

YOUR GROUP LIFE INSURANCE PLAN

For Employees and Retirees of

Board of Education of Charles County

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RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

ReliaStar Life Insurance Company (ReliaStar Life) certifies that it has issued the Group Policy listed below to the Policyholder. All benefits are controlled by the terms and conditions of the Group Policy.

The Group Policy is on file in the Policyholder's office. You may look at the Group Policy there.

Group Policy Number
28166-2GAT (Active Employees)
28192-1GAT (Retirees)

Policyholder
Board of Education of Charles County

The insurance included in this certificate applies to you only if you have elected and are insured for it.

The Dependent's Insurance part of this certificate applies to you only if you are insured for it.

Your beneficiary is the last beneficiary you named, according to the records on file in ReliaStar Life's Home Office or on file with the Plan Administrator, if applicable. You may change your beneficiary any time, according to the terms of the Group Policy.

The certificate summarizes and explains the parts of the Group Policy which apply to you. This certificate is not an insurance policy. In any case of differences or errors, the Group Policy rules.

This certificate replaces any other certificates ReliaStar Life may have given you under the Group Policy.


Registrar

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Basic Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance

Class	Amount of Life Insurance	Full Amount of AD&D Insurance
Active Employees	The lesser of: 1 times your Basic Yearly Earnings or \$200,000.	The lesser of: 1 times your Basic Yearly Earnings or \$200,000.
Retirees	The amount of insurance you were eligible to receive as an active employee on the day before the date you retired.	Not Eligible.

Supplemental Life Insurance

Class	Amount of Life Insurance*
All Eligible Employees	\$20,000 to a maximum of \$500,000, in \$10,000 increments
Employees approved for portability	Approved ported amount, not to exceed the lesser of 5 times your Basic Yearly Earnings or \$750,000

*Beginning on and after your 70th birthday, ReliaStar Life decreases the amount of your insurance.

ReliaStar Life pays a percentage of the amount otherwise payable as follows:

- From your 70th birthday to age 75, ReliaStar Life pays 65%,
- From your 75th birthday and after, ReliaStar Life pays 50%.

*Your minimum amount of ported coverage, including decreases, is \$5,000 total Life Insurance.

Basic Yearly Earnings – the yearly salary or wage you receive for work done for the Policyholder. It does not include bonuses, commissions or overtime pay.

To determine benefits, your amount of insurance is rounded to the next higher \$1,000 multiple unless the amount equals a multiple of \$1,000.

Accelerated Death Benefit

This benefit is equal to 50% of your amount of Supplemental Life Insurance in force, or \$50,000, whichever is less. This benefit is available to employees only. Employees must have at least \$10,000 in Life Insurance coverage in force to qualify for this benefit.

Dependent Life Insurance

Class	Amount of Insurance*
• Spouse	\$10,000 to a maximum of \$50,000 in \$10,000 increments
• Child (each) – From birth but less than 26 years of age	Choice of \$5,000 or \$10,000
• Spouse approved for portability	Approved ported amount, not to exceed the employee's ported Life amount
• Child approved for portability	Approved ported amount, not to exceed the lesser of the employee's ported Life amount or \$10,000

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

*Beginning on and after your 70th birthday, ReliaStar Life decreases the amount of dependent's insurance on your spouse. ReliaStar Life pays a percentage of the amount otherwise payable as follows:

- From the 70th birthday to age 75, ReliaStar Life pays 65%,
- From the 75th birthday and after, ReliaStar Life pays 50%.

The minimum amount of ported Dependent's Insurance for each insured dependent, including decreases, is \$1,000 total Dependent Life Insurance.

If your ported coverage stops decreasing, the ported coverage on your dependent spouse will also stop decreasing.

Evidence of Insurability

Evidence of insurability is required for amounts in excess of the limits described below. Coverage is subject to the Group Policy's evidence of insurability requirements that are in force on the effective date of coverage. Any increase to coverage is subject to the Group Policy's evidence of insurability requirements that are in force on the effective date of the increase. For evidence of insurability, a completed Evidence of Insurability form must be submitted to ReliaStar Life for approval.

Employee-Basic Life Insurance

- Coverage on the Group Policy Effective Date continued from the Policyholder's prior plan...

Limit without Evidence

Current amount, up to \$200,000

- Initial eligibility after the Group Policy Effective Date...

\$200,000

- Increases due to salary, job or class changes, that combined with existing coverage do not exceed \$200,000...

Amount of the increase

Employee-Supplemental Life Insurance

- Enrollment on the Group Policy Effective Date, for employees who had supplemental coverage under the Policyholder's prior plan...

Limit without Evidence

Any amount of total supplemental life insurance exceeding \$250,000

- Enrollment on the Group Policy Effective Date, for employees who had no supplemental coverage under the Policyholder's prior plan...

Any amount exceeding \$250,000

- Initial eligibility on or after the Group Policy Effective Date...

