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

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

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

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

Class 4: Retired Members under age 65
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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: 649112-A
Type of Insurance Provided:
  Life Insurance: Yes
  Dependents Life Insurance: Not applicable
  Accidental Death And Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance: Not applicable
Policyholder: Regents of the University of New Mexico
Employer(s):
  Regents of the University of New Mexico
  Consolidated Employees of University of New Mexico Hospitals
  University of New Mexico Medical Group
  STC. UNM
Group Policy Effective Date: January 1, 2012
Policy Issued in: New Mexico

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 Active Work requirement will not apply to a Member who is retired on the Group Policy Effective Date. The requirements for becoming insured for coverages other than Life Insurance are set out in the text.

Definition of Member: You are an employee of the Employer who retired under the Employer’s retirement program.

You are not a Member if you are:

1. A research assistant, graduate assistant, teaching assistant, or special assistant.
2. A temporary or seasonal employee.
3. A leased employee.
4. An independent contractor.
5. A full time member of the armed forces of any country.

Class Definition: Retired Members under age 65. This class does not include a Member who is on Waiver Of Premium.

This Certificate applies to the class listed above. Other classes are also covered under the Group Policy. Contact your Employer for further information.
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.

Eligibility Waiting Period means the period an employee hired into a benefits eligible position must satisfy before becoming eligible to apply for insurance.

Evidence Of Insurability: Required:

a. For late application for Contributory insurance.

b. For reinstatements if required.

c. For Members eligible but not insured under the Prior Plan.

d. For any Plan 2 Life Insurance Benefit in excess of the Guarantee Issue Amount of $1,000,000, or 3 times your Annual Earnings, whichever is less. However, this requirement will be waived on the Group Policy Effective Date for an amount equal to the amount of additional life insurance under the Prior Plan on the day before the Group Policy Effective Date, if you apply on or before the Group Policy Effective Date.

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

PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Life Insurance:

Plan 1: Contributory

Plan 2: Contributory

A retired Member must apply and agree to pay premiums within 31 days after the date Waiver Of Premium ends.

SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

SCHEDULE OF LIFE INSURANCE

For you:

Life Insurance Benefit:

If you are insured under Plan 1, you may also become insured under any one option of Plan 2 if you meet the requirements to become insured under Plan 2 Life Insurance under the Group Policy. Plan 1 and Plan 2 are a Contributory plans requiring premium contributions from Members.

You may be insured under Plan 1 and any one option of Plan 2 at any one time.

A Member may not be insured as both an active Member and a retired Member.
Plan 1 (basic): Equals the amount of your Plan 1 Life Insurance in effect on your last full day of Active Work.

Plan 2 (additional): Equals the amount of your Plan 2 Life Insurance in effect on your last full day of Active Work.

The amount of your Life Insurance is rounded to the next higher multiple of $1,000, if not already a multiple of $1,000.

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

**REDUCTIONS IN INSURANCE**

Your insurance does not reduce due to age, except when you reach age 65 as shown in the certificate for that class.

**OTHER BENEFITS**

Waiver Of Premium: No

Accelerated Benefit: No

**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 Plan 2 Life Insurance

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.

   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:

      (i) The first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date of change
          in your classification, age or Annual Earnings.

      (ii) The beginning of the next plan year following the date you apply, if you apply during the
           Annual Enrollment Period.

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 or insane, 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-year 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

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

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:

a. The first day of the Calendar Month following the date you apply, if you apply within 31 days of completing your Eligibility Waiting Period.

b. The beginning of the next plan year following the date you apply, if you apply during the Annual Enrollment Period.

Late application: Evidence Of Insurability is required if you apply more than 31 days after completing the Eligibility Waiting Period shown in the Coverage Features.

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 60 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 last day of the calendar month in which your employment terminates, unless you remain eligible as a retired Member; and

4. The date you cease to be a Member. However, if you cease to be a Member because you are working less than the required minimum number of hours, your Life Insurance will be continued with premium payment during the following periods, unless it ends under 1 through 3 above.

a. While your Employer is paying you at least the same Annual Earnings paid to you immediately before you ceased to be a Member.

b. While your ability to work is limited because of Sickness, Injury, or Pregnancy. If you are Totally Disabled, 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 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.

CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE

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

RIGHT TO CONVERT

A. Right To Convert

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

1. Your Insurance ends or is reduced due to a Qualifying Event; and

2. You apply in writing and pay us the first premium during the Conversion Period.

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

B. Definitions For Right To Convert

1. Conversion Period means the 60-day period after the date of any Qualifying Event.

2. Insurance means all your insurance under the Group Policy.

3. Qualifying Event means termination or reduction of your Insurance for any reason except the Member’s failure to make a required premium contribution.

