

YOUR  
GROUP  
**MONTHLY DISABILITY INCOME**  
INSURANCE PLAN

For Employees of

**Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Corporation**

# GROUP LONG TERM DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

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**POLICYHOLDER:** Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Corporation  
**GROUP POLICY NUMBER:** 74040-3LTD2011  
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**GOVERNING JURISDICTION:** North Carolina

ReliaStar Life Insurance Company (ReliaStar Life) certifies that it has issued the group policy listed above to the **Policyholder**. The policy is available for **you** to review if **you** contact the **Policyholder** for more information. **This is your Certificate of Coverage as long as you are eligible for coverage and you become insured. Please read it carefully and keep it in a safe place.** This Certificate of Coverage replaces any other certificates ReliaStar Life may have given **you** under the policy.

The Certificate of Coverage summarizes and explains the parts of the policy which apply to **you**. The Certificate of Coverage is part of the group policy but by itself is not a policy. **Your** coverage may be changed under the terms and conditions of the policy.

**READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.** The policy is a legal contract between the **Policyholder** and ReliaStar Life, delivered in and governed by the **laws** of the governing jurisdiction and to the extent applicable by the Employee Retirement Income Security **Act** of 1974 (ERISA) and any amendments.

For purposes of effective dates and ending dates under the policy, all days begin at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the **Policyholder's** address and end at 12:00 midnight standard time at the **Policyholder's** address.

**The policy does not replace or affect any requirements for coverage by any Workers' Compensation or state disability insurance. The policy covers disabilities due to an occupational sickness or injury.**

**THIS CERTIFICATE CONTAINS A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION LIMITATION. Important Cancellation Information - Please Read The Provision Entitled "WHEN YOUR COVERAGE ENDS" Found On Page 11.**

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY OR CONTRACT. If you are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare available from the company.**



Registrar

Arizona residents:

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

California residents:

**If you are age 65 or older on the effective date of any coverage under the group policy for which you are required to pay all or part of the premium, then you have 30 days from the date you receive your initial Certificate of Coverage to cancel your coverage and have your full premium contribution refunded, by returning the Certificate of Coverage to the Policyholder for cancellation without claim.**

Florida residents:

**THE BENEFITS OF THE POLICY PROVIDING YOUR COVERAGE ARE GOVERNED BY THE LAW OF A STATE OTHER THAN FLORIDA.**

Maryland residents:

**Notice: This certificate of insurance may not provide all benefits required for a policy issued and delivered in Maryland.**

West Virginia residents:

**Please read this certificate carefully. If you are not satisfied with it for any reason, you may return it within 10 days after receipt for a refund of any premium you paid.**

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## BENEFITS AT A GLANCE

The Long Term Disability policy provides benefits to replace a portion of **your** income while **you** are disabled. The amount **you** receive is based on the amount **you** earned before **your** disability began, subject to all policy provisions.

**EMPLOYER:** Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Corporation  
**GROUP POLICY NUMBER:** 74040-3LTD2011

### ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)

All full-time salaried **employees** in **active employment** with the **Employer** in the United States. **You** must be an **employee** of the **Employer** and in an eligible class.

Temporary and seasonal workers are excluded from coverage.

### MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT

30 hours per week

### WAITING PERIOD

For persons in an eligible class on or before the policy effective date: A continuous period of 30 days of **active employment**.

For persons entering an eligible class after the policy effective date: A continuous period of 30 days of **active employment**.

### REHIRE

If **your** employment ends and **you** are rehired within 60 days, **your** previous work while in an eligible class will apply toward the **waiting period**. All other policy provisions apply.

### CREDIT PRIOR SERVICE

**We** will apply any prior period of work with **your Employer** toward the **waiting period** to determine **your** eligibility date.

### WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE

**Your Employer** pays the cost of **your** coverage.

### WAIVER OF PREMIUM

**We** do not require premium payments for **your** coverage while **you** are receiving or are entitled to receive Long Term Disability payments under the policy.

### ACCUMULATION OF ELIMINATION PERIOD

Elimination period: 180 consecutive days.

Accumulation period: 360 consecutive days.

The elimination period and the accumulation period begin on the first day of **your** disability.

Benefits for a **payable claim** begin the day after the elimination period is completed.

### MONTHLY BENEFIT

60% of **monthly earnings** to a **maximum benefit** of \$12,000 per month.

**Your** benefit may be reduced by any **deductible sources of income** and **disability earnings**. Some disabilities may not be covered or may have limited coverage under the policy.

### MONTHLY EARNINGS

**Monthly earnings** means **your** gross monthly income from **your Employer** in effect just prior to **your** date of disability. It includes **your** total income before taxes, and any deductions made for pre-tax contributions to a qualified deferred compensation plan, Section 125 plan, or flexible spending account. It does not

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include income received from commissions, bonuses, overtime pay, any other extra compensation, or income received from sources other than **your Employer**.

Earnings, whether for a full year or partial year, will be converted to a monthly amount for the purpose of calculating the **monthly payment**.

### MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PAYMENT

For a disability which begins before **you** reach age 60, the **maximum period of payment** will be until the Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA) as shown in the following table:

Year of Birth	Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA)*
Before 1938.....	65 years
1938.....	65 years and 2 months
1939.....	65 years and 4 months
1940.....	65 years and 6 months
1941.....	65 years and 8 months
1942.....	65 years and 10 months
1943-1954.....	66 years
1955.....	66 years and 2 months
1956.....	66 years and 4 months
1957.....	66 years and 6 months
1958.....	66 years and 8 months
1959.....	66 years and 10 months
1960 and after.....	67 years

For a disability which starts on or after **you** reach age 60, the **maximum period of payment** will be determined according to the following table:

Your Age When Disability Begins	Maximum Period of Payment
Age 60.....	60 months or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
Age 61.....	48 months or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
Age 62.....	42 months or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
Age 63.....	36 months or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
Age 64.....	30 months or to SSNRA*, whichever is greater
Age 65.....	24 months
Age 66.....	21 months
Age 67.....	18 months
Age 68.....	15 months
Age 69 and over.....	12 months

\*Age at which **you** are entitled to unreduced Social Security benefits based on the Social Security Amendments of 1983.

### TOTAL BENEFIT CAP

If **you** are eligible to receive payments under the policy in addition to **your monthly payment**, the total benefit payable to **you** on a monthly basis (including all benefits provided under the policy) will not exceed 100% of **your monthly earnings** unless an excess amount is payable as a result of a Cost of Living Adjustment. However, if **you** are participating in a **vocational rehabilitation plan**, the total benefit payable to **you** on a monthly basis (including all benefits provided under the policy) will not exceed 110% of **your monthly earnings** unless an excess amount is payable as a result of a Cost of Living Adjustment.

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**The above items are only highlights of the policy. For a full description of your coverage, including any additional benefits, exclusions or limitations that may apply, continue reading your Certificate of Coverage.**

## DEFINITIONS

**ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT** means **you** are working for **your Employer** for earnings that are paid regularly and that **you** are performing the **material and substantial duties of your regular occupation**. **You** must be working at least the minimum number of hours as described under the MINIMUM HOURS REQUIREMENT in the BENEFITS AT A GLANCE.

To be in **active employment**, **your** work site must be one of the following:

- **Your Employer's** usual place of business.
- An alternative work site at the direction of **your Employer**, including **your** home.
- A location to which **your** job requires **you** to travel.

Normal vacation is considered **active employment**.

Temporary and seasonal and part-time workers are excluded from coverage.

**APPROPRIATE CARE** means that all of the following are true:

- **You** visit a **doctor** as frequently as medically required according to standard medical practice to effectively treat and manage **your** disabling condition(s), unless it can be determined that **you** have reached **your** maximum point of recovery.
- **You** receive care or treatment appropriate for the disabling condition(s), conforming with standard medical practice, by a **doctor** whose specialty or experience is appropriate for the disabling condition(s) according to standard medical practice.
- **You** have the obligation to minimize **your** disabling condition including having corrective treatment or minor surgery.

**CONTEST** means that, if **we** determine **you** made a material misrepresentation in **your** application for coverage under the policy, **we** notify **you** in writing that such coverage was therefore never effective. This is subject to the INCONTESTABILITY provision. Any premium **you** paid will be refunded to **you**.

**DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME** means income from other sources as listed in the certificate which **you** receive or are eligible to receive while **you** are disabled. This income will be subtracted from **your gross monthly payment**.

**DISABILITY EARNINGS** means the earnings which **you** receive while **you** are disabled and working, plus the earnings **you** could receive if **you** were working to **your maximum capacity**.

**DOCTOR** means a person performing tasks that are within the limits of his or her medical license, and also meets one of the following requirements:

- Is licensed to practice medicine and prescribe and administer drugs or to perform surgery.
- Has a doctoral degree in Psychology (Ph.D. or Psy.D.) whose primary practice is treating patients.
- Is a legally qualified medical practitioner according to the **laws** and regulations of the jurisdiction where treatment occurred.

