



# **Voluntary Term Life Insurance**

## **Employee Benefit Booklet**

**Cape Fear Community College**

**VF029707-0001**

**Class 1-01**

# Dearborn Life Insurance Company

Administrative Office:  
701 E. 22nd Street  
Lombard IL 60148

(A stock life insurance company, herein called "We" "Us" or "Our")

## Having issued Group Policy No. VF029707-0001

(herein called the *Policy*)

to

**Cape Fear Community College**

(herein called the *Policyholder*)

## Group Insurance Certificate

CERTIFIES that *You* are insured, provided that *You* qualify under the ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES provision, become insured and remain insured in accordance with the terms of the *Policy*. *Your* insurance is subject to all the definitions, limitations and conditions of the *Policy*, and it takes effect as stated in the ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES provision.

This Certificate describes *Your* eligibility for benefits and the terms and provisions of the *Policy*. It replaces and cancels any other Certificate previously issued to *You* under the *Policy*.

If the terms and provisions of the Group Insurance Certificate (issued to *You*) are different from the *Policy* (issued to the *Policyholder*), the *Policy* will govern. *Your* coverage may be canceled or changed in whole or in part under the terms and provisions of the *Policy*.

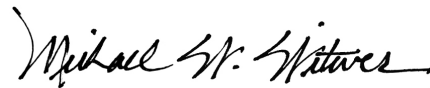
**THIS CERTIFICATE IS RENEWABLE AT THE OPTION OF  
DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

**READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY**

Signed for Dearborn Life Insurance Company



Secretary



President

**Voluntary Group Term Life Insurance Certificate with and Dependent Life Insurance Benefits**

**Non-Participating**

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## ***SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS***

**POLICYHOLDER:** Cape Fear Community College  
**POLICY NUMBER:** VF029707-0001  
**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2025  
**ANNUAL ENROLLMENT PERIOD:** 10/1-10/31

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**ELIGIBILITY: Class 01** All active full-time Employees of the Policyholder working in the United States of America who are Actively at Work for the Policyholder and who have completed the Eligibility Waiting Period are eligible for the insurance. A full-time *Employee* is one who regularly works a minimum of 30 hours per week for the *Policyholder*. Part-time, seasonal and temporary *Employees* of the *Policyholder* are not eligible.

**Eligibility Waiting Period:** Current *Employees*: None  
New *Employees*: First of the month following Date of Hire of continuous, full-time active work

**Policyholder Contribution:** Voluntary Life 0% of premium  
Dependent Life 0% of premium

### **GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE**

**Employee Voluntary Life Benefit Amount** Incremental selection from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$500,000 in increments of \$1,000

Guarantee Issue Benefit Limit *Employee Voluntary*: \$50,000  
*Spouse Voluntary*: \$25,000

Amounts in excess of the Guarantee Issue Benefit Limit are subject to satisfactory *Evidence of Insurability*

*Voluntary*: Benefit amounts may be subject to Guarantee Issue limits based on participation levels as determined by *Us*. Any Guarantee Issue Limits established are only available during Your group's initial enrollment and for new employees who have met the Eligibility requirements. *Employees* must enroll within 31 days of their eligibility date to qualify for any established Guarantee Issue.

**Reduction of Benefits** *Voluntary* Group Term Life benefits reduce by 35% at age 70 and further reduce by 50% of the original amount at age 75. Benefits terminate at retirement.

*Dependent Spouse Voluntary* Group Term Life benefits reduce by 35% at age 70 and further reduce by 50% of the original amount at age 75. Benefits terminate at retirement.

### **Waiver of Premium**

Waiver Eligibility Totally Disabled prior to age 60 without interruption from the last date worked for at least 9 months

Insured Eligibility *Employee*

Maximum Waiver of Premium Duration Age 65

### **Accelerated Death Benefit (ADB)**

Benefit Amount 75% of *Voluntary* Term Life Insurance In force

Insured Eligibility *Employee, Dependent Spouse*

Minimum Covered Life Insurance Amount	\$15,000
Maximum ADB Payment	\$250,000
Minimum ADB Payment	\$7,500

**Portability**

Benefit Eligibility	<i>Voluntary Life</i>
Insured Eligibility	<i>Employee, Dependent Spouse, Dependent Child</i>
Portability Benefit Duration	Age 65

**DEPENDENT TERM LIFE INSURANCE**

<i>Spouse</i> Benefit Amount	<i>Voluntary:</i> Incremental selection from a minimum of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$500,000 in increments of \$1,000, not to exceed 100% of the <i>Employee</i> amount
Includes <i>Registered Domestic Partner</i>	
<i>Child(ren)</i> Benefit Amount	<i>Voluntary:</i>
	\$1,000 - Age live birth to 15 days
	\$1,000 - age 15 days to 6 months
	\$10,000 - age 6 months to 26 years

## ***ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS***

### ***Who is eligible for this insurance?***

The eligibility for this insurance is as indicated in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

The *Eligibility Waiting Period* is set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

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### ***When does Your Contributory insurance become effective?***

***Contributory*** means *You* pay all or a portion of the premium for this insurance coverage.

*You* may apply for *Voluntary* insurance coverage during the *Annual Enrollment Period* as indicated in the *Schedule of Benefits*. *Your* coverage will become effective as follows, provided *You* are *Actively at Work* on that date:

*Your Contributory* coverage for amounts up to the Guarantee Issue Benefit Limit will become effective on the latest of the following dates provided *You* are *Actively at Work* on that date:

1. If *You* enroll for coverage prior to the *Policy* effective date and *Evidence of Insurability* is not required, the *Policy* effective date;
2. If *You* enroll for coverage within 31 days of *Your* eligibility date, on the first of the month that falls on or next follows the date *You* sign the *Enrollment Form*;
3. If *You* do not enroll for *Voluntary* coverage within 31 days after *Your* eligibility date, *You* must wait until the next *Annual Enrollment Period* to apply, unless *You* qualify because of a *Change in Family Status*.
  - a. Initial requests for coverage or requests for changes to existing coverage made during the *Annual Enrollment Period* will become effective on the later of the *Policy* anniversary date or the date *We* approve *Your Evidence of Insurability* if applicable.
  - b. Coverage requested within 31 days of a *Change in Family Status* will become effective on the first of the month that falls on or next follows the date *You* sign the *Enrollment Form*.

*You* must be *Actively at Work* for coverage under the *Policy* to become effective.

***Enrollment Form*** means the application *You* complete to apply for coverage under the *Policy*.

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### ***Change in Family Status***

If *You* experience a *Change in Family Status*, *You* may enroll for *Voluntary* coverage, apply for additional coverage, or request changes to *Your* current *Voluntary* benefit program(s) without providing *Evidence of Insurability*, provided the benefit change is consistent with the *Change in Family Status*. *You* must submit the appropriate *Enrollment Form* within 31 days of the *Change in Family Status*.

***Change in Family Status*** means changes in the status of *Your* family, including but not limited to:

1. *You* get married or execute a *Domestic Partner* affidavit;
2. *You* have a *Dependent Child*, or *You* adopt or become the legal guardian of a *Dependent* child;
3. *Your Spouse* dies or *You* become divorced;
4. *Your Dependent Child* becomes emancipated or dies;
5. *Your Spouse* is no longer employed, resulting in a loss of group insurance, or;
6. *You* have a change in classification which results in *You* changing from part-time to full-time, or full-time to part-time.

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### ***When is Evidence of Insurability required?***

*Evidence of Insurability* is required if:

1. *You* are a late applicant, which means *You* enroll for insurance more than 31 days after *Your* eligibility date or *You* were eligible to enroll under the *Prior Policy* and did not enroll before the expiration of the time allowed to enroll;  
or
2. *You* voluntarily canceled *Your* insurance and choose to reapply; or

3. *Your* coverage amount exceeds the Guarantee Issue Benefit Limit as set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

Receipt of premium before *We* have approved *Evidence of Insurability* will not constitute acceptance and does not guarantee issuance of any benefit amount prior to *Our* approval.