Any amount exceeding \$250,000

- Enrollment at a scheduled annual enrollment period for an increase to existing supplemental coverage...

Any increased amount exceeding \$10,000 or any total supplemental life insurance exceeding \$250,000

- Any new or increased supplemental coverage not described above...

All increased amounts

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Dependent Life Insurance-Spouse

- Enrollment for supplemental spouse coverage on the Group Policy Effective Date, for employees who had supplemental spouse coverage under the policyholder's prior plan...
- Enrollment on the Group Policy Effective Date, for employees who had no dependent spouse coverage under the Policyholder's prior plan...
- Initial eligibility on or after the Group Policy Effective Date...
- Any new or increased supplemental spouse coverage not described above...

Limit without Evidence

Any amount of total supplemental spouse life insurance exceeding \$50,000

Any amount exceeding \$50,000

Any amount exceeding \$50,000

All increased amounts

Dependent Life Insurance-Child(ren)

- Initial eligibility for dependent child coverage after the Group Policy Effective Date...
- Enrollment at a scheduled annual enrollment period for initial supplemental children's coverage, or an increase to existing supplemental children's coverage
- Any new or increased supplemental children's coverage not described above...

Limit without Evidence

Evidence is not required for any amount less than or equal to the plan maximum

Evidence is not required for any increase in which the total Supplemental Children's Life Insurance amount is less than or equal to the plan maximum

Evidence is not required for any increase in which the total Supplemental Children's Life Insurance amount is less than or equal to the plan maximum

EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE

Eligibility

You are eligible on the first day of the month on or after the date you start continuous service with the Policyholder.

You must meet the following conditions to become insured:

- Be eligible for the insurance.
- Be actively at work.
- Apply for the insurance, and pay or agree to pay any required premium contribution.
- Give to ReliaStar Life evidence of insurability, which it approves, as required on the Schedule of Benefits.

Effective Date of Employee's Insurance

Your insurance starts on the latest of the following dates:

- The date you become eligible.
- The date you return to active work if you are not actively at work on the date insurance would otherwise start. **Exception:** Your insurance starts on a nonworking day if you were actively at work on your last scheduled working day before the nonworking day.
- The date you apply for insurance, if you have to pay any part of the premium.
- The date ReliaStar Life approves your evidence of insurability, if evidence is required.

Effective Date of Change in Amount of Insurance

If there is an increase in the amount of your insurance, the increase will take effect on:

- The date of the increase, if you are actively at work on that date.
- The date you return to active work, if you are not actively at work on the date your insurance increases.
- The nonworking day on which the increase was effective, if you were actively at work on your last scheduled working day before the nonworking day.

If evidence of insurability is required, the increase will take effect on the later of the dates indicated above or the date ReliaStar Life approves your evidence.

The amount of your insurance decreases on the date of change in your class or earnings.

Termination of Insurance

Your insurance stops on the earliest of the following dates:

- For coverage not ported, the date you were last actively at work for the Policyholder.
- For coverage not ported, the date you are no longer eligible for insurance under the Group Policy.
- For coverage not ported, the date you retire, unless you are eligible for retiree life insurance.
- The end of the period for which you paid premiums, if you do not make the next required premium contribution when due.
- The date the Policyholder replaces the Supplemental Life Insurance under this plan with a similar life insurance plan through another insurance carrier, if you are actively at work for the Policyholder on that date.
- The date the Group Policy terminates.
- For ported Life Insurance, the date you attain age 80.
- For all AD&D Insurance, the date your Life Insurance terminates or the date your Life Insurance premiums are waived due to total disability. AD&D Insurance stops at the beginning of the period in which you are eligible to convert your Life Insurance.
- For Accelerated Death Benefit, the date your Life Insurance terminates. For coverage not ported, the Accelerated Death Benefit stops at the beginning of the period in which you are eligible to convert your Life Insurance.
- For Accelerated Death Benefit on ported Life Insurance, the date you attain age 70.

ReliaStar Life stops providing a specific benefit to you on the date that benefit is no longer provided under the Group Policy.

EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

Certain employers are subject to the FMLA. If you have a leave from active work certified by your employer, then for purposes of eligibility and termination of coverage you will be considered to be actively at work. Your coverage will remain in force so long as you continue to meet the requirements as set forth in the FMLA.

Continuation of Insurance

If you are no longer eligible for Insurance because you stop active work, the Policyholder may continue your insurance. Premiums must be paid. Your continuation of insurance is subject to all other terms of the Group Policy.

The length of time your insurance continues depends on the reason you stop active work.

Your continuation of insurance stops on the earliest of the following dates:

- The end of the period for which your premiums were paid, if the next premium contribution is not paid on time.
- The date the Group Policy stops.
- The end of the 12th policy month after the policy month during which you stop active work, if you stop active work due to non-medical leave of absence, temporary layoff, or the Policyholder suspending operations.
- The date you attain age 65, if you stop active work due to sickness or accidental injury.
- The date your Life Insurance has been continued for 12 months, if you stop active work due to sickness or accidental injury.

