

# STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

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## CERTIFICATE AND SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION:

### GROUP LIFE INSURANCE

Policyholder: City of Salem, Oregon  
Policy Number: 619080-A  
Classification: **Firefighters**

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.

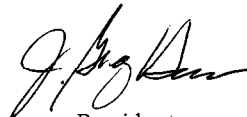
**This policy includes an Accelerated Benefit. Death benefits will be reduced if an Accelerated Benefit is paid. The receipt of this benefit may be taxable and may affect your eligibility for Medicaid or other government benefits or entitlements. However, if you meet the definition of "terminally ill 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.

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(Firefighters)



President



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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.

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### GENERAL POLICY INFORMATION

Group Policy Number:	619080-A
Type of Insurance Provided:	
Life Insurance:	Yes
Accidental Death And Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance:	Yes
Supplemental Life Insurance:	Not applicable
Dependents Life Insurance:	Not applicable
Policyholder:	City of Salem, Oregon
Employer(s):	City of Salem, Oregon
Group Policy Effective Date:	January 1, 1995
Policy Issued In:	Oregon

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### 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 firefighter of the Employer; and
2. Regularly working at least 20 hours each week.

You are not a Member if you are:

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

Class Definition: Firefighter

**This Summary Plan Description applies to the classes listed above. Other classes are also covered under the Plan. Contact your Plan Administrator for further information.**

Eligibility Waiting Period: You are eligible on the later of:

1. The Group Policy Effective Date; and
2. The first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date you become a Member.

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.

### PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Life and AD&D Insurance: Noncontributory

### SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

Life Insurance: \$40,000

AD&D Insurance: \$40,000

The amount payable for certain Losses will differ. See **Accidental Death And Dismemberment Insurance**.

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 payable for loss of life.

### 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	Percentage
70 through 74	65%
75 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

Leave Of Absence Provision: 60 days of a scheduled leave of absence.

Insurance Eligible For Portability:

For you:

Life Insurance:	Yes
Minimum combined amount:	\$10,000
Maximum combined amount:	\$300,000

For you:

AD&D Insurance:	Yes
Minimum combined amount:	\$10,000
Maximum combined amount:	\$300,000

## 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 satisfactory Proof Of Loss.

### B. Amount Of Life Insurance

See the **Coverage Features** for the amount of your Life Insurance.

### C. Changes In Life Insurance

Subject to 1 and 2 below, a change in your Life Insurance will become effective on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date of change in classification, age, Annual Earnings, or other factor shown in the **Coverage Features**.

1. All increases in your Life Insurance are subject to the **Active Work Provisions**.
2. Insurance which exceeds any Guarantee Issue Amount shown in the **Coverage Features** will become effective on the date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.

### D. When Life Insurance Becomes Effective

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

#### 1. Noncontributory Life Insurance

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your Noncontributory Life Insurance becomes effective on the date you become eligible.

#### 2. Contributory Life Insurance

You must apply in writing for Contributory Life Insurance and agree to pay premiums. Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your Life Insurance becomes effective on:

- a. The date you become eligible, if you apply on or before that date;
- b. The date you apply, if you apply within 31 days after you become eligible; or
- c. The date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability, if you apply more than 31 days after you become eligible (late application).

#### 3. Insurance Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date we approve Evidence Of Insurability.

#### 4. Takeover Provisions

- 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.

### E. When Life Insurance Ends

Your Life Insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date the last period ends for which you made a premium contribution, if your insurance is Contributory;



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

**F. 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, you will not need to serve a new Eligibility Waiting Period.
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 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 satisfactory Proof Of Loss.

**B. Definition Of Loss For AD&D Insurance**

Loss means loss of life, hand, foot, or sight which:

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

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 and irrecoverable loss of sight.

#### C. Amount Payable

The amount payable is equal to a percentage of your AD&D Insurance in effect on the date of the accident (See **Coverage Features**). The percentage is shown below.

