## GROUP BENEFIT PLAN



# HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY DISABILITY INCOME PROTECTION COVERAGE OUTLINE OF COVERAGE

<u>Read Your Certificate Carefully.</u> This outline of coverage provides a very brief description of some important features of your certificate. The certificate itself must be consulted for important details of the coverage provided. Please see the Table of Contents in the front of your Certificate for the location of the sections and provisions referred to in this outline.

- 1) <u>Disability Income Protection Coverage</u>. This category of coverage is designed to provide, to persons insured, benefits for disabilities resulting from a covered accident or sickness, subject to any limitations set forth in the policy. Benefits are not provided for basic hospital, basic medical-surgical, or major-medical expenses.
- 2) <u>Benefits.</u> The benefits provided by your coverage are indicated in the Schedule of Insurance in your Certificate. Benefit provisions are described in the Benefits section of your Certificate.
- 3) Exceptions, Reductions, and Limitations. Exceptions, reductions and limitations to your coverage are described in the Schedule of Insurance and in the Benefits section of your Certificate. In addition, exclusions and limitations, including any limitations for pre-existing conditions, are described in the Exclusions section of your Certificate.
- 4) <u>Continuation of Coverage.</u> Please see the provisions relating to eligibility for coverage in the Schedule of Insurance, and to continuation and termination of coverage in the Termination provision of the Benefits section of your Certificate.
- 5) <u>Premiums/Contributions.</u> The premium or contribution required for your coverage is shown in the Schedule of Insurance in your Certificate. Your premiums or contributions may increase or decrease as indicated in the Schedule of Insurance in your Certificate.

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#### INSURER INFORMATION NOTICE

#### NOTICE REQUIREMENT

IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT, AND CONTACTS BETWEEN YOU AND THE INSURER OR AN AGENT OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSURER HAVE FAILED TO PRODUCE A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, THEN YOU MAY CONTACT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT CONSUMER COMMUNICATIONS BUREAU 300 SOUTH STREET, SOUTH TOWER LOS ANGELES, CA 90013

1-800-927-HELP

THE HARTFORD'S ADDRESS AND TOLL-FREE NUMBER IS:

THE HARTFORD GROUP BENEFIT'S DIVISION POLICYHOLDER SERVICES, P.O. BOX 2999 HARTFORD, CT 06104-2999 TELEPHONE: 1-800-572-9047



#### HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

Hartford, Connecticut (Herein called Hartford Life)

#### CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Under

The Group Insurance Policy as of the Effective Date

Issued by

#### HARTFORD LIFE

to

The Policyholder

This is to certify that Hartford Life has issued and delivered the Group Insurance Policy to The Policyholder.

The Group Insurance Policy insures the employees of the Policyholder who:

- are eligible for the insurance;
- become insured; and
- continue to be insured;

according to the terms of the Policy.

The terms of the Group Insurance Policy which affect an employee's insurance are contained in the following pages. This Certificate of Insurance and the following pages will become your Booklet-certificate. The Booklet-certificate is a part of the Group Insurance Policy.

This Booklet-certificate replaces any other which Hartford Life may have issued to the Policyholder to give to you under the Group Insurance Policy specified herein.

Richard G. Costello, Secretary

Thomas M. Marra, President

#### SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

Final interpretation of all provisions and coverages will be governed by the Group Insurance Policy on file with Hartford Life at its home office.

Policyholder: FOOTHILL-DE ANZA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

Group Insurance Policy: GLT-677313

Plan Effective Date: January 1, 2008

This plan of Disability Insurance provides you with loss of income protection if you become disabled from a covered accidental bodily injury, sickness or pregnancy.

#### Must you contribute toward the cost of coverage?

You do not contribute toward the cost of coverage.

Who is eligible for coverage?

Eligible Class(es): All Active Full-time Employees who are U.S. citizens or U.S.

residents, excluding temporary and seasonal employees

<u>Class 1:</u> Classified Employees and Faculty Members with 5 or more years

of credited service with State Teachers Retirement System and who have 2 or more dependent children in active employment

<u>Class 2:</u> Classified Employees and Faculty Members excluding those with 5 or

more years of credited service with State Teachers Retirement System and who have 2 or more dependent children in active employment

Full-time Employees: 20 hours weekly

Maximum Monthly Benefit: \$6,000

**Minimum Monthly Benefit:** \$100

**Benefit Percentage:** 66 2/3%

#### When will You become eligible? (Eligibility Waiting Period)

You will be eligible for coverage on the first day of the month following Your date of hire.

The waiting period will be reduced by the period of time You were an Active Full-time Employee with the Employer under the Prior Plan.

#### The Elimination Period:

<u>Class 1:</u> is the period of time you must be Disabled before benefits become payable. It is the last to be satisfied of the following:

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- 1. the first 130 consecutive day (s) of any one period of Disability; or
- 2. with the exception of benefits required by state law, the expiration of any Employer sponsored short term disability benefits or salary continuation program.

