

**Group Accident  
Insurance Certificate**

Northwest Kidney Centers



**IMPORTANT NOTICES  
GROUP ACCIDENT**

If you reside in one of the following states, please read the important notices below:

**Arizona residents:**

**This certificate of insurance may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read this certificate carefully.**

**Florida residents:**

**The benefits of the policy providing your coverage are governed primarily by the laws of a state other than Florida.**

**Maryland residents:**

**This Certificate may omit some of the benefits required for a Certificate issued and delivered in Maryland.**

**New Mexico residents:**

**This type of plan is NOT considered “minimum essential coverage” under the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and therefore does NOT satisfy the individual mandate that you have health insurance coverage. If you do not have other health insurance coverage, you may be subject to a tax penalty. Please consult your tax advisor.**

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**North Carolina residents:**

**This Certificate of Insurance provides all of the benefits mandated by the North Carolina Insurance Code, but it is issued under a group master policy located in another state and may be governed by that state’s law.**

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT CERTIFICATE. IF YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR MEDICARE, REVIEW THE GUIDE TO HEALTH INSURANCE FOR PEOPLE WITH MEDICARE, WHICH IS AVAILABLE FROM LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.**

**The Policy is a legal contract between the Policyholder and Us.**



**BENEFITS MAY BE REDUCED. PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

**IMPORTANT CANCELLATION INFORMATION – PLEASE READ “POLICY TERMINATION” PROVISION**

UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, PRINCIPAL, AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL: (1) CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSONS INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT, AND (2) WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. THIS WRITTEN NOTICE MUST ALSO CONTAIN A NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY OF THEIR RIGHTS TO HEALTH INSURANCE CONVERSION POLICIES UNDER ARTICLE 53 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL POLICIES UNDER THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND UNDER ARTICLE 68 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

**Texas residents:**

**THE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED IS NOT A POLICY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR EMPLOYER TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR EMPLOYER IS A SUBSCRIBER TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM.**



**Life Insurance Company of North America**  
**1601 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19192-2235**  
**A Stock Insurance Company**

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**GROUP ACCIDENT CERTIFICATE**

**THIS CERTIFICATE PROVIDES LIMITED COVERAGE.  
PLEASE READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.**

We, the Life Insurance Company of North America, have issued a Group Policy, OK 967960 to Northwest Kidney Centers.

We certify that we insure all eligible persons who are enrolled according to the terms of the Group Policy. Your coverage will begin according to the terms set forth in the *Eligibility and Effective Date* provision.

This Certificate describes the benefits and basic provisions of your coverage. It is not the insurance contract and does not waive or alter any terms of the Policy. If questions arise, the Policy language will govern. You may examine the Policy at the office of the Policyholder.

This Certificate replaces all prior Certificates issued to you under the Group Policy.



William J. Smith, President

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED UNDER AN ACCIDENT ONLY POLICY. IT DOES NOT PAY  
BENEFITS FOR LOSS CAUSED BY SICKNESS.**

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## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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*This Certificate is intended to be read in its entirety. In order to understand all the conditions, exclusions and limitations applicable to its benefits, please read all the provisions carefully.*

The *Schedule of Benefits* provides a brief outline of your coverage and benefits. Please read the *Description of Coverages and Benefits* Section for full details.

**Policyholder:** Northwest Kidney Centers

**Effective Date of Policyholder Participation:** January 1, 2015

**Certificate Effective Date:** November 1, 2018

**Covered Class:** Class 3 - All active, full-time Employees of the Employer regularly working a minimum of 24 hours per week, excluding Employees classified as President, Chief Executive Officer, Vice-President, Director or Manager.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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**This *Schedule of Benefits* shows maximums, benefit periods and any limitations applicable to benefits provided for each Covered Person unless otherwise indicated. Principal Sum, when referred to in this Schedule, means the Employee's Principal Sum in effect on the date of the Covered Accident causing the Covered Injury or Covered Loss unless otherwise specified.**

### **Eligibility Waiting Period**

The Eligibility Waiting Period is the period of time the Employee must be in a Covered Class to be eligible for coverage.

For Employees hired on or before the Policy Effective Date:	First of the month on or after 60 days of Active Service
For Employees hired after the Policy Effective Date:	First of the month following the date of hire

The *Eligibility Waiting Period* will be first of the month following the return to Active Service if you are former Employee rehired within 12 months after your termination date and you had satisfied the *Eligibility Waiting Period* prior to your termination date. If a former Employee did not fully satisfy the *Eligibility Waiting Period* prior to your termination date, credit will be given for any time that was satisfied.

The *Eligibility Waiting Period* will be first of the month following the return to Active Service if you are a former Employee who meets the following criteria: a) you were eligible for benefits b) you either met or acquired some time toward the *Eligibility Waiting Period* c) your coverage terminated because of a reduction in hours d) you later became eligible again after meeting the hourly requirement and e) you are rehired within 12 months after your termination date. If you did not fully satisfy the *Eligibility Waiting Period* prior to your termination date, credit will be given for any time that was satisfied.

The *Eligibility Waiting Period* does not apply if a part-time Employee becomes eligible under a Covered Class and the part-time Employee had satisfied the *Eligibility Waiting Period* prior to his or her becoming eligible. If a part-time Employee did not fully satisfy the *Eligibility Waiting Period* prior to the date he or she became eligible under a Covered Class, credit for his or her Active Service as a part-time Employee will be given to satisfy the *Eligibility Waiting Period*.

### **Time Period for Loss:**

Any Covered Loss must occur within:	365 days of the Covered Accident
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**Maximum Age for Insurance:** None

## BASIC ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS

(Applicable January 1, 2015)

Employee Principal Sum:

1 times Annual Compensation rounded to the next higher \$1,000  
subject to a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$300,000

Changes in the Covered Person's amount of insurance resulting from a change in the Employee's amount of Annual Compensation take effect, subject to any Active Service requirement, on the first day of the month following the date of change in Annual Compensation.