Portability

You can apply to continue your terminated Supplemental Life Insurance until age 80 if certain conditions are met. You may elect to decrease your ported coverage. You will not be eligible to increase your ported coverage.

The minimum amount of your Life Insurance that you can apply to port is \$5,000. See the Schedule of Benefits for maximum amounts. If your total amount of terminated Life Insurance otherwise eligible to be ported is less than \$5,000, then you may be eligible for conversion as described in the **Conversion Rights** section.

You must apply for portability within 31 days of the date your insurance terminates due to the following:

- You terminate employment with the Policyholder, if coverage is in effect for active employees under the Group Policy; or
- The Policyholder terminates Supplemental Life Insurance for active employees under the Group Policy and does not replace it with a similar life insurance plan; or
- You are no longer eligible for Supplemental Life Insurance under the Group Policy; or
- All other continuation under the Group Policy ends.

If your amount of insurance reduces due to age or a change in employment status, this is not considered a termination of insurance for purposes of portability. Please refer to the **Conversion Rights** section for more information about conversion following reductions in coverage.

Your application for portability is subject to approval by ReliaStar Life. If you are not approved for portability, you may still be eligible for conversion as described in the **Conversion Rights** section.

The Incontestability provision in the **General Provisions** section also applies to ported coverage starting with the effective date of your ported coverage and continuing for two years while you are living.

If you port coverage and then later become eligible for Supplemental/Optional/Voluntary Life Insurance as an active employee under a Group Policy issued by ReliaStar Life, then your amount of ported coverage will be reduced by your amount of Supplemental/Optional/Voluntary insurance as an active employee.

DEPENDENT'S INSURANCE

Eligibility

You are eligible for Dependent's Insurance on the later of the following dates:

- The date you are eligible for Employee's Supplemental Life Insurance.
- The date you first acquire a dependent as defined.

You must meet all of the following conditions to become insured for Dependent's Insurance:

- Be insured for Employee's Supplemental Life Insurance.
- Apply for Dependent's Insurance, if you must pay any part of the premium. You must apply for all dependents you have within 31 days of the date you are initially eligible for Dependent's Insurance.
- Give ReliaStar Life evidence of insurability for your dependent, which it approves, as required on the Schedule of Benefits.

If you and your spouse are insured as employees under the Group Policy, either you or your spouse, but not both, can apply for Dependent's Insurance. If the spouse carrying the Dependent's Insurance stops being insured as an employee, the other spouse may become insured for Dependent's Insurance by applying within 31 days.

Any person eligible for insurance as an employee under the Group Policy is not considered an eligible dependent for Dependent's Insurance.

Effective Date of Dependent's Insurance

Your dependent's insurance starts on the latest of the following dates:

- The date you become eligible for Dependent's Insurance.
- The date your dependent is no longer confined at home or in any facility for care and treatment of sickness or accidental injury, for any dependent, other than a newborn or adopted child, who is confined at home or in such facility on the date your dependent's insurance starts.
- The date ReliaStar Life approves your dependent's evidence of insurability, if ReliaStar Life requires evidence.
- The date you apply for Dependent's Insurance, if you have to pay any part of the premium.

If you acquire a new dependent and additional premium is required, you must apply within 31 days of acquiring the new dependent. If you acquire a new dependent while insured for Dependent's Insurance, and no additional premium is required, you should complete an enrollment form.

A newborn child will be covered from the date of eligibility. A foster or adopted child will be covered from the date of placement in the home.

Effective Date of Change in Amount of Insurance

If there is an increase in the amount of your dependent's insurance, the increase will take effect on the latest of the following dates:

- The date you are eligible to increase Dependent's Insurance.
- The date your dependent is no longer confined at home or in any facility for care and treatment of sickness or accidental injury, if your dependent is so confined on the date of the increase.
- The date ReliaStar Life approves your dependent's evidence of insurability, if evidence is required.

A decrease in the amount of your dependent's insurance will take effect on the date of the decrease..

DEPENDENT'S INSURANCE

Termination of Dependent's Insurance

Your dependent's insurance stops on the **earliest** of the following dates:

- The date your insurance terminates.
- For dependent's insurance not ported, the date you retire.
- The end of the period for which you made your last premium contribution for Dependent's Insurance if you do not make the next required contribution when due.
- The date the Dependent's Insurance part of the Group Policy terminates.
- The date the Group Policy terminates.
- The date your Life Insurance premiums are waived due to total disability.
- The date your insured dependent is no longer an eligible dependent as defined.
- The date your dependent's life insurance is converted.

ReliaStar Life stops providing a specific benefit under your dependent's insurance on the date that benefit is no longer provided under the Group Policy.