<u>Class 2:</u> is the period of time you must be Disabled before benefits become payable. It is the last to be satisfied of the following:

- 1. the first 180 consecutive day (s) of any one period of Disability; or
- 2. with the exception of benefits required by state law, the expiration of any Employer sponsored short term disability benefits or salary continuation program.

#### MAXIMUM DURATION OF BENEFITS TABLE

#### Class 1:

Normal Retirement Age means the Social Security Normal Retirement Age as stated in the 1983 revision of the United States Social Security Act. It is determined by your date of birth as follows:

Year of Birth	Normal Retirement Age
1937 or before	65
1938	65 + 2 months
1939	65 + 4 months
1940	65 + 6 months
1941	65 + 8 months
1942	65 + 10  months
1943 thru 1954	66
1955	66 + 2 months
1956	66 + 4 months
1957	66 + 6 months
1958	66 + 8 months
1959	66 + 10  months
1960 or after	67

The above table shows the maximum duration for which benefits may be paid. All other limitations of the plan will apply.

#### Class 2:

Age When Disabled	Benefits Payable
prior to Age 66	24 months
Age 66	21 months
Age 67	18 months
Age 68	15 months
Age 69 and over	12 months

The above table shows the maximum duration for which benefits may be paid. All other limitations of the plan will apply.

#### **ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

#### Who are Eligible Persons?

All persons in the class or classes shown in the Schedule of Insurance will be considered Eligible Persons.

#### When will you become eligible?

You will become eligible for coverage on either:

- 1. the Plan Effective Date, if you have completed the Eligibility Waiting Period; or if not
- 2. the date on which you complete the Eligibility Waiting Period.

See the Schedule of Insurance for the Eligibility Waiting Period.

#### How do you enroll?

Eligible Persons will be enrolled automatically by the Employer.

#### WHEN COVERAGE STARTS

#### When does your coverage start?

If you are not required to contribute toward the plan's cost, your coverage will start on the date you become eligible.

#### **DEFERRED EFFECTIVE DATE**

## When will coverage become effective if a disabling condition causes you to be absent from work on the date it is to start?

If you are absent from work due to:

- 1. accidental bodily injury;
- 2. sickness;
- 3. pregnancy:
- 4. Mental Illness; or
- 5. Substance Abuse,

on the date your insurance or increase in coverage would otherwise have become effective, your effective date will be deferred. Your insurance, or increase in coverage will not become effective until you are Actively at Work for one full day.

#### **CHANGES IN COVERAGE**

#### Do coverage amounts change if there is a change in your class or your rate of pay?

Your coverage may increase or decrease on the date there is a change in your class or Monthly Rate of Basic Earnings. However, no increase in coverage will be effective unless on that date you:

- 1. are an Active Full-time Employee; and
- 2. are not absent from work due to being Disabled.

If you were so absent from work, the effective date of such increase will be deferred until you are Actively at Work for one full day.

No change in your Rate of Basic Earnings will become effective until the date we receive notice of the change.

#### What happens if the Employer changes the plan?

Any increase or decrease in coverage because of a change in the Schedule of Insurance will become effective on the date of the change, subject to the following limitations on an increase:

- 1. the Deferred Effective Date provision; and
- 2. Pre-existing Conditions Limitations.

#### **BENEFITS**

#### When do benefits become payable?

You will be paid a monthly benefit if:

- 1. You become Disabled while insured under this plan;
- 2. You are Disabled throughout the Elimination Period;
- 3. You remain Disabled beyond the Elimination Period;
- 4. You are, and have been during the Elimination Period, under the Regular Care of a Physician; and
- 5. You submit Proof of Loss satisfactory to us.

Benefits accrue as of the first day after the Elimination Period and are paid monthly.

#### When will benefit payments terminate?

We will terminate benefit payment on the first to occur of:

- 1. the date You are no longer Disabled as defined;
- 2. the date You fail to furnish Proof of Loss, when requested by us;
- 3. the date You are no longer under the Regular Care of a Physician, or refuse our request that You submit to an examination by a Physician;
- 4. the date You die:
- 5. the date Your Current Monthly Earnings exceed:
  - a) 80% of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings if You are receiving benefits for being Disabled from Your Occupation;
  - b) an amount that is equal to the product of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings and the Benefit Percentage if You are receiving benefits for being Disabled from Any Occupation;
- 6. the date determined from the Maximum Duration of Benefits Table shown in the Schedule of Insurance;
- 7. the date no further benefits are payable under any provision in this plan that limits benefit duration; or
- 8. the date You refuse to cooperate with or try:
  - a) modifications made to the work site or job process to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Your Occupation;
  - b) adaptive equipment or devices designed to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Your Occupation;
  - c) modifications made to the work site or job process to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Any Occupation, if You were receiving benefits for being disabled from Any Occupation; or
  - d) adaptive equipment or devices designed to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Any Occupation, if You were receiving benefits for being disabled from Any Occupation,

provided a qualified Physician agrees that such modifications or adaptive equipment accommodate Your medical limitation; or

9. the date You refuse to receive recommended treatment that is generally acknowledged by physicians to cure, correct or limit the disabling condition.