**We** will not recognize **you** or **your** family members, including but not limited to: spouse, domestic partner, children, parents, including in-laws, or siblings, including in-laws, a business or professional partner, or any person who has a financial affiliation or business interest with **you** as a **doctor** for a claim that **you** send to **us**.

**ELIGIBLE SURVIVOR** means **your** spouse, if living; otherwise, **your** children under age 26.

**EMPLOYEE** means a person who is a citizen or legal resident of the United States in **active employment** with the **Employer** in the United States.

**EMPLOYER** means the **Policyholder** and includes any division, subsidiary or affiliated company named in the policy.

**FAMILY MEMBER** means **your** natural, step, foster or adopted child, or a relative who lives with **you** and relies on **you** for financial support.

## DEFINITIONS

**GRACE PERIOD** means the 60 day period following the premium due date during which premium payment for the policy may be made by the **Policyholder**.

**GROSS MONTHLY PAYMENT** means **your** benefit before any reduction for **deductible sources of income** and **disability earnings**.

**HOSPITAL, HEALTH FACILITY or INSTITUTION** means an accredited facility licensed to provide care and treatment for the condition causing **your** disability.

**INDEXED MONTHLY EARNINGS** means **your monthly earnings** adjusted on each anniversary of benefit payment by the lesser of 10% or the current annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index. **Your indexed monthly earnings** may increase or remain the same, but will never decrease.

The Consumer Price Index CPI-U is published by the U.S. Department of Labor. **We** reserve the right to use some other similar measurement if the Department of Labor changes or stops publishing the CPI-U. Indexing is only used as a factor in the determination of the percentage of lost earnings while **you** are disabled and working, and in the determination of gainful occupation.

**INJURY** means a bodily **injury** that is the direct result of an accident and not related to any other cause. The **injury** must occur, and disability resulting from the **injury** must begin, while **you** are covered under the policy. **Injury** that occurs before **you** are covered under the policy will be treated as a **sickness**.

**INSURED PERSON** means a person who is eligible for the coverage under the policy, becomes covered according to the terms of the policy, and whose coverage remains in effect according to the terms of the policy.

**LAW, PLAN or ACT** means the original enactments of the law, plan or act and all amendments.

**LEAVE OF ABSENCE** means **you** are absent from **active employment** for a period of time that has been agreed to in advance in writing by **your Employer**. **Your** normal vacation time or any period of disability is not considered a **leave of absence**.

**MATERIAL AND SUBSTANTIAL DUTIES** means duties that are normally required for the performance of **your regular occupation** and that cannot be reasonably omitted or modified, except that if **you** are required to work on average in excess of 40 hours per week, **we** will consider **you** able to perform that requirement if **you** have the capacity to work 40 hours per week.

**MAXIMUM BENEFIT** means the total monthly benefit amount for which **you** are insured under the policy subject to all policy provisions.

**MAXIMUM CAPACITY** means, based on **your** restrictions and limitations, the greatest extent of work **you** are able to do in **your regular occupation**.

**MAXIMUM PERIOD OF PAYMENT** means the longest period of time **we** will make payments to **you** for any one period of disability.

**MENTAL ILLNESS** means a psychiatric or psychological condition classified in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders (DSM), published by the American Psychiatric Association, most current as of the start of a disability. Such disorders include, but are not limited to: psychotic, emotional or behavioral disorders, or disorders related to stress or to substance abuse or dependency. If the DSM is discontinued or replaced, these disorders will be those classified in the diagnostic manual then used by the American Psychiatric Association as of the start of a disability.

**MONTHLY EARNINGS** means **your** gross monthly income from **your Employer** as stated in the BENEFITS AT A GLANCE.

**MONTHLY PAYMENT** means **your** benefit after any **deductible sources of income** and **disability earnings** have been subtracted from **your gross monthly payment**.

**OCCUPATIONAL SICKNESS OR INJURY** means a **sickness** or **injury** that was caused by or aggravated by any employment for pay or profit.

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**PART-TIME BASIS** means the ability to work and earn from 20% through 80% of **your indexed monthly earnings**. Ability is based on capacity and not market availability.

**PAYABLE CLAIM** means a claim for which **we** are liable under the terms of the policy.

**POLICYHOLDER** means the **Employer** to whom the policy is issued and who sponsors the coverage for its employees.

**PRE-EXISTING CONDITION** means any condition for which medical advice, diagnosis, care or treatment was received or recommended during the 3 months just prior to **your** effective date of coverage.

**RECURRENT DISABILITY** means a disability for which both of the following are true:

- It is caused by a worsening in **your** condition.
- It is due to the same cause(s) as **your** prior disability for which **we** made a **monthly payment**.

**REGULAR OCCUPATION** means the occupation **you** are routinely performing when **your** disability begins. **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 employer or at a specific location.

**RETIREMENT PLAN** means a defined contribution plan or defined benefit plan. These are plans which provide retirement benefits to **insured persons** and are not funded entirely by **insured person** contributions. **Retirement plan** includes but is not limited to any plan which is part of any federal, state, county, municipal or association retirement system.

**SALARY CONTINUATION or ACCUMULATED SICK LEAVE** means continued payments to **you** by **your Employer** of all or part of **your monthly earnings**, after **you** become disabled as defined by the policy. This continued payment must be part of an established plan maintained by **your Employer**, and includes **salary continuation or accumulated sick leave** or any similar **Employer** sponsored paid time off plan.

**SICKNESS** means illness, disease or physical condition. Disability resulting from the **sickness** must begin while **you** are covered under the policy. Pregnancy and complications of pregnancy are treated the same as any other **sickness** under the policy. Complications of pregnancy means concurrent disease or abnormal conditions significantly affecting the usual medical management of pregnancy. A non-elective cesarean section is considered a complication of pregnancy.

**VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION PLAN** means a written plan that a vocational rehabilitation professional, designated by **us**, prepares in accordance with the VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES provision of the certificate.

**WAITING PERIOD** means the continuous period of time (shown in the BENEFITS AT A GLANCE) that **you** must be in **active employment** in an eligible class before **you** are eligible for coverage under the policy.

**WE, US** and **OUR** means ReliaStar Life Insurance Company.

**YOU** and **YOUR** means a person who is eligible for coverage under the policy.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

This Certificate of Coverage is a written statement prepared by **us** and may include riders, endorsements and/or amendments. It tells **you**:

- The coverage to which **you** may be entitled.
- To whom **we** will make a payment.
- The limitations, exclusions and requirements that apply within the policy.

### ELIGIBILITY DATE

If **you** are working for **your Employer** in an eligible class, the date **you** are eligible for coverage is the later of the following:

- The policy effective date.
- The day after **you** complete **your** waiting period.

### WHEN COVERAGE BEGINS

When the **Policyholder** pays 100% of the cost of **your** coverage under the policy, **you** will be covered at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the **Policyholder's** address on the date **you** are eligible for coverage.

In order for **your** coverage to begin, **you** must be in **active employment**. **Your** coverage is subject to payment of premium.

### CHANGES TO YOUR COVERAGE

Once **your** coverage begins, any increased or additional coverage will take effect immediately if **you** are in **active employment** or if **you** are on a covered **leave of absence**. If **you** are not in **active employment** due to **injury** or **sickness**, any increased or additional coverage will begin on the date **you** return to **active employment**.

Any decrease in coverage will take effect immediately but will not affect a **payable claim** that occurs prior to the decrease.

### LEAVE OF ABSENCE AFTER YOUR COVERAGE BEGINS

If **you** are on a **leave of absence**, and if premium is paid, **your** coverage may be continued beyond the date **you** are no longer in **active employment**, limited to the time periods described below.

If **you** are on a **leave of absence** as described under the Family and Medical Leave **Act** of 1993 ("FMLA") or applicable state family and medical leave **law** ("State FML"), and **your Employer's** Human Resource Policy provides for continuation of disability coverage during an FMLA or State FML **leave of absence**, **your** coverage will be continued until the end of the later of:

- The leave period permitted by the federal Family and Medical Leave **Act** of 1993 and any amendments.
- The leave period permitted by applicable state **law**.

If **you** are on a **leave of absence** other than an FMLA or State FML **leave of absence**, and if premium is paid, **your** coverage will be continued through the end of the month that immediately follows the month in which **your leave of absence** begins.

If **you** are on a **leave of absence** for active military service as described under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights **Act** of 1994 (USERRA) and applicable state **law**, **your** coverage may be continued until the end of the later of:

- The length of time the coverage may be continued under the Certificate of Coverage for an FMLA or State FML **leave of absence**.
- The length of time the coverage may be continued under the Certificate of Coverage for a **leave of absence** other than an FMLA or State FML **leave of absence**.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

If **your Employer** has approved more than one type of **leave of absence** for **you** during any one period that **you** are not in **active employment**, **we** will consider such leaves to be concurrent for the purpose of determining how long **your** coverage may continue under the policy.