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

If your coverage remains in force due to a certified leave under the FMLA, then your dependents' coverage will also remain in force so long as you continue to meet the requirements as set forth in the FMLA.

Continuation of Insurance

Your insured dependent's insurance may be continued. Premiums must be paid. Your insured dependent's insurance stops at the end of the period for which the last premium was paid if the next premium is not paid on time. Your insured dependent's continuation is subject to all other terms of the Group Policy.

You Stop Active Work

If you stop active work and your insurance is being continued, your dependent's insurance will also be continued as shown in the Employee's Insurance part of this certificate.

Handicapped Dependent Child

If your insured dependent child is physically handicapped or mentally retarded and reaches the maximum age for Dependent's Insurance, you may continue this child's insurance as long as all required premiums are paid. You must give ReliaStar Life proof that:

- The child is handicapped and not self-supporting.
- The child became handicapped before reaching the maximum age for Dependent's Insurance.
- The child is dependent on you for support.

Proof must be given within 31 days after the date the child reaches the maximum age for insurance.

Before granting a continuation of this child's insurance, ReliaStar Life may require that a doctor examine the child. ReliaStar Life will specify the doctor and pay the fee for all exams ReliaStar Life requires. During the 2 years after the child reaches the maximum age, ReliaStar Life may ask for regular proof of the child's continued handicap. After the 2 year period, ReliaStar Life will not ask for proof, including doctor's exams, more often than once a year.

This handicapped child's continuation stops on the **earliest** of the following dates:

- The date the child becomes covered under any other group plan.
- The date the child is no longer handicapped.
- The date you do not give ReliaStar Life proof of the child's handicap when requested.
- The end of the period for which you paid premiums for this continuation, if you do not make the next required premium contribution when due.
- The date your Dependent's Insurance would otherwise stop under the Group Policy.

The Conversion Right will be available to your insured dependent child when all continuation is exhausted.

DEPENDENT'S INSURANCE

Portability

You can apply to continue your terminated Dependent's Insurance at the same time you apply for portability of your coverage. Dependent Life Insurance may only be ported if your Supplemental Life Insurance is ported. You may elect to decrease ported coverage. You will not be eligible to increase ported coverage.

Your application for portability of Dependent's Insurance is subject to approval by ReliaStar Life. If your Dependent's Insurance is not approved for portability, your insured dependent may still be eligible for conversion as described in the **Conversion Rights** section.

The Incontestability provision in the **General Provisions** section also applies to ported coverage starting with the effective date of ported coverage and continuing for two years while your insured dependent is living.

If you port Dependent's Insurance and then later become eligible as an active employee for Dependent's Insurance under a Group Policy issued by ReliaStar Life, then your amount of ported Dependent's Insurance will be reduced by your amount of Dependent's Insurance as an active employee.

LIFE INSURANCE

Employee's Life Insurance

ReliaStar Life pays a death benefit to your beneficiary if written proof is received that you have died while this insurance is in force. The death benefit is the amount of Life Insurance for your class shown on the Schedule of Benefits in effect on the date of your death.

ReliaStar Life pays the death benefit for all causes of death. However, for Supplemental Life Insurance, if you commit suicide, while sane or insane, within 2 years of the date your insurance starts, ReliaStar Life will refund the amount of premiums paid for your Supplemental Life Insurance under the Group Policy instead of paying a death benefit.

If ReliaStar Life pays the death benefit more than 30 days but less than 180 days after the date of death, ReliaStar Life will pay interest from the date of death until the date of payment. If proof of death is submitted more than 180 days after the date of death, ReliaStar Life will pay interest from the date proof of death is submitted until the date of payment. The interest rate is at least equal to the interest rate payable on death proceeds left on deposit.

Beneficiary

The beneficiary is named to receive the proceeds to be paid at your death. You may name more than one beneficiary. The Policyholder cannot be the beneficiary.

You may name, add or change beneficiaries by written request as described below. You may also choose to name a beneficiary that you cannot change without his or her consent. This is an irrevocable beneficiary.

You may name, add or change beneficiaries by written request if all of the following conditions are met:

- Your coverage is in force.
- ReliaStar Life has written consent of all irrevocable beneficiaries.
- You have not assigned the ownership of your insurance. The rights of an assignee are described in the Assignment section.

All requests are subject to the approval of ReliaStar Life. A change will take effect as of the date it is signed but will not affect any payment ReliaStar Life makes or action it takes before receiving your notice.

Payment of Proceeds

ReliaStar Life pays proceeds to the beneficiary. If there is more than one beneficiary, each receives an equal share, unless you have requested otherwise, in writing. To receive proceeds, a beneficiary must be living on the earlier of the following dates:

- The date ReliaStar Life receives proof of your death.
- The tenth day after your death.