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

D. The Individual Policy

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

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

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

E. Death During The Conversion Period

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

CLAIMS

A. Filing A Claim

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

B. Time Limits On Filing Proof Of Loss

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

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

C. Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss means written proof that a loss occurred:

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

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

D. Investigation Of Claim

We may have you examined at our expense at reasonable intervals. Any such examination will be conducted by specialists of our choice.
We may have an autopsy performed at our expense, except where prohibited by law.

E. Time Of Payment

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

F. Notice Of Decision On Claim

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

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

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

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

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

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

G. Review Procedure

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ASSIGNMENT

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

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

1. All insurance under the Group Policy is assignable.
2. You may not make a collateral assignment.
3. The assignment must be absolute and irrevocable. It must transfer all rights, including:
   a. The right to change the Beneficiary;
   b. The right to buy an individual life insurance policy on your life under Right To Convert; and
   c. The right to receive accidental dismemberment benefits.
4. The assignment will apply to all of your Life in effect on the date of the assignment or becoming effective after that date.
5. The assignment may be to any person other than the Policyholder or Employer.
6. The assignment will have no effect unless it is made in writing, signed by you, and delivered to the Policyholder or Employer in your lifetime. Neither we, the Policyholder, nor the Employer are responsible for the validity, sufficiency or effect of the assignment.
7. All accidental dismemberment benefits will be paid to the assignee. All death benefits will be paid according to the beneficiary designation on file with the Policyholder or Employer, and the Benefit Payment And Beneficiary Provisions.
8. The assignment will not change the Beneficiary, unless the assignee later changes the Beneficiary. Any payment we make according to the beneficiary designation on file with the Policyholder or Employer, and the Benefit Payment and Beneficiary Provisions will fully discharge us to the extent of the payment.

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

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. Additional Benefits will be paid as follows:
   - The Repatriation Benefit will be paid to the person who incurs the transportation expenses.

B. Naming A Beneficiary

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

If you name two or more Beneficiaries in a class:

1. Two or more surviving Beneficiaries will share equally, unless you provide for unequal shares.

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

3. If only one Beneficiary in a class survives, we will pay the total death benefits to that Beneficiary.

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

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

Your designation:

1. Must be dated;

2. Must be delivered to us, our designated agent, the Policyholder, the Policyholder's designated agent, the Employer, or the Employer's designated agent; during your lifetime.

3. Must relate to the insurance provided under the Group Policy; and

4. Will take effect on the date it is delivered or, if a telephonic or electronic designation, verified by us, our designated agent, the Policyholder, the Policyholder's designated agent, the Employer, or the Employer's designated agent.

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

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

D. No Surviving Beneficiary

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

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

E. Methods Of Payment

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

1. Lump Sum

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

2. Standard Secure Access Checking Account

   If the amount payable to a Recipient is $25,000, or more, we will deposit it into a Standard Secure Access checking account which:
   a. Bears interest at a rate equal to the 13-week Treasury Bill (T-Bill) auction rate, but not to exceed 5%;
   b. Is owned by the Recipient;
   c. Is subject to the terms and conditions of a confirmation certificate which will be given to the Recipient; and
   d. Is fully guaranteed by us.

3. Installments

   Payment to a Recipient may be made in installments if:
   a. The amount payable is $25,000 or more;
   b. The Recipient chooses; and
   c. We agree.

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

ALLOCATION OF AUTHORITY

Except for those functions which the Group Policy specifically reserves to the Policyholder, we have full and exclusive authority to control and manage the Group Policy, to administer claims, and to interpret the Group Policy and resolve all questions arising in the administration, interpretation, and application of the Group Policy.
Our authority includes, but is not limited to:

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

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

TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS

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

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

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 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 has been in force for two years, except for nonpayment of premiums.

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.

TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF THE GROUP POLICY

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

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

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

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

DEFINITIONS

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. Shift differential pay.
3. Commissions.
4. Overtime 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 to age 26; or
2. Your child who meets either of the following requirements:
   a. The child is insured under the Group Policy and, on and after the date on which insurance would otherwise end because of the Child's age, is continuously Disabled.
   b. The child was insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy and was Disabled on that day, and is continuously Disabled thereafter.

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;

Your child is Disabled if your child is:

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

You must give us proof your Child is Disabled on our forms within 31 days after a) the date on which insurance would otherwise end because of the Child's age or b) the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy if your child is Disabled on that date. At reasonable intervals thereafter, we may require further proof, and have your Child examined at our expense.

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

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

Evidence Of Insurability means an applicant must:

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

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.

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; or
2. Your Domestic Partner. Domestic Partner means an individual with whom you have completed an affidavit of declaration of domestic partnership, submitted that affidavit to the Employer, and filed that affidavit for public record if required by law.

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.

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.