If **your** coverage is not continued during an FMLA or State FML **leave of absence**, and **you** return to **active employment** immediately following the end of **your** FMLA or State FML **leave of absence**, **your** coverage will be reinstated. **We** will not apply a new **waiting period**, or require **evidence of insurability**, or apply a new **pre-existing condition** limitation.

If **your** coverage is not continued during a **leave of absence** for active military service, and **you** return to **active employment**, **your** coverage may be reinstated in accordance with USERRA and applicable state **law**.

In no event will **your** coverage under the policy be continued beyond the date **your** coverage would otherwise end according to the terms of the WHEN YOUR COVERAGE ENDS provision.

### WHEN YOUR COVERAGE ENDS

**Your** coverage under the policy ends on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date the policy is canceled.
- The date **you** are no longer in an eligible class.
- The date **your** eligible class is no longer covered.
- The end of the **Policyholder's grace period**, if the **Policyholder** does not remit premium to **us** by the end of such period.
- The last day **you** are in **active employment** except as provided under a covered **leave of absence**.

**We** will provide coverage for a **payable claim** that occurs while **you** are covered under the policy. Termination of the policy during a disability will have no effect on a **payable claim**.

### TIME LIMITS FOR LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

**You** can start legal action regarding **your** claim 60 days after proof of claim has been given to **us**, and up to three years from the time proof of claim is required, unless otherwise provided under federal **law**.

### REPRESENTATIONS NOT WARRANTIES

**We** consider any statements the **Policyholder** and **you** make in an application representations and not warranties. No statements made by **you** will be used to reduce or deny any claim or to cancel **your** coverage unless both of the following are true:

- The statement is in writing and is signed by **you**.
- A copy of that statement is given to **you** or **your** beneficiary, or **your** personal representative.

### INCONTESTABILITY

Except in the case of fraud, no statement made by **you** in the application relating to **your** insurability will be used to **contest** the insurance for which the statement was made after the coverage has been in force for two years during **your** lifetime.

Beyond the periods stated in the PRE-EXISTING CONDITION LIMITATION provision, no claim for disability with respect to which the claim is made shall be reduced or denied on the ground that a disease or physical condition, not excluded from coverage by name or specific description effective on the date of disability, had existed prior to the effective date of the coverage.

### CLERICAL ERROR

Clerical error or omission by **us** or by the **Policyholder** will not:

- Prevent **you** from receiving coverage, if **you** are entitled to coverage under the terms of the policy.
- Cause coverage to begin or continue for **you** when the coverage would not otherwise be effective.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

If the **Policyholder** gives **us** information about **you** that is incorrect, **we** will do both of the following:

- Use the facts to decide whether **you** have coverage under the policy and in what amounts.
- Make a fair adjustment of the premium.

### MISSTATEMENT OF AGE

If premiums applicable to **you** are based on age and **you** have misstated **your** age, there will be a fair adjustment of premiums based on **your** true age. If the benefits applicable to **you** are based on age and **you** have misstated **your** age, there will be an adjustment of said benefits based on **your** true age. **We** may require satisfactory proof of **your** age before paying any claim.

### WORKERS' COMPENSATION OR STATE DISABILITY INSURANCE

The policy does not replace or affect the requirements for coverage by any workers' compensation or state disability insurance.

### AGENCY

For purposes of the policy, the **Policyholder** acts on its own behalf or as **your** agent. Under no circumstances will the **Policyholder** be deemed **our** agent.

# LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT INFORMATION

## DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

**You** are considered disabled when **we** review **your** claim and determine that, due to **your sickness** or **injury**, both of the following are true:

- **You** are unable to perform all the **material and substantial duties** of **your regular occupation**.
- **You** have a 20% or more loss in **your indexed monthly earnings**.

The loss of a professional or an occupational license or certification does not, in itself, constitute disability.

**You** must be under the **appropriate care** of a **doctor** in order to be considered disabled.

**We** may require **you** to be examined by one or more **doctors**, other medical practitioners or vocational experts of **our** choice. **We** will pay for this examination. **We** can require an examination as often as it is reasonable to do so. **We** may also require **you** to be interviewed by **our** authorized representative. **Your** failure to comply with this request may result in denial or termination of benefits.

## ACCUMULATION OF ELIMINATION PERIOD

**You** must be continuously disabled through **your** elimination period. **Your** elimination period is as stated in the BENEFITS AT A GLANCE and is the period of continuous disability **you** must satisfy before **you** are eligible to receive benefits under the policy.

If **you** return to work while satisfying **your** elimination period, **you** may satisfy **your** elimination period within the accumulation period. The accumulation period is as stated in the BENEFITS AT A GLANCE.

The days that **you** are not disabled will not count toward **your** elimination period.

If **you** do not satisfy the elimination period within the accumulation period, a new period of disability will begin.

The elimination period and the accumulation period begin on the first day of **your** disability.

Benefits for a **payable claim** begin the day after the elimination period is completed.

## SATISFYING YOUR ELIMINATION PERIOD IF YOU ARE WORKING

If **you** are working while **you** are disabled, the days **you** are disabled will count toward **your** elimination period.

## WHEN YOU RECEIVE PAYMENTS

**You** will begin to receive payments when **we** approve **your** claim, providing the elimination period has been met and **you** are disabled. **We** will send **you** a **monthly payment** at the end of each month for any period for which **we** are liable.

After the elimination period, if **you** are disabled for less than 1 month, **we** will send **you** 1/30th of **your** **monthly payment** for each day of **your** disability.

## AMOUNT OF PAYMENT

### A. IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND NOT WORKING, OR DISABLED AND WORKING AND YOUR DISABILITY EARNINGS ARE LESS THAN 20% OF YOUR INDEXED MONTHLY EARNINGS

**We** will follow this process to figure **your** payment:

1. Multiply **your monthly earnings** by 60%.
2. The **maximum benefit** is \$12,000 per month.
3. Compare the answers from Step 1 and Step 2. The lesser of these two amounts is **your gross monthly payment**.
4. Subtract from **your gross monthly payment** any **deductible sources of income**.

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The amount figured in Step 4 is **your monthly payment**. If this amount is less than the MINIMUM PAYMENT amount under the policy, **your** payment will be subject to the MINIMUM PAYMENT provision.

### **B. IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND WORKING, AND YOUR DISABILITY EARNINGS ARE AT LEAST 20% BUT LESS THAN OR EQUAL TO 80% OF YOUR INDEXED MONTHLY EARNINGS**

During the first 12 months of payments, the sum of **your gross monthly payment** plus **disability earnings** may be less than or equal to, but not more than, 100% of **your indexed monthly earnings**. If the sum exceeds 100% of **your indexed monthly earnings**, we will reduce **your** payment under the policy by the excess amount.

To determine whether the sum of **your gross monthly payment** plus **disability earnings** is less than or equal to or exceeds 100% of **your indexed monthly earnings**, we will follow this process:

1. Multiply **your monthly earnings** by 60%.
2. The **maximum benefit** is \$12,000 per month.
3. Compare the answers from Step 1 and Step 2. The lesser of these two amounts is **your gross monthly payment**.
4. Add **your disability earnings** to **your gross monthly payment**.

If the answer in Step 4 above is less than or equal to 100% of **your indexed monthly earnings**, **your monthly payment** will be **your gross monthly payment** minus any **deductible sources of income**. If this amount is less than the MINIMUM PAYMENT amount under the policy, **your** payment will be subject to the MINIMUM PAYMENT provision.

If the answer in Step 4 above is greater than 100% of **your indexed monthly earnings**, we will follow this process to figure **your monthly payment**:

- a. Add **your disability earnings** to **your gross monthly payment**.
- b. From the answer in Step a, subtract **your indexed monthly earnings**. If the result is zero or less, record **your** answer as zero.
- c. From **your gross monthly payment**, subtract the answer in Step b and any **deductible sources of income**.

The amount figured in Step c is **your monthly payment**. If this amount is less than the MINIMUM PAYMENT amount under the policy, **your** payment will be subject to the MINIMUM PAYMENT provision.

After 12 months of **monthly payments**, you will receive payments based on the percentage of income you are losing due to **your** disability. We will follow this process to determine **your monthly payment**:

1. Subtract **your disability earnings** from **your indexed monthly earnings**.
2. Divide the answer in Step 1 by **your indexed monthly earnings**. The result is **your** percentage of lost earnings.
3. From **your gross monthly payment**, subtract any **deductible sources of income**.
4. Multiply the answer in Step 2 by the answer in Step 3.