If there is no eligible beneficiary or if you did not name one, ReliaStar Life pays the proceeds in the following order:

1. Your spouse.
2. Your natural and adopted children.
3. Your parents.
4. Your estate.

The person must be living on the tenth day after your death.

Settlement Options

Settlement options are alternative ways of paying the proceeds under the Group Policy. Proceeds is the amount of each benefit ReliaStar Life pays when you die or when you receive a lump sum amount under the Accelerated Death Benefit. To find out more about settlement options, please contact the Policyholder.

LIFE INSURANCE

Waiver of Life Insurance Premium Disability Benefit

ReliaStar Life waives your Life Insurance premium that becomes due while you are totally disabled. The premium will be waived if you satisfy certain conditions. When ReliaStar Life waives a premium, the amount of Life Insurance you had on the day total disability began continues in force.

When ReliaStar Life waives a premium it includes Life Insurance, Accelerated Death Benefit, and Waiver of Premium. It does not include AD&D Insurance, Dependent's Insurance, or any other benefits as elected under this certificate which were effective at the time of disability.

Conditions, Notice and Proof of Total Disability

ReliaStar Life requires written notice of claim and proof of total disability to waive your premium. All of the following conditions must also be met:

- Total disability must begin before your 60th birthday.
- You are insured for the Waiver of Life Insurance Premium Disability Benefit on the date you become totally disabled.
- You must be continuously totally disabled for at least 6 months.
- You continue to be totally disabled.
- Your insurance is in force when you suffer the sickness or accidental injury causing the total disability.
- All premiums are paid up to the date the Waiver of Premium is approved by ReliaStar Life.

ReliaStar Life needs written notice of claim before it waives any premium. This notice must be received –

- while you are living,
- while you are totally disabled, and
- within one year from the date total disability begins. If you cannot give ReliaStar Life notice within one year, your claim is still valid if you show you gave ReliaStar Life notice as soon as reasonably possible.

ReliaStar Life needs proof of your total disability before any premiums can be waived. ReliaStar Life may require you to have a physical exam by a doctor it chooses. ReliaStar Life pays for that exam. ReliaStar Life can only require one exam a year after premiums have been waived for 2 full years.

When ReliaStar Life approves your proof of total disability, premiums are waived as of the date you became totally disabled. ReliaStar Life refunds, to the Policyholder, any premium paid for a period during which you were totally disabled. It is the Policyholder's responsibility to refund to you any part of the premium you paid.

Termination of Waiver of Premium

ReliaStar Life stops waiving premiums on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date you are no longer totally disabled.
- The date you do not give ReliaStar Life proof of total disability when asked.
- The date you attain age 65.

If ReliaStar Life stops waiving your premiums, your Life Insurance will stay in force only if all of the following conditions are met:

- The Life Insurance under the Group Policy is still in force.
- You are eligible for Employee's Insurance under the Group Policy.
- Your premium payments are resumed.

The amount of Life Insurance that stays in force will be the amount shown on the Schedule of Benefits in effect on the date your premium payments are resumed.

You will not be eligible to continue insurance under the portability option when ReliaStar Life stops waiving your premiums.

LIFE INSURANCE

If you buy an individual policy under the Conversion Right of the Group Policy during the first year of your total disability, your Life Insurance may be restored. ReliaStar Life will cancel the individual policy as of its issue date if within 12 months of the date you become totally disabled you –

- file a claim under this provision and ReliaStar Life approves it, and
- surrender the individual policy without claim, except for refund of premium.

When ReliaStar Life cancels your individual policy, ReliaStar Life –

- refunds all premiums paid for the individual policy.
- restores your Life Insurance under the Group Policy.
- retains the beneficiary named under the individual policy as beneficiary under the Group Policy, unless you ask ReliaStar Life to change the beneficiary in writing.

Accelerated Death Benefit

NOTE: AT THIS TIME IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY TAX ON ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT PROCEEDS. YOU SHOULD CONSULT WITH YOUR PERSONAL TAX ADVISER TO ASSESS POSSIBLE TAX IMPLICATIONS.

ReliaStar Life pays this benefit if it has been determined that you have a terminal condition. Accelerated Death Benefit proceeds is the amount ReliaStar Life pays to you or your legal representative while you are living when it has been determined that you have a terminal condition. The Accelerated Death Benefit proceeds are paid in one lump sum and are paid only once. This lump sum payout is the only Settlement Option available to you prior to your death.

The Accelerated Death Benefit is the amount of the Accelerated Death Benefit shown on the Schedule of Benefits in effect on the date you apply for Accelerated Death Benefit proceeds. You will not be able to increase your contributory Life Insurance benefit after the time you apply for the Accelerated Death Benefit, unless you are determined to be ineligible to receive Accelerated Death Benefit proceeds.

