAIMS

A. Filing A Claim

Claims may be filed on our forms or may be submitted in a letter to us.

B. Time Limits On Filing Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss for an Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance claim must be provided within 90 days after the date of the loss. If that is not possible, it must be provided as soon as reasonably possible.

Proof Of Loss for Waiver Of Premium must be provided within 12 months after the end of the Waiting Period. We will require further Proof Of Loss at reasonable intervals, but not more often than once a year after you have been continuously Totally Disabled for two years.

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

Proof Of Loss for a Life Insurance claim should be filed as soon as reasonably possible; however, there is no time limit.

C. Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss means written proof that a loss occurred:

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

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

D. Investigation Of Claim

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

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

E. Time Of Payment

We will pay any applicable Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit within 60 days after receipt of Proof Of Loss. All other benefits will be paid immediately after Proof Of Loss is satisfied.

F. Notice Of Decision On Claim

We will evaluate a claim for benefits promptly after we receive it. We shall notify the claimant within 45 days of receipt of the claim should we need additional time to decide the claim. We will pay benefits within 60 days after Proof Of Loss is satisfied.

G. Review Procedure

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

The claimant may send us written comments or other items to support the claim, and may review any nonprivileged information that relates to the request for review.

We will review the claim promptly after we receive the request. We will send notice of our decision within 60 days after we receive the request, or within 120 days if special circumstances require an

extension. We will state the reasons for our decision and refer to the relevant parts of the Group Policy.

H. Interest On Death Benefits

We will pay interest on death benefits from the date of death if Proof Of Loss is filed within 180 days of the date of death.

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ASSIGNMENT

The rights and benefits under the Group Policy cannot be assigned.

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BENEFIT PAYMENT AND BENEFICIARY PROVISIONS

A. Payment Of Benefits

- 1. Except as provided in item 5 below, benefits payable because of your death will be paid to the Beneficiary you name. See B through E of this section.
- 2. AD&D Insurance benefits payable for Losses other than Loss of Life will be paid to the person who suffers the Loss for which benefits are payable. Any such benefits remaining unpaid at that person's death will be paid according to the provisions for payment of a death benefit.
- 3. The benefits below will be paid to you if you are living.
 - a. AD&D Insurance benefits payable because of the death of your Dependent.
 - b. Dependents Life Insurance benefits.
 - c. Accelerated Benefits.
- 4. Dependents Life Insurance benefits and AD&D Insurance benefits payable because of the death of your Dependent which are unpaid at your death will be paid in equal shares to the first surviving class of the classes below.
 - a. The children of the Dependent.
 - b. The parents of the Dependent.
 - c. The brothers and sisters of the Dependent.
 - d. Your estate.
- **5**. Additional Benefits will be paid as follows:

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

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

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

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

6. Neither termination of the Group Policy nor termination of your coverage under the Group Policy shall prejudice the settlement of any AD&D claim where the accident precipitating your loss occurred on or before the date of termination.

B. Naming A Beneficiary

Beneficiary means a person you name to receive death benefits. You may name one or more Beneficiaries.

If you name two or more Beneficiaries in a class:

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

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

Your Beneficiary designation must be the same for Life Insurance and AD&D Insurance death benefits.

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

Your designation:

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

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

C. Simultaneous Death Provision

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

D. No Surviving Beneficiary

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

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

E. Methods Of Payment

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

1. Lump Sum

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

2. Standard Secure Access Checking Account

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

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

Payment to a Recipient may be made in installments if:

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

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

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GRANT OF DISCRETION

Your Policyholder or Employer has delegated to us the discretion to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret the terms and provisions of the Group Policy, subject to any and all remedies that may exist under State and Federal law.

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TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS FOR AD&D INSURANCE

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

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

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INCONTESTABILITY PROVISIONS

A. Incontestability Of Insurance

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

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

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

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

B. Incontestability Of Group Policy

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

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

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

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

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CLERICAL ERROR AND MISSTATEMENT

A. Clerical Error

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

- 1. Cause a person to become insured;
- 2. Invalidate insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly in force; or
- 3. Continue insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly terminated.
- B. The Policyholder and your Employer act on their own behalf as your agent, and not as our agent.

C. Misstatement Of Age

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

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

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TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF THE GROUP POLICY

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

Benefits under the Group Policy are limited to its terms, including any valid amendment. No change or amendment will be valid unless it is approved in writing by one of our executive officers and given to

the Policyholder for attachment to the Group Policy. If the terms of the Certificate differ from the Group Policy, the terms stated in the Group Policy will govern. The Policyholder, your Employer, and their respective employees or representatives have no right or authority to change or amend the Group Policy or to waive any of its terms or provisions without our signed written approval.

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

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

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DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

Annual Earnings does not include:

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

Child means:

- 1. Your child from live birth through age 25; or
- 2. Your Disabled child who is continuously incapable of self-sustaining employment because of mental or physical handicap; and chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance or institutionalized because of mental or physical handicap.

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

- i. Your adopted child; or
- ii. Your stepchild and the child of your Spouse, if living in your home.

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

Dependents Life Insurance means dependents life insurance, if any, under the Group Policy.

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

Evidence Of Insurability means an applicant must:

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

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

Injury means an injury to your body.

Life Insurance means life insurance under the Group Policy.

L.L.C. Owner-Employee means an individual who owns an equity interest in an Employer and is actively employed in the conduct of the Employer's business.

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

P.C. Partner means the sole active employee and majority shareholder of a professional corporation in partnership with the Policyholder.

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

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

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

Sickness means your sickness, illness, or disease.

Spouse means:

- 1. A person to whom you are legally married;
- 2. Your Domestic Partner. Domestic Partner means an unmarried adult:
 - a. With whom you have completed an affidavit of declaration of domestic partnership and submitted that affidavit to the local registrar; and
 - b. Except if one of the partners has died, neither person has been a partner in a domestic partnership that was terminated less than 180 days prior to the filing of the current affidavit of domestic partnership; and
 - c. Who is not related to you by blood in any manner that would bar marriage in your state of residence; and
 - d. With whom you share permanent residence; and
 - e. With whom you share financial interdependence, as demonstrated by one or more of the following:
 - (1) A joint deed, mortgage agreement or lease;
 - (2) A joint bank account;

- (3) Designation as primary beneficiary in the other's will;
- (4) The designation as beneficiary under the other's life insurance policy or retirement plan;
- (5) The joint ownership of a motor vehicle; or
- f. Your domestic partner, as defined by applicable law; or
- 3. Your civil union partner, as defined by applicable law.

However, for purposes of insurance under the Group Policy, Spouse does not include a person who is a full-time member of the armed forces of any country or a person from whom you are divorced or from whom you have terminated a Domestic Partner relationship or from whom you have dissolved a civil union.

Totally Disabled means that, as a result of Sickness, accidental Injury, or Pregnancy, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of any gainful occupation for which you are reasonably fitted by education, training and experience.

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