The answer in Step 4 is **your monthly payment**. If this amount is less than the MINIMUM PAYMENT amount under the policy, **your** payment will be subject to the MINIMUM PAYMENT provision.

### **C. IF YOU ARE DISABLED AND WORKING, AND YOUR DISABILITY EARNINGS ARE MORE THAN 80% OF YOUR INDEXED MONTHLY EARNINGS**

If **you** are working and **your disability earnings** are more than 80% of **your indexed monthly earnings**, no benefit will be payable.

We may require **you** to send proof of **your** monthly **disability earnings** each month. We will adjust **your** payment based on **your** monthly **disability earnings**.

As part of **your** proof of **disability earnings**, we can require that **you** send us appropriate financial records that we believe are necessary to substantiate **your** income.

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## IF YOUR DISABILITY EARNINGS FLUCTUATE

If **your disability earnings** routinely fluctuate widely from month to month, **we** may average **your disability earnings** over the most recent three months to determine if **your** claim should continue.

If **we** average **your disability earnings**, **we** will not terminate **your** claim unless the average of **your disability earnings** from the last three months exceeds 80% of **your indexed monthly earnings**.

**We** will not pay **you** for any month during which **your disability earnings** exceed the amount allowable under the policy. In no event will benefits be paid beyond the **maximum period of payment**.

## WE WILL NEVER PAY MORE THAN 100% OF MONTHLY EARNINGS

If **you** are eligible to receive benefits under the policy in addition to the **monthly payment**, the total benefit payable to **you** on a monthly basis (including all benefits provided under the policy) will not exceed 100% of **your monthly earnings** unless an excess amount is payable as a result of a Cost of Living Adjustment. However, if **you** are participating in a **vocational rehabilitation plan**, the total benefit payable to **you** on a monthly basis (including all benefits provided under the policy) will not exceed 110% of **your monthly earnings** unless an excess amount is payable as a result of a Cost of Living Adjustment.

## COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

**We** will make a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) after **you** have received one full year of **monthly payments**.

**Your** payment will increase by 6% of **your gross monthly payment** beginning on the first anniversary of payments and each following anniversary not to exceed 5 anniversary adjustment periods while **you** continue to receive payments for **your** disability.

Each month, **we** will add the Cost of Living Adjustment to **your monthly payment**. When **we** add the adjustment to **your** payment, the increase may cause **your** payment to exceed the **maximum benefit**.

Compounding will continue up to the maximum number of adjustments.

## DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME

The following are **deductible sources of income**:

- The amount that **you** receive, or are eligible to receive, as disability income payments under any:
  - State compulsory benefit **act** or **law**.
  - Military disability benefit plan.
  - Governmental retirement system as a result of **your** job with **your Employer**.
  - Other group insurance policy.
- The amount **you** receive as a result of any action brought under Title 46, United States Code Section 688 (The Jones **Act**).
- The amount **you** receive under any **salary continuation or accumulated sick leave** plan.
- The amount that **you**:
  - receive as disability payments under **your Employer's retirement plan**;
  - voluntarily elect to receive as retirement payments under **your Employer's retirement plan**; or
  - are eligible to receive as retirement payments when **you** reach the later of age 62 or normal retirement age, as defined in **your Employer's retirement plan**.

Disability payments under a **retirement plan** will be those benefits which are paid due to disability and do not reduce the retirement benefit which would have been paid if the disability had not occurred.

Retirement payments will be those benefits which are paid based on **your Employer's** contribution to the **retirement plan**. Disability benefits which reduce the retirement benefit under the plan will also be considered as a retirement benefit.

Regardless of how the retirement funds from the **retirement plan** are distributed, **we** will consider the **Employer** and **insured person** contributions to be distributed simultaneously throughout **your** lifetime.

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Amounts received do not include amounts rolled over or transferred to any eligible **retirement plan**. **We** will use the definition of eligible **retirement plan** as defined in Section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code including any future amendments which affect the definition.

- The amount that **you**, **your** spouse and **your** children receive, or are eligible to receive, as disability payments because of **your** disability under:
  - The United States Social Security **Act**.
  - The Canada Pension **Plan**.
  - The Quebec Pension **Plan**.
  - Any similar **Plan** or **Act**.
- The amount that **you** receive as retirement payments or the amount **your** spouse and **your** children receive as retirement payments because **you** are receiving retirement payments under:
  - The United States Social Security **Act**.
  - The Canada Pension **Plan**.
  - The Quebec Pension **Plan**.
  - Any similar **Plan** or **Act**.
- The amount **you** receive from any form of employment.
- The amount **you** receive from any unemployment compensation **law**.
- The amount that **you** receive, or are eligible to receive, under:
  - A workers' compensation **law**.
  - An occupational disease **law**.
  - Any other **act** or **law** with similar intent.

With the exception of retirement payments, **we** will only subtract **deductible sources of income** which are payable as a result of the same disability.

**We** will not reduce **your** payment by **your** Social Security retirement income if **your** disability begins after age 65 and **you** were already receiving Social Security retirement payments.

### COST OF LIVING INCREASES FOR DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME

Other than for increases in any income **you** earn from any form of employment, once **we** have subtracted any **deductible sources of income** from **your gross monthly payment**, **we** will not further reduce **your** payment due to a cost of living increase from that source.

### IF YOU QUALIFY FOR DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME

When **we** determine that **you** may qualify for benefits for which **you** are eligible in the **deductible sources of income** provision, **we** will estimate **your** entitlement to these benefits. **We** can reduce **your** benefit under the policy by the estimated amounts if such benefits have either:

- Not been awarded or denied.
- Been denied and the denial is being appealed.

**Your gross monthly payment** will NOT be reduced by the estimated amount if both of the following are true:

- **You** apply for the disability payments for which **you** are eligible in the **deductible sources of income** provision and appeal **your** denial to all administrative levels **we** determine are necessary.
- **You** sign **our** form. This form states that **you** promise to pay **us** any overpayment caused by an award and **we** shall be entitled to impose a constructive trust on any such award.

If **your gross monthly payment** has been reduced by an estimated amount, **your gross monthly payment** will be adjusted when **we** receive either of the following:

- Proof of the amount awarded.
- Proof that benefits have been denied and all appeals **we** determine necessary have been completed. In this case, a lump sum refund of the estimated amount will be made to **you**.

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If **you** receive a lump sum payment from any **deductible source of income**, the lump sum will be pro-rated on a monthly basis over the time period for which the sum was given. If no time period is stated, the sum will be pro-rated on a monthly basis from the date of the award over **your** expected lifetime as determined by **us**.

### NON-DEDUCTIBLE SOURCES OF INCOME

**We** will not subtract from **your gross monthly payment** income **you** receive from the following:

- 401(k) plans.
- Profit sharing plans.
- Thrift plans.
- Tax-sheltered annuities.
- Stock ownership plans.
- Credit disability insurance.
- Non-qualified plans of deferred compensation.
- Pension plans for partners.
- Military pension plans.
- Franchise disability income plans.
- Individual disability plans wholly paid for by the **insured person**.
- A retirement plan from another employer.
- Individual retirement accounts (IRA).

### MINIMUM PAYMENT

The minimum payment each month for a **payable claim** is the greater of:

- \$100.
- 10% of **your gross monthly payment**.

**We** may apply this amount to recover any outstanding overpayment.

### DURATION OF PAYMENTS

**We** will send **you** a payment each month up to the **maximum period of payment**. **Your maximum period of payment** is stated in the BENEFITS AT A GLANCE, will be paid during a continuous period of disability, and will be based on **your** age at disability.

### WHEN PAYMENTS END

**We** will stop sending **you** payments and **your** claim will end on the earliest of the following:

- The end of the **maximum period of payment**.
- The date **you** are no longer disabled under the terms of the policy.
- The date **you** fail to submit proof of continuing disability.
- The date **you** die.
- When **you** are able to return to work in **your regular occupation** on a **part-time basis** but **you** do not.
- The date **your disability earnings** exceed 80% of **your indexed monthly earnings**.
- After 12 months of payments if **you** are considered to reside outside the United States or Canada. **You** will be considered to reside outside these countries when **you** have been outside the United States or Canada for a total period of 6 months or more during any 12 consecutive months of benefits.

**We** will not pay a benefit for any period of disability during which **you** are incarcerated.

### DISABILITIES NOT COVERED UNDER THE POLICY

The policy does not cover any disabilities caused by, contributed by, or resulting from **your**:

- Loss of professional license, occupational license or certification.
- Commission of or attempt to commit a felony.
- Intentionally self-inflicted injuries.
- Attempted suicide, regardless of mental capacity.

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- Being legally intoxicated or being under the influence of any narcotic, unless the narcotic is taken under the direction of and as directed by a **doctor**.
- Participation in a war, declared or undeclared, or any act of war.
- Active military duty.
- Active participation in a riot.
- Engaging in any illegal or fraudulent occupation, work or employment.
- Commission of a crime for which **you** have been convicted.
- Elective surgery except when required for **your appropriate care** as a result of **your injury** or **sickness**.
- Traveling or flying on any aircraft operated by or under the authority of military or any aircraft being used for experimental purposes.

