

YOUR  
HOSPITAL  
CONFINEMENT  
INDEMNITY  
INSURANCE  
PLAN

For Employees of  
The George Washington University

# GROUP HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT INDEMNITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

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**POLICYHOLDER:** The George Washington University  
**GROUP POLICY NUMBER:** 73955-3CHI2  
**POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2024  
**GOVERNING JURISDICTION:** District of Columbia

## **THIS IS LIMITED BENEFIT INDEMNITY COVERAGE. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.**

**Benefits are paid for Hospital Confinements and other covered losses as defined in the Certificate. The Policy does not constitute comprehensive health insurance coverage (often referred to as “major medical insurance coverage”). In addition, the Policy does not satisfy the requirement of minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Benefits are paid under the Policy for Hospital Confinement or other covered losses as indemnity insurance and are not intended to cover medical expenses.**

ReliaStar Life Insurance Company certifies that we have 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 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 replaces any other Certificates we may have given you for the same level of coverage under the Policy.

This Certificate summarizes and explains the parts of the Policy which apply to you. The Certificate 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. The Policy is delivered in and is 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 coverage under the Policy is conditionally renewable according to the terms and provisions of the Policy.

In this Certificate, “you” and “your” refer to an Employee who is eligible for coverage under the Policy; “we”, “us” and “our” refer to ReliaStar Life Insurance Company.

### **Exclusions may apply.**

Signed for ReliaStar Life Insurance Company at its home office in Minneapolis, Minnesota on the Policy effective date.



Robert L. Grubka  
President



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California residents:

**If you are age 65 or older on the effective date of any coverage under the 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 to cancel your coverage and have your full premium contribution and any policy or membership fee paid refunded, by returning the Certificate to the Policyholder by mail or other delivery method for cancellation without claim.**

Florida residents:

**The benefits of the Policy providing your coverage are governed primarily 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.**

New Mexico residents:

**If you contribute to the cost of your coverage, you may cancel your coverage for any reason within 30 days after your receipt of your initial Certificate of coverage under the Policy, provided no benefits have been paid. Contact the Policyholder to cancel your coverage and receive any premium refund.**

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.**

# SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

**EMPLOYER:** The George Washington University  
**GROUP POLICY NUMBER:** 73955-3CHI2

## ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)

All Full-time and Part-time benefit eligible Employees as well as Post Docs Associates and Scholars, 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

14 hours per week

## ELIGIBILITY WAITING PERIOD

Persons in an eligible class on or before the Policy effective date: None

Persons entering an eligible class after the Policy effective date: None

**Exception:** if you were hired on the first of the month, the waiting period is waived.

## WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE

You pay the cost of your coverage.

## BENEFIT AMOUNTS

### DAILY CONFINEMENT AMOUNT(S)

<u>Low Plan</u>	<u>High Plan</u>
\$100	\$200

### CONFINEMENT DAILY BENEFITS

#### Facility Confinement Benefits

Hospital Confinement	1 times the daily Confinement amount per day, up to a maximum of 30 days per Confinement
Critical Care Unit (CCU) Confinement	2 times the daily Confinement amount per day, up to a maximum of 30 days per Confinement
Rehabilitation Facility Confinement	1/2 of the daily Confinement amount per day, up to a maximum of 30 days per Confinement

#### Admission Benefits

	<u>Low Plan</u>	<u>High Plan</u>
Hospital Admission	\$600 for the first day of Hospital Confinement, once per Confinement	\$1,200 for the first day of Hospital Confinement, once per Confinement
Critical Care Unit (CCU) Admission	\$1,200 for the first day of CCU Confinement, once per Confinement	\$2,400 for the first day of CCU Confinement, once per Confinement

Only one type of facility Confinement or admission benefit is payable per day. Each type of admission benefit is payable 8 times per calendar year.

Any combination of facility Confinement and admission benefits payable will not exceed a total of 92 days during a period of Confinement.

**OBSERVATION UNIT DAILY BENEFIT**

Observation unit benefit      \$200 per day, up to a maximum of one day per calendar year.

An observation unit benefit is not payable for any day that a facility Confinement or admission benefit is payable.

## DEFINITIONS

**Accident** or **Accidental** means an unforeseen event that results in a bodily Injury.

**Active Employment** means you are working for the Employer for earnings that are paid regularly and 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 shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

Your work site must be one of the following:

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

Normal vacation is considered Active Employment.  
Temporary and seasonal workers are excluded from coverage.

**Certificate** means the document that explains the parts of the Policy which apply to eligible Insured Persons. It may include riders, endorsements or amendments.

**Confined** or **Confinement** means that on the advice of a Doctor, your assignment to a bed as a resident inpatient in a Hospital or Critical Care Unit (CCU) or Rehabilitation Facility. There must be a charge for room and board, other than in any government, military or veterans' facility for which there is no charge for room and board.

**Critical Care Unit** means a specifically designated part of a Hospital commonly referred to as an intensive care unit which meets all of the following requirements:

- It provides the highest level of medical care and is restricted to patients who are critically ill or injured and who require intensive comprehensive observation and care.
- It is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds and wards customarily used for patient confinement.
- It is permanently equipped with special lifesaving equipment for the care of the critically ill or injured.
- It is under constant and continuous observation by a specially trained nursing staff assigned exclusively to the intensive care unit on a 24 hour basis.
- It is assigned a Doctor on a full-time basis.

Critical Care Unit does not include a sub-acute intensive care unit that provides a level of medical care below intensive care, but above a regular private or semi-private room or ward such as a step-down unit.

**Doctor** means a person other than you or any family member, who is licensed to practice medicine in the state in which treatment is received and providing treatment or advice in accordance with the license. State law may require consideration of professional services of a practitioner other than a medical doctor. If so, then this definition includes persons recognized as qualified to treat the condition for which claim is made by the state in which treatment is received.

**Eligibility Waiting Period** means the continuous period of time (shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS) that you must be in Active Employment in an eligible class before you are eligible for coverage under the Policy.

**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.

**Hospital** means an institution that is run for the care and treatment of sick or injured persons as in-patients and which, on its premises or in facilities available to the Hospital on a pre-arranged basis, fully meets each of the following requirements:

- It is operated in accordance with the laws pertaining to hospitals in the jurisdiction in which it is located.
- It is under the supervision of a medical staff and has one or more Doctors available at all times.
- It provides 24 hours a day service by registered graduate nurses (RNs).
- It is not an institution or any part of an institution used as: a hospice unit, including any bed designated as a hospice or a swing bed; a convalescent home; a rest or nursing facility; a free-standing surgical center; an extended-care facility; a skilled nursing facility; or a facility primarily affording custodial, educational care or care for the aged.

**Injury** means a bodily Injury that is the direct result of an Accident and not related to any other cause. Injuries must be independent of Sickness, disease, bodily infirmity and other causes.

**Insured Person** means an Employee who is eligible for 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.

**Policy** means the written group insurance contract between us and the Policyholder.

**Policyholder** means the Employer to which the Policy is issued and who sponsors the coverage for its Employees.

**Rehabilitation Facility** means a free-standing facility which meets the definition of Hospital but is specifically designated to provide coordinated multidisciplinary physical restorative services to inpatients including the treatment of mental diseases or disorders, or drug or alcohol addiction. Services must be provided under the direction of a Doctor knowledgeable and experienced in the type of rehabilitative medicine being provided.

Rehabilitation Facility includes a unit of a Hospital with beds set up and staffed and specifically designated for rehabilitative medicine.

**Sickness** means illness, infection, disease or any other abnormal physical condition that is not due to an Injury. Sickness includes pregnancy, infection and any other abnormal physical condition that is not caused by an Accident.