***Evidence of Insurability*** means a statement of *Your* medical history which *We* will use to determine if *You* are approved for coverage. *Evidence of Insurability* will be provided at *Our* expense if *You* enroll within 31 days after *Your* eligibility date. *Evidence of Insurability* will be provided at *Your* expense if *You* are a late applicant, which means *You* enroll for insurance more than 31 days after *Your* eligibility date.

***Evidence of Insurability Form*** means a form provided or approved by *Us* on which *You* provide a statement of *Your* medical history.

*You* may obtain an *Evidence of Insurability Form* from the *Policyholder*.

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***What is an Annual Enrollment period?***

Unless otherwise specified, *Annual Enrollment Period* means a period of time during which eligible *Employees* may apply for *Voluntary* life coverage or request changes to their life benefit plan. The *Annual Enrollment Period* is shown on the *Schedule of Benefits*.

Eligible *Employees* may enroll for coverage, apply for additional coverage, or request changes to their current *Voluntary* benefit program(s) only during the *Annual Enrollment*, unless they qualify because of a *Change in Family Status*.

*Employees* hired after an *Annual Enrollment* period may enroll within 31 days after their eligibility date. If a new *Employee* does not elect *Voluntary* coverage within that time period, he must wait for the next *Annual Enrollment* to enroll unless he qualifies because of a *Change in Family Status*.

Initial requests for coverage or requests for changes to existing coverage made during the *Annual Enrollment* period will become effective on the *Policy* anniversary date.

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***If You are not Actively at Work, when does coverage become effective?***

If *You* are absent from *Active Work* on the date *Your* coverage would otherwise become effective; and *Your* absence is caused by an *Injury*, illness or layoff, *Your* effective date for any initial coverage or increased coverage will be deferred until the first day *You* return to *Active Work*.

However, *You* will be considered *Actively at Work* on any day that is not *Your* regularly scheduled work day (including but not limited to a weekend, vacation or holiday) if *You* were *Actively at Work* on the immediately preceding scheduled work day and *You* were:

1. not *Hospital Confined*; or;
2. disabled due to an *Injury* or *Sickness*.

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***What happens if We are replacing an existing Policy? Is continuity of coverage provided?***

If *You* were insured for coverage under the *Prior Policy* on the day immediately preceding *Our Policy*'s Effective Date, and subject to the payment of premiums when due, *We* agree to provide continuity of coverage for *You* and *Your Eligible Spouse* and *Eligible Dependent Children* if *You* are not *Actively at Work* on *Our Policy* Effective Date. If *Your* coverage is extended under this provision, *You* are not eligible for Portability or *Waiver of Premium* benefits under *Our Policy*.

Coverage under this provision will end on the earlier of:

1. The date *You* return to *Active Work*, at which time *You* may be covered as an *Actively at Work Insured* under *Our Policy*;
2. The last day of the 12th month following *Our Policy* Effective Date;
3. The last day *You* would have been covered under the *Prior Policy* had the *Prior Policy* not terminated;
4. The date *You* are approved for *Waiver of Premium* under the *Prior Policy*; or
5. The date insurance terminates for one of the reasons stated in the Termination Provisions of *Our Policy*.

The amount of coverage provided will be the lesser of:

1. The amount of coverage *You* had under the *Prior Policy*; or
2. The amount of coverage *You* are eligible for under *Our Policy*.

Reduced by any amount:

1. In-force, paid or payable under the *Prior Policy*; or
2. Which would have been payable if timely election had been made under the *Prior Policy*.

***Prior Policy*** means the group term life insurance policy issued to the *Policyholder* whose coverage terminated immediately prior to *Our Policy* Effective Date.

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### ***Changes to Your coverage***

A change in *Your* coverage may occur if:

1. You Enroll for a different coverage option; or
2. There is a *Policy* change; or
3. *You* enter another class and become eligible for a change in benefits; or
4. *You* experience a qualified *Change in Family Status*

If *You* are eligible for additional coverage due to a *Policy* change, the additional coverage will be effective on the date the *Policy* change is effective, as requested by the *Policyholder* and agreed upon by *Us*.

Additional coverage for reasons other than a *Policy* change will be effective as indicated in the "***When Does Your Contributory insurance become effective?***" section, or the later of:

1. The date *You* enroll for the additional coverage; or
2. The date *You* become eligible for the additional coverage, if enrollment is not required; or
3. The date *We* approve *Your* coverage if *Evidence of Insurability* is required.

In order for *Your* additional coverage to begin, *You* must be *Actively at Work*.

Additional *Contributory* coverage is subject to payment of premium.

Any decrease in coverage will take effect immediately.

Exception: Increases or decreases to *Your Voluntary* benefit program elected during the *Annual Enrollment Period* will become effective on the next *Policy* anniversary date, provided *You* are *Actively at Work* on that day.

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### ***Eligibility after You Terminate Employment***

If *Your* coverage ends due to termination of employment and *You* do not elect continued coverage under the Portability Benefit provision, *You* must meet all the requirements of a new *Employee* if *You* are rehired at a later date.

Exception: If *Your* coverage ends due to termination of employment and *You* return to *Active Work* in an eligible class within 12 months, *We* will not:

1. apply a new *Eligibility Waiting Period*; or
2. require *Evidence of Insurability*.

If *You* converted all or part of *Your* group life insurance when employment terminated, the individual policy must be surrendered upon return to *Active Work*.

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## **TERM LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT**

***THIS BENEFIT ONLY APPLIES TO YOU IF YOU HAVE ELECTED TERM LIFE INSURANCE AND YOU HAVE PAID OR AGREED TO PAY THE APPLICABLE PREMIUM.***

### ***When is a Life Insurance Benefit payable?***

We will pay *Your* beneficiary the amount of life insurance in force as of the date of *Your* death provided:

1. *You* are insured under the *Policy* on the date of death, and
2. We receive *Proof* of death within two (2) years after the date of death.

We will determine the amount of insurance payable based upon the *Schedule of Benefits*.

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### ***Are Life Insurance Benefits payable for death by suicide?***

Life Insurance benefits including Waiver of Premium, increased benefit amounts elected during subsequent *Annual Enrollment periods* and Accelerated Death Benefits, will not be payable for a loss caused by suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane, within one (1) year from the effective date of *Your* Term Life Insurance or the effective date of any increased amount of life insurance. *Our* liability for a death claim by suicide will be limited to the return of premium paid for this life insurance.

If *You*:

1. were covered for *Voluntary* life insurance under a prior carrier's policy; and
2. were insured under the *Policy* on its effective date;
3. and there was no lapse in coverage,

We will consider the time *You* were covered under the *Policy* and under the prior carrier's policy in determining if benefits are payable for death by suicide. The death benefit, if payable under this provision, will be the lesser of the benefit under the *Policy* or the benefit under the prior carrier's policy.

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### ***Who will receive Your Life Insurance Benefits?***

*Your* beneficiary designation must be made on a form which *We* provide or on a form accepted by *Us*. If two or more beneficiaries are named, payment of proceeds will be apportioned equally unless *You* had specified otherwise. The *Policyholder* may not be named as beneficiary. Unless *You* provide otherwise, if a beneficiary dies before *You*, *We* will divide that beneficiary's share equally between any remaining named beneficiaries.

If a beneficiary is a minor, or is not able to give a valid release for any payment of benefits made, *We* will not make payment until a claim is made by the person or entity which, by court order, has been granted control of the estate of such beneficiary. This provision does not prevent *Us* from making payment to or for the benefit of a minor beneficiary in accordance with the applicable state law.

### ***Facility of Payment***

If no named beneficiary survives *You* or if *You* do not name a beneficiary, *We* will pay the amount of insurance:

1. to *Your* spouse, if living; if not,
2. in equal shares to *Your* then living natural or legally adopted children, if any; if none,
3. in equal shares to *Your* father and mother, if living; if not,
4. in equal shares to *Your* brothers and/or sisters, if living; if not,
5. to *Your* estate.