### SCHEDULE OF COVERED LOSSES

<b>Covered Loss</b>	<b>Benefit</b>
Loss of Life	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Two or More Hands or Feet	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Sight of Both Eyes	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of One Hand or One Foot and Sight in One Eye	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Speech and Hearing (in both ears)	100% of the Principal Sum
Quadriplegia	100% of the Principal Sum
Paraplegia	75% of the Principal Sum
Hemiplegia	50% of the Principal Sum
Uniplegia	25% of the Principal Sum
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Monthly Benefit	1% of the Principal Sum
Number of Monthly Benefits	11
When Payable	At the end of each month during which the Covered Person remains comatose
Lump Sum Benefit	100% of the Principal Sum
When Payable	Beginning of the 12 <sup>th</sup> month
Loss of One Hand or Foot	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Sight in One Eye	50% of the Principal Sum
Severance and Reattachment of One Hand or Foot	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Speech	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Hearing (in both ears)	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of all Four Fingers of the Same Hand	25% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand	25% of the Principal Sum
Loss of all the Toes of the Same Foot	20% of the Principal Sum

### **Age Reductions**

A Covered Person's Principal Sum will be reduced to the percentage of his Principal Sum in effect on the date preceding the first reduction, as shown below.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Percentage of Benefit Amount</b>
65 but less than 70	65%
70 but less than 75	45%
75 but less than 80	30%
80 but less than 85	20%
85 or over	15%

**ADDITIONAL ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGES**

Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits are provided under the following coverages. Any benefits payable under them are as shown in the *Schedule of Covered Losses* and are not paid in addition to any other Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits.

**EXPOSURE AND DISAPPEARANCE COVERAGE** provides the Principal Sum multiplied by the percentage applicable to the Covered Loss, as shown in the *Schedule of Covered Losses*.

**ADDITIONAL ACCIDENT BENEFITS**

Any benefits payable under these *Additional Accident Benefits* shown below are paid in addition to any other Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits payable.

**CHILD CARE CENTER BENEFIT**

Benefit Amount	2% of the Employee's Principal Sum subject to a maximum of \$2,000 per year
Maximum Benefit Period	the earlier of 4 years or until the child turns 13 for each surviving Dependent Child

**SEATBELT AND AIRBAG BENEFIT**

Seatbelt Benefit	25% of the Principal Sum subject to a Maximum Benefit of \$25,000
Airbag Benefit	10% of the Principal Sum subject to a Maximum Benefit of \$10,000
Default Benefit	\$1,000

**SPECIAL EDUCATION BENEFIT**

Surviving Dependent Child Benefit	3% of the Principal Sum subject to a Maximum Benefit of \$2,500
Surviving Spouse or Domestic Partner Benefit	\$3,000
Maximum Number of Annual Payments For Each Surviving Dependent Child	4
For Surviving Spouse or Domestic Partner	1
Default Benefit	\$3,000

## VOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS

Employee Principal Sum:	An amount equal to the Employee's group voluntary life insurance benefit in effect under Policy No. FLX 966430, underwritten by Life Insurance Company of North America.
Spouse or Domestic Partner Principal Sum:	An amount equal to the Spouse's group voluntary life insurance benefit in effect under Policy No. FLX 966430, underwritten by Life Insurance Company of North America.
Dependent Child Principal Sum:	An amount equal to the Dependent Child's group voluntary life insurance benefit in effect under Policy No. FLX 966430, underwritten by Life Insurance Company of North America.

### SCHEDULE OF COVERED LOSSES

<b>Covered Loss</b>	<b>Benefit</b>
Loss of Life	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Two or More Hands or Feet	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Sight of Both Eyes	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of One Hand or One Foot and Sight in One Eye	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Speech and Hearing (in both ears)	100% of the Principal Sum
Quadriplegia	100% of the Principal Sum
Paraplegia	75% of the Principal Sum
Hemiplegia	50% of the Principal Sum
Uniplegia	25% of the Principal Sum
Coma	
Monthly Benefit	1% of the Principal Sum
Number of Monthly Benefits	11
When Payable	At the end of each month during which the Covered Person remains comatose
Lump Sum Benefit	100% of the Principal Sum
When Payable	Beginning of the 12 <sup>th</sup> month
Loss of One Hand or Foot	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Sight in One Eye	50% of the Principal Sum
Severance and Reattachment of One Hand or Foot	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Speech	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Hearing (in both ears)	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of all Four Fingers of the Same Hand	25% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand	25% of the Principal Sum
Loss of all the Toes of the Same Foot	20% of the Principal Sum

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**EXPOSURE AND DISAPPEARANCE COVERAGE** provides the Principal Sum multiplied by the percentage applicable to the Covered Loss, as shown in the *Schedule of Covered Losses*.

**ADDITIONAL ACCIDENT BENEFITS**

Any benefits payable under these *Additional Accident Benefits* shown below are paid in addition to any other Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits payable.

**CHILD CARE CENTER BENEFIT**

Benefit Amount	2% of the Employee's Principal Sum subject to a maximum of \$2,000 per year
Maximum Benefit Period	the earlier of 4 years or until the child turns 13 for each surviving Dependent Child

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Airbag Benefit	10% of the Principal Sum subject to a Maximum Benefit of \$10,000
Default Benefit	\$1,000

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Surviving Spouse or Domestic Partner Benefit	\$3,000
Maximum Number of Annual Payments For Each Surviving Dependent Child	4
For Surviving Spouse or Domestic Partner	1
Default Benefit	\$3,000

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## GENERAL DEFINITIONS

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Please note that certain words used in this Certificate have specific meanings. The words defined below and capitalized within the text of this Certificate have the meanings set forth below.

### **Active Service**

An Employee will be considered in Active Service with the Employer on any day that is either of the following:

1. one of the Employer's scheduled work days on which the Employee is performing his regular duties on a full-time basis, either at one of the Employer's usual places of business or at some other location to which the Employer's business requires the Employee to travel;
2. a scheduled holiday, vacation day or period of Employer-approved paid leave of absence, other than sick leave, only if the Employee was in Active Service on the preceding scheduled workday.

A person other than an Employee is considered in Active Service if he is none of the following:

1. an Inpatient in a Hospital or receiving Outpatient care for chemotherapy or radiation therapy;
2. confined at home under the care of a Physician for Sickness or injury;
3. Totally Disabled.

### **Age**

A Covered Person's Age, for purposes of initial premium calculations, is his Age attained on the date coverage becomes effective for him under this Policy. Thereafter, it is his Age attained on his last birthday.

### **Aircraft**

A vehicle which:

1. has a valid certificate of airworthiness; and
2. is being flown by a pilot with a valid license to operate the Aircraft.

### **Annual Compensation**

An Employee's annual earnings for normal work established by the Policyholder for his job classification. It includes earnings received from bonuses and overtime but not commissions or other extra compensation.

Bonuses and overtime will be averaged for the 12 months just prior to the date of the Covered Loss, or the months employed, if less than 12 months.

### **Covered Accident**

A sudden, unforeseeable event that results, directly and independently of all other causes, in a Covered Injury or Covered Loss and meets all of the following conditions:

1. occurs while the Covered Person is insured under this Policy;
2. is not contributed to by disease, Sickness, mental or bodily infirmity;
3. is not otherwise excluded under the terms of this Policy.

### **Covered Injury**

Any bodily harm that results directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident.