# GENERAL PROVISIONS

## ELIGIBILITY

If you are working for the Employer in an eligible class (shown on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS), the date you are eligible for coverage is the later of the following:

- The Policy effective date.
- The day after you complete your Eligibility Waiting Period.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE

You will be covered at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the Policyholder's address on the latest of the following:

- The date you are eligible for coverage, if you apply for coverage on or before that date.
- The first day of the month following the date you apply for coverage.
- The first day of the month following the date you return to Active Employment, if you are not in Active Employment when your coverage would otherwise become effective. **Exception:** Coverage starts on a non-working day if you were in Active Employment on your last scheduled working day before the non-working day. Non-working days include time off for the following: vacations, personal holidays, weekends and holidays, approved nonmedical leave of absence and paid time off for nonmedical-related absences.

## EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES TO COVERAGE

Once your coverage begins, any increased or additional coverage will take effect on the latest of the following:

- The first day of the month following the date of the increased or additional coverage, if you are in Active Employment.
- The first day of the month following the date you return to Active Employment, if you are not in Active Employment due to Injury or Sickness.

Any decrease in coverage will take effect at the end of the month but will not affect a payable claim that occurs prior to the decrease.

## TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

Your coverage under the Policy ends on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date the Policy terminates.
- The last day of the month during which you are no longer in an eligible class.
- The last day of the month during which your eligible class is no longer covered.
- The last day of the month during which you voluntarily cancel your coverage.
- The end of the period for which you paid premiums, if you stop making a required premium contribution, subject to the grace period.
- 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 of the month during which you are in Active Employment.

We will provide coverage for a payable claim that occurs while you are covered under the Policy.

## POLICY TERMINATION

The Policy can be terminated either by us or by the Policyholder.

We may terminate the Policy for any of the following reasons:

- The Policyholder does not promptly provide us with information that is reasonably required.
- Fewer than 25 persons are insured under the Policy.
- The premium is not paid in accordance with the provisions of the Policy.
- We determine that there is a significant change in the size, occupation or age of the eligible class(es) as a result of a corporate transaction such as a merger, divestiture, acquisition, sale or reorganization of the Policyholder and/or its persons.
- We stop providing the type of coverage under this Policy to all groups in the Policy issue state.

We reserve the right to review and terminate all class(es) covered under the Policy if any class(es) cease(s) to be covered.

If the Policyholder fails to pay the full premium due by the end of the grace period, the Policy will terminate according to the GRACE PERIOD provision.

If we terminate the Policy for reasons other than the Policyholder's failure to pay premiums, written notice will be mailed to the Policyholder at least 60 days prior to the termination date.

The Policyholder may terminate the Policy by written notice delivered to us at our home office prior to the termination date. When both the Policyholder and we agree, the Policy can be terminated on an earlier date.

If the Policyholder or we terminate the Policy, coverage will end at 12:00 midnight standard time at the Policyholder's address on the termination date.

If the Policy is terminated, the termination will not affect a payable claim.

## **PORTABILITY**

Portability means you have the option to continue your coverage after it would otherwise terminate, if certain conditions are met.

To continue your coverage, you must apply for portability and pay the first premium within 31 days of the date your coverage would otherwise terminate due to any of the following:

- You retire or terminate employment with the Employer, if coverage remains in effect under the Policy for other Insured Persons.
- The Policyholder terminates coverage under the Policy for all Insured Persons, and does not replace it with a similar insurance plan.
- You are no longer eligible for coverage under the Policy.

You can decrease but not increase the ported coverage amount. Ported coverage is subject to all the terms of the Policy and this Certificate.

Premiums will be billed directly to you. Continued premium payment is required to keep coverage in force. The initial premium will be based on the portability premium rates in effect at the time you apply for portability. We may change the portability premium rates at any time upon 60 days written notice to you.

Coverage continued under this provision will end on the earliest of the following:

- The end of the period for which you paid premiums, if you stop making a required premium contribution, subject to the grace period.
- The date you die.
- The date the Policy terminates and coverage for all Insured Persons under the Policy terminates, upon 60 days written notice of termination.

## **GRACE PERIOD**

The Policyholder has a grace period of 60 days for the payment of any premium due except the first. During the grace period the Policy will remain in force. If full payment is not received by us by the end of the grace period, the Policy will automatically terminate at the end of the grace period. The Policyholder is required to pay a pro rata premium for any period the Policy was in force during the grace period. There is no grace period if the Policyholder gives us advance written notice of termination, or if we have given the Policyholder advance written notice of termination as described under the POLICY TERMINATION provision.

If you are on portability, you also have a grace period of 31 days for the payment of any premium due. During the grace period your coverage will remain in force. If full payment is not received by us by the end of the grace period, your coverage will automatically terminate at the end of the grace period. A pro rata premium payment is required for any period your coverage was in force during the grace period.

## **REPRESENTATIONS NOT WARRANTIES**

We consider any statements the Policyholder and you make in an application to be 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 personal representative.

## **INCONTESTABILITY**

Except in the case of fraud, no statement made by you in an application or enrollment form 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.

## **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.

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 are eligible for coverage under the Policy and in what amounts.
- Make a fair adjustment of the premium.

## **MISSTATEMENT OF AGE**

If premiums are based on your age and you have misstated your age, we will make a fair adjustment of benefits to reflect the amount that the premium paid would have purchased at your true age. We may require satisfactory proof of your age before paying any claim.

## **ASSIGNMENT**

No assignment of benefits under the Policy is valid, unless otherwise specified in the Policy.

## **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.

## **CONFORMITY WITH STATE STATUTES**

Any provision of the Policy which, on the Policy effective date and each subsequent Policy anniversary date, conflicts with any law that applies in the jurisdiction where the Policy is issued, is automatically amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such law.

## **CHANGES TO POLICY OR CERTIFICATE**

No agent, representative or employee of ours or of any other entity may change or waive the terms of the Policy, or of any Certificate or rider issued under it, except in writing signed by one of our executive officers and endorsed or attached to the Policy.

If there is a conflict between the terms of this Certificate or any attached rider and the Policy, the Policy controls.

# BENEFITS

We will pay a benefit as shown on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS for an eligible Confinement or other covered loss that occurs on or after your coverage effective date, subject to the EXCLUSIONS of this Certificate.

## **CONFINEMENT DAILY BENEFITS**

Only one type of facility Confinement benefit is payable per day. Confinement benefits are payable for each day you are Confined up to the maximums shown on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

Re-Confinements to a Hospital or Critical Care Unit (CCU) or Rehabilitation Facility that occur within 92 days after being discharged for the same or a related condition are considered to be part of the previous period of Confinement. A Confinement that begins more than 92 days after discharge for a previous period of Confinement is considered a new Confinement.

A Confinement benefit will not be payable for any day that an admission benefit is payable.

**Admission:** Only one type of admission benefit is payable per day. Admission benefits are payable upon admission to a Hospital or Critical Care Unit (CCU) or Rehabilitation Facility for Confinement as an inpatient due to treatment of an Injury or Sickness. The first day of Confinement must occur on or after your coverage effective date. The number of admission benefits payable during a period of Confinement are limited as shown on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

**Hospital Confinement:** Benefits are payable if you are Confined in a Hospital on an inpatient basis due to treatment of an Injury or Sickness.

**Critical Care Unit (CCU) Confinement:** Benefits are payable if you are Confined in a Critical Care Unit on an inpatient basis due to treatment of an Injury or Sickness. Once the CCU Confinement benefits have been paid for the maximum number of days in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, any remaining days of Hospital Confinement during the same period of Confinement will be payable under the Hospital Confinement daily benefit, up to the maximum number of days in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

**Rehabilitation Facility Confinement:** Benefits are payable if you are Confined in a Rehabilitation Facility on an inpatient basis due to treatment of an Injury or Sickness.

## **OBSERVATION UNIT DAILY BENEFIT**

**Observation unit benefit:** Benefits are payable if you are admitted to a Hospital observation unit for at least 4 consecutive hours other than as an inpatient. This benefit is not payable for any day that a facility Confinement or admission benefit is payable.

An observation unit is a specified area within a Hospital, apart from the Emergency Room, where a patient can be monitored following outpatient surgery or following treatment in the Emergency Room by a Doctor, and that fully meets each of the following requirements:

- It is under the direct supervision of a Doctor or registered nurse.
- It is staffed by nurses assigned specifically to that unit.
- It provides care seven days per week, 24 hours per day.