If any benefits under this provision are to be paid to *Your* estate, *We* may pay an amount not greater than \$250 to any person *We* consider equitably entitled by reason of having incurred funeral or other expenses incident to *Your* death. Any and all payments made by *Us* shall fully discharge *Us* in the amount of such payment.

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### ***May You change Your beneficiary?***

*You* may change *Your* beneficiary at any time by completing a form provided or accepted by *Us*, and sending it to the *Policyholder*. *Your* written request for change of beneficiary will not be effective until it is recorded by the *Policyholder*. After it has been so recorded, it will take effect on the later of the date *You* signed the change request form or the date *You* specifically requested. If *You* die before the change has been recorded, *We* will not alter any payment that *We* have already made. Any prior payment shall fully discharge *Us* from further liability in that amount.

If *You* are approved for continued life coverage under the Waiver of Premium or Portability provision, *You* may be asked to name a beneficiary. A beneficiary designation made in connection with Waiver of Premium or Portability, if different from the designation on *Your* enrollment form, shall constitute a change of beneficiary under the *Policy*. Such change of beneficiary only applies while *You* qualify for continued coverage under the Waiver of Premium or Portability provision.

If continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium or Portability provision ceases, and *You* are employed by the *Policyholder*, *You* must make a new beneficiary designation. If *You* do not name a new beneficiary, *We* will pay death benefits in accordance with the Facility of Payment provision.

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## ***CONVERSION OF LIFE INSURANCE***

### ***How much Life Insurance may You convert if eligibility terminates?***

*You* may convert to an individual policy of life insurance if *Your* life insurance, or a portion of it, ceases because:

1. *You* are no longer employed by the *Policyholder*; or
2. *You* are no longer in a class which is eligible for life insurance.

In either of these situations, *You* may convert all or any portion of *Your* life insurance which was in force on the date *Your* life insurance ceased.

### ***How much Life Insurance may You convert if the policy terminates or is amended?***

*You* may also convert to an individual policy of life insurance if *Your* life insurance ceases because:

1. life insurance benefits under the *Policy* cease; or
2. the *Policy* is amended making *You* ineligible for life insurance; however, in either of these situations,

*You* must have been insured under the *Policy*, or the *Policy* it replaced, for at least five (5) years. The amount of insurance converted in either of these situations will be the lesser of:

1. the amount of life insurance in force, less any amount for which *You* become eligible under this or any other group policy within 31 days after the date *Your* life insurance ceased; or
2. \$10,000.

### ***How to apply for conversion***

*We* must receive written application and the first premium for the individual life insurance policy within 31 days after life insurance under the *Policy* ceased. No *Evidence of Insurability* will be required.

The individual policy will be a policy of whole life insurance. It will not contain waiver of premium, accelerated death benefit, disability benefits, accidental death and dismemberment benefits or any other ancillary benefits.

The minimum issue amount of an individual conversion policy is \$2,000. The premium for the individual policy will be based on:

1. *Our* current rates based upon *Your* attained age; and
2. the amount of the individual policy.

If application is made for an individual policy, the coverage under the individual policy will be effective on the day following the 31-day period during which *You* could apply for conversion.

If *You* die during a period when *You* would have been entitled to have an individual policy issued to *You* and if *You* die before such an individual policy became effective, *We* will pay *Your* beneficiary the greatest amount of group term life insurance for which an individual policy could have been issued, provided:

1. *Your* death occurred during the 31-day period within which *You* could have made application; and
2. *We* receive proof of death within two (2) years of the date of death.

If life insurance benefits are paid under the *Policy*, payment will not be made under the converted policy, and premiums paid for the converted policy will be refunded.

If *You* have elected Portability, conversion is not available for amounts continued under Portability unless coverage under Portability terminates. Conversion from Portability will be as specified under Portability.

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## **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

### ***What is the Waiver of Premium benefit?***

*We* will continue *Your* Voluntary life insurance benefit under the *Policy* without further payment of life insurance premium if *You* become *Totally Disabled*, provided:

1. *You* are insured under the *Policy* and were *Actively at Work* on or after the effective date of the *Policy*; and
2. *You* are under the age of 60; and
3. *You* provide *Us* with satisfactory written proof of *Total Disability* within 12 months after the date *You* became *Totally Disabled*; and
4. *Your Total Disability* has continued without interruption for at least 9 months; and
5. *You* are still *Totally Disabled* when *You* submit the proof of disability; and
6. all required premium has been paid.

***Total Disability*** or ***Totally Disabled*** means *You* are diagnosed by a *Doctor* to be completely unable because of *Sickness* or *Injury* to engage in any occupation for wage or profit or any occupation for which *You* become qualified by education, training or experience.

*We* will waive premium beginning the month after *We* receive satisfactory proof that *You* have been *Totally Disabled* for at least 9 months. Premium will continue to be waived provided *You*:

1. remain *Totally Disabled*; and
2. provide satisfactory written proof of continuing *Total Disability* upon request.

*You* are responsible for obtaining initial and continuing proof of *Total Disability*.

*You* will be covered for the amount of life insurance in force as of the date *Total Disability* commenced. The amount of life insurance continued in force will be subject to any reduction in benefits as shown on the *Schedule of Benefits* or which are the result of an amendment to the *Policy*, but in no event will the insurance amount increase while *Your* life insurance is continued under Waiver of Premium. This life insurance coverage will continue without the payment of premium until *You* are no longer *Totally Disabled*, or attain the Maximum Waiver of Premium Duration as set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits* or retire, whichever occurs first.

*We* may have *You* examined at reasonable intervals during the period of claimed *Total Disability*. Continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium provision shall end immediately and without notice if *You* refuse to be examined as and when required.

If *You* are approved for continued coverage under the Waiver of Premium provision, *You* will be asked to name a beneficiary. That beneficiary designation:

1. will only apply while *Your* coverage continues under this Waiver of Premium provision; and
2. if different from the designation on *Your* enrollment form, shall constitute a change of beneficiary under the *Policy*.

*We* will pay the amount of life insurance in force to *Your* beneficiary if *You* die before furnishing satisfactory proof of *Total Disability*, if:

1. *You* die within one year from the date *You* became *Totally Disabled*; and
2. *We* receive proof that *You* were continuously *Totally Disabled* until the date of death; and
3. *We* receive proof of death not more than two (2) years after *Your* death.

If continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium provision ceases while the *Policy* is still in force, and *You* are employed by the *Policyholder*, *Your* life insurance will continue provided premium payments begin on the next premium due date. If *You* return to work with the *Policyholder*, *You* must make a new beneficiary designation. If *You* do not name a new beneficiary, *We* will pay death benefits in accordance with the Facility of Payment provision.

If continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium provision ceases, and *You* are no longer employed by the *Policyholder*, *You* may apply for an individual life insurance policy in accordance with the Conversion of Life Insurance provision of this Certificate.

***How does termination of the Policy affect Your insurance under the Waiver of Premium Benefit?***

Termination of the *Policy* will not affect any insurance that has been continued under this Provision prior to the termination date.

***What if You are Totally Disabled and the Policy ends before You satisfy the Elimination Period?***

*Your* coverage under the *Policy* will end if the *Policy* ends before *You* satisfy the *Elimination Period*. However, when the *Policy* ends *You* may be entitled to convert *Your* coverage to an individual plan of life insurance as described in the Conversion of Life Insurance provision.

*You* may still submit a claim for Waiver of Premium Benefits after the *Policy* ends. However, *You* must be *Totally Disabled*, pay the Conversion premium for the full length of the Elimination Period and qualify for the Waiver of Premium Benefits.

***At no time can You be covered under both the individual conversion policy and this Policy.***

Upon receipt of timely notice and due proof of *Your Total Disability* *We* will evaluate *Your* claim. If *We* determine that *You* qualify and *You* pay all applicable premiums, *We* will approve *Your* Waiver of Premium claim under the *Policy* and agree to rescind any individual policy of life insurance issued to *You* under the Conversion privilege. *We* will refund any premiums paid for such coverage. Insurance under the *Policy* will not go into effect until *We* approve your claim in writing.