To receive the Accelerated Death Benefit, **all** of the following conditions must be met. You must:

- request this benefit in writing while you are living. If you are unable to request this benefit yourself, your legal representative may request it for you.
- be insured as an employee for Life Insurance benefits.
- have Life Insurance benefits of at least \$10,000 as shown on the Schedule of Benefits.
- provide to ReliaStar Life a doctor's statement which gives the diagnosis of your medical condition; and states that because of the nature and severity of such condition, your life expectancy is no more than 12 months. ReliaStar Life may require that you be examined by a doctor of its choosing. If ReliaStar Life requires this, ReliaStar Life pays for the exam.
- provide to ReliaStar Life written consent from any irrevocable beneficiary and assignee.

Benefit Payment

ReliaStar Life pays the Accelerated Death Benefit proceeds to you unless both of the following are true:

- It is shown, to the satisfaction of ReliaStar Life, that you are physically and mentally incapable of receiving and cashing the lump sum payment.
- A representative appointed by the courts to act on your behalf does not make a claim for the payment.

If ReliaStar Life does not pay you because the two above conditions apply, payments instead will be made to one of the following:

- A person who takes care of you.
- An institution that takes care of you.
- Any other person ReliaStar Life considers entitled to receive the payments as your trustee.

LIFE INSURANCE

Accelerated Death Benefit Exclusions

ReliaStar Life does not pay benefits for a terminal condition if either of the following apply:

- the required Accelerated Death Benefit premium or Life Insurance premium is due and unpaid.
- the terminal condition is directly or indirectly caused by attempted suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury, whether sane or insane.

Effects on Coverage

When ReliaStar Life pays out this benefit, your coverage is affected in the following ways:

- Your total available Life Insurance benefit equals your amount of *Basic and Supplemental* Life Insurance shown on the Schedule of Benefits at the time you apply for the Accelerated Death Benefit.
- Your Life Insurance benefit is reduced by the Accelerated Death Benefit proceeds paid out under this provision.
- Your Life Insurance benefit amount which you may convert is reduced by the Accelerated Death Benefit proceeds paid out under this provision.
- You will not be able to increase your Life Insurance benefit after ReliaStar Life approves you to receive the Accelerated Death Benefit.
- Your premium is based upon the Life Insurance benefit amount in force prior to any proceeds paid under this Accelerated Death Benefit provision. Such premium must be paid, unless waived, to keep the Life Insurance coverage in force.
- Your remaining Life Insurance benefit is subject to future age reductions, if any, as shown on the Schedule of Benefits.
- You will not be able to reinstate your coverage to its full amount in the event of a recovery from a terminal condition.
- Your dependents' Life Insurance coverage will be unaffected by Accelerated Death Benefit proceeds paid to you, provided all required premiums are paid.
- Your receipt of Accelerated Death Benefit proceeds does not affect your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance. Thus, if you should die in an accident after receiving Accelerated Death Benefit Proceeds, your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance will be based on your Life Insurance in force prior to the Accelerated Death Benefit payout, provided your premium is not being waived.

LIFE INSURANCE

Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance

ReliaStar Life pays this benefit if you suffer a covered loss due to a covered accident. All of the following conditions must be met:

- You are covered for AD&D Insurance on the date of the accident.
- Loss occurs within 180 days of the date of the accident.
- The cause of the loss is not excluded.

ReliaStar Life pays the benefit shown below if you suffer any of the losses listed. The Full Amount is shown on the Schedule of Benefits. ReliaStar Life pays only one Full Amount while the Group Policy is in effect. If you have a loss for which ReliaStar Life paid 1/2 of the Full Amount, ReliaStar Life pays no more than 1/2 of the Full Amount for the next loss.

For:

The benefit is:

Loss of life	Full Amount
Loss of both hands, both feet or sight of both eyes	Full Amount
Loss of one hand and one foot	Full Amount
Loss of speech and hearing in both ears	Full Amount
Loss of one hand or one foot and sight of one eye	Full Amount
Loss of one hand or one foot or sight of one eye	1/2 Full Amount
Loss of speech	1/4 Full Amount
Loss of hearing in both ears	1/4 Full Amount
Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand	1/4 Full Amount
Loss of hands or feet means loss by being permanently, physically severed at or above the wrist or ankle.	
Loss of sight means total and permanent loss of sight. Loss of speech and hearing means total and permanent loss of speech and hearing. Loss of thumb and index finger means loss by being permanently, physically, entirely severed.	

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Exclusions

ReliaStar Life does not pay benefits for loss directly or indirectly caused by any of the following:

- Suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane.
- Physical or mental illness.
- Bacterial infection or bacterial poisoning. **Exception:** Infection from a cut or wound caused by an accident.
- Riding in or descending from an aircraft as a pilot or crew member.
- Any armed conflict, whether declared as war or not, involving any country or government.
- Injury suffered while in the military service for any country or government.
- Injury which occurs when you commit or attempt to commit a felony.
- Voluntary use of any drug, narcotic or hallucinogenic agent –
 - unless prescribed by a doctor.
 - which is illegal.
 - not taken as directed by a doctor or the manufacturer.
- Your intoxication. Intoxication means your blood alcohol content meets or exceeds the legal presumption of intoxication under the laws of the state where the accident occurred.