### **Covered Loss**

A loss that is all of the following:

1. the result, directly and independently of all other causes, of a Covered Accident;
2. one of the Covered Losses specified in the *Schedule of Covered Losses*;
3. suffered by the Covered Person within the applicable time period specified in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

### **Covered Person**

An eligible person, as defined in the *Schedule of Benefits*, for whom an enrollment form has been accepted by Us and required premium has been paid when due and for whom coverage under this Policy remains in force. The term Covered Person shall include, where this Policy provides coverage, an eligible Spouse and eligible Dependent Children.



**Dependent Child(ren)**

An Employee's unmarried child who meets the following requirements:

1. A child from live birth to 26 years old;
2. A child who is 26 or more years old, primarily supported by the Employee and incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical handicap.

A child, for purposes of this provision, includes an Employee's:

1. natural child;
2. adopted child, beginning with any waiting period pending finalization of the child's adoption. It also means the legally adopted child of the Employee's Spouse or Domestic Partner/Partner to a Civil Union provided the child is living with, and is financially dependent upon the Employee;
3. stepchild who resides with the Employee and is financially dependent upon the Employee;
4. child for whom the Employee is the court-appointed legal guardian, as long as the child resides with the Employee and depends on the Employee for financial support. Financial support means that the Employee is eligible to claim the dependent for purposes of Federal and State income tax returns.

**Employee**

For eligibility purposes, an Employee of the Employer who is in one of the Covered Classes.

**Employer**

The Policyholder and any affiliates, subsidiaries or divisions shown in the *Schedule of Covered Affiliates* and which are covered under this Policy on the date of issue or subsequently agreed to by Us.

**He, His, Him**

Refers to any individual, male or female.

**Hospital**

An institution that meets all of the following:

1. it is licensed as a Hospital pursuant to applicable law;
2. it is primarily and continuously engaged in providing medical care and treatment to sick and injured persons;
3. it is managed under the supervision of a staff of medical doctors;
4. it provides 24-hour nursing services by or under the supervision of a graduate registered nurse (R.N.);
5. it has medical, diagnostic and treatment facilities, with major surgical facilities on its premises, or available on a prearranged basis;
6. it charges for its services.

The term Hospital does not include a clinic, facility, or unit of a Hospital for:

1. rehabilitation, convalescent, custodial, educational or nursing care;
2. the aged, drug addicts or alcoholics;
3. a Veteran's Administration Hospital or Federal Government Hospital unless the Covered Person incurs an expense.

**Inpatient**

A Covered Person who is confined for at least one full day's Hospital room and board. The requirement that a person be charged for room and board does not apply to confinement in a Veteran's Administration Hospital or Federal Government Hospital and in such case, the term 'Inpatient' shall mean a Covered Person who is required to be confined for a period of at least a full day as determined by the Hospital.

**Nurse**

A licensed graduate Registered Nurse (R.N.), a licensed practical Nurse (L.P.N.) or a licensed vocational Nurse (L.V.N.) and who is not:

1. employed or retained by the Policyholder;
2. living in the Covered Person's household; or
3. a parent, sibling, spouse or child of the Covered Person.

**Outpatient**

A Covered Person who receives treatment, services and supplies while not an Inpatient in a Hospital.

**Physician**

A licensed health care provider practicing within the scope of his license and rendering care and treatment to a Covered Person that is appropriate for the condition and locality and who is not:

1. employed or retained by the Policyholder;
2. living in the Covered Person's household;
3. a parent, sibling, spouse or child of the Covered Person.

**Prior Plan**

The plan of insurance providing similar benefits, sponsored by the Employer in effect immediately prior to this Policy's Effective Date.

**Sickness**

A physical or mental illness.

**Spouse**

The Employee's lawful spouse under age 70.

**Totally Disabled or Total Disability**

Totally Disabled or Total Disability means either:

1. inability of the Covered Person who is currently employed to do any type of work for which he is or may become qualified by reason of education, training or experience; or
2. inability of the Covered Person who is not currently employed to perform all of the activities of daily living including eating, transferring, dressing, toileting, bathing, and continence, without human supervision or assistance.

**We, Us, Our**

Life Insurance Company of North America.

**You, Your**

The person to whom the certificate is issued.

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## **ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS**

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### **Policy Effective Date**

The Insurance Company agrees to provide Accident Insurance Benefits described in this Policy in consideration of the Policyholder's application and payment of the initial premium when due. Insurance coverage begins on the Policy Effective Date shown on this Policy's first page.

### **Eligibility**

An Employee becomes eligible for insurance under this Policy on the date he meets all of the requirements of one of the Covered Classes and completes any Eligibility Waiting Period, as shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. A Spouse and Dependent Children of an eligible Employee become eligible for any dependent insurance provided by this Policy on the later of the date the Employee becomes eligible and the date the Spouse or Dependent Child meets the applicable definition shown in the *Definitions* section of this Policy. No person may be eligible for insurance under this Policy as both an Employee and a Spouse or Dependent Child at the same time.

### **Effective Date for Individuals**

#### *Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits*

Insurance becomes effective for an eligible Employee, subject to the *Deferred Effective Date* provision below, on the latest of the following dates:

1. the effective date of this Policy;
2. the date the Employee becomes eligible.

#### *Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits*

Insurance becomes effective for an eligible Employee who applies and agrees to make required contributions within 31 days of eligibility, and subject to the *Deferred Effective Date* provision below, on the latest of the following dates:

1. the effective date of this Policy;
2. the date the Employee becomes eligible;
3. the date We receive the Employee's completed enrollment form and the required first premium, during his lifetime.

Insurance becomes effective for an Employee's eligible dependents if the Employee applies and agrees to make required contributions within 31 days of the date his dependents become eligible and, subject to the *Deferred Effective Date* provision below, on the latest of the following dates:

1. the effective date of this Policy;
2. the date the Employee becomes eligible;
3. the date the Employee's insurance becomes effective;
4. the date the dependent meets the definition of Spouse or Dependent Child, as applicable;
5. the date We receive a completed enrollment form for Spouse and Dependent Child coverage and the required first premium, during each dependent's lifetime.

Insurance becomes effective for a newborn Dependent Child automatically from the moment of the child's live birth.

Insurance for that Dependent Child automatically ends 31 days later unless the Employee is insured under a plan under this Policy that includes Dependent Child insurance or makes a request to cover the child and pays the required initial premium, during the child's lifetime.

## **DEFERRED EFFECTIVE DATE**

### **Active Service**

The effective date of insurance will be deferred for any Employee or any eligible Spouse or Dependent Child who is not in Active Service on the date coverage would otherwise become effective. Coverage will become effective on the later of the date he returns to Active Service and the date coverage would otherwise have become effective.

### **Life Status Change**

A Life Status Change is an event that the Employer determines qualifies an Employee to elect or increase accident insurance benefits for himself and his Spouse and Dependent Children. Any change in benefit elections must be made within 31 days of a Life Status Change.