## EXCLUSIONS

Benefits are not payable for any loss caused in whole or directly by any of the following:

- Participation or attempt to participate in a felony or illegal activity.
- Operation of a motorized vehicle while intoxicated. Intoxication means your blood alcohol content meets or exceeds the legal presumption of intoxication under the laws of the state where the Accident occurred.
- Suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane.
- War or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared (excluding acts of terrorism).
- Loss sustained while on active duty as a member of the armed forces of any nation. We will refund, upon written notice of such service, any premium which has been accepted for any period not covered as a result of this exclusion.
- Misuse of alcohol or taking of drugs, other than under the direction of a Doctor. **Exception:** This exclusion does not apply to a Confinement in an eligible Hospital or Rehabilitation Facility for the purpose of treatment for alcoholism or drug addiction.
- Elective surgery, except when required for appropriate care as determined by a Doctor as a result of your Injury or Sickness.
- Riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test.
- Operating, or training to operate, or service as a crew member of, or jumping, parachuting or falling from, any aircraft or hot air balloon, including those which are not motor-driven. Flying as a fare-paying passenger is not excluded.
- Engaging in hang-gliding, bungee jumping, parachuting, sailgliding, parasailing, parakiting, kitesurfing or any similar activities.
- Practicing for, or participating in, any semi-professional or professional competitive athletic contests for which any type of compensation or remuneration is received.

# CLAIMS

## NOTICE OF CLAIM

Written notice of your claim should be given to us within 30 days after the date of loss. 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.

## CLAIM FORM

The claim form is available from the Employer or you can request a claim form from us. If you do not receive the form from us within 15 days of your request, you may send us written proof of claim without waiting for the form. If such written proof of claim covers the occurrence, character and extent of the loss within the time period below for proof of claim, you will be deemed to have complied with the requirements for providing proof of claim.

## FILING A CLAIM

The claim form(s) may require completion by you and the Employer and your attending Doctor. The completed form(s) and any attachments indicated on the form(s) as required should be sent directly to us at the address indicated on the form.

## PROOF OF CLAIM

You must send us written proof of your claim within 90 days after the date of loss. Failure to give such proof 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 proof within that time, and the proof was given as soon as reasonably possible. However, in any event, you must provide proof of claim no later than one year after the time proof is otherwise required, except in the absence of legal capacity.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION

We may require you to be examined by one or more Doctors or other medical practitioners of our choice. We will pay for this examination. We can require an examination as often as it is reasonable to do so while your claim is pending. We may also require you to be interviewed by our authorized representative. Failure to comply with this request may result in denial or termination of benefits.

## BENEFIT PAYMENTS

Benefits are payable to you unless otherwise specified. Once a claim has been approved, we will make payment as soon as possible but no more than 60 days after receipt of proof of claim. Any accrued benefits that are payable at your death will be paid to the first survivor(s) who is/are living on the date of your death, in the following order:

1. Your spouse.
2. Your natural and adopted children, in equal shares.
3. Your grandchildren, in equal shares.
4. Your parents, in equal shares.
5. Your siblings, in equal shares.
6. Your estate.

If a survivor entitled to receive a payment dies before receiving it, we will make payment to that person's estate.

If a survivor entitled to receive a payment has a special needs trust established, we will make payment to that person's trust instead of to the person directly.

"Spouse" in this provision means a person of the same or opposite sex who is legally married to you under the laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the marriage took place. In this provision it includes your domestic partner or civil union partner. "Domestic partner" means an unmarried same or opposite sex adult who resides with you and with whom you have registered your domestic partnership in a state or local registry. "Civil union partner" means a partner in a relationship similar to marriage that is legally established in another jurisdiction and is recognized by District of Columbia law as substantially similar to a domestic partnership.

Any payment we make in good faith will discharge our liability as to the extent of such payment. We will pay the benefits in one sum or in a method comparable to one sum.

**LEGAL ACTION**

You can start legal action regarding a claim no earlier than 60 days after written proof of claim has been given to us, and no later than three years from the time proof of claim is required, unless otherwise provided under federal law. Nothing in this provision waives, extends or tolls any applicable statute of limitations governing any claim relating in any way to your coverage.

**CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT**  
For Group Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance

**RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

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**Limited Benefit. Please Read Carefully.**

This endorsement is made a part of the Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance Certificate and is subject to all of the provisions, limitations and exclusions of the Policy and Certificate. Except as expressly changed by this endorsement, the terms used in this endorsement have the same meaning as in the Certificate.

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

The endorsement effective date is the effective date of the Certificate.

**ENDORSED PROVISIONS**

Your Certificate has been changed. The following provision(s) are amended to read as follows:

**Confined or Confinement** means that on the advice of a Doctor, your assignment to a bed as a resident inpatient in a Hospital or Critical Care Unit (CCU) or Rehabilitation Facility. Confined or Confinement includes being admitted to a Hospital observation unit for 20 hours or more. An observation unit is a specified area within a Hospital, apart from the Emergency Room, where a patient can be monitored by a Doctor, and that fully meets each of the following requirements:

- It is under the direct supervision of a Doctor or registered nurse.
- It is staffed by nurses assigned specifically to that unit.
- It provides care seven days per week, 24 hours per day.

There must be a charge for room and board for the confinement, other than in any government, military or veterans' facility or Hospital observation unit for which there is no charge for room and board.

**OBSERVATION UNIT DAILY BENEFIT**

**Observation unit benefit:** Benefits are payable if you are admitted to a Hospital observation unit for at least 4 consecutive hours but less than 20 consecutive hours other than as an inpatient. This benefit is not payable for any day that a facility Confinement or admission benefit is payable.

An observation unit is a specified area within a Hospital, apart from the Emergency Room, where a patient can be monitored by a Doctor, and that fully meets each of the following requirements:

- It is under the direct supervision of a Doctor or registered nurse.
- It is staffed by nurses assigned specifically to that unit.
- It provides care seven days per week, 24 hours per day.

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# SPOUSE HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT INDEMNITY RIDER

## RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

**POLICYHOLDER:** The George Washington University

**GROUP POLICY NUMBER:** 73955-3CHI2

THIS IS LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY. This rider is made a part of the Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance Certificate and is subject to all of the provisions, limitations and exclusions of the Policy and Certificate, unless changed by this rider. Unless expressly changed by this rider, the terms used in this rider have the same meaning as in the Certificate.

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### SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

#### WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE

You pay the cost of coverage under this rider.

#### BENEFIT AMOUNTS

The benefit amounts for your Spouse are the same as the Employee BENEFIT AMOUNTS as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS section of the Certificate.

### DEFINITIONS

General terms defined in the DEFINITIONS section of the Certificate regarding medical conditions and eligibility apply to your Spouse.

**Civil Union Partner** means a partner in a relationship similar to marriage that is legally established in another jurisdiction and recognized by District of Columbia law as substantially similar to a Domestic Partnership. Any reference to marriage includes establishment of a civil union. Any reference to divorce includes termination of a civil union.

**Spouse** means a person of the same or opposite sex who is legally married to you under the laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the marriage took place. For purposes of the Policy, references to "Spouse" include a Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner as defined.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### ELIGIBILITY

If you are covered under the Policy, then your Spouse is eligible under this rider on the latest of the following:

- The Policy effective date.
- The date this rider is available to the eligible class of Insured Persons to which you belong.

- Your Hospital Confinement Indemnity coverage effective date.
- The date of your marriage.

If your Spouse is covered under the Policy as an Employee, then your Spouse is not eligible for coverage under this rider.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

Your Spouse will be covered at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the Policyholder's address on the latest of the following:

- The date your Spouse is eligible for coverage, if you apply for Spouse coverage on or before that date.
- The first day of the month following the date you apply for Spouse coverage.
- The first day of the month following the date you return to Active Employment, if you are not in Active Employment when your Spouse's coverage would otherwise become effective. **Exception:** Coverage starts on a non-working day if you were in Active Employment on your last scheduled working day before the non-working day. Non-working days include time off for the following: vacations, personal holidays, weekends and holidays, approved nonmedical leave of absence and paid time off for nonmedical-related absences.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES TO COVERAGE**

Once your Spouse's coverage begins, any increased or additional coverage due to an increase in the Employee coverage amount will take effect on the same date as the Employee coverage increase.