Loss:	Percentage
Life	100%
One hand, one foot, or sight of one eye	50%
Two or more of the above Losses	100%

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

#### D. Changes In AD&D Insurance

Subject to 1 and 2 below, a change in your AD&D Insurance will become effective on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following the date of change in classification, age, Annual Earnings, or other factor shown in the **Coverage Features**.

1. All increases in your AD&D Insurance are subject to the **Active Work Provisions**.
2. Insurance which exceeds any Guarantee Issue Amount shown in the **Coverage Features** will become effective on the date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.

#### E. Seat Belt Benefit

See the **Coverage Features** for the amount of the Seat Belt Benefit.

We will pay a Seat Belt Benefit if:

1. You die as a result of an Automobile accident for which an AD&D Insurance benefit is payable; and
2. You were wearing a Seat Belt at the time of the accident, as evidenced by a police accident report.

Seat Belt means a properly installed seat belt, lap and shoulder restraint, or other restraint approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

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

#### F. 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 or insane.
3. Committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony, or actively participating in a violent disorder or riot. Actively participating does not include being at the scene of a violent disorder or riot while performing your official duties.
4. The voluntary use or consumption of any poison, chemical compound or drug, unless used or consumed according to the directions 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.

#### G. When AD&D Insurance Becomes Effective

Your AD&D Insurance becomes effective on the date your Life Insurance becomes effective.

#### H. When AD&D Insurance Ends

Your 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.

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## ACTIVE WORK PROVISIONS

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

Active Work and Actively At Work mean performing the material duties of your own occupation at your Employer's usual place of business.

You will also meet the Active Work requirement if:

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

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## PORTABILITY OF INSURANCE

#### A. Portability Of Insurance

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 65.
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**

Insurance will be continued without payment of premiums while you are Totally Disabled if:

1. You become Totally Disabled while insured under the Group Policy and under age 60;
2. You complete your Waiting Period; and
3. You give us satisfactory Proof Of Loss.

**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; and
2. The date we approve your claim for Waiver Of Premium.

**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 continued without payment of premium is the amount in effect on the day before you become Totally Disabled subject to the following:

1. The amount of Supplemental Life Insurance on your Spouse will be the lesser of:
  - a. The amount in effect on the day before you become Totally Disabled; and
  - b. The amount in effect one year before the date you become Totally Disabled.
2. If you receive an Accelerated Benefit, Insurance will be reduced according to the **Accelerated Benefit** provision.

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.

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; and
5. The date you reach age 65.

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## **ACCELERATED BENEFIT**

A. Accelerated Benefit

If you qualify for Waiver Of Premium and incur a Qualifying Medical Condition while you are insured under the Group Policy, we will pay an Accelerated Benefit to you according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive satisfactory Proof Of Loss.

Qualifying Medical Condition means you are terminally ill, with a life expectancy of less than 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 have at least \$10,000 of Insurance in effect to be eligible.

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

C. Amount Of Accelerated Benefit

You may receive an Accelerated Benefit of up to 50% of your Insurance. The maximum Accelerated Benefit is \$250,000. 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.

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.

You may elect an Accelerated Benefit once in your lifetime. The Accelerated Benefit will be paid to you in a lump sum. If you recover from your Qualifying Medical Condition after receiving an Accelerated Benefit, we will not ask you for a refund.

D. Effect On Insurance And Other Benefits

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; minus
3. An interest charge calculated as follows:

A times B times C divided by 365 = interest charge.

A = The amount of the Accelerated Benefit.

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

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

Your AD&D Insurance, if any, is not affected by payment of the Accelerated Benefit.

E. Exclusions

No Accelerated Benefit will be paid if:

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

F. Definitions For Accelerated Benefit

Insurance means your Life Insurance and Supplemental Life Insurance, if any, under the Group Policy.