Any increases in benefits or added benefits elected under this Life Status Change provision will become effective on the first of the month following the Life Status Change.

The Policyholder should seek advice of its tax advisors if Employees may contribute to the cost of any insurance provided by this Policy with earnings not subject to Federal Income Tax. We cannot provide such advice nor offer any opinions on taxation or tax status of any contributions toward the cost of insurance.

### **Effective Date of Changes**

Any increase or decrease in the amount of insurance for the Covered Person resulting from:

1. a change in benefits provided by this Policy; or
2. a change in the Employee's Covered Class will take effect on the first of the month following the date of change.

Increases will take effect subject to any Active Service requirement.

## **TERMINATION OF INSURANCE**

The insurance on a Covered Person will end on the earliest date below:

1. the date this Policy or insurance for a Covered Class is terminated;
2. the next premium due date after the date the Covered Person is no longer in a Covered Class or satisfies eligibility requirements under this Policy;
3. the last day of the last period for which premium is paid;
4. the next premium due date after the Covered Person attains the maximum Age for insurance under this Policy;
5. with respect to a Spouse or Dependent Child, the date of the death of the covered Employee or the date of divorce from the covered Employee.

Termination will not affect a claim for a Covered Loss or Covered Injury that is the result, directly and independently of all other causes, of a Covered Accident that occurs while coverage was in effect.

## **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE**

### **Continuation for Layoff, Leave of Absence or Family Medical Leave**

Insurance for an Employee and Covered Dependents may be continued until the earliest of the following dates if: (a) an Employee is on a temporary layoff, an Employer-approved leave of absence or an Employer-approved family medical leave; and (b) required premium contributions are paid when due.

1. for a layoff: the end of the month in which the layoff begins.
2. for an Employer-approved leave of absence: the end of the month in which the leave begins.
3. for an Employer-approved family medical leave: up to the later of the period of the approved FMLA leave or the leave period required by law in the state in which the Employee is employed.

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## COMMON EXCLUSIONS

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In addition to any benefit-specific exclusions, benefits will not be paid for any Covered Injury or Covered Loss which, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, is caused by or results from any of the following unless coverage is specifically provided for by name in the *Description of Benefits* Section:

1. intentionally self-inflicted injury, suicide or any attempt thereat while sane or insane;
2. commission or attempt to commit a felony or an assault;
3. commission of or active participation in a riot or insurrection;
4. bungee jumping; parachuting; skydiving; parasailing; hang-gliding;
5. declared or undeclared war or act of war;
6. flight in, boarding or alighting from an Aircraft or any craft designed to fly above the Earth's surface:
  - a. except as a passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial airline;
  - b. being flown by the Covered Person or in which the Covered Person is a member of the crew;
  - c. being used for:
    - i. crop dusting, spraying or seeding, giving and receiving flying instruction, fire fighting, sky writing, sky diving or hang-gliding, pipeline or power line inspection, aerial photography or exploration, racing, endurance tests, stunt or acrobatic flying; or
    - ii. any operation that requires a special permit from the FAA, even if it is granted (this does not apply if the permit is required only because of the territory flown over or landed on);
  - d. designed for flight above or beyond the earth's atmosphere;
  - e. an ultra-light or glider;
  - f. being used for the purpose of parachuting or skydiving;
  - g. being used by any military authority, except an Aircraft used by the Air Mobility Command or its foreign equivalent;
7. Sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity, bacterial or viral infection or medical or surgical treatment thereof, except for any bacterial infection resulting from an accidental cut or wound or accidental ingestion of contaminated food;
8. travel in any Aircraft owned, leased or controlled by the Policyholder, or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. An Aircraft will be deemed to be 'controlled' by the Policyholder if the Aircraft may be used as the Policyholder wishes for more than 10 straight days, or more than 15 days in any year;
9. a Covered Accident that occurs while engaged in the activities of active duty service in the military, navy or air force of any country or international organization. Covered Accidents that occur while engaged in Reserve or National Guard training are not excluded until training extends beyond 31 days.
10. operating any type of vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug, narcotic or other intoxicant including any prescribed drug for which the Covered Person has been provided a written warning against operating a vehicle while taking it. Under the influence of alcohol, for purposes of this exclusion, means intoxicated, as defined by the law of the state in which the Covered Accident occurred;
11. voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes, unless prescribed or taken under the direction of a Physician and taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage;
12. in addition, benefits will not be paid for services or treatment rendered by a Physician, Nurse or any other person who is:
  - a. employed or retained by the Policyholder;
  - b. providing homeopathic, aroma-therapeutic or herbal therapeutic services;
  - c. living in the Covered Person's household;
  - d. a parent, sibling, spouse or child of the Covered Person.

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## CONVERSION PRIVILEGE

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1. If the Covered Person's insurance or any portion of it ends for any of the following reasons:
  - a. employment or membership ends;
  - b. eligibility ends (except for age for the Employee or Covered Spouse);the Covered Person may have Us issue converted accident insurance on an individual policy or an individual certificate under a designated group policy. The Covered Person may apply for an amount of coverage that is:
  - a. in \$1,000 increments;
  - b. not less than \$25,000, regardless of the amount of insurance under the group policy; and
  - c. not more than the amount of insurance he had under the group policy, except as provided above, up to a maximum amount of \$250,000.

The Covered Person must be under age 70 to get a converted policy.

If the Covered Person's insurance or any portion of it ends for non-payment of premium, he may not convert. If the Covered Person's insurance ends for a reason described in 2. below, conversion is subject to that section.

The converted policy or certificate will cover accidental death and dismemberment. The policy or certificate will not contain disability or other additional benefits. The Covered Person need not show Us that he is insurable.

If the Covered Person has converted his group coverage and later becomes insured under the same group plan as before, he may not convert a second time unless he provides, at his own expense, proof of insurability or proof the prior converted policy is no longer in force.

The Covered Person must apply for the individual policy within 31 days after his coverage under this Group Policy ends and pay the required premium, based on Our table of rates for such policies, his Age and class of risk. If the Covered Person has assigned ownership of his group coverage, the owner/assignee must apply for the individual policy.

If the Covered Person suffers a Covered Loss or dies during this 31-day period as the result of an accident that would have been covered under this Group Policy, We will pay as a claim under this Group Policy the amount of insurance that the Covered Person was entitled to convert. It does not matter whether the Covered Person applied for the individual policy or certificate. If such policy or certificate is issued, it will be in exchange for any other benefits under this Group Policy.

The individual policy or certificate will take effect on the day following the date coverage under the Group Policy ended; or, if later, the date application is made.

### **Exclusions**

The converted policy may exclude the hazards or conditions that apply to the Covered Person's group coverage at the time it ends. We will reduce payment under the converted policy by the amount of any benefits paid under the group policy if both cover the same loss.