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## ***ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT***

**The benefit paid under this provision may be taxable. If so, *You* or *Your* beneficiary may incur a tax obligation. As with all tax matters, *You* or *Your* beneficiary should consult a personal tax advisor to assess the impact of the benefit. Receipt of this benefit may adversely affect *Your* eligibility for Medicaid or other governmental benefits or entitlements.**

### ***What is the Accelerated Death Benefit?***

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is a percentage of *Your* group *Voluntary* term life insurance which is payable to *You* prior to *Your* death if *We* receive *Proof* that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*. The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is limited to the maximum and minimum amounts shown on the *Schedule of Benefits*, and is payable only once to any one *Insured*.

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is calculated on the group *Voluntary* term life insurance benefit amount in force under the *Policy* on the date *You* are diagnosed with a *Terminal Condition*. If *Your* group term life insurance will reduce, due to age, within 12 months after the date *We* receive *Proof*, the *Accelerated Death Benefit* will be calculated on the reduced group *Voluntary* term life insurance benefit.

### ***Who is Eligible for an Accelerated Death Benefit?***

This benefit only applies to *Insureds* with at least the Minimum Covered Life Insurance Benefit amounts set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*. *You* must have been *Actively at Work* on or after the effective date of the *Policy* to be eligible for an *Accelerated Death Benefit*.

This benefit does not apply to Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits.

***Terminal Condition*** means *You* have been examined and diagnosed by *Your Doctor* as having a medically determined condition which is expected to result in death within 12 months from the date that a claim for benefit under this provision is received by *Us*. *We* have the sole right to determine if such *Proof* is acceptable.

### ***The Accelerated Death Benefit Payment***

*We* will pay the benefit during *Your* lifetime if *You* are diagnosed with a *Terminal Condition* if *You* or *Your* legal representative submits a claim for an *Accelerated Death Benefit* and provides satisfactory *Proof*. The benefit will be paid in one sum to *You*.

### ***Are there any exceptions to the payment of the Accelerated Death Benefit?***

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* will not be payable:

1. for any amount of group term life insurance which is less than the Minimum ADB Payment as set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*; or
2. if *Your Terminal Condition* is the result of:
  - a. attempted suicide, while sane or insane; or
  - b. intentionally self-inflicted injury; or
3. if *Your* group term life insurance benefit has been assigned; or
4. if *Your* group term life insurance benefit is payable to an irrevocable beneficiary, including notification to *Us* that such benefit or a portion of such benefit is to be paid to a former spouse as part of a divorce or separation agreement; or
5. to retirees.

### ***Notice and Proof of Claim***

*You* must elect the *Accelerated Death Benefit* in writing on a form that is acceptable to *Us*. *You* must furnish *Proof* that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*, including certification by a *Doctor*.

***Proof*** under the *Accelerated Death Benefit* means evidence satisfactory to *Us* that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*. *We* reserve the right to determine, at *Our* sole discretion, if *Proof* is acceptable.

### ***Effect on Insurance***

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is in lieu of the group term life insurance benefit that would have been paid upon *Your* death. When the *Accelerated Death Benefit* is paid:

1. the term life insurance benefit otherwise payable upon *Your* death will be reduced by the amount of the *Accelerated Death Benefit*;
2. the amount of group term life insurance which could otherwise have been converted to an individual contract will be reduced by the amount of the *Accelerated Death Benefit*; and
3. the premium due for group term life insurance will be calculated on the amount of such insurance remaining in force after deducting the *Accelerated Death Benefit*.

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***What happens to my coverage if I recover from the Terminal Condition?***

If *Your Doctor* certifies that *You* no longer have a *Terminal Condition* and:

1. *You* return to work in an eligible class, coverage will remain in force, provided premium is paid when due.
2. *You* do not return to an eligible class but *You* are approved for continued life insurance coverage under the Waiver of Premium provision, coverage will remain in force, subject to the terms and conditions of the Waiver of Premium provision.
3. *You* do not return to an eligible class, and *You* do not qualify for continued life insurance, coverage will end and *You* may elect Portability or apply for conversion to an individual policy of life insurance in accordance with the applicable terms, conditions and time limits set forth in the Conversion of Life Insurance provision of the *Policy*.

In any event, the amount of coverage eligible to be continued, ported or converted will be reduced by the amount of the *Accelerated Death Benefit* paid.

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## ***PORTABILITY BENEFIT***

### ***What is the Portability Benefit?***

If *Your Voluntary* Group Life Insurance, or any portion of it, terminates, *You* may elect to continue *Your* Life Insurance in accordance with the terms of the *Policy* by paying premiums directly to *Us*. If *You* elect Portability, *You* may also elect to continue *Dependent* Life Insurance under the conditions set forth below, but *You* may not apply for *Dependent* Life Insurance at the time you apply for Portability. The coverages eligible for Portability and the Portability Benefit Duration are set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

The premiums for the coverage continued under the Portability Benefit will not be the same as the premium *You* are charged for *Your* group Life insurance under the *Policy*. Portability premium will be based on:

1. *Our* current rates for the applicant's age and class of risk at the time he elects Portability; and
2. the amount of insurance continued under Portability.

The maximum amount of Life Insurance which may be continued under Portability is the amount of Life Insurance terminating at the time the Portability Benefit is elected.

A beneficiary designation on the Application for Portability, if different from the designation on *Your* enrollment form, shall constitute a change of beneficiary under the *Policy*, and that beneficiary designation will only apply while *Your* coverage continues under this Portability Benefit provision.

The Waiver of Premium is not available for any *Insured* whose *Total Disability* begins after coverage under Portability becomes effective. The Accelerated Death Benefit is not available for any *Insured* who is diagnosed with a *Terminal Condition* after coverage under Portability becomes effective.

### ***What are Eligibility Requirements for Employee Portability?***

To be eligible for Portability, *You* must meet the following conditions:

1. *You* must have been insured under the *Policy* for at least one year prior to electing Portability; and
2. *Your* Life Insurance, or a portion of it, must have terminated for reasons other than *Sickness, Injury*, retirement or termination of the master *Policy*; and
3. *You* must be less than 60 years of age; and
4. *You* must be able to perform the *Material and Substantial* duties of any *Gainful Occupation* for which *You* are qualified by education, training or experience; and
5. *You* must not have exercised the right to convert under the Conversion of Life Insurance provision the amount of Life Insurance *You* elect under the Portability Benefit. If *You* elect the Portability benefit, any amounts of Life Insurance which are not ported may be converted in accordance with the terms of the Conversion of Life Insurance provision.

*You* must submit an application for Portability and the first premium within 31 days after the date *Your* Life Insurance terminated.

We reserve the right to rescind any coverage amounts continued under Portability if it can be shown that *You* misrepresented any of the information provided to support eligibility for Portability.

### ***Can Dependent Life Insurance be Ported if Your Eligibility Terminates or if Your Spouse's Coverage Terminates?***

Yes, *You* or *Your* insured *Spouse* may elect Portability of Dependents' Life Insurance if Dependents' insurance coverage ceases as follows:

1. *You* may apply for Portability of Dependent Life Insurance if *You* meet the eligibility requirements to port *Your* Life Insurance as shown above and *You* are covered for Dependent Life insurance on the date *Your* coverage ceases.
2. *Your* insured *Spouse* may apply for Portability of his Group Life Insurance, and/or life insurance on covered *Dependent Child(ren)* provided:
  - a. *Your Spouse's* life insurance terminates because *You* die or *Your* eligibility for Dependent Life Insurance ceased for reasons other than retirement or termination of the master *Policy* and *Your Spouse* is less than 65 years of age.