Any decrease in coverage due to a decrease in the Employee coverage amount will take effect on the same date as the Employee coverage decrease, but will not affect a payable claim that occurs prior to the decrease.

### **TERMINATION**

This rider terminates on the earliest of the following:

- The date your Certificate terminates.
- The date this rider is terminated for all Insured Persons under the Policy.
- The last day of the month during which you voluntarily cancel this rider.
- The last day of the month during which your Spouse is no longer an eligible Spouse as defined by this rider. See the PORTABILITY FOLLOWING DEATH OR DIVORCE provision below.
- The end of the period for which premiums are paid, if the next required premium contribution is not paid, subject to the grace period.

### **PORTABILITY**

If you are approved by us to continue your coverage under the Certificate's PORTABILITY provision, then this rider can also be continued during portability.

### **PORTABILITY FOLLOWING DEATH OR DIVORCE**

If you die or divorce, your Spouse can apply to continue Spouse coverage if certain conditions are met. Your Spouse must have been insured under this rider on the date of your death or divorce, and your Spouse must apply for portability and pay the first premium within 31 days of the date of your death or divorce.

If your Spouse is approved by us for portability, your Spouse will become the owner of the Spouse coverage that was previously provided under this rider. Your Spouse can decrease but not increase the ported coverage amount. Ported coverage is subject to all the terms of the Policy and Certificate.

Premiums will be billed directly to your Spouse. Continued premium payment is required to keep coverage in force. The initial premium will be based on the portability premium rates in effect at the time your Spouse applies for portability. We may change the portability premium rates at any time upon 60 days written notice to your Spouse.

Coverage continued under this provision will end on the earliest of the following:

- The end of the period for which your Spouse paid premiums, if your Spouse stops making a required premium contribution, subject to the grace period.
- The date your Spouse dies.

- The date the Policy terminates and coverage for all Insured Persons under the Policy terminates, upon 60 days written notice of termination.

## **SPOUSE BENEFITS**

The benefits for your Spouse are the same as your benefits as shown in the BENEFITS section of the Certificate, based on your Spouse's Confinement or other covered loss, and subject to the EXCLUSIONS of this rider.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

Benefits are not payable for any loss caused in whole or directly by any of the following:

- Participation or attempt to participate in a felony or illegal activity.
- An Accident while your Spouse is operating a motorized vehicle while intoxicated. Intoxication means your Spouse's blood alcohol content meets or exceeds the legal presumption of intoxication under the laws of the state where the Accident occurred.
- Suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane.
- War or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared (excluding acts of terrorism).
- Loss sustained while on active duty as a member of the armed forces of any nation. We will refund, upon written notice of such service, any premium which has been accepted for any period not covered as a result of this exclusion.
- Misuse of alcohol or taking of drugs, other than under the direction of a Doctor. **Exception:** This exclusion does not apply to a Confinement in an eligible Hospital or Rehabilitation Facility for the purpose of treatment for alcoholism or drug addiction.
- Elective surgery, except when required for appropriate care as determined by a Doctor as a result of your Spouse's Injury or Sickness.
- Riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test.
- Operating, or training to operate, or service as a crew member of, or jumping, parachuting or falling from, any aircraft or hot air balloon, including those which are not motor-driven. Flying as a fare-paying passenger is not excluded.
- Engaging in hang-gliding, bungee jumping, parachuting, sailgliding, parasailing, parakiting, kitesurfing or any similar activities.
- Practicing for, or participating in, any semi-professional or professional competitive athletic contests for which any type of compensation or remuneration is received.

## **CLAIMS**

### **NOTICE OF CLAIM**

Written notice of your claim should be given to us within 30 days after the date of loss. 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.

### **CLAIM FORM**

The claim form is available from the Employer or you can request a claim form from us. If you do not receive the form from us within 15 days of your request, you may send us written proof of claim without waiting for the form. If such written proof of claim covers the occurrence, character and extent of the loss within the time period below for proof of claim, you will be deemed to have complied with the requirements for providing proof of claim.

### **FILING A CLAIM**

The claim form(s) may require completion by you and the Employer and your Spouse's attending Doctor. The completed form(s) and any attachments indicated on the form(s) as required should be sent directly to us at the address indicated on the form.

**PROOF OF CLAIM**

You must send us written proof of your claim within 90 days after the date of loss. Failure to give such proof 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 proof within that time, and the proof was given as soon as reasonably possible. However, in any event, you must provide proof of claim no later than one year after the time proof is otherwise required, except in the absence of legal capacity.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

We may require your Spouse to be examined by one or more Doctors or other medical practitioners of our choice. We will pay for this examination. We can require an examination as often as it is reasonable to do so while the claim is pending. We may also require your Spouse to be interviewed by our authorized representative. Failure to comply with this request may result in denial or termination of benefits.

**BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

Benefits under this rider are payable to you. Once a claim has been approved, we will make payment as soon as possible but no more than 60 days after receipt of proof of claim. Any accrued benefits that are payable at your death will be paid according to the BENEFIT PAYMENTS provision in the Certificate. For PORTABILITY FOLLOWING DEATH OR DIVORCE, benefits are payable to your Spouse, and any accrued benefits that are payable at the time of your Spouse's death will be paid to your Spouse's estate.

Any payment we make in good faith will discharge our liability as to the extent of such payment. We will pay the benefits in one sum or in a method comparable to one sum.

**LEGAL ACTION**

You can start legal action regarding a claim no earlier than 60 days after written proof of claim has been given to us, and no later than three years from the time proof of claim is required, unless otherwise provided under federal law. Nothing in this provision waives, extends or tolls any applicable statute of limitations governing any claim relating in any way to your Spouse's coverage.

Executed at our Home Office:  
250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900  
Minneapolis, MN 55401



Robert L. Grubka  
President



Melissa A. O'Donnell  
Secretary

# CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT INDEMNITY RIDER

**RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**  
250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

**POLICYHOLDER:** The George Washington University

**GROUP POLICY NUMBER:** 73955-3CHI2

**THIS IS LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE, PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.** This rider is made a part of the Hospital Confinement Indemnity Certificate and is subject to all of the provisions, limitations and exclusions of the Policy and Certificate, unless changed by this rider. Unless expressly changed by this rider, the terms used in this rider have the same meaning as in the Certificate.

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## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

### WHO PAYS FOR THE COVERAGE

You pay the cost of coverage under this rider.

### BENEFIT AMOUNTS

The benefit amounts for your Children are the same as the Employee BENEFIT AMOUNTS as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS section of the Certificate. **Exception(s):** The benefit amount for your newborn Child is described under the NEWBORN BENEFIT provision below. If you do not have coverage under this rider on the date of your newborn Child's birth, there is no admission benefit payable for that newborn Child's Confinement due to birth.

### NEWBORN BENEFIT

Your newborn Child's Confinement,  
if you have coverage under this rider  
on the date of your newborn Child's birth

The same as benefits for any other Child.

Your newborn Child's Confinement,  
if you do not have coverage under this rider  
on the date of your newborn Child's birth

\$100 No admission benefit is payable.

## DEFINITIONS

General terms defined in the DEFINITIONS section of the Certificate regarding medical conditions and eligibility apply to your Children.

**Child** or **Children** means a child from live birth but less than 26 years of age who is one of the following:

- Your natural or adopted child (including a child placed for adoption).
- Your stepchild.
- Your foster child or a child or grandchild for whom you are a legal guardian.
- Your grandchild if the child's parent is insured as your Child under this rider.

The child must also meet all of the following conditions:

- Not be on full-time active duty in the armed forces of any country or subdivision thereof.
- Legally reside in the United States or its territories or possessions.
- Not be insured under the Policy as an Employee or Spouse.