### PRE-EXISTING CONDITION LIMITATION

Benefits will not be paid if **your** disability begins in the first 12 months following the effective date of **your** coverage and **your** disability is caused by, contributed to by, or the result of a **pre-existing condition**.

### MENTAL ILLNESS LIMITATION

The lifetime cumulative **maximum period of payment** for all disabilities due to **mental illness** is 24 months. Only 24 months of benefits will be paid even if the disabilities are not continuous and/or are not related.

If **you** are confined to a **hospital, health facility or institution** at the end of the 24 month period, **we** will continue to send **you** payment(s) during **your** confinement. If **you** are still disabled when **you** are discharged, **we** will send **you** payment(s) for a recovery period of up to 90 days. If **you** become reconfined at any time during the recovery period and remain confined for at least 14 days in a row, **we** will send payment(s) during that additional confinement and for one additional recovery period up to 90 more days.

If **you** continue to be disabled after the 24 month period, and subsequently become confined to a **hospital, health facility or institution** for at least 14 days in a row, **we** will send payment(s) during the length of the reconfinement.

**We** will not make payments beyond the limited pay period as indicated above, or the **maximum period of payment**, whichever occurs first.

**We** will not apply the **mental illness** limitation to a disability due to dementia if it is a result of stroke, trauma, viral infection or Alzheimer's disease.

### ALCOHOLISM OR DRUG ABUSE LIMITATION

The lifetime cumulative **maximum period of payment** for all disabilities due to alcoholism or drug abuse is 24 months. Only 24 months of benefits will be paid even if the disabilities are not continuous and/or are not related.

If **you** are confined to a **hospital, health facility or institution** at the end of the 24 month period, **we** will continue to send **you** payment(s) during **your** confinement. If **you** are still disabled when **you** are discharged, **we** will send **you** payment(s) for a recovery period of up to 90 days. If **you** become reconfined at any time during the recovery period and remain confined for at least 14 days in a row, **we** will send payment(s) during that additional confinement and for one additional recovery period up to 90 more days.

If **you** continue to be disabled after the 24 month period, and subsequently become confined to a **hospital, health facility or institution** for at least 14 days in a row, **we** will send payment(s) during the length of the reconfinement.

**We** will not make payments beyond the limited pay period as indicated above, or the **maximum period of payment**, whichever occurs first.

### CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE

If **you** are not in **active employment** due to **injury** or **sickness** or **leave of absence** on the date **your Employer** changes insurance carriers to **our** policy, and **you** were covered under the prior policy at the

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time **your Employer's** coverage under **our** policy became effective, **we** will provide continuity of coverage under **our** policy. In order for this provision to apply, the prior policy's coverage must be similar to **our** policy.

If **you** are not in **active employment** due to **injury** or **sickness** or **leave of absence** on the effective date of **our** policy, and **you** would otherwise be eligible to become insured under **our** policy, **we** will provide limited coverage under **our** policy. Coverage under this provision will begin on **our** policy effective date and will continue until the earliest of the following:

- The date **you** return to **active employment**.
- The end of any period of continuance or extension provided under the prior policy.
- The date coverage would otherwise end, according to the provisions of **our** policy.

**Your** coverage under this provision is subject to payment of premium.

Any benefits payable under this provision will be paid as if the prior policy had remained in force. **We** will reduce **your** payment by any amount for which the prior carrier is liable.

If coverage ends under this provision, or if **you** were not covered under **your Employer's** prior policy on the date that policy terminated, the WHEN COVERAGE BEGINS provision under **our** policy will apply.

### CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE AND PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

**We** may pay benefits if **your** disability is caused by, contributed by or results from a **pre-existing condition** if both of the following are true:

- **You** were insured by the prior policy at the time **your Employer** changed insurance carriers to **our** policy.
- **You** have been continuously covered under **our** policy from the effective date of **our** policy through the date **your** disability began.

In order to receive a payment, **you** must satisfy the **pre-existing condition** provision under either **our** policy or under the prior policy, if benefits would have been paid had that policy remained in force.

If **you** satisfy the **pre-existing condition** provision of **our** policy, **we** will determine **your** payments according to **our** policy's provisions.

If **you** do not satisfy the **pre-existing condition** provision of **our** policy, but **you** do satisfy the prior policy's **pre-existing condition** provision, then both of the following apply:

- **Your monthly payment** will be the lesser of:
  - the **monthly payment** that would have been payable under the terms of the prior policy had it remained in force.
  - the **monthly payment** under **our** policy.
- Benefits will end on the earlier of:
  - the date benefits end under **our** policy, as described under the WHEN PAYMENTS END provision.
  - the date benefits would have ended under the prior policy if it had remained in force.

If **you** do not satisfy either **our** policy's or the prior policy's **pre-existing condition** provision, **we** will not make any payments.

**We** will require proof that **you** were insured under the prior policy. All other provisions of **our** policy will apply.

### RECURRENT DISABILITY

If **you** have a **recurrent disability**, and after **your** prior disability ended, **you** returned to work for **your Employer** for 6 months or less, **we** will treat **your** disability as part of **your** prior claim and **you** do not have to complete another elimination period. Only one **maximum period of payment** will apply when **your** disability is considered part of **your** prior claim.

**Your monthly payment** will be based on **your monthly earnings** as of the date of **your** initial claim.

**Your** disability, as outlined above, will be subject to the same terms of the policy as **your** prior claim.

**Your** disability will be treated as a new claim if either of the following is true:

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- **Your** current disability is unrelated to **your** prior disability.
- After **your** prior disability ended, **you** returned to work for **your Employer** for more than 6 consecutive months.

The new claim will be subject to all of the provisions of the policy and **you** will be required to satisfy a new elimination period. A new **maximum period of payment** will apply.

If **our** policy terminates and **you** become eligible for coverage under any other group disability plan that replaces **our** policy, **you** will not be eligible for coverage under **our** policy.

### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION SERVICES

**We** have vocational rehabilitation services available to assist **you** in returning to work to the extent of **your** ability. **We** will review **your** disability claim to determine whether **you** are eligible for these services. In order to be eligible for vocational rehabilitation services and benefits, **you** must be medically able to participate in a return to work plan.

**Your** claim file will be reviewed by a vocational rehabilitation professional to determine if rehabilitation services might help **you** return to gainful employment. As **your** file is reviewed, medical and vocational information will be analyzed to determine an appropriate return to work plan.

**We** will make the final determination of **your** eligibility for these services.

If **we** determine that vocational rehabilitation services are appropriate, **we** will provide **you** with a written **vocational rehabilitation plan** developed specifically for **you**.

The **vocational rehabilitation plan** may include, but is not limited to the following services:

- Coordination with **your Employer** to assist **you** to return to work.
- Evaluation of adaptive equipment or job accommodations to allow **you** to work.
- Evaluation of possible workplace modifications which might allow **you** to return to work in **your regular occupation** or another job or occupation.
- Vocational evaluation to determine how **your** disability may impact **your** employment options.
- Job placement services, including resume preparation services and training in job-seeking skills.
- Alternative treatment plans such as recommendations for support groups, physical therapy, occupational therapy or other treatment designed to enhance **your** ability to work.

### VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION BENEFIT

If **you** are receiving **monthly payments** under the policy, and **you** are participating in a **vocational rehabilitation plan**, **you** may be eligible for an additional Vocational Rehabilitation Benefit. **We** will pay an additional benefit of 5% of **your gross monthly payment** to a maximum of \$500 per month.

This benefit is not subject to policy provisions which would otherwise increase or reduce the benefit amount such as **deductible sources of income**. However, the Total Benefit Cap will apply.

Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date **we** determine that **you** are no longer eligible to participate in a **vocational rehabilitation plan**.
- The date **you** are no longer participating in a **vocational rehabilitation plan**.
- Any other date on which **monthly payments** would stop in accordance with the policy.

### FAMILY MEMBER CARE EXPENSE BENEFIT

If **you** are receiving **monthly payments** under the policy, and **you** are participating in a **vocational rehabilitation plan**, **you** will be eligible for an additional **Family Member** Care Expense Benefit if **you** are incurring expenses to provide care for a **family member** who requires personal care assistance.

**We** will pay a **Family Member** Care Expense Benefit of \$500 per **family member** not to exceed a maximum of \$1,000 per month.

The **Family Member** Care Expense Benefit will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date **you** are no longer incurring **family member** care expenses.

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- The date **you** are no longer participating in a **vocational rehabilitation plan**.
- After 12 months of **Family Member** Care Expense Benefits have been paid for each **family member**.
- Any other date on which **monthly payments** would stop in accordance with the policy.