#### MENTAL ILLNESS AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE BENEFITS

#### Are benefits limited for Mental Illness or Substance Abuse?

If You are Disabled because of:

- 1. Mental Illness that results from any cause;
- 2. any condition that may result from Mental Illness;
- 3. alcoholism; or
- 4. the non-medical use of narcotics, sedatives, stimulants, hallucinogens, or any other such substance,

then, subject to all other Policy provisions, benefits will be payable:

- 1. only for so long as You are confined in a hospital or other place licensed to provide medical care for the disabling condition; or
- 2. when You are not so confined, a total of 99 months for all such Disabilities during Your lifetime.

#### RECURRENT DISABILITY

#### What happens if You return to work but become Disabled again?

Attempts to return to work as an Active Full-time Employee during the Elimination Period will not interrupt the Elimination Period, provided no more than 30 such return-days are taken.

Any day You were Actively at Work will not count towards the Elimination Period.

After the Elimination Period, when a return to work as an Active Full-time Employee is followed by a recurrent Disability, and such Disability is:

- 1. due to the same cause; or
- 2. due to a related cause; and
- 3. within 6 month(s) of the return to work,

the Period of Disability prior to Your return to work and the recurrent Disability will be considered one Period of Disability, provided the Group Insurance Policy remains in force.

If You return to work as an Active Full-time Employee for 6 month(s) or more, any recurrence of a Disability will be treated as a new Disability. A new Disability is subject to a new Elimination Period and a new Maximum Duration of Benefits. The Elimination Period and Maximum Duration of Benefits Table are in the Schedule of Insurance. The term "Period of Disability" as used in this provision means a continuous length of time during which You are Disabled under this plan.

#### CALCULATION OF MONTHLY BENEFIT

#### How are Disability benefits calculated?

#### **Return to Work Incentive**

If You remain Disabled after the Elimination Period, but work while You are Disabled, we will determine Your Monthly Benefit for a period of up to 12 consecutive months as follows:

- 1. multiply Your Pre-Disability Earnings by the Benefit Percentage;
- 2. compare the result with the Maximum Benefit; and
- 3. from the lesser amount, deduct Other Income Benefits.

Current Monthly Earnings will not be used to reduce Your Monthly Benefit. However, if the sum of Your Monthly Benefit and Your Current Monthly Earnings exceeds 100% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, we will reduce Your Monthly Benefit by the amount of excess.

The 12 consecutive month period will start on the last to occur of:

- 1. the day You first start such work; or
- 2. the end of the Elimination Period.

If You are Disabled and not receiving benefits under the Return to Work Incentive, we will calculate Your Monthly Benefit as follows:

- 1. multiply Your Monthly Income Loss by the Benefit Percentage;
- 2. compare the result with the Maximum Benefit; and
- 3. from the lesser amount, deduct Other Income Benefits.

The result is Your Monthly Benefit.

What happens if the sum of the Monthly Benefit, Current Monthly Earnings and Other Income Benefits exceeds 100% of Pre-disability Earnings?

We will reduce Your Monthly Benefit by the amount of the excess.

#### **Minimum Monthly Benefit**

Your Monthly Benefit will not be less than the Minimum Monthly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

#### How is the benefit calculated for a period of less than a month?

If a Monthly Benefit is payable for less than a month, we will pay 1/30 of the Monthly Benefit for each day You were Disabled.

Benefit Percentages and Maximum Benefits are shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

#### REHABILITATIVE PROGRAM

#### What Vocational rehabilitative services are available?

Vocational rehabilitation (Rehabilitative program) means employment or services that prepare You, if Disabled, to resume gainful work. If You are Disabled, our vocational rehabilitative services may help prepare You to resume gainful work.

Our vocational rehabilitative services include, when appropriate, any necessary and feasible:

- 1. vocational testing;
- 2. vocational training;
- 3. work-place modification, to the extent not otherwise provided;
- 4. prosthesis; or
- 5. job placement.