2. If the Covered Person's insurance ends because this Group Policy is terminated or is amended to terminate insurance for the Covered Person's class, and he has been covered under this Group Policy or, any group accident insurance issued to the Employer which the Group Policy replaced, for at least five years, the Covered Person may have Us issue an individual policy or certificate of accident insurance subject to the same terms, conditions and limitations listed above. However, the amount he may apply for will be limited to the lesser of the following:
  - a. coverage under this Group Policy less any amount of group accident insurance for which he is eligible on the date this Group Policy is terminated or for which he became eligible within 31 days of such termination, or
  - b. \$10,000.

**Extension of Conversion Period**

If the Covered Person is eligible to convert and is not notified of this right at least 15 days prior to the end of the 31 day conversion period, the conversion period will be extended. The Covered Person will have 15 days from the date notice is given to apply for a converted policy or certificate. In no event will the conversion period be extended beyond 90 days. Notice, for the purpose of this section, means written notice presented to the Covered Person by the Policyholder or mailed to the Covered Person's last known address as reported by the Policyholder.

If the Covered Person sustains a Covered Loss or dies during the extended conversion period, but more than 31 days after his coverage under the Group Policy terminates, benefits will not be paid under the Group Policy. If the Covered Person's application for a converted policy or certificate is received by Us and the required premium is paid, benefits may be payable under the converted policy or certificate.

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## **CLAIM PROVISIONS**

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### **Notice of Claim**

Written or authorized electronic/telephonic notice of claim must be given to Us within 31 days after a Covered Loss occurs or begins or as soon as reasonably possible. If written or authorized electronic/telephonic notice is not given in that time, the claim will not be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that written or authorized electronic/telephonic notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. Notice can be given to Us at Our Home Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, such other place as We may designate for the purpose, or to Our authorized agent. Notice should include the Policyholder's name and policy number and the Covered Person's name, address, policy and certificate number.

### **Claim Forms**

We will send claim forms for filing proof of loss when We receive notice of a claim. If such forms are not sent within 15 days after We receive notice, the proof requirements will be met by submitting, within the time fixed in this Policy for filing proof of loss, written or authorized electronic proof of the nature and extent of the loss for which the claim is made.

### **Claimant Cooperation Provision**

Failure of a claimant to cooperate with Us in the administration of the claim may result in termination of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documents needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due.

### **Proof of Loss**

Written or authorized electronic proof of loss satisfactory to Us must be given to Us at Our office, within 90 days of the loss for which claim is made. If (a) benefits are payable as periodic payments and (b) each payment is contingent upon continuing loss, then proof of loss must be submitted within 90 days after the termination of each period for which We are liable. If written or authorized electronic notice is not given within that time, no claim will be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that such notice was given as soon as reasonably possible. In any case, written or authorized electronic proof must be given not more than one year after the time it is otherwise required, except if proof is not given solely due to the lack of legal capacity.

### **Time of Payment of Claims**

We will pay benefits due under this Policy for any loss other than a loss for which this Policy provides any periodic payment immediately upon receipt of due written or authorized electronic proof of such loss. Subject to due written or authorized electronic proof of loss, all accrued benefits for loss for which this Policy provides periodic payment will be paid monthly unless otherwise specified in the benefits descriptions and any balance remaining unpaid at the termination of liability will be paid immediately upon receipt of proof satisfactory to Us.

### **Payment of Claims**

All benefits will be paid in United States currency. Benefits for loss of life will be payable in accordance with the *Beneficiary* provision and these Claim Provisions. All other proceeds payable under this Policy, unless otherwise stated, will be payable to the covered Employee or to his estate.

If We are to pay benefits to the estate or to a person who is incapable of giving a valid release, We may pay \$1,000 to a relative by blood or marriage whom We believe is equitably entitled. Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this provision will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment and release Us from all liability.

### **Physical Examination and Autopsy**

We, at Our own expense, have the right and opportunity to examine You, Your Spouse and/or Dependent Child when and as often as We may reasonably require while a claim is pending and to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

### **Legal Actions**

No action at law or in equity may be brought to recover under this Policy less than 60 days after written or authorized electronic proof of loss has been furnished as required by this Policy. No such action will be brought more than three years after the time such written proof of loss must be furnished.



**Beneficiary**

The beneficiary is the person or persons You name or change on a form executed by You and satisfactory to Us. This form may be in writing or by any electronic means agreed upon between Us and the Policyholder. Consent of the beneficiary is not required to affect any changes, unless the beneficiary has been designated as an irrevocable beneficiary, or to make any assignment of rights or benefits permitted by this Policy. Any Accidental Death Benefit payable at the death of Your Spouse or Dependent Child will be paid to You or Your estate.

A beneficiary designation or change will become effective on the date You execute it. However, We will not be liable for any action taken or payment made before We record notice of the change at our Home Office.

If more than one person is named as beneficiary, the interests of each will be equal unless You have specified otherwise. The share of any beneficiary who does not survive You, Your Spouse or Dependent Child will pass equally to any surviving beneficiaries unless otherwise specified.

If there is no named beneficiary or surviving beneficiary, or if You die while benefits are payable to You, We may make direct payment to the first surviving class of the following classes of persons:

1. spouse;
2. child or children;
3. mother or father;
4. sisters or brothers;
5. your estate or the estate of your Spouse and/or Dependent Children.

**Recovery of Overpayment**

If benefits are overpaid, We have the right to recover the amount overpaid by either of the following methods.

1. A request for lump sum payment of the overpaid amount.
2. A reduction of any amounts payable under this Policy.

If there is an overpayment due when You, Your Spouse or Dependent Children die, We may recover the overpayment from Your, Your Spouse's or Dependent Child's estate.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

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### **Premiums**

All premium rates are expressed in, and all premiums are payable in, United States currency. The premiums for this Policy will be based on the rates set forth in the Policy, the plan and amounts of insurance in effect. If Your, Your Spouse's and/or Dependent Child's insurance amounts are reduced due to age, premium will be based on the amounts of insurance in force on the day after the reduction took place.

### **Grace Period**

A Grace Period of 31 days will be granted for payment of required premiums under this Policy. Insurance under this Policy for You, Your Spouse and/or Dependent Children will remain in force during the Grace Period. We will reduce any benefits payable for any claims incurred during the grace period by the amount of premium due. If no such claims are incurred and premium is not paid during the grace period, insurance will end on the last day of the period for which premiums were paid.

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## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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### **Misstatement of Fact**

If You, Your Spouse or Dependent Children have misstated any fact, all amounts payable under this Policy will be such as the premium paid would have purchased had such fact been correctly stated.