To receive this benefit, **you** must provide satisfactory proof that **you** are incurring a **family member** care expense.

**Family member** care means care or supervision of **your family member** and care is given by a licensed child-care center or a licensed caregiver who is not related to **you** by blood or marriage.

This benefit is not subject to policy provisions which would otherwise increase or reduce the benefit amount such as **deductible sources of income**. However, the Total Benefit Cap will apply.

### WORKPLACE MODIFICATION BENEFIT

If **you** are disabled and are receiving a payment under the policy from **us**, a Workplace Modification Benefit may be payable to **your Employer**. Subject to the maximum amount below, **we** will reimburse **your Employer** for 100% of the reasonable costs **your Employer** incurs through modifications to the workplace to accommodate **your** return to work, and to assist **you** in remaining at work.

The amount **we** pay will not exceed the lesser of the following:

- Two times **your** last **monthly payment**.
- \$2,000.

**You** must meet both of the following requirements:

- Be disabled according to the terms of the policy.
- Have the reasonable expectation of returning to **active employment** and remaining in **active employment** with the assistance of the proposed workplace modification.

**Your Employer** must give **us** a written proposal of the proposed workplace modification. This proposal must include all of the following:

- Input from the **Employer, you** and **your doctor**.
- The purpose of the proposed workplace modification.
- The expected completion date of the workplace modification.
- The cost of the workplace modification.

**We** will reimburse the costs of the workplace modification when all of the following are true:

- **We** approve the proposal in writing.
- **We** receive proof from **your Employer** that the workplace modification is complete.
- **We** receive proof of the costs incurred by **your Employer** for the workplace modification.

The Workplace Modification Benefit is available on a one-time basis for each **insured person** under the policy.

### SURVIVOR BENEFIT

When **we** receive proof that **you** have died, **we** will pay **your eligible survivor** a lump sum benefit equal to three (3) times **your gross monthly payment** if, on the date of **your** death, both of the following are true:

- **Your** disability had continued for 180 or more consecutive days.
- **You** were receiving or were eligible to receive payments under the policy.

If **you** have no **eligible survivors**, payment will be made to **your** estate, unless there is none. In this case, no payment will be made.

However, **we** will first apply the Survivor Benefit to recover any overpayment that may exist on **your** claim.

# CLAIM INFORMATION

## NOTICE OF CLAIM

**We** encourage **you** to notify **us** of **your** claim as soon as possible so that a claim decision can be made in a timely manner. Written notice of claim should be given to **us** within 30 days after the date **your** disability begins. The notice may be given to **us** at **our** home office or to **our** authorized agent or administrator. Failure to give notice within this timeframe will not invalidate or reduce any **payable claim** if it can be shown that it was not reasonably possible to give such notice within that time and the notice was given as soon as reasonably possible.

The claim form is available from the **Policyholder** or **you** can request a claim form from **us**. If **you** do not receive the form from **us** within 15 days of **your** request, send **us** written proof of claim without waiting for the form.

**You** must notify **us** immediately when **you** return to work in any capacity.

## FILING A CLAIM

**You** and **your Employer** must fill out **your** own sections of the claim form and then give it to **your** attending **doctor**. **Your doctor** should fill out his or her section of the form and send it directly to **us**.

## PROOF OF YOUR CLAIM

**You** must send **us** written proof of **your** claim no later than 180 days after **your** elimination period ends. Failure to give such proof within this timeframe will not invalidate or reduce any **payable claim** if it was not reasonably possible to give such proof within that time, and the proof was given as soon as reasonably possible. **You** must provide proof of claim no later than 1 year after the time proof is otherwise required, except in the absence of legal capacity.

**Your** proof of claim, provided at **your** expense, must show all of the following:

- That **you** are under the **appropriate care** of a **doctor**.
- The date **your** disability began.
- The cause of **your** disability.
- The appropriate documentation of **your** earnings and **your** activities.
- The extent of **your** disability, including restrictions and limitations preventing **you** from performing **your regular occupation**.
- The name and address of any **hospital, health facility or institution** where **you** received treatment, including all attending **doctors**.
- Documentation of prior disability coverage, if applicable.

In some cases, **you** will be required to give **us** authorization to obtain additional medical information, and to provide non-medical information as part of **your** proof of claim, or proof of continuing disability. **We** will deny **your** claim, or stop sending **you** payments, if the appropriate information is not submitted within 45 days of the request.

**You** must notify **us** immediately when **you** return to work in any capacity.

## MAKING PAYMENTS

Once **your** claim has been approved, **we** will send **you** a payment at the end of each month for any period for which **we** are liable. Any balance remaining unpaid at the termination of a period of disability will be paid immediately upon receipt of **your** proof of claim.

## OVERPAID CLAIMS

**We** have the right to recover any overpayments due to any of the following:

- Fraud.
- Any administrative error **we** make in processing a claim.
- **Your** receipt of **deductible sources of income**.

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**You** must reimburse **us** in full. **We** will determine the method by which the repayment is to be made. **We** will not recover more money than the amount **we** paid **you**. However, **we** reserve the right to recover any prior or current overpayment from any past, current or new payable disability claim under the policy.

## Consumer Notice for Arkansas Residents

The nearest servicing office is the Minneapolis, Minnesota office of Voya Employee Benefits, a division of ReliaStar Life Insurance Company and ReliaStar Life Insurance Company of New York.

The mailing address is:

PO Box 20  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440-0122  
Telephone: (800) 537-5024

You have the right to file a complaint with the Arkansas Insurance Department (AID). A complaint can be filed online at the AID website <https://insurance.arkansas.gov>.

You may also contact AID to request a complaint form be mailed to you by calling AID at (800) 852-5494 or (501) 371-2640.

You may also request in writing for a complaint form to be mailed to you. Mail your request to:

Arkansas Insurance Department  
1 Commerce Way, Suite 102  
Little Rock, AR 72202

This consumer notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of this certificate or policy. Please insert this notice in your certificate or policy.

## Wisconsin Complaint Notice

### **KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS**

**PROBLEMS WITH YOUR INSURANCE?** – If you are having problems with your insurance company or agent, do not hesitate to contact the insurance company or agent to resolve your problem.

**ReliaStar Life Insurance Company  
Customer Service  
P.O. Box 20  
Minneapolis, MN 55440-0020  
1-800-955-7736**

You can also contact the **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**, a state agency which enforces Wisconsin's insurance laws, and file a complaint. You can file a complaint electronically with the **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**

at its website at <http://oci.wi.gov/>,

or by contacting:

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance  
Complaints Department  
P.O. Box 7873  
Madison, WI 53707-7873  
1-800-236-8517  
608-266-0103.

**NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY  
CALIFORNIA LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTEE ASSOCIATION**

This notice provides a brief summary regarding the protections provided to policyholders by the California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association (“the Association”). The purpose of the Association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within certain limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer of the Association becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. Insurance companies licensed in California to sell life insurance, health insurance, annuities and structured settlement annuities are members of the Association. The protection provided by the Association is not unlimited and is not a substitute for consumers’ care in selecting insurers. This protection was created under California law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

Below is a brief summary of the coverages, exclusions and limits provided by the Association. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone’s rights or obligations or the rights or obligations of the Association.

**COVERAGE**

• **Persons Covered**

Generally, an individual is covered by the Association if the insurer was a member of the Association *and* the individual lives in California at the time the insurer is determined by a court to be insolvent. Coverage is also provided to policy beneficiaries, payees or assignees, whether or not they live in California.

• **Amounts of Coverage**

The basic coverage protections provided by the Association are as follows.

• **Life Insurance, Annuities and Structured Settlement Annuities**

For life insurance policies, annuities and structured settlement annuities, the Association will provide the following:

- **Life Insurance**
  - 80% of death benefits but not to exceed \$300,000
  - 80% of cash surrender or withdrawal values but not to exceed \$100,000
- **Annuities and Structured Settlement Annuities**
  - 80% of the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash withdrawal and net cash surrender values but not to exceed \$250,000

The maximum amount of protection provided by the Association to an individual, for *all* life insurance, annuities and structured settlement annuities is \$300,000, regardless of the number of policies or contracts covering the individual.

• **Health Insurance**

The maximum amount of protection provided by the Association to an individual, as of July 1, 2016, is \$546,741. This amount will increase or decrease based upon changes in the health care cost component of the consumer price index to the date on which an insurer becomes an insolvent insurer. Changes to this amount will be posted on the Association’s website [www.califega.org](http://www.califega.org).

## **COVERAGE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE**

The Association may not provide coverage for this policy. Coverage by the Association generally requires residency in California. You should not rely on coverage by the Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.