This definition includes your Child age 26 or older who is incapable of self-sustaining employment due to physical or intellectual disability. Written proof of the Child's incapacity must be furnished to us at our home office within 31 days after the Child reaches the limiting age. We may require, at reasonable intervals, but not more than once a year after the two year period following attainment of the limiting age, evidence satisfactory to us that the incapacity is continuing.

Coverage will continue while the Child remains incapable of self-sustaining employment due to physical or intellectual disability and continues to meet the definition of Child except for the age limit.

**Civil Union Partner** means a partner in a relationship similar to marriage that is legally established in another jurisdiction and recognized by District of Columbia law as substantially similar to a Domestic Partnership. Any reference to marriage includes establishment of a civil union. Any reference to divorce includes termination of a civil union.

**Spouse** means a person of the same or opposite sex who is legally married to you under the laws of the state or jurisdiction in which the marriage took place. For purposes of the Policy, references to "Spouse" include a Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner as defined.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### ELIGIBILITY

If you are covered under the Policy, then your Children are eligible under this rider on the latest of the following:

- The Policy effective date.
- The date this rider is available to the eligible class of Insured Persons to which you belong.
- Your Hospital Confinement Indemnity coverage effective date.
- The date you acquire a Child by marriage, birth or adoption.

If your Child is covered under the Policy as an Employee, then your Child is not eligible for coverage under this rider.

If both you and your Spouse are covered under the Policy as an Employee, then only one of you may cover your Children under this rider. If the parent who is covering the Children stops being insured as an Employee then the other parent may apply for Children's coverage under this rider within 60 days.

### EFFECTIVE DATE

Your Children will be covered at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the Policyholder's address on the latest of the following:

- The date your Children are eligible for coverage, if you apply for Children's coverage on or before that date.
- The first day of the month following the date you apply for Children's coverage.
- The first day of the month following the date you return to Active Employment, if you are not in Active Employment when your Children's coverage would otherwise become effective. **Exception:** Coverage starts on a non-working day if you were in Active Employment on your last scheduled working day before the non-working day. Non-working days include time off for the following: vacations, personal holidays, weekends and holidays, approved nonmedical Leave of Absence and paid time off for nonmedical-related absences.

If you have Employee/Member coverage but you do not have Children's coverage under this rider, and you acquire a new eligible Child due to birth, your eligible newborn Child is automatically covered under the terms of this rider for the NEWBORN BENEFIT as shown on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS. This includes an adopted newborn Child who is placed with you within 30 days after birth. The effective date of any coverage you apply for after birth is subject to the conditions above including Active Employment.

If you have coverage under this rider and you acquire a new eligible Child due to birth, marriage or adoption, then the newly eligible Child will be covered automatically from the date of the event. If an adopted newborn Child is placed with you within 30 days of birth, the “event” will be the date of birth. If an adopted Child is placed with you more than 30 days after birth, the “event” will be the date of placement. No additional premium is required.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF CHANGES TO COVERAGE**

Once your Children’s coverage begins, any increased or additional coverage due to an increase in the Employee coverage amount will take effect on the same date as the Employee coverage increase.

Any decrease in coverage due to a decrease in the Employee coverage amount will take effect on the same date as the Employee coverage decrease, but will not affect a payable claim that occurs prior to the decrease.

### **TERMINATION**

Coverage for each Child ends on the earliest of the following:

- The date this rider terminates.
- The last day of the month during which the Child is no longer an eligible Child as defined by this rider. Eligibility of a Child who is incapable of self-sustaining employment due to physical or intellectual disability ends when there is no longer evidence satisfactory to us that the incapacity is continuing.

This rider terminates on the earliest of the following:

- The date your Certificate terminates.
- The date this rider is terminated for all Insured Persons under the Policy.
- The last day of the month during which you voluntarily cancel this rider.
- The date you no longer have any eligible Children covered under this rider. See the PORTABILITY FOLLOWING DEATH provision below.
- The end of the period for which premiums are paid, if the next required premium contribution is not paid, subject to the grace period.

### **PORTABILITY**

If you are approved by us to continue your coverage under the Certificate’s PORTABILITY provision, then this rider can also be continued during portability.

### **PORTABILITY FOLLOWING DEATH**

If you die and your Spouse is approved by us for portability under the Spouse Hospital Confinement Indemnity Rider, then this rider can be continued under your Spouse’s coverage. Following portability of this rider, Children may be covered only if they would have been eligible for coverage under the eligibility rules in force prior to the death of the Employee.

Premiums will be billed directly to your Spouse. Continued premium payment is required to keep coverage in force. The initial premium will be based on the portability premium rates in effect at the time your Spouse applies for portability. We may change the portability premium rates at any time upon 60 days written notice to your Spouse.

Coverage continued under this provision will end on the earliest of the following:

- The end of the period for which your Spouse paid premiums, if your Spouse stops making a required premium contribution, subject to the grace period.
- The date your Spouse dies.
- The date there are no longer any eligible Children covered under this rider.
- The date the Policy terminates and coverage for all Insured Persons under the Policy terminates, upon 60 days written notice of termination.

## CHILDREN BENEFITS

Benefits are payable for each covered Child. The benefits for your Children are the same as your Employee benefits as shown in the BENEFITS section of the Certificate, based on your Child's Confinement or other covered loss.

**Exception(s):** Benefits for your newborn Child are described under the NEWBORN BENEFIT provisions on this rider. If you do not have coverage under this rider on the date of your newborn Child's birth, there is no admission benefit payable for that newborn Child's Confinement due to birth.

### NEWBORN BENEFIT

If you have coverage under this rider on the date of your newborn Child's birth, then the benefits for the newborn Child under this rider are the same as for any other Child.

If you have Employee coverage but you do not have coverage under this rider on the date of your newborn Child's birth, and your newborn Child is Confined due to birth, then this rider provides a one-time benefit for your newborn Child as shown on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS. All other benefits under this rider are subject to the conditions regarding application, effective date and Active Employment.

## EXCLUSIONS

Benefits are not payable for any loss caused in whole or directly by any of the following:

- Participation or attempt to participate in a felony or illegal activity.
- An Accident while your Child is operating a motorized vehicle while intoxicated. Intoxication means your Child's blood alcohol content meets or exceeds the legal presumption of intoxication under the laws of the state where the Accident occurred.
- Suicide, attempted suicide or any intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane.
- War or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared (excluding acts of terrorism).
- Loss sustained while on active duty as a member of the armed forces of any nation. We will refund, upon written notice of such service, any premium which has been accepted for any period not covered as a result of this exclusion.
- Misuse of alcohol or taking of drugs, other than under the direction of a Doctor. **Exception:** This exclusion does not apply to a Confinement in an eligible Hospital or Rehabilitation Facility for the purpose of treatment for alcoholism or drug addiction.
- Elective surgery, except when required for appropriate care as determined by a Doctor as a result of your Child's Injury or Sickness.
- Riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test.
- Operating, or training to operate, or service as a crew member of, or jumping, parachuting or falling from, any aircraft or hot air balloon, including those which are not motor-driven. Flying as a fare-paying passenger is not excluded.
- Engaging in hang-gliding, bungee jumping, parachuting, sailgliding, parasailing, parakiting, kitesurfing or any similar activities.
- Practicing for, or participating in, any semi-professional or professional competitive athletic contests for which any type of compensation or remuneration is received.

## CLAIMS

### NOTICE OF CLAIM

Written notice of your claim should be given to us within 30 days after the date of loss. 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.

### CLAIM FORM

The claim form is available from the Employer or you can request a claim form from us. If you do not receive the form from us within 15 days of your request, you may send us written proof of claim without waiting for the form. If such written proof of claim covers the occurrence, character and extent of the loss within the time period below for proof of claim, you will be deemed to have complied with the requirements for providing proof of claim.

**FILING A CLAIM**

The claim form(s) may require completion by you and the Employer and your Child’s attending Doctor. The completed form(s) and any attachments indicated on the form(s) as required should be sent directly to us at the address indicated on the form.