### **Multiple Certificates**

You may have in force only one certificate of insurance at a time under this Policy. If at any time You have been issued more than one certificate, then only the largest shall be in effect. We will refund premiums paid for the others for any period of time that more than one certificate was issued.

### **Assignment**

We will be bound by an assignment of a Covered Person's insurance under this Policy only when the original assignment or a certified copy of the assignment, signed by the Covered Person and any irrevocable beneficiary, is filed with Us. The assignee may exercise all rights and receive all benefits assigned only while the assignment remains in effect and insurance under this Policy and the Covered Person's certificate remains in force.

### **Incontestability of Your, Your Spouse's and/or Dependent Child's Insurance**

All statements made by You, Your Spouse and/or Dependent Children are considered representations and not warranties. No statement will be used to deny or reduce benefits or be used as a defense to a claim, unless a copy of the instrument containing the statement is, or has been, furnished to the claimant.

After two years from Your, Your Spouse's and/or Dependent Child's effective date of insurance, or from the effective date of increased benefits, no such statement will cause insurance or the increased benefits to be contested except for fraud or lack of eligibility for insurance.

In the event of death or incapacity, the beneficiary or representative shall be given a copy.

### **Clerical Error**

Insurance for You, Your Spouse and/or Dependent Children will not be affected by error or delay in keeping records of insurance under this Policy. If such error or delay is found, We will adjust the premium fairly.

### **Policy Changes**

We may agree with the Policyholder to modify a plan of benefits without Your, Your Spouse's and/or Dependent Child's consent.

### **Workers' Compensation Insurance**

This Policy is not in place of and does not affect any requirements for coverage under any Workers' Compensation law.

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## DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGES AND BENEFITS

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**This Description of Coverages and Benefits Section describes the Accident Coverages and Benefits provided to You. Benefit amounts, benefit periods and any applicable aggregate and benefit maximums are shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. Certain words capitalized in the text of these descriptions have special meanings within this Certificate and are defined in the *General Definitions* section. Please read these and the *Common Exclusions* sections in order to understand all of the terms, conditions and limitations applicable to these coverages and benefits.**

### ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS

**Covered Loss** We will pay the benefit for any one of the Covered Losses listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*, if the Covered Person suffers a Covered Loss resulting directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident within the applicable time period specified in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

If the Covered Person sustains more than one Covered Loss as a result of the same Covered Accident, benefits will be paid for the Covered Loss for which the largest available benefit is payable. If the loss results in death, benefits will only be paid under the Loss of Life benefit provision. Any Loss of Life benefit will be reduced by any paid or payable Accidental Dismemberment benefit. However, if such Accidental Dismemberment benefit equals or exceeds the Loss of Life benefit, no additional benefit will be paid.

**Definitions** **Loss of a Hand or Foot** means complete Severance through or above the wrist or ankle joint.

**Loss of Sight** means the total, permanent loss of all vision in one eye which is irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means.

**Loss of Speech** means total and permanent loss of audible communication which is irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means.

**Loss of Hearing** means total and permanent loss of ability to hear any sound in both ears which is irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means.

**Loss of a Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand or Four Fingers of the Same Hand** means complete Severance through or above the metacarpophalangeal joints of the same hand (the joints between the fingers and the hand).

**Loss of Toes** means complete Severance through the metatarsalphalangeal joint.

**Paralysis or Paralyzed** means total loss of use of a limb. A Physician must determine the loss of use to be complete and irreversible.

**Quadriplegia** means total Paralysis of both upper and both lower limbs.

**Hemiplegia** means total Paralysis of the upper and lower limbs on one side of the body.

**Paraplegia** means total Paralysis of both lower limbs or both upper limbs.

**Uniplegia** means total Paralysis of one upper or one lower limb.

**Coma** means a profound state of unconsciousness which resulted directly and independently from all other causes from a Covered Accident, and from which the Covered Person is not likely to be aroused through powerful stimulation. This condition must be diagnosed and treated regularly by a Physician. Coma does not mean any state of unconsciousness intentionally induced during the course of treatment of a Covered Injury unless the state of unconsciousness results from the administration of anesthesia in preparation for surgical treatment of that Covered Accident.

**Severance** means the complete and permanent separation and dismemberment of the part from the body.

**Exclusions** The exclusions that apply to this benefit are in the *Common Exclusions* section.

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#### **ADDITIONAL ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGES**

Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits are provided under the following coverages. Any benefits payable under them are shown in the *Schedule of Covered Losses* and will not be paid in addition to any other Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits payable.

#### **EXPOSURE AND DISAPPEARANCE COVERAGE**

Benefits for Accidental Death and Dismemberment, as shown in the *Schedule of Covered Losses*, will be payable if a Covered Person suffers a Covered Loss which results directly and independently of all other causes from unavoidable exposure to the elements following a Covered Accident.

If the Covered Person disappears and is not found within one year from the date of the wrecking, sinking or disappearance of the conveyance in which the Covered Person was riding in the course of a trip which would otherwise be covered under this Policy, it will be presumed that the Covered Person's death resulted directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident.

**Exclusions** The exclusions that apply to this coverage are in the *Common Exclusions* Section.

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**ADDITIONAL ACCIDENT BENEFITS**

Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits are provided under the following Additional Benefits. Any benefits payable under them will be paid in addition to any other Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit payable.

**CHILD CARE CENTER BENEFIT**

We will pay benefits shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* for the care of each surviving Dependent Child in a Child Care Center if death of the covered Employee results directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident and all of the following conditions are met:

1. coverage for his Dependent Children was in force on the date of the Covered Accident causing his death; and
2. one or more surviving Dependent Children is under Age 13 and:
  - a. was enrolled in a Child Care Center on the date of the Covered Accident; or
  - b. enrolls in a Child Care Center within 90 days from the date of the Covered Accident.

This benefit will be payable to the Surviving Spouse if the Spouse has custody of the child. If the Surviving Spouse does not have custody of the child, benefits will be paid to the child's legally appointed guardian. Payments will be made at the end of each 12 month period that begins after the date of the covered Employee's death. A claim must be submitted to Us at the end of each 12 month period. A 12 month period begins:

1. when the Dependent Child enters a Child Care Center for the first time, within the period specified in (1b) above, after the covered Employee's death; or
2. on the first of the month following the covered Employee's death, if the Dependent Child was enrolled in a Child Care Center before the covered Employee's death.

Each succeeding 12 month period begins on the day immediately following the last day of the preceding period. Pro rata payments will be made for periods of enrollment in a Child Care Center of less than 12 months.

**Definitions**

For purposes of this benefit:

**Child Care Center** is a facility which:

1. is licensed and run according to laws and regulations applicable to child care facilities; and
2. provides care and supervision for children in a group setting on a regular, daily basis.