- b. *Your Spouse* had elected Dependent Life on eligible *Dependent Child(ren)* and such coverage is still in force when *Your* eligibility for Dependents Life Insurance ceased for reasons other than retirement or termination of the master *Policy*.
  - c. *Your Spouse* must have been insured for such coverage(s) under the *Policy* for at least one year prior to electing Portability.
  - d. Portability is not available if *Your Spouse's* life insurance terminates because he no longer meets the *Policy* definition of an *Eligible Dependent Spouse*.
3. *You* or *Your Spouse* must not have exercised the right to convert under the Dependent Conversion Privilege provision of the *Policy* the amount of coverage *You* or *Your Spouse* elect under the Portability Benefit. If *You* elect portability of Dependent Life Insurance, any amounts of Dependent Life Insurance which are not ported may be converted in accordance with the terms of the *Policy*.

If these criteria are met, *You* or *Your Spouse*, must submit an Application for Portability and the first premium within 31 days after the date such eligible Dependent Life Insurance terminated.

We reserve the right to rescind any coverage amounts continued under Portability if it can be shown that *You* or *Your Spouse* misrepresented any of the information provided to support eligibility for Portability of Dependent Life Insurance.

***When will Portable Coverage Terminate?***

Insurance continued under the Portability Benefit provision of the *Policy* will terminate at the earliest of the following:

1. the date *You* return to work with the *Policyholder* while the *Policy* is still in force; or
2. the date *You* or *Your Spouse* fail to pay the required premiums when due; or
3. the end of the Portability Benefit Duration set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*; or
4. the premium due date following the date a Dependent ceases to meet the definition of an *Eligible Dependent*.

If continuation of life insurance under the Portability Benefit provision ceases while the *Policy* is still in force, and *You* are employed by the *Policyholder*, *Your* life insurance will continue provided premium payments begin on the next premium due date. If *You* return to work with the *Policyholder*, *You* must make a new beneficiary designation. If *You* do not name a new beneficiary, we will pay death benefits according to the Facility of Payment provision.

***Is Conversion available after coverage under Portability ends?***

If coverage under Portability terminates according to (3) or (4) above, *You* may convert to an individual policy of whole life insurance in accordance with the terms of the Conversion provisions of the *Policy*. No *Evidence of Insurability* will be required. The amount of the conversion policy may not exceed the amount of life insurance which terminated as set forth above.

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## ***DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE***

***THIS BENEFIT ONLY APPLIES IF YOU HAVE ELECTED DEPENDENT TERM LIFE INSURANCE AND YOU HAVE PAID OR AGREED TO PAY THE APPLICABLE PREMIUM.***

### ***What is the Dependent Life Insurance Benefit?***

We will pay *You* the amount of insurance set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits* on the life of *Your Dependent(s)* while *Your* insurance is in force. Payment will be in one lump sum.

If *You* are not living at the time *Dependent* life insurance benefits become payable, We will pay the benefit:

1. to *Your Spouse*, if living; if not,
2. in equal shares to *Your* then living natural or legally adopted children, if any; if none,
3. in equal shares to *Your* father and mother, if living; if not,
4. in equal shares to *Your* brothers and sisters, if living; otherwise
5. to *Your* estate.

### ***Are Life Insurance Benefits payable for death by suicide?***

Life Insurance benefits *and Accelerated Death Benefits*, will not be payable for a loss caused by suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane, within one (1) year from the effective date of *Your* covered *Dependent's* Term Life Insurance or the effective date of any increased amount of life insurance. *Our* liability for a death claim by suicide will be limited to the return of premium paid for this life insurance.

If *Your* covered *Dependent(s)*:

1. were covered for *Voluntary* life insurance under a prior carrier's policy;
2. were insured under the *Policy* on its effective date; and
3. and there was no lapse in coverage,

We will consider the time *Your* covered *Dependent(s)* were covered under the *Policy* and under the prior carrier's policy in determining if benefits are payable for death by suicide. The death benefit, if payable under this provision, will be the lesser of the benefit under the *Policy* or the benefit under the prior carrier's policy.

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### ***Who is eligible for Dependent Life Insurance?***

If *You* are insured for life insurance under the *Policy* and belong to a class listed in the *Schedule of Benefits* as eligible for *Dependent* Life Insurance benefits, *You* are eligible to enroll for this benefit. If *You* or *Your Spouse* are enrolled for *Dependent* Life Insurance and subsequently acquire a new *Eligible Dependent*, that *Dependent* will automatically be covered.

Note: No eligible person may be covered more than once under the *Policy*. If a person is covered as an *Employee*, he cannot be covered as a *Spouse* or *Dependent Child* of another *Employee*. If both parents are covered as insured *Employees* under the *Policy*, only one may enroll for life insurance coverage on *Eligible Dependent Child(ren)*.

### ***When does Dependent Life Insurance become effective?***

Provided *You*:

1. have completed any required *Employee Eligibility Waiting Period*; and
2. apply for *Dependent* Life Insurance no later than 31 days after becoming eligible for this benefit; and
3. have paid or are obligated to pay any applicable premium.

Life insurance for *Your Eligible Dependent(s)* will become effective on the later of:

1. the date *Your* group insurance coverage becomes effective;
2. the effective date of the *Dependent* Life Insurance benefit;
3. the first of the month that falls on or next follows date *You* enroll *Your Eligible Dependent(s)*;

4. the first of the month that falls on or next follows the date *You* acquire *Your Eligible Dependent(s)*; or
5. if *Evidence of Insurability* is required, the date *We* determine that evidence is satisfactory and *We* provide notice of approval.

If *You* enroll for *Dependent Life Insurance* more than 31 days after *You* are eligible to do so, *You* must furnish *Evidence of Insurability* satisfactory to *Us* for each *Dependent*, and coverage will become effective as set forth above.

If an *Eligible Dependent* is required to submit satisfactory *Evidence of Insurability* for any reason, insurance in the amount for which *We* require such evidence will become effective on the date *We* determine that the evidence is satisfactory and *We* provide notice of approval.

If an *Eligible Dependent* is *Hospital Confined* or *Your* eligible *Spouse* is unable to perform two of the *Activities of Daily Living* on the date coverage would otherwise become effective, insurance will not become effective until the date the *Eligible Dependent* is *No Longer Hospital Confined* or *Your Spouse* is able to perform at least two of the *Activities of Daily Living*.

#### ***When do changes in the Dependent Life Insurance benefit become effective?***

If no *Evidence of Insurability* is required, increases in the amount of *Dependent Life Insurance* will become effective immediately on the date of the change, provided the *Dependent* is not *Hospital Confined* on that day. If the *Dependent* is *Hospital Confined*, the increase will become effective on the date the *Dependent* is *No Longer Hospital Confined*.

For amounts on which *Evidence of Insurability* is required, increases in the amount of *Dependent Life Insurance* will be effective on the date *We* determine that evidence is satisfactory; and, *We* provide notice of approval.

Any decrease in the amount of *Dependent Life Insurance* will become effective immediately on the date of the change.  
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#### **Definitions which apply to the Dependent Life Insurance provision:**

***Eligible Dependent*** means:

1. *Your* lawful *Spouse* or *Registered Domestic Partner*; and/or
2. *Your* unmarried child(ren) who are within the age limits set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*, and are not in active military service.

Child includes:

1. *Your* natural or step child or child of *Your Registered Domestic Partner*.
2. a child placed with *You* for adoption from the date of placement or the date *You* are party in a suit in which *You* seek the adoption of the child. Eligibility will continue unless the child is removed from placement.
3. a child of *Your* child who is *Your* dependent for federal income tax purposes at the time application for coverage of the child of *Your* child is made.

Coverage will continue past the age limit for eligible *Dependent Children* who are primarily dependent upon *You* for support and who cannot work to support themselves due to a physical or mental incapacity which began before the age limit was reached. *Proof* of such incapacity must be provided to *Us* upon request.

***No Longer Hospital Confined*** means the *Eligible Dependent* has been discharged from a hospital, nursing home or other medical facility which provides skilled medical care. This provision does not apply to *Your Dependent Child* born while *You* are insured under the *Policy* or covered under the prior policy.