**PROOF OF CLAIM**

You must send us written proof of your claim within 90 days after the date of loss. Failure to give such proof 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 proof within that time, and the proof was given as soon as reasonably possible. However, in any event, you must provide proof of claim no later than one year after the time proof is otherwise required, except in the absence of legal capacity.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION**

We may require your Child to be examined by one or more Doctors or other medical practitioners of our choice. We will pay for this examination. We can require an examination as often as it is reasonable to do so while the claim is pending. We may also require you to be interviewed by our authorized representative. Failure to comply with this request may result in denial or termination of benefits.

**BENEFIT PAYMENTS**

Benefits under this rider are payable to you. Once a claim has been approved, we will make payment as soon as possible but no more than 60 days after receipt of proof of claim. Any accrued benefits that are payable at your death will be paid according to the BENEFIT PAYMENTS provision in the Certificate. For PORTABILITY FOLLOWING DEATH, benefits are payable to your Spouse, and any accrued benefits that are payable at the time of your Spouse’s death will be paid to your Spouse’s estate.

Any payment we make in good faith will discharge our liability as to the extent of such payment. We will pay the benefits in one sum or in a method comparable to one sum.

**LEGAL ACTION**

You can start legal action regarding a claim no earlier than 60 days after written proof of claim has been given to us, and no later than three years from the time proof of claim is required, unless otherwise provided under federal law. Nothing in this provision waives, extends or tolls any applicable statute of limitations governing any claim relating in any way to your coverage.

Executed at our Home Office:  
250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900  
Minneapolis, MN 55401



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# CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE RIDER

## RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900, Minneapolis, Minnesota 55401

**POLICYHOLDER:** The George Washington University

**GROUP POLICY NUMBER:** 73955-3CHI2

### **THIS IS LIMITED BENEFIT COVERAGE. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.**

This rider is made a part of the Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance Certificate and is subject to all of the provisions, limitations and exclusions of the Policy and Certificate, unless changed by this rider. Unless expressly changed by this rider, the terms used in this rider have the same meaning as in the Certificate.

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## DEFINITIONS

**Leave of Absence** means you are absent from Active Employment for a period of time under a leave granted in writing by the Employer that is in accordance with the Employer's formal leave policies. Your normal vacation time is not considered a Leave of Absence.

**Temporary Layoff** means you are absent from Active Employment for a period of time that has been agreed to in advance in writing by the Employer. Your normal vacation time is not considered a Temporary Layoff.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

### **ELIGIBILITY**

If you are covered under the Policy, then you are eligible for this rider on the latest of the following:

- The Policy effective date.
- The date this rider is available to the eligible class of Employees to which you belong.
- Your Hospital Confinement Indemnity coverage effective date.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

You will be covered at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the Policyholder's address on the date you are eligible for this rider.

### **TERMINATION**

This rider terminates on the earliest of the following:

- The date your Hospital Confinement Indemnity insurance terminates.
- The date this rider is terminated for all Employees under the Policy.
- The date this rider is terminated for the eligible class of Employees to which you belong.

## CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE

If you stop Active Employment due to:

- Employer-approved Leave of Absence
- Temporary Layoff

then insurance coverage may be continued under the Policy beyond the date you are no longer in Active Employment, limited to the time period(s) described below.

During this continued coverage period, the amount of continued insurance equals the amount in effect the day prior to the continuation period. That amount will reduce or stop according to the Certificate and riders in effect the day prior to the continuation period.

Premiums are due during the continuation period on the same basis as on the day prior to the continuation period. Contact the Employer for more information.

If an eligible claim occurs while coverage is being continued under this rider, then benefits will be paid as described in the Certificate and riders.

### **EMPLOYER-APPROVED LEAVE(S) OF ABSENCE**

#### **Family and Medical Leave**

If you are on a Leave of Absence as described under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and any amendments ("FMLA") or any applicable state family and medical leave law ("State FML"), and the Employer's human resource policy provides for continuation of insurance during an FMLA or State FML Leave of Absence, then your insurance coverage may be continued until the end of the later of:

- The leave period permitted by FMLA.
- The leave period permitted by state FML.

This continuation of coverage includes all riders that were in effect on the date before the FMLA or State FML Leave of Absence began.

#### **Sickness or Injury**

If you are on a Leave of Absence due to your sickness or injury, then your insurance coverage may be continued until the last day of the month which next follows the date which is 18 months after the date you stopped Active Employment.

This continuation of coverage includes all riders that were in effect on the date before the Leave of Absence began.

#### **Military Leave**

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 any applicable state law, then your insurance coverage may be continued until the last day of the month which next follows the date which is 12 months after the date you stopped Active Employment.

This continuation of coverage includes all riders that were in effect on the date before the Leave of Absence began.

#### **Other Leave of Absence**

If you are on a Leave of Absence for any other reason, then your insurance coverage may be continued until the last day of the month which next follows the date which is 12 months after the date you stopped Active Employment.

This continuation of coverage includes all riders that were in effect on the date before the Leave of Absence began.

### **TEMPORARY LAYOFF**

If you stop Active Employment due to a Temporary Layoff, then your insurance coverage may be continued until the last day of the month which next follows the date which is 6 months after the date you stopped Active Employment.

This continuation of coverage includes all riders that were in effect on the date before the Leave of Absence began.

### **CONCURRENT LEAVES OF ABSENCE**

If you would be eligible for more than one type of continuation under this rider during any one period that you are not in Active Employment, we will consider such periods to be concurrent for the purpose of determining how long your coverage may continue under the Policy.

### **TERMINATION OF CONTINUATION**

Coverage continued under this rider will end on the earliest of the following:

- The end of the continuation period as indicated above.
- The end of the period for which premiums are paid if the next premium is not paid by its due date, subject to the grace period.
- The date you are eligible under the Policy due to Active Employment.
- The date of your death.
- The date you become covered under another group hospital confinement indemnity insurance policy as an employee or member.
- The date the Policy terminates.
- The date coverage for all Employees under the Policy terminates.

In no event will coverage for you be continued beyond the date coverage would otherwise end according to the termination provision(s) of the Certificate and riders.

When this continuation ends, insurance under the Policy will stay in force only if all of the following conditions are met:

- Hospital Confinement Indemnity insurance is in force for Employees under the Policy; and
- You are in an eligible class for coverage under the Policy; and
- Your premium payments are resumed.

The amount of insurance will be subject to the Certificate and riders in effect on the date your premium payments are resumed.

### **RETURN TO ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT**

If coverage is not continued during any period that is eligible for continuation under the Policy, and you return to Active Employment while coverage is in force for Employees under the Policy, then the terms of the Certificate and riders will apply.

Executed at our Home Office:  
250 Marquette Avenue, Suite 900  
Minneapolis, MN 55401



Robert L. Grubka  
President



Melissa A. O'Donnell  
Secretary

## 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.

**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)**

**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  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**MAINE CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT**  
for Group Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance

Your Certificate has been changed as follows. Please keep this endorsement with your Certificate. This endorsement is subject to all other terms of the Policy.

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The following are added after the TERMINATION OF COVERAGE provision:

If your coverage ends due to a lapse or default on your part, your coverage may be reinstated on the basis that you suffered from a cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time of cancellation. You or someone authorized to act on your behalf must submit a request for reinstatement to us within 90 days of cancellation along with medical proof, at your expense, that you suffered from a cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time of cancellation. Within 15 days of our request, all premiums due from the date of cancellation must also be received by us in order to consider your request for reinstatement. If we approve your request, your coverage will be reinstated at the same level as though the cancellation had not occurred.

**THIRD PARTY NOTICE**

You may designate an additional person to receive notice of any intent to terminate coverage. You may change this designation at any time. The form is available upon request from the Policyholder.

**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.



Melissa A. O'Donnell  
Secretary

RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**MINNESOTA CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT**  
for Group Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance

Your Certificate has been changed as follows. Please keep this endorsement with your Certificate. This endorsement is subject to all other terms of the Policy.

**I. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The POLICY TERMINATION provision is changed to add the following statement:

If the Policy is terminated, we will make a good faith effort to notify all Insured Persons at least 30 days before the termination date. We will not notify Insured Persons if we have reasonable evidence that the Policy has been or will be replaced by a substantially similar group policy, plan or contract.