A Child Care Center does not include any of the following:

1. a Hospital;
2. the child's home;
3. care provided during normal school hours while a child is attending grades one through twelve.

**Surviving Spouse** will include the Spouse.

**Exclusions**

The exclusions that apply to this benefit are in the *Common Exclusions* Section.

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## SEATBELT AND AIRBAG BENEFIT

We will pay the benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*, subject to the conditions and exclusions described below, when the Covered Person dies directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident while wearing a seatbelt and operating or riding as a passenger in an Automobile. An additional benefit is provided if the Covered Person was also positioned in a seat protected by a properly-functioning and properly deployed Supplemental Restraint System (Airbag).

Verification of proper use of the seatbelt at the time of the Covered Accident and that the Supplemental Restraint System properly inflated upon impact must be a part of an official police report of the Covered Accident or be certified, in writing, by the investigating officer(s) and submitted with the Covered Person's claim to Us.

If such certification or police report is not available or it is unclear whether the Covered Person was wearing a seatbelt or positioned in a seat protected by a properly functioning and properly deployed Supplemental Restraint System, We will pay a default benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* to the Covered Person's beneficiary.

In the case of a child, seatbelt means a child restraint, as required by state law and approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, properly secured and being used as recommended by its manufacturer for children of like Age and weight at the time of the Covered Accident.

### Definitions

For purposes of this benefit:

**Supplemental Restraint System** means an airbag that inflates upon impact for added protection to the head and chest areas.

**Automobile** means a self-propelled, private passenger motor vehicle with four or more wheels which is a type both designed and required to be licensed for use on the highway of any state or country.

Automobile includes, but is not limited to, a sedan, station wagon, sport utility vehicle, or a motor vehicle of the pickup, van, camper, or motor-home type. Automobile does not include a mobile home or any motor vehicle which is used in mass or public transit.

### Exclusions

The exclusions that apply to this benefit are in the *Common Exclusions* Section.

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## **SPECIAL EDUCATION BENEFIT**

We will pay the benefit, up to the Maximum Benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*, for each qualifying Dependent Child and a surviving Spouse. The Covered Person's death must result, directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident for which an Accidental Death Benefit is payable under this Policy. This benefit is subject to the conditions and exclusions described below.

A qualifying Dependent Child must:

1. enroll as a full-time student at an accredited school of higher learning before reaching the limiting Age for dependent eligibility stated in this Policy;
2. continue his education as a full-time student; and
3. incur expenses for tuition, fees, books, room and board, transportation and any other costs payable directly to, or approved and certified by, such school.

A qualifying surviving Spouse must:

1. enroll in any accredited school for the purpose of retraining or refreshing skills needed for employment within one year of the date of the covered Employee's Covered Accident;
2. remain enrolled in such accredited school; and
3. incur expenses payable directly to, or approved by, such school.

Payments will be made to each qualifying Dependent Child or to the child's legal guardian, if the child is a minor at the end of each year for the number of years shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. We must receive proof satisfactory to Us of the Dependent Child's enrollment and attendance within 31 days of the end of each year. The first year for which a Special Education Benefit is payable will begin on the first of the month following the date the covered Employee died, if the surviving Dependent Child was enrolled on that date in an accredited school of higher learning beyond the 12th grade; otherwise on the date he enrolls in such school. Each succeeding year for which benefits are payable will begin on the date following the end of the preceding year.

If no Dependent Child qualifies for Special Education Benefits within 365 days of the covered Employee's death, We will pay the default benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* to the covered Employee's beneficiary.

Payments will be made to the surviving Spouse at the end of each year for the number of years shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. We must receive proof satisfactory to Us of the Spouse's enrollment and attendance within 31 days of the end of each year. The first year for which a Special Education Benefit is payable will begin on the date the surviving Spouse enrolls in an accredited school for the first time following the date the Employee died. Each succeeding year for which benefits are payable will begin on the date following the end of the preceding year.

If a surviving Spouse does not qualify for Special Education Benefits within 365 days of the covered Employee's death, We will pay the default benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* to the covered Employee's beneficiary.

**Exclusions** The exclusions that apply to this benefit are in the *Common Exclusions* Section.  
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**AMENDATORY RIDER  
DOMESTIC PARTNER/CIVIL UNION PARTNER COVERAGE**

Policyholder: Northwest Kidney Centers  
Policy No.: OK 967960

Effective Date: January 1, 2015

This rider amends the Policy and Certificate to which it is attached. It is effective on the Effective Date shown above, and expires when the Policy expires.

Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner means any of the following:

1. A person with whom the Employee has a registered civil union or domestic partnership under state law which imposes legal obligations on the parties substantially similar to marriage. Such person will continue to be recognized as a Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner unless and until: (1) the civil union or domestic partnership is dissolved under applicable law; or (2) either the Employee or the Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner marries another person.
2. A person who was legally married to the Employee under the laws of a state permitting marriage of partners of the same sex, where the Employee and Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner currently reside in a state that does not recognize a valid marriage. This shall not apply if:
  - a. the marriage has been terminated by legal process, or;
  - b. either the Employee or the Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner has entered into a valid marriage, civil union or domestic partnership under state law.
3. A person meeting all of the following requirements, with respect to an Employee:
  - a. Shares a permanent residence with the Employee;
  - b. Has resided with the Employee for at least 6 months and is expected to continue to reside with the Employee indefinitely;
  - c. Has not been legally married to any other person within the previous six months, and has no Domestic Partner other than the Employee during the previous six months, and is the Employee's sole Domestic Partner;
  - d. Has signed a Domestic Partner declaration with the Employee, if the Employee resides in a jurisdiction which provides for Domestic Partner declarations;
  - e. Has not signed a Domestic Partner declaration with any other person within the last 6 months;
  - f. Is interdependent with the Employee in three or more of the following ways:
    1. Both partners are registered under any municipal ordinance as domestic partners.
    2. Both partners are jointly parties to a lease, mortgage or deed.
    3. Both partners jointly own one or more motor vehicles.
    4. Both partners jointly own one or more bank or credit accounts.
    5. The Employee has named the Domestic Partner as attorney-in-fact under a durable power of attorney with authority over health care decisions.
    6. The Employee has designated the Domestic Partner as beneficiary under a retirement plan or a life insurance policy.
    7. The Employee has designated the Domestic Partner as beneficiary of the Employee's will.
    8. Each partner has agreed in writing to assume the financial responsibility for the welfare of the other.
  - g. Is not so closely related by blood to the Employee as to prohibit legal marriage in their state of residence;
  - h. Is no less than 18 years of age.

The Employee and Domestic Partner must furnish the Employer and Insurance Company with a signed declaration that the above requirements are met, at the time of enrollment.