#### FAMILY CARE CREDIT BENEFIT

#### What if You must incur expenses for Family Care Services in order to participate in a Rehabilitative program?

If You are working as part of a program of Rehabilitative Employment, we will, for the purpose of calculating Your benefit, deduct the cost of Family Care from earnings received from a Rehabilitative program, subject to the following limitations:

- 1. Family Care means the care or supervision of:
  - a) Your children under age 13; or
  - b) a member of Your household who is mentally or physically handicapped and dependent upon You for support and maintenance;
- 2. the maximum monthly deduction allowed for each qualifying child or family member is:
  - a) \$350 during the first 12 months of Rehabilitative Employment; and
  - b) \$175 thereafter,
  - c) but in no event may the deduction exceed the amount of Your monthly earnings;
- 3. Family Care Credits may not exceed a total of \$2,500 during a calendar year;
- 4. the deduction will be reduced proportionally for periods of less than a month;
- 5. the charges for Family Care must be documented by a receipt from the caregiver;
- 6. the credit will cease on the first to occur of the following:
  - a) You are no longer in a Rehabilitative program; or
  - b) Family Care Credits for 24 months have been deducted during Your Disability; and
- 7. no Family Care provided by an immediate relative of the family member receiving the care will be eligible as a deduction under this provision. An immediate relative is a spouse, sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son, daughter or grandchild.

Your Current Monthly Earnings after the deduction of Your Family Care Credit will be used to determine Your Monthly Income Loss. In no event will You be eligible to receive a Monthly Benefit under the plan if Your Current Monthly Earnings before the deduction of the Family Care Credit exceed 80% of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings.

#### SURVIVOR INCOME BENEFIT

#### Will Your survivors receive a benefit if You should die while receiving Disability Benefits?

If You die while receiving benefits under this plan, a Survivor Benefit will be payable to:

- 1. Your surviving Spouse;
- 2. Your surviving Child(ren), in equal shares, if there is no surviving Spouse; or
- 3. Your estate, if there is no surviving Spouse or Child.

If a minor Child is entitled to benefits, we may, at our option, make benefit payments to the person caring for and supporting the Child until a legal guardian is appointed.

The Benefit is one payment of an amount that is 3 times the lesser of:

- 1. Your Monthly Income Loss multiplied by the Benefit Percentage; or
- 2. the Maximum Monthly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

The following terms apply to this Benefit:

"Spouse" means Your wife or husband who:

- a) is mentally competent; and
- b) was not legally separated from You at the time of Your death.

Surviving Child(ren) includes children of Your California registered domestic partner.

With respect to California residents only, "Spouse" will include an individual who is in a registered domestic partnership with the employee in accordance with California law. Reference in this form to an employee's marriage or divorce shall include his or her registered domestic partnership or dissolution of his or her registered domestic partnership.

#### WORKPLACE MODIFICATION BENEFIT

## Will our Rehabilitation program provide for modifications to the workplace to accommodate a Disabled employee's return to work?

We will reimburse Your Employer for the expense of reasonable modifications to Your workplace to accommodate Your Disability and enable You to return to work as an Active Full-time Employee. To qualify for this benefit:

- 1. Your Disability must be covered by this plan;
- 2. the Employer must agree to make modifications to the workplace in order to reasonably accommodate Your return to work and the performance of the essential duties of Your job; and
- 3. any proposed modifications must be approved in writing by us.

Benefits paid for such workplace modification shall not exceed the amount equal to Your Pre-disability Earnings multiplied by the Benefit Percentage.

We have the right, at our expense, to have You examined or evaluated by:

- 1. a physician or other health care professional; or
- 2. a vocational expert or rehabilitation specialist,

of our choice so that we may evaluate the appropriateness of any proposed modification.

The Employer's costs for approved modifications will be reimbursed after:

- 1. the proposed modifications made on Your behalf are complete;
- 2. we have been provided written proof of the expenses incurred to provide such modification; and
- 3. You have returned to work as an Active Full-time Employee.

This Workplace Modification benefit will not be payable if:

- 1. the Employer does not incur any cost in making the modification;
- 2. we have not given written approval of the modification prior to expenses being incurred; or
- 3. You become self-employed, or return to work for another employer.

**Workplace Modification** means change in Your work environment, or in the way a job is performed, to allow You to perform, while Disabled, the Essential Duties of Your job. Payment of this benefit will not reduce or deny any benefit You are eligible to receive under the terms of this plan.

#### PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS LIMITATIONS

#### Are there any other limitations on coverage?

No benefit will be payable under the plan for any Disability that is due to, contributed to by, or results from a Preexisting Condition, unless such Disability begins:

- 1. after the last day of 90 consecutive day(s) while insured during which you receive no medical care for the Preexisting Condition; or
- 2. after the last day of 365 consecutive day(s) during which you have been continuously insured under this plan.

#### **Pre-existing Condition** means:

- 1. any accidental bodily injury, sickness, Mental Illness, pregnancy, or episode of Substance Abuse; or
- 2. any manifestations, symptoms, findings, or aggravations related to or resulting from such accidental bodily injury, sickness, Mental Illness, pregnancy, or Substance Abuse;

for which you received Medical Care during the 90 day period that ends the day before:

- 1. your effective date of coverage; or
- 2. the effective date of a Change in Coverage.