LIFE INSURANCE

Dependent's Life Insurance

ReliaStar Life pays a death benefit in the amount of the Dependent's Life Insurance shown on the Schedule of Benefits. ReliaStar Life pays according to the Schedule of Benefits in effect on the date your insured dependent dies.

ReliaStar Life pays the death benefit for all causes of death. However, for Supplemental Dependent Life Insurance, if your insured dependent, while sane or insane, commits suicide within 2 years from the date his or her coverage starts, ReliaStar Life will refund the amount of premiums already paid for Supplemental Dependent Life Insurance instead of paying a death benefit.

ReliaStar Life requires that proof of your insured dependent's death be mailed to ReliaStar Life at its Home Office.

ReliaStar Life pays benefits for your insured dependent's death to you, if you are living on the earlier of the following:

- The date ReliaStar Life receives proof of your insured dependent's death at its Home Office.
- The tenth day after your insured dependent's death.

If you are not living on either of these dates, ReliaStar Life pays the proceeds to the following in the order listed:

1. Your spouse, if living.
2. Your estate.

If ReliaStar Life pays the death benefit more than 30 days but less than 180 days after the date of death, ReliaStar Life will pay interest from the date of death until the date of payment. If proof of death is submitted more than 180 days after the date of death, ReliaStar Life will pay interest from the date proof of death is submitted until the date of payment. The interest rate is at least equal to the interest rate payable on death proceeds left on deposit.

CONVERSION RIGHTS

Life Insurance

You or your insured dependent may convert this insurance to an individual life insurance policy if any part of your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance under the Group Policy stops. Evidence of insurability is not required.

Conditions for Conversion

You or your insured dependent may convert Life Insurance if it terminates for any of the following reasons:

- For coverage not ported, you are no longer actively at work.
- For coverage not ported, you are no longer eligible for Employee's Insurance under the Group Policy.
- For ported coverage, you have reached the termination age under the Group Policy.
- The Group Policy is changed or cancelled, and your Life Insurance under the Group Policy has been in effect for at least 5 years in a row.
- Your premiums are no longer being waived due to total disability, and your group Life Insurance terminates.
- For your Life Insurance, the amount of insurance is reduced.
- For your dependent's life insurance –
 - your dependent's life insurance terminates.
 - your dependent is no longer an eligible dependent as defined.
 - your dependent's life insurance shown on the Schedule of Benefits is reduced.
 - your Life Insurance premiums are waived due to total disability.
 - you die.

You or your insured dependent may convert this insurance by applying and paying the first premium for an individual policy within 31 days after any part of your or your insured dependent's insurance stops.

If you or your insured dependent are not given written notice of this conversion right within 16 days after any part of this insurance stops, you or your insured dependent will have more time to apply and pay the first premium for the individual policy. This additional time period will end 15 days after you or your insured dependent are given written notice of this conversion right. In no event will the time period for conversion be more than 91 days after any part of your Life Insurance or Dependent's Life Insurance stops.

ReliaStar Life or the Policyholder must be notified if you or your insured dependent wish to convert. ReliaStar Life will supply you or your insured dependent with a conversion form to complete and return.

If your insured dependent is too young to contract for life insurance, the following people may apply in this order:

1. You, while living.
2. Your spouse, while living.
3. The court-appointed guardian of your insured dependent.

Type of Converted Policy

You or your insured dependent may purchase any individual nonparticipating policy offered by ReliaStar Life, except term insurance. The new policy must provide for a level amount of insurance and have premiums at least equal to those of ReliaStar Life's whole life plan with the lowest premium.

If your previous coverage included additional benefits such as disability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance or the Accelerated Death Benefit, the new insurance will not include these benefits.

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Amount of Conversion Coverage

If your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance is changed or cancelled because the Group Policy is changed or cancelled, and your Life Insurance under the Group Policy has been in effect for at least 5 years in a row, the amount of the individual policy is limited to the lesser of –

- \$10,000 or
- the amount of your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance which stops, minus the amount of other group insurance for which you or your insured dependent becomes eligible, within 31 days of the date your or your insured dependent's insurance stops.

If your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance stops for any reason other than the above, the amount of your or your insured dependent's individual policy may be any amount up to the amount of your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance that stopped.

Effective Date

The new policy takes effect 31 days after the part of your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance being converted stops.

If you or your insured dependent dies within the 31-day period allowed for making application to convert, ReliaStar Life will pay a death benefit to your or your insured dependent's beneficiary in the amount you or your insured dependent were entitled to convert. ReliaStar Life will pay the amount whether or not application was made. ReliaStar Life will return any premium paid for the individual policy to your or your insured dependent's beneficiary named under the Group Policy.