The following policies and persons are among those that are excluded from Association coverage:

- A policy or contract issued by an insurer that was not authorized to do business in California when it issued the policy or contract
- A policy issued by a health care service plan (HMO), a hospital or medical service organization, a charitable organization, a fraternal benefit society, a mandatory state pooling plan, a mutual assessment company, an insurance exchange, or a grants and annuities society
- If the person is provided coverage by the guaranty association of another state.
- Unallocated annuity contracts; that is, contracts which are not issued to and owned by an individual and which do not guaranty annuity benefits to an individual
- Employer and association plans, to the extent they are self-funded or uninsured
- A policy or contract providing any health care benefits under Medicare Part C or Part D
- An annuity issued by an organization that is only licensed to issue charitable gift annuities
- 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 certain investment elements of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract
- Any policy of reinsurance unless an assumption certificate was issued
- Interest rate yields (including implied yields) that exceed limits that are specified in Insurance Code Section 1607.02(b)(2)(C).

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## **NOTICES**

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. Policyholders with additional questions should first contact their insurer or agent. To learn more about coverages provided by the Association, please visit the Association's website at [www.califega.org](http://www.califega.org), or contact either of the following:

California Life and Health Insurance  
Guarantee Association  
P.O. Box 16860,  
Beverly Hills, CA 90209-3319  
(323) 782-0182

California Department of Insurance  
Consumer Communications Bureau  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
(800) 927-4357

**Insurance companies and agents are not allowed by California law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to solicit, induce or encourage you to purchase any form of insurance. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and California law, then California law will control.**

**ReliaStar Life Insurance Company**  
250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900, Minneapolis, MN 55401

**NOTICE TO CALIFORNIA POLICYHOLDERS/CERTIFICATEHOLDERS**  
**KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS**

**If you have a question about your policy, if you need assistance with a problem, or if you have questions about a claim, you may write to us at the above address or call 1-800-955-7736.**

**You will need to provide your policy number with any communication.**

**If you do not reach a satisfactory resolution after having discussions with us, or our agent or representative, or both, you may contact the following unit within the Department of Insurance that deals with consumer affairs:**

**California Department of Insurance  
Consumer Communications Bureau  
300 South Spring Street, South Tower  
Los Angeles, California 90013**

**Outside Los Angeles: 1-800-927-HELP (1-800-927-4357)  
Los Angeles: (213) 897-8921**

**Web Site: [www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/101-help](http://www.insurance.ca.gov/01-consumers/101-help)**

RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

**MASSACHUSETTS CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT**  
for Group Disability Income Insurance

**Your** Certificate of Coverage has been changed as follows. Please keep this endorsement with **your** certificate. This endorsement is subject to all other terms of the policy/certificate.

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The following statements are added to the WHEN YOUR COVERAGE ENDS provision:

If **your** employment ends, **your** coverage will continue under the policy for a period of 31 days unless during that period **you** are otherwise entitled to similar benefits. Premium payment is required.

If **your** employment is terminated due to a plant closing or a partial closing (as defined in section 71A of Chapter 151A, Massachusetts Statutes), **your** coverage will continue under the policy for a period of 90 days unless during that period **you** are otherwise entitled to similar benefits. Premium payment is required.

**II. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This endorsement is effective for **you** on or after the later of the following dates:

- The Policy Effective Date.
- The effective date of **your** insurance.



Megan Huddleston  
Secretary

**ReliaStar Life Insurance Company**

250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

(612) 372-5432

**NOTICE CONCERNING POLICYHOLDER RIGHTS IN AN INSOLVENCY UNDER THE MINNESOTA LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION LAW**

If the insurer or health maintenance organization that issued your life, annuity or health insurance policy becomes impaired or insolvent, you are entitled to compensation for your policy or contract from the assets of that insurer. The amount you recover will depend on the financial condition of the insurer or the health maintenance organization.

In addition, residents of Minnesota who purchase life insurance, annuities, health insurance, or health maintenance coverage from insurance companies authorized to do business in Minnesota are protected, SUBJECT TO LIMITS AND EXCLUSIONS, in the event the insurer or health maintenance organization becomes financially impaired or insolvent. This protection is provided by the Minnesota Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association.

For purposes of this notice, the terms "insurance company" and "insurer" include health maintenance organizations.

Minnesota Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association

3300 Wells Fargo Center

90 South Seventh Street

Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402

Telephone: (612) 322-8713

The maximum amount the Guaranty Association will pay for all policies or contracts issued on one life by the same insurer or health maintenance organization is limited to \$500,000. Subject to this \$500,000 limit, the Guaranty Association will pay up to \$500,000 in life insurance death benefits, \$130,000 in net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values for life insurance, \$500,000 in health insurance, health maintenance organization, and long-term care benefits, including any net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values, \$500,000 in disability income insurance, \$250,000 in annuity net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values, \$410,000 in the present value of annuity benefits for annuities which are part of a structured settlement or for annuities in regard to which periodic annuity benefits, for a period of not less than the annuitant's lifetime or for a period certain of not less than ten years, have begun to be paid on or before the date of impairment or insolvency, or if no coverage limit has been specified for a covered policy or benefit, the coverage limit shall be \$500,000 in present value. Unallocated annuity contracts issued to retirement plans, other than defined benefit plans, established under section 401, 403(b), or 457 of the Internal Revenue code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1992, are covered up to \$250,000 in net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values, for Minnesota residents covered by the plan provided, however, that the association shall not be responsible for more than \$10,000,000 in claims from all Minnesota residents covered by the plan. If total claims exceed \$10,000,000, the \$10,000,000 shall be prorated among all claimants. These are the maximum claim amounts. Coverage by the Guaranty Association is also subject to other substantial limitations and exclusions and requires continued residency in Minnesota. If your claim exceeds the Guaranty Association's limits you may still recover a part or all of that amount from the proceeds of the liquidation of the insolvent insurer, if any exist. Funds to pay claims may not be immediately available. The Guaranty Association assesses insurers and health maintenance organizations licensed to sell life and health insurance in Minnesota after the insolvency occurs. Claims are paid from this assessment.

Benefits provided by a long-term care rider to a life insurance policy or annuity contract shall be considered the same type of benefits as the base life insurance policy or annuity contract to which it relates.

THE COVERAGE PROVIDED BY THE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR USING CARE IN SELECTING INSURANCE COMPANIES THAT ARE WELL MANAGED AND FINANCIALLY STABLE. IN SELECTING AN INSURANCE COMPANY CONTRACT OR POLICY, YOU SHOULD NOT RELY ON COVERAGE BY THE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION.

THIS NOTICE IS REQUIRED BY MINNESOTA STATE LAW TO ADVISE POLICYHOLDERS OF LIFE, ANNUITY, HEALTH INSURANCE, OR HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION POLICIES AND CONTRACTS OF THEIR RIGHTS IN THE EVENT THEIR INSURANCE CARRIER BECOMES FINANCIALLY IMPAIRED OR INSOLVENT. THIS NOTICE IN NO WAY IMPLIES THAT THE COMPANY CURRENTLY HAS ANY TYPE OF FINANCIAL PROBLEMS. ALL LIFE, ANNUITY, HEALTH INSURANCE, AND HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION POLICIES AND CONTRACTS ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THIS NOTICE.

**NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY  
PENNSYLVANIA LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION**

This notice provides a **brief summary** regarding the protections provided to the policyholders by the Pennsylvania Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (“the Association”). This protection was created under Pennsylvania law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your member life, annuity, or health insurance company, RANLI PPO, hospital plan corporation, professional health services plan corporation or health maintenance organization (member insurer) becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to provide coverage, pay claims, or otherwise provide protection in accordance with Pennsylvania law. The protection provided by the Association is not unlimited and is not a substitute for consumers’ care in selecting companies that are well managed and financially stable.

Below is a brief summary of the coverages, exclusions and limits provided by the Association. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone’s rights or obligations or the rights or obligations of the Association.

**COVERAGE**

**Persons Covered**

Generally, individuals will be protected by the Association if the member insurer was a member of the Association and the individual lives in Pennsylvania at the time the member insurer is determined by a court to be insolvent. Coverage is also provided to policy beneficiaries, payees or assignees of such individuals.

**Amounts of Coverage**

The basic coverage protections provided by the Association per insured in each insolvency are limited in the aggregate to \$300,000 (or \$500,000 in the case of health benefit plans), including specific limits for the following types of coverage but not in excess of the contractual obligations of the member insurer;

**Life insurance:**

- Up to \$300,000 in death benefits including up to \$100,000 in net cash surrender or withdrawal value.

**Accident, accident and health, or health insurance (including HMOs):**

- Up to \$500,000 for health benefit plans, with some exceptions.
- Up to \$300,000 for disability income benefits.
- Up to \$300,000 for long-term care insurance benefits.
- Up to \$100,000 for all other types of health insurance.

**Individual Annuities**

- Up to \$250,000 in the present value of benefits, including cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values.

**LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE**

The Association also does not provide coverage for:

- any policy or contract or portion of a policy or contract which is not guaranteed by the member insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus;

- claims based on marketing materials or other documents which are not approved policy or contract forms, claims based on misrepresentations of policy or contract benefits, and other extra-contractual claims;
- any policy of reinsurance (unless an assumption certificate was issued);
- interest rate yields or increases based on an index that exceed an average rate specified by statute;
- dividends, experience rating credits, or credits given in connection with the administration of a policy or contract by a group contract holder;
- employers' plans that are self-funded (that is, not insured by member insurer, even if member insurer administers them);
- unallocated annuity contracts (which give rights to group contract holders, not individuals) other than in limited circumstances and amounts;
- certain contracts which establish benefits by reference to a portfolio of assets not owned by the member insurer; or
- policies providing health care benefits for Medicare Parts C or D coverage, for Medicaid or under the Pennsylvania program for Comprehensive Health Care for Uninsured Children.

The following policies and persons are among those that are excluded from Association coverage:

- A policy or contract issued by an insurer that was not authorized to do business in Pennsylvania when it issued the policy or contract.
- If the person is provided coverage by the guaranty association of another state.
- A policy 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.

### **NOTICES**

Member insurers or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice, and are prohibited by law from using the existence of the Association to induce you to purchase any kind of insurance or other coverage. Policyholders with additional questions should first contact their member insurer or agent. To learn more about coverages provided by the Association, please visit the Association's website at [www.palifega.org](http://www.palifega.org). You can obtain additional information from the Association by contacting it at the address below. You may also contact the Pennsylvania Insurance Department to file a complaint with the Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner to allege a violation of any provisions of Pennsylvania laws and regulations relating to insurance including the law establishing the Association:

Pennsylvania Life and Health Insurance  
 Guaranty Association  
 290 King of Prussia Road  
 Radnor Station Building 2, Suite 218  
 Radnor, PA 19087  
 (610) 975-0572

Pennsylvania Insurance Department  
 1209 Strawberry Square  
 Harrisburg, PA 17120  
 1-877-881-6388  
[www.insurance.pa.gov](http://www.insurance.pa.gov)

The summary provided by this notice and on the Association's website do not limit or alter the more comprehensive and detailed provisions of the law and are subject to change without notice. The statements made herein are for information purposes only. The Association has not reviewed any specific policy, or verified the information provided regarding residency or other relevant factors. Moreover, whether coverage will be provided to any specific policyholder can only be determined by reference to the statute in effect, at the earliest, at the time that the member insurer is declared insolvent. No final determination of coverage can be made until a member insurer is declared insolvent and the specific factual and legal circumstances can be reviewed. Nothing contained herein is intended to guarantee coverage for any insured, or to bind the Association in any way. Finally, this summary and the Association's website are for general information purposes and should not be relied upon as legal advice.

## **Texas Residents: Have a complaint or need help?**

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

### **ReliaStar Life Insurance Company**

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company:

Call: Customer Contact Center Manager at 1-800-955-7736

Toll-free: 1-888-238-4840 for Life Insurance and 1-877-236-7564 for Supplemental Benefits Insurance

Email: [LifeClaims@voya.com](mailto:LifeClaims@voya.com)

Mail: 250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900, Minneapolis, MN 55401

### **The Texas Department of Insurance**

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

Mail: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

### **Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?**

Si tiene un problema con una reclamacion o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compania de seguros. Si no puedo resolver el problema, es posible que el Department de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, pro su nombre en ingles) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, tambien debe presentar una queja a traves del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compania de seguros. Si no lo hace, podria perder su derecho para apelar.

### **ReliaStar Life Insurance Company**

Para obtener informacion o para presentar una queja ante su compania de seguros:

Llame a: Customer Contact Center Manager at 1-800-955-7736

Telefono gratuito: 1-888-238-4840 for Life Insurance and 1-877-236-7564 for Supplemental Benefits Insurance

Correo electronico: [LifeClaims@voya.com](mailto:LifeClaims@voya.com)

Direccion postal: 250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900, Minneapolis, MN 55401

### **El Departamento de Seguros de Texas**

Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacion ada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: 1-800-252-3439

Presente una queja en: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Correo electronico: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

Direccion postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

The Summary Plan Description on the following pages is provided to you at the request of the Policyholder.  
It is not a part of the insurance certificate.

# SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

For a Plan of Insurance Underwritten by  
ReliaStar Life Insurance Company  
P.O. Box 20  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440

**Plan Name, Number and Name and Address of Policyholder:**

Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corporation Life Insurance Plan  
74040-3LTD2011  
Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Corporation  
2116 Hawkins St, Ste 101  
Charlotte, NC, 28203

**Name, Address, and Telephone Number of the Plan Administrator:**

Krispy Kreme Doughnuts Corporation  
2116 Hawkins St, Ste 101  
Charlotte, NC, 28203  
  
704-350-2281

**Identification Numbers**

IRS Employer Identification Number: 56-1318322  
Plan Number: 503

**Agent for Legal Process:** Plan Administrator

**Trustees:** None

**Collective Bargaining or Multiple-Employer Agreements under which Plan is Established:** None

**Type of Administration:** Records maintained by Policyholder.

**Premium Payments:** Premiums are paid by the Employer.

**Plan Year:** January 1 through December 31

**Claim Procedures:** Please refer to CLAIM PROCEDURES section(s).

**Statement of ERISA Rights:** Please refer to STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS section.

**Eligibility and Circumstances Limiting Eligibility:** As described in the Certificate of Insurance.

**Type of Plan:** As described in the Certificate of Insurance.

**Benefits in Plan:** As described in the Certificate of Insurance.

**Amendment or Termination of Plan:** The Policyholder makes no promise to continue these benefits in the future and rights to future benefits will never vest. The Policyholder reserves the right to amend, modify, revoke or terminate the plan, in whole or part, at any time.

ReliaStar Life's Group Policy may be amended or terminated as set forth in the Group Policy.

**Benefits, Rights, and Obligations after Termination:** As described in the Certificate of Insurance.

## SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

### CLAIM PROCEDURES FOR DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE

1. Information regarding claim submission may be obtained from the Plan Administrator or Human Resource Department.
2. ReliaStar Life Insurance Company (ReliaStar Life) will process the claim and make payment or issue a denial notice.
3. Written notice of denial of a claim will be furnished to the claimant within 45 days after receipt of the claim. Up to two extensions of 30 days each will be allowed for processing the claim for matters beyond the Plan's control or if additional information is needed from the claimant. The claimant will be given notice of any such extension. The notice will state the standards on which the entitlement to the benefit is based, the unresolved issues that prevent a decision on the claim, the additional information needed to resolve those issues, if any, and the date a decision is expected.
4. The notice of denial will be written in an understandable manner and include the following:
  - a. The specific reason(s) for the denial.
  - b. Specific reference to the provision, internal rule, guideline or protocol which forms the basis of the denial.
  - c. A description of additional information, if any, which would enable a claimant to receive the benefits sought and an explanation of why it is needed.
  - d. An explanation of the claim review procedure, including the time limits applicable to such procedures and notice of the claimant's right to bring a civil action pursuant to Section 502(a) of ERISA following an adverse decision on appeal.
5. The claimant may request an appeal at any time during the 180-day period following receipt of the notice of denial of the claim.
6. ReliaStar Life will consider requests for an appeal of a denied claim upon written application of the claimant or his or her duly authorized representative. As part of the appeal, the claimant has the right, upon request and free of charge, to access or obtain copies of all documents, records and other information that is relevant to the claim for benefits. The claimant may, in the course of this appeal, submit to ReliaStar Life written comments, documents, records, and other information relating to the claim. ReliaStar Life will provide a full and fair review that takes into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by the claimant without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination. Review of claim denials and final decisions on appeal are the responsibility of ReliaStar Life.
7. ReliaStar Life will provide the claimant with a written decision of the final determination of the claim. This decision will be written in an understandable way, state the specific reason(s) for the decision, and make specific reference to the provision(s) on which the decision is based. This decision will be issued as soon as practicable from the date of appeal, but not longer than 45 days unless an extension is needed. An extension of 45 days will be allowed for making the decision for matters beyond the Plan's control or if additional information is needed from the claimant. The claimant will be given notice if this extension is necessary, stating the reason for the extension, the date a decision is expected, and the additional information needed from the claimant, if any. If the decision on review is not received within these time limits, the claim may be considered denied. If the claimant receives an adverse benefit determination, the claimant will then have the right to bring a civil action pursuant to Section 502(a) of ERISA.
8. ReliaStar Life has final discretionary authority to determine all questions of eligibility and status, to interpret and construe the terms of this policy(ies) of insurance, and to make claim determinations.

# SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

## STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Enforce Your Rights**

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

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

### **Assistance with Your Questions**

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