#### **Medical Care** is received when:

- 1. a Physician is consulted or medical advice is given; or
- 2. treatment is recommended, prescribed by, or received from a Physician.

Treatment includes but is not limited to:

- 1. medical examinations, tests, attendance or observation; and
- 2. use of drugs, medicines, medical services, supplies or equipment.

#### CONTINUITY FROM A PRIOR PLAN

#### Is there continuity of coverage from a Prior Plan?

If you were:

- 1. insured under the Prior Plan;
- 2. Actively at Work; and
- 3. not eligible to receive benefits under the Prior Plan,

on the day before the Plan Effective Date, the Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply to you.

If you become insured under the Group Insurance Policy on the Plan Effective Date and were covered under the Prior Plan on the day before the Plan Effective Date, the Pre-existing Conditions Limitation will cease to apply on the first to occur of the following dates:

- 1. the Plan Effective Date, if your coverage for the Disability was not limited by a pre-existing condition restriction under the Prior Plan; or
- 2. if your coverage was limited by a pre-existing condition restriction under the Prior Plan, the date the restriction would have ceased to apply had the Prior Plan remained in force.

The amount of the Monthly Benefit payable for a Pre-existing Condition in accordance with the previous paragraph will be the lesser of:

- 1. the Monthly Benefit which was paid by the Prior Plan; or
- 2. the Monthly Benefit provided by this plan.

No payment shall be made after the earlier to occur of:

- 1. the date payments would have ceased under the Prior Plan; or
- 2. the date payments cease under this plan.

If you received Monthly Benefits for Disability under the Prior Plan, and:

- 1. you returned to work as an Active Full-time Employee before the Effective Date of this plan;
- 2. within 6 months of the return to work, you have a recurrence of the same Disability under this plan; and
- 3. there are no benefits available for the recurrence under the Prior Plan,

the Elimination Period of this plan, which would otherwise apply to the recurrence, will be waived if the recurrence would have been covered without any further Elimination Period under the Prior Plan had it remained in force.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

#### What Disabilities are not covered?

The plan does not cover, and no benefit shall be paid for any Disability:

- 1. unless you are under the Regular Care of a Physician;
- 2. that is caused or contributed to by war or act of war (declared or not);
- 3. caused by your commission of or attempt to commit a felony, or to which a contributing cause was your being engaged in an illegal occupation; or
- 4. caused or contributed to by an intentionally self-inflicted injury.

If you are receiving or are eligible for benefits for a Disability under a prior disability plan that:

- 1. was sponsored by the Employer; and
- 2. was terminated before the Effective Date of this plan,

no benefits will be payable for the Disability under this plan.

#### **TERMINATION**

#### When does your coverage terminate?

You will cease to be covered on the earliest to occur of the following dates:

- 1. the date the Group Insurance Policy terminates;
- 2. the date the Group Insurance Policy no longer insures your class;
- 3. the date premium payment is due but not paid by the Employer;
- 4. the last day of the period for which you make any required premium contribution, if you fail to make any further required contribution;
- 5. the date you cease to be an Active Full-time Employee in an eligible class including:
  - a) temporary layoff;
  - b) leave of absence; or
  - c) a general work stoppage (including a strike or lockout); or
- 6. the date your Employer ceases to be a Participant Employer, if applicable.

#### Does your coverage continue if your employment terminates because you are Disabled?

If you are Disabled and you cease to be an Active Full-time Employee, your insurance will be continued:

- 1. during the Elimination Period while you remain Disabled by the same Disability; and
- 2. after the Elimination Period for as long as you are entitled to benefits under the Policy.

#### Must premiums be paid during a Disability?

No premium will be due for you:

- 1. after the Elimination Period; and
- 2. for as long as benefits are payable.

#### Do benefits continue if the plan terminates?

If you are entitled to benefits while Disabled and the Group Insurance Policy terminates, benefits:

- 1. will continue as long as you remain Disabled by the same Disability; but
- 2. will not be provided beyond the date we would have ceased to pay benefits had the insurance remained in force.

Termination for any reason of the Group Insurance Policy will have no effect on our liability under this provision.

#### May coverage be continued during a family or medical leave?

If you are granted a leave of absence according to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, your Employer may continue your insurance for up to 12 weeks, or longer if required by state law, following the date your coverage would have terminated, subject to the following:

- 1. the leave authorization must be in writing;
- 2. the required premium for you must be paid;
- 3. your benefit level, or the amount of earnings upon which your benefit may be based, will be that in effect on the day before said leave commenced; and
- 4. such continuation will cease immediately if one of the following events should occur:
  - a) the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date;
  - b) the termination of the Group Insurance Policy;
  - c) non-payment of premium when due by the Policyholder or you;
  - d) the Group Insurance Policy no longer insures your class; or
  - e) your Employer ceases to be a Participant Employer, if applicable.