***Spouse*** means lawful spouse. *Spouse* will include *Your Registered Domestic Partner*.  
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## ***CONVERSION OF DEPENDENT LIFE INSURANCE***

#### ***Can Dependent Life Insurance be converted if Eligibility Terminates?***

Yes, a *Dependent* may convert to an individual policy of life insurance if his Life Insurance, or any portion of it, ceases because:

1. *You* are no longer employed by the *Policyholder*; or
2. *You* are no longer in a class which is eligible for *Dependent Life Insurance*; or

3. *You* die; or
4. a *Dependent Child* reaches the limiting age under the *Policy*; or
5. a *Dependent Spouse* is no longer eligible as a result of divorce or dissolution of marriage; or
6. a *Dependent* is no longer eligible as defined in this provision.

In any of these situations, the *Dependent* may convert up to the amount which was in force on the date insurance was terminated provided *You* do not elect continued *Dependent Life Insurance* coverage under the *Portability Benefit* provision.

***How much can Your covered Dependent convert if the Policy is terminated or amended?***

A *Dependent* may also convert to an individual policy of life insurance if his *Life Insurance* ceases because:

1. *Dependent Life Insurance* benefits under the *Policy* cease; or
2. the *Policy* is amended making the insured *Dependent* ineligible for *Dependent Life Insurance*; however, he must have been insured under the *Policy*, or the policy it replaced, for at least five (5) years.

The amount of insurance converted in either of these situations will be the lesser of:

1. the amount of life insurance in force, less any amount for which the *Dependent* becomes eligible under this or any other group policy within 31 days after the date his *Life Insurance* ceased; or
2. \$10,000.

***How to apply for conversion***

*We* must receive written application and the first premium for the individual life insurance policy within 31 days after life insurance under the *Policy* ceases. No *Evidence of Insurability* will be required.

The individual policy will be a policy of whole life insurance. It will not contain *Accidental Death and Dismemberment* benefits or any other supplementary benefits.

The minimum issue amount of an individual conversion policy is \$2,000. The premium for the individual policy will be based on:

1. *Our* current rates based upon the applicant's attained age; and
2. the amount of the individual policy.

If the *Dependent* applies for an individual policy, the coverage under the individual policy will be effective on the day following the 31-day period during which he could apply for conversion.

If the *Dependent* dies during a period when he would have been entitled to have an individual policy issued to him and if he dies before such an individual policy became effective, *We* will pay the greatest amount of group term life insurance for which an individual policy could have been issued, provided:

1. the death occurred during the 31-day period during which he could have made application; and
2. *We* receive *Proof* of death within two (2) years of the date of death.

If life insurance benefits are paid under the *Policy*, payment will not be made under the converted policy, and *We* will refund any premiums paid for the converted policy.

If *You* have elected *Dependent Life Insurance* under the *Portability Benefit*, conversion is not available unless coverage under *Portability* terminates. Conversion from *Portability* will be as specified under *Portability*.

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## ***DEPENDENT LIFE ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT***

**The benefit paid under this provision may be taxable. If so, *You* may incur a tax obligation. As with all tax matters, *You* should consult a personal tax advisor to assess the impact of the benefit. Receipt of this benefit may adversely affect *Your* eligibility for Medicaid or other governmental benefits or entitlements.**

***What is the Accelerated Death Benefit?***

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is a percentage of *Your Dependent Spouse's* term life insurance which is payable to *You* prior to *Your Dependent Spouse's* death if *We* receive *Proof* that *Your Dependent Spouse* has a *Terminal Condition*. This

*Accelerated Death Benefit* is limited to the maximum and minimum amounts shown on the *Schedule of Benefits*, and is payable only once to any one *Insured*.

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* is calculated on the group *Voluntary Dependent* life insurance benefit amount in force under the *Policy* on the date *Your Spouse* is diagnosed with a *Terminal Condition*.

***Who is Eligible for a Dependent Life Accelerated Death Benefit?***

This benefit only applies to *Dependents* with at least the Minimum Covered Life Insurance Benefit amounts set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*. You must have been *Actively at Work* on or after the effective date of the *Policy* to be eligible for a *Dependent Life Accelerated Death Benefit*.

This benefit does not apply to Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits.

***Terminal Condition*** means *Your Dependent Spouse* has been examined and diagnosed by a *Doctor* as having a medically determined condition which is expected to result in death within 12 months from the date a claim for benefits under this provision is received by *Us*. We have the sole right to determine if such *Proof* is acceptable.

***The Accelerated Death Benefit Payment***

We will pay the benefit to *You* if *Your Dependent Spouse* is diagnosed with a *Terminal Condition* if *You* submit a claim for a *Dependent Life Accelerated Death Benefit* and provide satisfactory *Proof*. The benefit will be paid in one sum to *You*.

***Are there any exceptions to the payment of the Accelerated Death Benefit?***

The *Dependent Life Accelerated Death Benefit* will not be payable:

1. for any amount of group term life insurance which is less than the Minimum ADB Payment as set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*; or
2. if *Your Dependent Spouse's Terminal Condition* is the result of:
  - a. attempted suicide, while sane or insane; or
  - b. intentionally self-inflicted injury; or
3. to retirees.

***Notice and Proof of Claim***

You must elect the *Dependent Life Accelerated Death Benefit* in writing on a form that is acceptable to *Us*. You must furnish *Proof* that *Your Dependent Spouse* has a *Terminal Condition*, including certification by a *Doctor*.

***Proof*** under the *Dependent Life Accelerated Death Benefit* of *Dependent Life Insurance* means evidence satisfactory to *Us* that *Your Dependent Spouse* has a *Terminal Condition*. We reserve the right to determine, at *Our* sole discretion, if *Proof* is acceptable.

***Effect on Insurance***

The *Dependent Life Accelerated Death Benefit* is in lieu of the *Dependent Life Insurance* benefit that would have been paid upon *Your Dependent Spouse's* death. When this *Accelerated Death Benefit* is paid:

1. the death benefit otherwise payable upon *Your Dependent Spouse's* death will be reduced by the amount of the *Dependent Life Accelerated Death Benefit*;
2. the amount of group term life insurance which could otherwise have been ported or converted to an individual contract will be reduced by the amount of the *Accelerated Death Benefit*; and
3. the premium due for *Dependent Life Insurance* will be calculated on the amount of such insurance remaining in force after deducting this *Accelerated Death Benefit*.

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## **TERMINATION PROVISIONS**

### ***When does Your coverage under the Policy end?***

*Your* coverage will terminate on the earliest of the following dates. Termination will not affect *Your* claim for a covered *Loss* which occurred while the coverage was in force.

1. the date on which the *Policy* is terminated;
2. the date *You* stop making any required contribution toward payment of premiums;
3. the effective date of an amendment to the *Policy* which terminates insurance for the class to which *You* belong; or
4. the date *You*:
  - a. are no longer a member of a class eligible for this insurance,
  - b. request termination of coverage under the *Policy*,
  - c. are retired or pensioned, or
  - d. are no longer *Actively at Work* as a result of a disability, layoff, leave of absence, or military leave, *You* may continue to be eligible for group insurance coverage, as follows:

**Disability**                                 Until the end of the twelfth month following the month in which the disability began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the *Policy* is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.

**Layoff**   Until the end of the month following the month during which the layoff began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the *Policy* is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.

**Leave of Absence**                             Until the end of the month following the month during which the leave began, or, the period of time in accordance with the FMLA provision below, provided all premiums are paid when due, the *Policy* is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.

**Military Leave**                             Until the end of the twelfth month following the month in which the military leave began, provided all premiums are paid when due, the *Policy* is in force, and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier.

For the purposes of this Termination Provision only, *Disability* means *You* are unable to perform all of the *Material* and *Substantial Duties* of *Your Regular Occupation*.