All references in the policy to "Spouse" shall be changed to read "Spouse, Domestic Partner, and Civil Union Partner except as follows:

1. The definition of "Spouse" remains unchanged.
2. For purposes of any provision of the policy providing for payment of benefits to relatives of the Employee, a Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner shall be included only if:
  - a. the Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner meets the requirements of the definition of Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner referenced in item 1 or 2, or;
  - b. the Employee and Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner have furnished the Employer or the Insurance Company with a signed statement affirming that the requirements referenced in item 3 within the definition of Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner are met.
3. A Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner shall be deemed eligible to be enrolled for insurance or eligible for Additional Benefits on the latest of:
  - a. the date of registration under item 1 of the definition of Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner;
  - b. the date that the Employee is eligible for insurance under the Policy; or;
  - c. the effective date of this Amendment to the Policy.
4. A child of a Domestic Partner/Civil Union Partner may only be eligible to be insured or eligible for Additional Benefits if:
  - a. the child is primarily dependent on the Employee for financial support;
  - b. the Employee has a legal obligation of support of the child; or
  - c. the Employee is the child's legal guardian.

Any provision of the Policy that otherwise excludes any person who is not legally able to marry the Employee is changed by the following:

In the case of any person of the same sex as the Employee, the exclusion of persons legally able to marry will not apply for the first 12 months that the Employee's state of residence allows same-sex couples to marry.

Except for the above this rider does not change the Policy or Certificate to which it is attached.

**LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA**



William J. Smith, President

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**  
**for**  
**Northwest Kidney Centers**  
**required by the Employee Retirement**  
**Income Security Act of 1974**

As a Plan participant in Northwest Kidney Centers' Insurance Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protection under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

You should refer to the attached Certificate for a description of when you will become eligible under the Plan, the amount and types of benefits available to you, and the circumstances under which benefits are not available to you or may end. The Certificate, along with the following Supplemental Information, makes up the Summary Plan Description as required by ERISA.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAN**

- The Plan is established and maintained by Northwest Kidney Centers, the Plan Sponsor.
- The Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 91-6057438.
- The Plan Number is: 501.
- The Insurance Plan is administered directly by the Plan Administrator with benefits provided, in accordance with the provisions of the group insurance contract, OK 967960, issued by LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.
- The Plan Administrator is:  
Northwest Kidney Centers  
700 Broadway  
Seattle, WA 98122  
206-292-2771
- The Plan Administrator has authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan.
- The Plan Sponsor may terminate, suspend, withdraw or amend the Plan, in whole or in part, at any time, subject to the applicable provisions of the Policy. (Your rights upon termination or amendment of the Plan are set forth in your Certificate.)
- The agent for service of legal process is the Plan Administrator.
- The Plan of benefits is financed by the Employer and Employees.
- The date of the end of the Plan Year is December 31.

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO AND EXPECT IF YOU HAVE A CLAIM

When you are eligible to receive benefits under the Plan, you must request a claim form or obtain instructions for submitting your claim telephonically or electronically, from the Plan Administrator. All claims you submit must be on the claim form or in the electronic or telephonic format provided by the Insurance Company. You must complete your claim according to directions provided by the Insurance Company. If these forms or instructions are not available, you must provide a written statement of proof of loss. After you have completed the claim form or written statement, you must submit it to the Plan Administrator.

The Plan Administrator has appointed the Insurance Company as the named fiduciary for adjudicating claims for benefits under the Plan, and for deciding any appeals of denied claims. The Insurance Company shall have the authority, in its discretion, to interpret the terms of the Plan, to decide questions of eligibility for coverage or benefits under the Plan, and to make any related findings of fact. All decisions made by the Insurance Company shall be final and binding on Participants and Beneficiaries to the full extent permitted by law.

The Insurance Company has 45 days from the date it receives your claim for disability benefits, or 90 days from the date it receives a claim for any other benefit, to determine whether or not benefits are payable to you in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Policy. The Insurance Company may require more time to review your claim if necessary due to circumstances beyond its control. If this should happen, the Insurance Company must notify you in writing that its review period has been extended for up to two additional periods of 30 days (in the case of a claim for disability benefits), or one additional period of 90 days (in case of any other benefit). If this extension is made because you must furnish additional information, these extension periods will begin when the additional information is received. You have up to 45 days to furnish the requested information.

During the review period, the Insurance Company may require a medical examination of the Insured, at its own expense; or additional information regarding the claim. If a medical examination is required, the Insurance Company will notify you of the date and time of the examination and the physician's name and location. It is important that you keep any appointments made since rescheduling examinations will delay the claim process. If additional information is required, the Insurance Company must notify you, in writing, stating the information needed and explaining why it is needed.

If your claim is approved, you will receive the appropriate benefit from the Insurance Company.

If your claim is denied, in whole or in part, you must receive a written notice from the Insurance Company within the review period. The Insurance Company's written notice must include the following information:

1. The specific reason(s) the claim was denied.
2. Specific reference to the Policy provision(s) on which the denial was based.
3. Any additional information required for your claim to be reconsidered, and the reason this information is necessary.
4. In the case of any claim for a disability benefit, identification of any internal rule, guideline or protocol relied on in making the claim decision, and an explanation of any medically-related exclusion or limitation involved in the decision.
5. A statement informing you of your right to appeal the decision, and an explanation of the appeal procedure, including a statement of your right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA if your appeal is denied.

## **Appeal Procedure for Denied Claims**

Whenever a claim is denied, you have the right to appeal the decision. You (or your duly authorized representative) must make a written request for appeal to the Insurance Company within 60 days (180 days in the case of any claim for disability benefits) from the date you receive the denial. If you do not make this request within that time, you will have waived your right to appeal.

Once your request has been received by the Insurance Company, a prompt and complete review of your claim must take place. This review will give no deference to the original claim decision, and will not be made by the person who made the initial claim decision. During the review, you (or your duly authorized representative) have the right to review any documents that have a bearing on the claim, including the documents which establish and control the Plan. Any medical or vocational experts consulted by the Insurance Company will be identified. You may also submit issues and comments that you feel might affect the outcome of the review.

The Insurance Company has 60 days from the date it receives your request to review your claim and notify you of its decision (45 days, in the case of any claim for disability benefits). Under special circumstances, the Insurance Company may require more time to review your claim. If this should happen, the Insurance Company must notify you, in writing, that its review period has been extended for an additional 60 days (or 45 days, in the case of any claim for disability benefits). Once its review is complete, the Insurance Company must notify you, in writing, of the results of the review and indicate the Plan provisions upon which it based its decision.

## **YOUR RIGHTS AS SET FORTH BY ERISA**

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

### **Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits**

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

Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

### **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

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

## **Enforce Your Rights**

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

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

## **Assistance with Your Questions**

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



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