**II. BENEFITS**

If your Certificate includes a child care benefit, and the maximum child age within that child care benefit is less than 25, then the maximum child age for this benefit is changed to 25.

**III. EXCLUSIONS**

The EXCLUSIONS section of your Certificate and any riders is changed as follows:

If any exclusion refers to "illegal activity," then that reference is changed to "illegal occupation."

If any exclusion refers to operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated, then that exclusion is changed to the following:

- Operation of a motorized vehicle while under the influence of alcohol as evidenced by a blood alcohol level in excess of the state legal intoxication limit.

If there is an exclusion for suicide or attempted suicide, then this exclusion does not apply. Any exclusion for self-inflicted injury (other than attempted suicide) still applies.

If any exclusion refers to misuse of alcohol or taking of drugs, then that exclusion is changed to the following:

- Alcoholism or drug abuse.
- Being under the influence of any narcotic, unless the narcotic is taken under the direction of and as directed by a Doctor.

#### **IV. CHILDREN'S CRITICAL ILLNESS RIDER**

If your Certificate includes a Children's Critical Illness Rider, the definition of **Child** or **Children** is changed as follows:

If the definition includes a maximum Child age of less than 25, then this maximum is changed to 25.

The definition includes a child for whom you or your Spouse are a legal guardian. The definition also includes your grandchild who is financially dependent on you and resides with you continuously from birth.

If the definition includes any requirements for full-time students over a certain age, then these requirements do not apply.

Any reference in the definition to "disability" means developmental disability, mental illness or disorder, or physical disability.

#### **V. 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.



Melissa A. O'Donnell  
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.

RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**MONTANA CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT**  
for Group Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance

Your Certificate has been changed as follows. Please keep this endorsement with your Certificate. This endorsement is subject to all other terms of the Policy.

**I. DEFINITIONS**

If your Certificate and any riders contain a definition of **Pre-Existing Condition**, and the time period in that definition is more than 6 months, then the time period in that definition for you and any Covered Person is limited to 6 months. Pregnancy is not considered a Pre-Existing Condition.

**II. NEWBORN BENEFIT**

If you are covered under the Policy, your eligible newborn Child is automatically covered for the first 31 days after birth. The benefit amount is the same amount indicated on the Children's Hospital Confinement Indemnity Rider for all eligible Children.

No benefit reductions apply to your eligible newborn Child.

**III. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

If your Certificate and any riders include a PORTABILITY provision, and the time period for us to change portability premium rates with written notice is less than 60 days, then this time period is changed to be 60 days.

**IV. BENEFITS**

If your Certificate includes a child care benefit, and the maximum child age within that child care benefit is less than 25, then the maximum child age for this benefit is changed to 25.

**V. EXCLUSIONS**

If the EXCLUSIONS section of your Certificate and any riders contains an exclusion that refers to operation of a motor vehicle while intoxicated, then this exclusion does not apply.

**VI. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT INDEMNITY RIDER**

If your Certificate includes a Children's Hospital Confinement Indemnity Rider, the definition of **Child** or **Children** is changed as follows:

If the definition includes a maximum Child age of less than 25, then this maximum is changed to 25.

If the definition includes any requirements that the child reside with you, or be supported by you financially, or be eligible to be claimed by you or your Spouse for federal income tax purposes, then these requirements do not apply.

If the definition includes any requirements for full-time students over a certain age, then these requirements do not apply.

## VII. 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.



Melissa A. O'Donnell  
Secretary

RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

## SPOUSE ENDORSEMENT FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS

Your Certificate(s) and Spouse rider(s) have been changed as follows. Please keep this endorsement with your Certificate(s). This endorsement is subject to all other terms of the Policy.

If your Certificate contains definitions of “You and Your” and “We, Us and Our”, then all references to “you” and “your” in this endorsement mean “You and Your” as defined in your Certificate, and all references to “we” and “us” and “our” in this endorsement mean “We, Us and Our” as defined in your Certificate.

### I. CONTINUATION FOLLOWING DIVORCE OR LEGAL SEPARATION

If you divorce or legally separate, and the final decree of divorce or legal separation does not expressly prohibit continuation of coverage for your former Spouse, then your former Spouse can elect to continue Spouse coverage for a limited time. The former Spouse must have been insured under our Policy as your Spouse on the date before the date of divorce or legal separation. In order to continue coverage under this provision, the former Spouse has 30 days after the date of divorce or legal separation in which to make the election, pay the first premium, and provide us with the final decree of divorce or legal separation.

When we put the former Spouse on continuation under this provision, the former Spouse becomes the owner of that Spouse coverage under the Policy. All Spouse benefits are payable to the former Spouse. Premiums will be billed directly to the former Spouse. Continued premium payment is required to keep coverage in force. The benefits and premium rates for Spouse coverage continued under this provision will remain the same as though the former Spouse were still eligible as your lawful Spouse. Spouse coverage may not be increased.

Spouse coverage continued under this provision will end on the earliest of the following:

- The 3-year anniversary of the final decree of divorce or legal separation.
- The date of the former Spouse’s remarriage.
- The date of your remarriage.
- The date the former Spouse dies.
- The date you die.
- The end date of coverage, if any, as provided by the final decree of divorce or legal separation.
- The end of the period for which the former Spouse paid premiums, if the former Spouse stops making a required premium contribution, subject to the grace period.
- The date the Policy terminates.

If all of the following are true:

- the former Spouse’s coverage was being continued under a similar provision of the Employer’s prior group policy that provided the same type of coverage as our Policy,
  - your coverage under the prior policy is replaced by coverage under our Policy, and
  - the former Spouse’s coverage under the prior policy stops due to the prior policy’s termination,
- then the former Spouse can elect to continue the Spouse coverage for the remainder of the time period described above while our Policy is in force. The benefits, premium rates and all other terms for continued Spouse coverage are subject to the terms of our Policy. In order to continue Spouse coverage, the former Spouse has 30 days after your coverage effective date under our Policy in which to make the election, pay the first premium, and provide us with proof of their eligibility for continuation under the prior policy.

### 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.



Melissa A. O'Donnell  
Secretary

**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.

RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**TEXAS CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT**  
for Group Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance

Your Certificate has been changed as follows. Please keep this endorsement with your Certificate. This endorsement is subject to all other terms of the Policy.

**I. BENEFITS**

If your Certificate includes a child care benefit, and the maximum child age within that child care benefit is less than 25, then the maximum child age for this benefit is changed to 25. "Child or children" for this benefit includes your unmarried grandchild who is your dependent for federal income tax purposes on the date you are eligible for coverage. It also includes a child for whom you must provide medical support under a court order.

**II. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT INDEMNITY RIDER**

If your Certificate includes a Children's Hospital Confinement Indemnity Rider, then the definition of **Child** or **Children** on the rider is changed as follows:

If the definition includes a maximum Child age of less than 25, then this maximum is changed to 25.

The definition includes your unmarried grandchild who is your dependent for federal income tax purposes on the date the grandchild is first eligible under this rider. The definition also includes a child for whom you must provide medical support under a court order.

If the definition includes any requirements for full-time students over a certain age, then these requirements do not apply.

**III. 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.



Melissa A. O'Donnell  
Secretary

## **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 Departamento 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

RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**UTAH CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT**  
for Group Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance

Your Certificate has been changed as follows. Please keep this endorsement with your Certificate. This endorsement is subject to all other terms of the Policy.

**I. RIGHT TO EXAMINE CERTIFICATE**

If you contribute to the cost of your coverage, you may cancel your coverage for any reason within 30 days after your receipt of your initial Certificate of coverage under the Policy, provided no benefits have been paid. Contact the Policyholder to cancel your coverage and receive any premium refund.

**II. SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

If any facility Confinement benefit in your Certificate is less than \$50 per day, then this benefit is increased to be \$50 per day. If your Certificate or any riders include a BENEFIT REDUCTIONS provision, these reductions will not decrease the daily facility Confinement benefit for any Covered Person below \$50.