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### Time Limits on Certain Defenses: What happens if facts are misstated?

After two years from the date of issue of this policy, no misstatements, except fraudulent misstatements, made by the applicant in the application for such policy shall be used to void the policy or to deny a claim for loss incurred or disability (as defined in the policy) commencing after the expiration of such two-year period.

No claim for loss incurred or disability (as defined in the policy) commencing after two years from the date of issue of this policy shall be reduced or denied on the ground that a disease or physical condition not excluded from coverage by name or specific description effective on the date of loss had existed prior to the effective date of coverage of this policy.

All statements made by you will be deemed representations and not warranties. No statement made to effect this insurance will:

- a) void the insurance: or
- b) reduce benefits;

unless it is in writing and signed by you.

If material facts about You were not stated accurately:

- 1. Your premium may be adjusted; and
- 2. the true facts will be used to determine if, and for what amount, coverage should have been in force.

No statement made by You relating to Your insurability will be used to contest the insurance for which the statement was made after the insurance has been in force for two years during You lifetime. In order to be used, the statement must be in writing and signed by You

#### Notice of Claim: When should we be notified of a claim?

Written notice of claim must be given to Us within 20 days after the occurrence or commencement of any loss covered by the policy, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible. Notice given by or on behalf of You or Your beneficiary to Us in Hartford, Connecticut, or to Our authorized agent with information sufficient to identify You, shall be deemed notice to Us.

#### Claim Forms: Are special forms required to file a claim?

Upon receipt of notice of claim, We will furnish to You such forms as are usually furnished for filing proof of loss. If such forms are not furnished within 15 days after receipt of notice of claim, You shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this policy as to proof of loss upon submitting, within the time fixed in the policy, written proof covering the occurrence, the character and the extent of the loss for which claim is made.

#### **Proof of Loss: When must proof of Disability be given?**

Written proof of loss must be furnished to Us in Hartford, Connecticut in case of claim for loss for which this policy provides any periodic payment contingent upon continuing loss within 90 days after the termination of the period for which the insurer is liable and in case of claim for any other loss within 90 days after the date of such loss. Failure to furnish such proof within the time required shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to give proof within such time, provided such proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity, later than one year from the time proof is otherwise required.

We have the right to require, as part of the proof of loss:

- 1. Your signed statement identifying Other Income Benefits; and
- 2. proof satisfactory to us that You and Your dependents have duly applied for all Other Income Benefits which are available.

You will not be required to claim any retirement benefits which you may only get on a reduced basis.

After submitting proof of loss, You will be required to apply for Social Security disability benefits. If the Social Security Administration denies Your eligibility for any such benefits, You will be required to follow the process established by the Social Security Administration to reconsider the denial and, if denied again, to request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Hearing and Appeals.

You will not be required to claim any disability or retirement benefits if doing so will cause Your retirement benefits to be reduced.

#### Physical Examination and Autopsy: What additional proof of Disability are we entitled to?

At Our own expense, We shall have the right and opportunity to examine the person of any individual whose injury or sickness is the basis of claim when and as often as We may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim hereunder and to make an autopsy in case of death, where it is not forbidden by law.

#### Payment of Claims: Who gets the benefit payments?

All payments are payable to You. Any payments owed at Your death may be paid to Your estate. If any indemnity of the policy shall be payable to Your estate or to a person who is a minor or otherwise not competent to give a valid release, We may pay such indemnity up to an amount not exceeding \$1,000 to any relative by blood or connection by marriage of such person whom We deem to be equitably entitled thereto. Any payment We made in good faith pursuant to this provision shall fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment.

#### Time Payment of Claims: When are payment checks issued?

Indemnities payable under the policy for any loss other than loss for which the policy provides periodic payments will be paid as they accrue immediately upon receipt of due written proof of such loss. Subject to due written proof of loss, all accrued indemnity for loss for which the policy provides periodic payment will be paid on a monthly basis and any balance remaining unpaid upon the termination of the period of liability will be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof.

#### What notification will You receive if Your claim is denied?

If a claim for benefits is wholly or partly denied, You will be furnished with written notification of the decision. This written decision will:

- 1. give the specific reason(s) for the denial;
- 2. make specific reference to the Policy provisions on which the denial is based;
- 3. provide a description of any additional information necessary to prepare a claim and an explanation of why it is necessary; and
- 4. provide an explanation of the review procedure.

#### What recourse do You have if Your claim is denied?

On any claim, You or Your representative may appeal to us for a full and fair review. You may:

- 1. request a review upon written application within 180 days of the claim denial;
- 2. request copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to Your claim; and
- 3. submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to Your claim.

We will make a decision no more than 45 days after we receive Your appeal unless we determine special circumstances exist that require an extension of time to process the appeal. If Your appeal requires extension, we will make our decision no more than 90 days after we receive Your appeal. The written decision will include specific references to the Policy provisions on which the decision is based.