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### ***Will coverage be continued if You are eligible for leave under FMLA?***

In the event *You* are eligible for and the *Policyholder* approves a leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), or any applicable state family and medical leave law (State FML), provided the required premium continues to be paid, the *Policy* is in force and *Your* coverage is not replaced with group life insurance provided by a new carrier, *Your* insurance will continue for a period of up to the later of:

1. the leave period permitted by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and any amendments; or
2. the leave period permitted by applicable state law.

*You* are eligible for leave under this Act in order to provide care:

1. After the birth of a child; or
2. After the legal adoption of a child; or
3. After the placement of a foster child in *Your* home; or
4. To a *Spouse*, child or parent due to their serious illness; or
5. For *Your* own serious health condition.

While granted a Family or Medical Leave of Absence:

1. The *Policyholder* must remit the required premium according to the terms of the *Policy*; and

2. coverage will terminate if *You* do not return to work as scheduled according to the terms of *Your* agreement with the *Policyholder*.

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***When does Dependent Life Insurance coverage end?***

Unless Life insurance is continued under the Portability Benefit provision, *Dependent Life Insurance* coverage will end on the earliest of:

1. the date *You* are no longer *Actively at Work* (except in the case of disability, layoff or leave of absence as set forth above); or
2. the date on which the *Policy* is terminated;
3. the date *You* stop making any required contribution toward payment of premiums;
4. the effective date of an amendment to the *Policy* which terminates insurance for the class to which *You* belong; or
5. the date *You*:
  - a. are no longer a member of a class eligible for this insurance,
  - b. request termination of coverage under the *Policy*,
  - c. are retired or pensioned, or
6. the date a *Dependent Child* or *Spouse* no longer meets the *Policy* definition of *Eligible Dependent*.

Note: Coverage will continue past the age limit for eligible *Dependent Children* who are primarily dependent upon *You* for support and who cannot work to support themselves due to a physical or mental incapacity which began before the age limit was reached. *Proof* of such incapacity must be provided to *Us* upon request.

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## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### ***Entire Contract; Changes***

The *Policy*, the *Policyholder's Application*, the *Employee's* Certificate of coverage, and *Your* application, if any, and any other attached papers, form the entire contract between the parties. Coverage under the *Policy* can be amended by mutual consent between the *Policyholder* and *Us*. No change in the *Policy* is valid unless approved in writing by one of *Our* officers. No agent has the right to change the *Policy* or to waive any of its provisions.

### ***Statements on the Application***

In the absence of fraud, all statements made in any signed application are considered representations and not warranties (absolute guarantees). No representation by:

1. the *Policyholder* in applying for the *Policy* will make it void unless the representation is contained in his signed *Application*; or
2. any *Employee* in applying for insurance under the *Policy* will be used to reduce or deny a claim unless a copy of the application for insurance, signed by the *Employee*, is or has been given to the *Employee*.

### ***Legal Actions***

Unless otherwise provided by federal law, no legal action of any kind may be filed against *Us*:

1. until 60 days after *Proof* of claim has been given; or
2. more than 3 years after *Proof of Loss* must be filed, unless the law in the state where *You* live allows a longer period of time.

### ***Clerical Error***

Clerical error or omission by *Us* to the *Policyholder* will not:

1. Prevent *You* from receiving coverage, if *You* are entitled to coverage under the terms of the *Policy*; or
2. Cause coverage to begin or coverage to continue for *You* when the coverage would not otherwise be effective.

If the *Policyholder* gives *Us* information about *You* that is incorrect, *We* will:

1. Use the facts to decide whether *You* have coverage under the *Policy* and in what amounts; and
2. Make a fair adjustment of the premium.

### ***Incontestability***

The validity of the *Policy* shall not be contested, except for non-payment of premiums, after it has been in force for two years from the date of issue. The validity of the *Policy* shall not be contested on the basis of a statement made relating to insurability by any person covered under the *Policy* after such insurance has been in force for two years during such person's lifetime, and shall not be contested unless the statement is contained in a written instrument signed by the person making such statement.

### ***Premium Provisions***

Premiums are payable in United States dollars on or before their due dates. The *Policyholder* has agreed to deduct from *Your* pay any premiums payable for *Your Voluntary* coverage. The *Policyholder* agrees to remit such premiums for the entire time coverage under the *Policy* is in effect.

Premium charges for increases in insurance amounts becoming effective during a policy month will begin on the next premium due date. Premium charges for insurance terminating during a policy month will cease at the end of the month in which such insurance terminates. This method of charging premium is for accounting purposes only. It will not extend any insurance coverage beyond the date it would otherwise have terminated.

### ***Misstatement of Age***

If *You* have misstated *Your* age, the true age will be used to determine:

1. the effective date or termination date of insurance; and
2. the amount of insurance; and
3. any other rights or benefits.

Premiums will be adjusted to reflect the premiums that would have been paid if the true age had been known.

***Conformity with State Statutes and Regulations***

If any provision of the *Policy* conflicts with the statutes and regulations of the state in which the *Policy* was issued or delivered, it is automatically changed to meet the minimum requirements of the statute.

***Assignment***

*You* may assign any incident of ownership *You* may possess of the Life Insurance benefits provided under the *Policy* to anyone other than the *Policyholder*. *We* are not responsible for the validity or legal effect of any assignment. Collateral assignments, by whatever name called, are not permitted.

***Retention of Discretion***

*We* shall have the exclusive right to interpret the terms of the Certificate, *Schedule of Benefits*, Riders and Endorsements. The decision about whether to pay any claim, in whole or in part, is within *Our* sole discretion and such decisions shall be final and conclusive.

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## ***DEFINITIONS***

**This section tells *You* the meaning of special words and phrases used in this Certificate. To help *You* recognize these special words and phrases, the first letter of each word, or each word in the phrase, is capitalized wherever it appears.**

***Actively at Work* or *Active Work*** means that *You* must:

1. work for the *Policyholder* on a full-time active basis; or
2. work at least the minimum number of hours set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*: and either:
  - a. work at the *Policyholder's* usual place of business; or
  - b. work at a location to which the *Policyholder's* business requires *You* to travel;
3. be paid regular earnings by the *Policyholder*, and
4. not be a temporary or seasonal *Employee*.

*You* will be considered *Actively at Work* if *You* were actually at work on the day immediately preceding:

1. a weekend (except for one or both of these days if they are scheduled days of work);
2. holidays (except when such holiday is a scheduled work day);
3. paid vacations;
4. any non-scheduled work day;
5. excused leave of absence (except medical leave and lay-off); and
6. emergency leave of absence (except emergency medical leave); and
7. *You* were not *Hospital Confined* or disabled due to an *Injury* or *Sickness*.

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***Activities of Daily Living*** means:

1. Eating – Feeding oneself by getting food into the body from a receptacle (such as a plate, cup or table) or by a feeding tube or intravenously.
2. Toileting – Getting to and from the toilet, getting on and off the toilet and performing associated personal hygiene.
3. Transferring – Moving into or out of a bed, chair or wheelchair.
4. Bathing – Washing oneself by sponge bath; or in either a tub or shower, including the task of getting into or out of the tub or shower.
5. Dressing – Putting on and taking off all items of clothing and any necessary braces, fasteners or artificial limbs.
6. Continence – Ability to maintain control of bowel and bladder function; or when unable to maintain control of bowel or bladder function, the ability to perform associated personal hygiene (including caring for catheter or colostomy bag).

00062

***Annual Enrollment Period*** means a period of time prior to the *Policy* anniversary date during which eligible *Employees* may apply for life coverage or request changes to their life benefit plan. The *Annual Enrollment Period* is shown on the *Schedule of Benefits*.

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***Application*** means the document which sets forth the eligible classes, the amounts of insurance, and other relevant information pertaining to the plan of insurance for which the *Policyholder* applied.

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***Contributory*** means *You* pay all or a portion of the premium for this insurance coverage.

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***Dependent or Eligible Dependent*** means:

1. *Your* lawful *Spouse* or *Registered Domestic Partner*; and/or
2. *Your* unmarried child who is within the age limits set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits*, and who is not in active military service.