If any facility Confinement benefit maximum in your Certificate is for less than 31 days, then this maximum is increased to 31 days. The maximum of all Confinement benefits payable will not be less than 31 days during a period of Confinement.

**III. BENEFITS**

If the PORTABILITY provision in your Certificate has any requirements that you are under a certain age or that you have been continuously covered for a specified period of months in order to apply for portability, then those requirements do not apply. Portability is not restricted by age, duration of coverage, class or coverage level.

If the time period for us to change portability premium rates under the PORTABILITY provision in your Certificate is less than 45 days, then that time period is changed to 45 days.

If your Certificate includes a child care benefit, and the maximum child age within that child care benefit is less than 26, then the maximum child age for this benefit is changed to 26.

**IV. SPOUSE HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT INDEMNITY RIDER**

If your Certificate includes a Spouse Hospital Confinement Indemnity Rider, then the PORTABILITY FOLLOWING DEATH OR DIVORCE provision on that rider is changed as follows:

If there is any requirement that your Spouse is under a certain age in order to apply for portability, then that requirement does not apply. Portability is not restricted by age, class or coverage level.

“Divorce” includes a valid decree of legal separation or annulment.

If the time period for us to change portability premium rates is less than 45 days, then that time period is changed to 45 days.

If there is a condition that coverage continued under this provision will end when your Spouse reaches a specified age, then that condition does not apply.

## V. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT INDEMNITY RIDER

If your Certificate includes a Children's Hospital Confinement Indemnity Rider, then this rider is changed as follows:

In the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS:

If there is a NEWBORN BENEFIT provision which limits any newborn's Confinement benefit to a maximum of less than 31 days, then that maximum is changed to 31 days.

In the DEFINITIONS section:

The definition of **Child** or **Children** includes a child for whom you are required to provide hospital confinement indemnity coverage under a court or administrative order.

If the definition includes a maximum Child age of 26 years or less, then this maximum is changed to the end of the month in which the Child reaches 26 years of age.

If the definition includes any requirements for full-time students over a certain age, then these requirements do not apply.

In the PORTABILITY FOLLOWING DEATH provision:

Portability is not restricted by class or coverage level.

If the time period for us to change portability premium rates is less than 45 days, then that time period is changed to 45 days.

## VI. ACCIDENT BENEFIT RIDER

If your Certificate includes an Accident Benefit Rider, then the definition of Dislocation is changed to remove the word "completely."

## VII. 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.



Melissa A. O'Donnell  
Secretary

## Notice of Protection Provided by Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association

This notice provides a brief summary of the Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (Association) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Utah 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 life, annuity, or health insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its insurance department. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Utah law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies. (For the purposes of this notice, the terms "insurance company" and "insurer" include health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and limited health plans.)

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
  - o \$500,000 in death benefits
  - o \$200,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values
- Health Insurance
  - o \$500,000 in hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits
  - o \$500,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
  - o \$500,000 for disability income insurance benefits
  - o \$500,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities
  - o \$250,000 in the present value of annuity benefits in aggregate, including any net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$500,000. Special rules may apply with regard to hospital, medical, and surgical insurance benefits.

**NOTE: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered.** For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements and other limitations under Utah law.

To learn more about the above protections, please visit the Association's website at [www.utlifega.org](http://www.utlifega.org), or contact:

Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Assoc.  
32 West 200 South #150  
Salt Lake City, UT 84101  
(801)320-9955

Utah Insurance Department  
State Office Bldg., Rm. 3110  
Salt Lake City, UT 84114  
(801) 538-3800

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

This notice provides a **brief summary** of the Vermont Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (Association) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Vermont 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 life, annuity or health insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its insurance department. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Vermont law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies. (For purposes of this notice, the terms "insurance company" and "insurer" include health maintenance organizations (HMOs).) The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
  - \$300,000 in death benefits
  - \$100,000 in cash surrender and withdrawal values
- Health Insurance
  - \$500,000 for health benefit plans (see definition below)
  - \$300,000 in disability [income] insurance benefits
  - \$300,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
  - \$100,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities
  - \$250,000 in the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$300,000. Special rules may apply with regard to health benefit plans.

"Health benefit plan" is defined in 8 V.S.A. Section 4175 (11) and generally includes hospital or medical expense policies, contracts or certificates, or HMO subscriber contracts that provide comprehensive forms of coverage for hospitalization or medical services but excludes policies that provide coverages for limited benefits (such as dental-only or vision-only insurance), Medicare Supplement insurance, disability income insurance and long-term care insurance (LTCI).

**Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered.** For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements and other limitations under Vermont law.

Benefits provided by a long-term care (LTC) 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.

To learn more about the above protections, [as well as protections relating to group contracts or retirement plans,] please visit the Association's website at [www.vtlifeqa.org](http://www.vtlifeqa.org), or contact:

Vermont Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association  
One National Life Drive, Suite M585  
Montpelier, Vermont 05604  
802 -552-3698

Vermont Department of Financial Regulation  
89 Main Street  
Montpelier, Vermont 05620  
802-828-3301

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

RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**WASHINGTON CERTIFICATE ENDORSEMENT**  
for Group Hospital Confinement Indemnity Insurance

Your Certificate has been changed as follows. Please keep this endorsement with your Certificate. This endorsement is subject to all other terms of the Policy.

**I. EXCLUSIONS**

If your Certificate or any riders contain exclusions for intoxication, misuse of alcohol or taking of drugs, then these exclusions do not apply.

**II. ACCIDENT BENEFIT RIDER**

If your Certificate includes an Accident Benefit Rider, then that rider is changed as follows:

The time period in the **Burns** provisions between the Covered Accident and treatment is changed to one year.

The time period in the **Chip Fractures** provision between the Covered Accident and diagnosis is changed to one year.

The time period in the **Concussion** provision between the Covered Accident and diagnosis is changed to one year.

The time period in the **Dislocations** provision between the Covered Accident and diagnosis is changed to one year.

The time period in the **Emergency dental work** provision between the Covered Accident and treatment is changed to one year.

The time period in the **Fractures** provision between the Covered Accident and diagnosis is changed to one year.

The time period in the **Laceration** provision between the Covered Accident and treatment is changed to one year.

The time period in the **Ruptured Disk** provision between the Covered Accident and treatment is changed to one year. The time period between the Covered Accident and surgical repair is also one year.

The time period in the **Tendon/ligament/rotator cuff** provision between the Covered Accident and surgical repair is changed to one year.

The time period in the **Torn knee cartilage** provision between the Covered Accident and treatment is changed to one year. The time period between the Covered Accident and surgical repair is also changed to one year.

**III. 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.



Melissa A. O'Donnell  
Secretary

## 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  
1-877-236-7564**

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.

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

# SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

For a Plan of Insurance Underwritten by  
ReliaStar Life Insurance Company  
P.O. Box 122  
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440-0122

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

George Washington University Health and Welfare Benefit Plan  
73955-3CHI2  
The George Washington University  
44983 Knoll Square, Suite 391  
Ashburn, VA, 20147

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

The George Washington University Benefits Department  
45155 Research Place, Suite 160  
Ashburn, VA, 20147  
571-553-8397

**Identification Numbers**

IRS Employer Identification Number: 53-0196584  
Plan Number: 508

**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 100% Employee paid.

**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 Plan Sponsor makes no promise to continue these benefits in the future and rights to future benefits will never vest. The Plan Sponsor reserves the right to amend, modify, revoke or terminate the plan, in whole or part, at any time. ReliaStar Life Insurance Company's policy may be amended or terminated as set forth in the Policy.

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

# SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

## CLAIM PROCEDURES FOR HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT INDEMNITY 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 90 days after receipt of the claim. An extension of 90 days will be allowed for processing the claim if special circumstances are involved. The claimant will be given notice of any such extension. The notice will state the special circumstances involved 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 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 60-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 60 days unless an extension is needed. An extension of 60 days will be allowed for making this decision if special circumstances are present. The claimant will be given notice if this extension is necessary. 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.

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