#### Legal Action: When can legal action be started?

No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the policy prior to the expiration of 60 days after written proof of loss has been furnished in accordance with the requirements of the policy. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of three years after the time written proof of loss is required to be furnished.

#### What happens if benefits are overpaid?

An overpayment occurs when it is determined that the total amount we have paid in benefits is more than the amount that was due to You under the plan. This includes, but is not limited to, overpayments resulting from:

- 1. retroactive awards of Other Income Benefits;
- 2. failure to report, or late notification to us of Other Income Benefits or earned income;
- 3. misstatement; or
- 4. an error we may make.

We have the right to recover from You any amount that is an overpayment of benefits under this plan. You must refund to us the overpaid amount. We may also, without forfeiting our right to collect an overpayment through any means legally available to us, recover all or any portion of an overpayment by reducing or withholding future benefit payments, including the Minimum Monthly Benefit.

#### What are our subrogation rights?

If an Insured Person:

- 1. suffers a Disability because of the act or omission of a third party;
- 2. becomes entitled to and is paid benefits under the Group Insurance Policy in compensation for lost wages; and
- 3. does not initiate legal action for the recovery of such benefits from the third party in a reasonable period of time;

then we will be subrogated to any rights the Insured Person may have against the third party and may, at our option, bring legal action to recover any payments made by us in connection with the Disability.

#### Who interprets policy terms and conditions?

We have full discretion and authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of the Group Insurance Policy.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

The terms listed will have these meanings.

#### **Actively at Work**

You will be considered to be actively at work with your Employer on a day which is one of your Employer's scheduled work days if you are performing, in the usual way, all of the regular duties of your job on a Full-time basis on that day. You will be deemed to be actively at work on a day which is not one of your Employer's scheduled work days only if you were actively at work on the preceding scheduled work day.

**Active Full-time Employee** means an employee who works for the Employer on a regular basis in the usual course of the Employer's business. The employee must work the number of hours in the Employer's normal work week. This must be at least the number of hours indicated in the Schedule of Insurance.

**Any Occupation** means an occupation for which you are qualified by education, training or experience, and that has an earnings potential greater than an amount equal to the lesser of the product of your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings and the Benefit Percentage and the Maximum Monthly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

#### Current Monthly Earnings means the monthly earnings you receive from:

- 1. the Employer while Disabled;
- 2. other employment.

However, if the other employment is a job you held in addition to Active Full-time Employment with the Employer, then:

- 1. during the Elimination Period, and while eligible to receive benefits for being Disabled from Your Occupation;
- 2. any earnings from this other employment will be Current Monthly Earnings only to the extent that such earnings exceed the average monthly earnings you were receiving from this other job during the 6 month period immediately prior to becoming Disabled.

Current Monthly Earnings will also include the amount of pay for another or modified job position, which may be offered to you by the Employer or other employer, if you refuse the offer. The requirements of such position must be within your capabilities as described by your Physician, and consistent with your education, training and experience.

Disability or Disabled means that during the Elimination Period and for the next 24 months you are prevented by:

- 1. accidental bodily injury;
- 2. sickness:
- 3. Mental Illness:
- 4. Substance Abuse; or
- 5. pregnancy,

from performing one or more of the Essential Duties of Your Occupation, and as a result your Current Monthly Earnings are no more than 80% of your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings.

After that, you must be so prevented from performing one or more of the Essential Duties of Any Occupation.

Your failure to pass a physical examination required to maintain a license to perform the duties of Your Occupation does not alone mean that you are Disabled.

**Employer** means the Policyholder.

#### **Essential Duty** means a duty that:

- 1. is substantial, not incidental;
- 2. is fundamental or inherent to the occupation; and
- 3. can not be reasonably omitted or changed.

To be at work for the number of hours in your regularly scheduled workweek is also an Essential Duty.

**Indexed Pre-disability Earnings** when used in this policy means your Pre-disability Earnings adjusted annually by adding the lesser of:

- 1. 10%; or
- 2. the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W).

The adjustment is made January 1st each year after you have been Disabled for 12 consecutive months, and if you are receiving benefits at the time the adjustment is made.

The term Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) means the index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the United States Department of Labor. It measures on a periodic (usually monthly) basis the change in the cost of typical urban wage earners' and clerical workers' purchase of certain goods and services. If the index is discontinued or changed, we may use another nationally published index that is comparable to the CPI-W.

For the purposes of this benefit, the percentage change in the CPI-W means the difference between the current year's CPI-W as of July 31st, and the prior year's CPI-W as of July 31st, divided by the prior year's CPI-W.

**Mental Illness** means any psychological, behavioral or emotional disorder or ailment of the mind, including physical manifestations of psychological, behavioral or emotional disorders, but excluding demonstrable, structural brain damage.