**Eligible Dependents** include:

1. *Your* natural or step child or child of *Your Registered Domestic Partner*.
2. a child placed with *You* for adoption from the date of placement or the date *You* are party in a suit in which *You* seek the adoption of the child. Eligibility will continue unless the child is removed from placement.
3. a child of *Your* child who is *Your* dependent for federal income tax purposes at the time application for coverage of the child of *Your* child is made.

00072a

**Doctor** means a person legally licensed to practice medicine, psychiatry, psychology or psychotherapy, who is neither *You* nor a member of *Your* immediate family. A licensed medical practitioner is a *Doctor* if applicable state law requires that such practitioners be recognized for purposes of certification of *Total Disability*, *Terminal Condition* or covered *Loss*, and the treatment provided by the practitioner is within the scope of his or her license.

00073

**Employee** means an *Actively at Work* full-time employee whose principal employment is with the *Policyholder*, at the *Policyholder's* usual place of business or such place(s) that the *Policyholder's* normal course of business may require, who is *Actively at Work* for the minimum hours per week as set forth in the *Schedule of Benefits* and is reported on the *Policyholder's* records for Social Security and withholding tax purposes.

00074

**Gainful Occupation** means any work or employment in which the insured *Employee*:

1. is or could reasonably become qualified, considering his or her education, training, experience, and mental or physical abilities;
2. could reasonably find work or employment, considering the demand in the national labor force; and
3. could earn (or reasonably expect to earn) a before-tax income at least equal to 60% of his or her pre-disability income.

00078

**Hospital Confined** means that, upon the recommendation of a *Doctor*, *You* are registered as an inpatient in a hospital, nursing home or other medical facility which provides skilled medical care or as an outpatient in a hospital because of surgery. *You* are not *Hospital Confined* if *You* are receiving emergency treatment or if *You* are hospitalized solely because of non-surgical medical or diagnostic test.

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**Injury** means bodily injury resulting directly from an *Accident* and independently of all other causes.

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**Insured** means an *Employee* or *Eligible Dependent* covered under the *Policy*.

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**Male Pronoun** whenever used includes the female.

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**Material and Substantial Duties** means duties that are normally required for the performance of *Your Regular Occupation* and cannot be reasonably omitted or modified.

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**Policy** means this contract between the *Policyholder* and Us including the attached *Application*, which provides group insurance benefits.

00097

**Policyholder** means the person, firm, or institution to whom the *Policy* was issued. *Policyholder* also means any covered subsidiaries or affiliates set forth on the face of the *Policy*.

00098 NC

**Proof** under the Accelerated Death Benefit means evidence satisfactory to Us that *You* or *Your Dependent Spouse* have a *Terminal Condition*. We reserve the right to determine, at our sole discretion, if Proof is acceptable.

00100

**Registered Domestic Partner** means an adult of the same or opposite gender who has an emotional, physical and financial relationship to *You*, similar to that of a *Spouse*, as evidenced by the following:

1. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* share financial responsibility for a joint household and intend to continue an exclusive relationship indefinitely;
2. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* each are at least eighteen (18) years of age;
3. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* are both mentally competent to enter into a binding contract;
4. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* share a residence and have done so for at least 12 months;
5. Neither *You* nor *Your Domestic Partner* are married to or legally separated from anyone else;
6. *You* and *Your Domestic Partner* are not related to one another by blood closer than would bar marriage; and
7. Neither *You* nor *Your Domestic Partner* is a *Domestic Partner* of anyone else.

Where the laws of the governing jurisdiction mandate a definition of *Registered Domestic Partner* other than shown above, that definition will be used in the Policy.

00104

**Regular Occupation** means the occupation that *You* are routinely performing when *Your* Life Insurance terminates due to *Disability*. *We* will look at *Your* occupation as it is normally performed in the national economy, instead of how the work tasks are performed for a specific *Policyholder* or at a specific location.

00105

**Sickness** means illness, disease, pregnancy or complications of pregnancy. Complications of pregnancy means that part of *Your* pregnancy during which abnormal conditions or concurrent disease significantly affect the pregnancy's usual medical management. A complication may exist during the pregnancy during the delivery or after delivery.

00109 NC

**Voluntary** means coverage for which *You* pay 100% of the premium.

00118

**We, Our** and **Us** means Dearborn Life Insurance Company, Chicago, Illinois.

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**You, Your** and **Yours** means the eligible *Employee* to whom this Certificate is issued and whose insurance is in force under the terms of the *Policy*.

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**NOTICE CONCERNING COVERAGE**  
**LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA**  
**LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT**

Residents of this state who purchase life insurance, annuities or health insurance should know that the insurance companies and Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) licensed in this state to write these types of insurance are members of the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. The purpose of this association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer or HMO becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the guaranty association will assess its other member insurance companies for the money to pay the claims of the insured persons who live in this state and, in some cases, to keep coverage in force. The valuable extra protection provided by these insurers through the guaranty association is not unlimited, however. And, as noted *in the box* below, this protection is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting companies that are well-managed and financially stable.

The North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association may not provide coverage for this policy. If coverage is provided, it may be subject to substantial limitations or exclusions, and require continued residency in North Carolina. You should not rely on coverage by the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.

Coverage is NOT provided for your policy or any portion of it that is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which you have assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus.

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. However, insurance companies and their agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the guaranty association to induce you to purchase any kind of insurance policy.

North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association  
4441 Six Forks Rd Ste 106-153  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27609-5729  
<https://www.nclifega.org/>

North Carolina Department of Insurance, Consumer Services Division  
1201 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1201

The state law that provides for this safety-net coverage is called the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. Following is a brief summary of this law's coverages, exclusions and limits. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone's rights or obligations under the act or the rights or obligations of the guaranty association.

## COVERAGE

Generally, individuals will be protected by the life and health guaranty association if they live in this state and hold a life or health insurance contract, or an annuity, or if they are insured under a group insurance contract, issued by a member insurer or HMO. The beneficiaries, payees or assignees of insured persons are protected as well, even if they live in another state.

## EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

However, persons holding such policies are not protected by this association if:

- They are eligible for protection under the laws of another state (this may occur when the insolvent insurer was incorporated in another state whose guaranty association protects insureds who live outside that state);
- The insurer was not authorized to do business in this state;
- Their policy was issued by a fraternal benefit society, a mandatory state pooling plan, a mutual assessment company or similar plan in which the policyholder is subject to future assessments, or by an insurance exchange;
- They acquired rights to receive payments through a structured settlement factoring transaction.

The association also does not provide coverage for:

- Any policy or portion of a policy which is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus;
- Any policy of reinsurance (unless an assumption certificate was issued);
- Interest rate yields that exceed the average rate specified in the law;
- Dividends;
- Experience or other credits given in connection with the administration of a policy for a group contractholder;
- Employers' plans to the extent they are self-funded (that is, not insured by an insurance company, even if an insurance company administers them);
- Unallocated annuity contracts (which give rights to group contractholders, not individuals), unless they fund a government lottery or a benefit plan of an employer, association or union, except that unallocated annuities issued to employee benefit plans protected by the Federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation are not covered;
- A policy or contract commonly known as Medicare Part C, Medicare Part D, Medicaid or any regulations issued pursuant thereto.

## LIMITS ON AMOUNT OF COVERAGE

The act also limits the amount the association is obligated to pay out as follows:

- (1) The guaranty association cannot pay out more than the insurance company would owe under the policy or contract.
- (2) Except as provided in (3), (4) and (5) below, the guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$300,000 per individual, per insolvency, no matter how many policies or types of policies issued by the insolvent company.
- (3) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$500,000 with respect to a health benefit plan.
- (4) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$1,000,000 with respect to the payee of a structured settlement annuity.
- (5) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$5,000,000 to any one unallocated annuity contract holder.

**END OF CERTIFICATE**

Administrative Office:

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