Physician means a licensed M.D. or D.O., other than yourself, acting within the scope of the license.

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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 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.

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.

### 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.

### 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

The claimant will receive a written decision on a claim within a reasonable time after we receive the claim.

If the claimant does not receive our decision within 90 days after we receive the claim, the claimant will have an immediate right to request a review as if the claim had been denied.

If we deny any part of the claim, 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. A description of any additional information needed to support the claim; and
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 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.

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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

Benefits payable because of your death will be paid to the Beneficiary you name. Benefits payable because of your Spouse's death will be paid to the beneficiary your Spouse names. See B through E of this section.

The benefits below will be paid to you if you are living.

1. AD&D Insurance dismemberment benefits.
2. Dependents Life Insurance benefits payable because of the death of your insured Child.
3. Accelerated Benefits.

Any AD&D Insurance dismemberment benefits which are unpaid at your death will be paid to the Beneficiary you name to receive Life Insurance benefits.

Benefits payable because of the death of your Child which are unpaid at your death will be paid in equal shares to the first surviving class of the classes below.

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

### B. Naming A Beneficiary

Beneficiary means a person named to receive death benefits.

One or more Beneficiaries may be named. Two or more surviving Beneficiaries will share equally, unless specified otherwise. Beneficiaries may be changed 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. Your Beneficiary designations for Life Insurance and your Supplemental Life Insurance may be different.

Your Spouse's Beneficiary designations for Dependents Life Insurance on your Spouse and for Supplemental Life Insurance on your Spouse may be different.

A Beneficiary designation must be in writing and:

1. Must be dated and signed by the person making the designation;
2. Must be delivered to the Policyholder or Employer during the lifetime of the person making the designation;
3. Must relate to the insurance provided under the Group Policy; and
4. Will take effect on the date it is delivered to the Policyholder or Employer.

If we approve it, a signed and dated designation under the Prior Plan will be accepted as your Beneficiary designation under the Group Policy.

C. Simultaneous Death Provision

If a Beneficiary dies on the same day you or your Spouse die, or within 15 days thereafter, benefits will be paid as if that Beneficiary had died first, unless Proof Of Loss with respect to that death is delivered to us before the date of the Beneficiary's death.

D. No Surviving Beneficiary

If no designation is made or no Beneficiary survives, benefits will be paid in equal shares to the first surviving class of the classes below.

1. With respect to your death:
  - a. Your spouse.
  - b. Your children.
  - c. Your parents.
  - d. Your brothers and sisters.
  - e. Your estate.
2. With respect to your Spouse's death:
  - a. You.
  - b. Your Spouse's children.
  - c. Your Spouse's parents.
  - d. Your Spouse's brothers and sisters.
  - e. Your Spouse's 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 \$10,000, we will pay it in a lump sum.

2. Standard Secure Access Checking Account

If the amount payable to a Recipient is \$10,000 or more, we will deposit it into a Standard Secure Access checking account which:

- a. Bears interest;
- 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 \$10,000 or more;
- b. The Recipient chooses; and
- c. We agree.

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

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## **ALLOCATION OF AUTHORITY**

Except for those functions which the Group Policy specifically reserves to the Policyholder, we have full and exclusive authority to control and manage the Group Policy, to administer claims, and to interpret the Group Policy and resolve all questions arising in the administration, interpretation, and application of the Group Policy.

Our authority includes, but is not limited to:

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

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

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## **TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS**

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

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

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## INCONTESTABILITY PROVISIONS

### A. Incontestability Of Insurance

Any statement made to obtain 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.

### 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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## DEFINITIONS

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

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.

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

Physician means a licensed M.D. or D.O., other than yourself, acting within the scope of the license.

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

Prior Plan means the group life insurance plan in effect on the day before the effective date of your 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.

Spouse does not include a person who is a full-time member of the armed forces of any country.

Supplemental Life Insurance means supplemental life insurance, if any, under the Group Policy.

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