**Monthly Benefit** means a monthly sum payable to you while you are Disabled, subject to the terms of the Group Insurance Policy.

Monthly Income Loss is the difference of your Pre-disability Earnings less your Current Monthly Earnings.

Monthly Rate of Basic Earnings means your regular monthly rate of pay from the Employer just prior to the date you become Disabled:

- 1. including contributions you make through a salary reduction agreement with the Employer to:
  - a) an Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(k), 403(b) or 457 deferred compensation arrangement;
  - b) an executive non qualified deferred compensation arrangement; or
  - c) a salary reduction arrangement under an IRC Section 125 plan; and
- 2. not including bonuses, commissions, overtime pay or expense reimbursements for the same period as above.

**Other Income Benefits** mean the amount of any benefit for loss of income, provided to you or to your family, as a result of the period of Disability for which you are claiming benefits under this plan. This includes any such benefits for which you or your family are eligible or that are paid to you, or to a third party on your behalf, pursuant to any:

- 1. temporary or permanent disability benefits under a Workers' Compensation Law, occupational disease law, or similar law, governmental law or program that provides disability or
- 2. unemployment benefits as a result of your job with the Employer;
- 3. plan or arrangement of coverage, whether insured or not, or as a result of employment by or association with the Employer or as a result of membership in or association with any group, association, union or other organization;
- 4. "no-fault" automobile insurance plan; or
- 5. disability benefits under the United States Social Security Act, the Railroad Retirement Act, the Canada Pension Plan, the Quebec Pension Plan, or similar plan or act that, your spouse and children are eligible to receive because of your Disability.

Other Income Benefits also mean any payments that are made to you, your family, or to a third party on your behalf, pursuant to any:

- 1. disability benefit under the Employer's Retirement Plan;
- 2. portion of a settlement or judgment, minus associated costs, of a lawsuit that represents or compensates for your loss of earnings;
- 3. retirement benefit from a Retirement Plan that is wholly or partially funded by employer contributions, unless:
  - a) you were receiving it prior to becoming Disabled; or
  - b) you immediately transfer the payment to another plan qualified by the United States Internal Revenue Service for the funding of a future retirement.

Other Income Benefits will not include the portion, if any, of such retirement benefit that was funded by your after-tax contributions; or

4. retirement benefits under the United States Social Security Act, the Railroad Retirement Act, the Canada Pension Plan, the Quebec Pension Plan, or similar plan or act that you, your spouse and dependent children receive because of your retirement, unless you were receiving them prior to becoming Disabled.

If you are paid Other Income Benefits in a lump sum or settlement, you must provide proof satisfactory to us of:

- 1. the amount attributed to loss of income; and
- 2. the period of time covered by the lump sum or settlement.

We will pro-rate the lump sum or settlement over this period of time. If you cannot or do not provide this information, we will assume the entire sum to be for loss of income, and the time period to be 24 months. We may make a retroactive allocation of any retroactive Other Income Benefit. A retroactive allocation may result in an overpayment of your claim.

The amount of any increase in Other Income Benefits will not be included as Other Income Benefits if such increase:

- 1. takes effect after the date benefits become payable under this plan; and
- 2. is a general increase which applies to all persons who are entitled to such benefits.

#### **Physician** means a person who is:

- 1. a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, psychology or other healing art recognized by us;
- 2. licensed to practice in the state or jurisdiction where care is being given; and
- 3. practicing within the scope of that license.

**Pre-disability Earnings** means your Monthly Rate of Basic Earnings in effect on the day before you became Disabled.

**Prior Plan** means the long term disability insurance carried by the Employer on the day before the Plan Effective Date.

Regular Care of a Physician means you are attended by a Physician, who is not related to you:

- 1. with medical training and clinical experience suitable to treat your disabling condition; and
- 2. whose treatment is:
  - a) consistent with the diagnosis of the disabling condition;
  - b) according to guidelines established by medical, research and rehabilitative organizations; and
  - c) administered as often as needed,

to achieve the maximum medical improvement.

**Retirement Plan** means a defined benefit or defined contribution plan that provides benefits for your retirement and which is not funded wholly by your contributions. It does not include:

- 1. a profit sharing plan;
- 2. thrift, savings or stock ownership plans;
- 3. a non-qualified deferred compensation plan; or
- 4. an individual retirement account (IRA), a tax sheltered annuity (TSA), Keogh Plan, 401(k) plan or 403(b) plan.

**Substance Abuse** means the pattern of pathological use of alcohol or other psychoactive drugs and substances characterized by:

- 1. impairments in social and/or occupational functioning;
- 2. debilitating physical condition;
- 3. inability to abstain from or reduce consumption of the substance; or
- 4. the need for daily substance use to maintain adequate functioning.

Substance includes alcohol and drugs but excludes tobacco and caffeine.

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You, your, Insured Person means the Insured Person to whom this Booklet-certificate is issued.

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