Premiums

Premiums for the new policy are based on your or your insured dependent's age on the date of conversion.

CLAIM PROCEDURES

Submitting a Claim

You, your insured dependent or someone on your behalf must send ReliaStar Life written notice of the loss on which your claim will be based. The notice must –

- include information to identify you or your insured dependent, like your name, address and Group Policy number.
- be sent to ReliaStar Life or to the authorized administrator.
- be sent within 91 days after the loss for which claim is based has occurred or as soon as reasonably possible.

Claim Forms

ReliaStar Life or its authorized administrator will send proof of loss claim forms within 15 days after ReliaStar Life receives notice of claim.

Completed proof of loss claim forms or other written proof of loss detailing how the loss occurred must be sent to ReliaStar Life within 91 days after the loss or as soon as reasonably possible.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Life Insurance Assignment

You can change the owner of your Life Insurance under the Group Policy by sending ReliaStar Life written notice. This change is an absolute assignment. You cannot make an absolute assignment to the Policyholder. You transfer all your rights and duties as owner to the new owner. The new owner can then make any change the Group Policy allows. A request for an absolute assignment –

- does not change the insurance or the beneficiary.
- applies only if ReliaStar Life receives your notice.
- takes effect from the date signed.
- does not affect any payment ReliaStar Life makes or action ReliaStar Life takes before receiving your notice.

A collateral assignment is not allowed.

ReliaStar Life assumes no responsibility for the validity of any assignment. You are responsible to see that the assignment is legal in your state and that it accomplishes the goals that you intend.

Legal Action

Legal action may not be taken to receive benefits until 60 days after the date proof of loss is submitted according to the requirements of the Group Policy. Legal action must be taken within 3 years after the date proof of loss must be submitted.

If the Policyholder's state requires longer time limits, ReliaStar Life will comply with the state's time limits.

Exam and Autopsy

For AD&D Insurance, when reasonably necessary, ReliaStar Life may have you examined while a claim is pending under the Group Policy. ReliaStar Life pays for the initial exam. ReliaStar Life may have an autopsy made if you die, if not forbidden by state law.

Incontestability

Your and your dependent's insurance has a contestable period starting with the effective date of your insurance and continuing for 2 years while you are living. During that 2 years, ReliaStar Life can contest the validity of your and your dependent's insurance because of inaccurate or false information received relating to your and your insured dependent's insurability. Only statements that are in writing and signed by you or your insured dependent can be used to contest the insurance.

DEFINITIONS

Accident – an unexpected, external, violent and sudden event.

Active Work, Actively at Work – the employee is physically present at his or her customary place of employment with the intent and ability of working the scheduled hours and doing the normal duties of his or her job on that day.

Child –

- your natural or adopted child.
- a child for whom you have legal obligation for purposes of adoption.
- a child who is primarily dependent on you for support and lives with you in a permanent parent-child relationship, and who is your stepchild, your foster child, or a child for whom you are a legal guardian.

Dependent –

- your lawful spouse.
- your unmarried child from birth but less than 26 years of age.

The term “dependent” does not include –

- a married child.
- a spouse or child living outside the United States.
- a spouse or child eligible for Employee's Insurance under the Group Policy.
- a spouse or child on active military duty.
- a parent of you or your spouse.
- a spouse or child who does not give evidence of insurability when requested, or whose evidence is not approved.

Employee – an active employee residing in the United States who is employed by the Policyholder and is regularly scheduled to work on at least a 20-hour-per-week basis. Such employees of companies and affiliates controlled by the Policyholder are included. Temporary and seasonal employees are excluded.

Group Policy – the written group insurance contract between ReliaStar Life and the Policyholder.

Nonworking Day – a day on which the employee is not regularly scheduled to work, including time off for the following:

- Vacations.
- Personal holidays.
- Weekends and holidays.
- Approved nonmedical leave of absence.
- Paid Time Off for nonmedical-related absences.

Nonworking day does not include time off for any of the following:

- Medical leave of absence. Time off for a medical leave of absence will be considered a scheduled working day.
- Temporary layoff.
- The Policyholder suspending its operations, in part or total.
- Strike.

Policyholder – Board of Education of Charles County

ReliaStar Life – ReliaStar Life Insurance Company, at its Home Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Terminal Condition – an injury or sickness which is expected to result in your death within 12 months and from which there is no reasonable chance of recovery. ReliaStar Life, or a qualified party chosen by ReliaStar Life, will make this determination.

Total Disability, Totally Disabled – your inability, due to sickness or accidental injury, to work at or perform the material and substantial duties of any job suited to your education, training or experience.

Written, In Writing – signed, dated and received at ReliaStar Life's Home Office in a form ReliaStar Life accepts.

You, Your – an employee insured for Employee's Insurance under the Group Policy.

