

Term Life and AD&D Insurance

Employee Benefit Booklet



FORT DEARBORN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY®
Downers Grove, Illinois

ESC-20 Benefits Cooperative
Group Number: GFZ03043-0001
Class 1-01



FORT DEARBORN LIFE
Insurance Company®

Administrative Office:
1020 31st Street
Downers Grove IL 60515-5591

(A stock life insurance company, herein called the “We” “Us” or “Our”)

Having issued Group Policy No. GFZ03043-0001

(herein called the Policy)

to

ESC-20 Benefits Cooperative

(herein called the *Policyholder*)

GROUP INSURANCE CERTIFICATE

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

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

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

READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY

Signed for Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company

Secretary

President

Death Benefits will be reduced if an accelerated death benefit is paid.

DISCLOSURE: The Accelerated Death Benefit offered under this Policy is intended to qualify for favorable tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. If the Accelerated Death Benefit qualifies for such favorable tax treatment, the benefits will be excluded from the insured Employee's income and not subject to federal taxation. Tax laws relating to Accelerated Death Benefits are complex. The insured Employee is advised to consult with a qualified tax advisor about circumstances under which he or she could receive the Accelerated Death Benefit excludable from income under federal law.

Receipt of the Accelerated Death Benefit payment may affect the insured Employee, his or her spouse, or his or her family's eligibility for public assistance such as medical assistance (Medicaid), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplementary Social Security Income (SSI), and drug assistance programs. The insured Employee is advised to consult with a qualified tax advisor and with social service agencies concerning how receipt of such payment will affect the insured Employee, his or her spouse, or his or her family's eligibility for public assistance.

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Basic Group Term Life Insurance Certificate
with
Accidental Death & Dismemberment Benefits
Non-Participating

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVERAGE UNDER THE TEXAS LIFE, ACCIDENT,
HEALTH AND HOSPITAL SERVICE INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION
(For insurers declared insolvent or impaired on or after September 1, 2005)**

Texas law establishes a system, administered by the Texas Life, Accident, Health and Hospital Service Insurance Guaranty Association (the "Association"), to protect Texas policyholders if their life or health insurance company fails. Only the policyholders of insurance companies which are members of the Association are eligible for this protection which is subject to the terms, limitations, and conditions of the Association law. (The law is found in the Texas Insurance Code, Article 21.28-D.)

It is possible that the Association may not cover your policy in full or in part due to statutory limitations.

Eligibility for Protection by the Association

When a member insurance company is found to be insolvent and placed under an order of liquidation by a court or designated as impaired by the Texas Commissioner of Insurance, the Association provides coverage to policyholders who are:

- Residents of Texas at that time (**irrespective of the policyholder's residency at policy issue**)
- Residents of other states, ONLY if the following conditions are met:
 1. The policyholder has a policy with a company domiciled in Texas;
 2. The policyholder's state of residence has a similar guaranty association; and
 3. The policyholder is not eligible for coverage by the guaranty association of the policyholder's state of residence.

Limits of Protection by the Association

Accident, Accident and Health, or Health Insurance:

- For each individual covered under one or more policies: up to a total of \$500,000 for basic hospital, medical-surgical, and major medical insurance, \$300,000 for disability or long term care insurance, and \$200,000 for other types of health insurance.

Life Insurance:

- Net cash surrender value or net cash withdrawal value up to a total of \$100,000 under one or more policies on any one life; or
- Death benefits up to a total of \$300,000 under one or more policies on any one life; or
- Total benefits up to a total of \$5,000,000 to any owner of multiple non-group life policies.

Individual Annuities:

- Present value of benefits up to a total of \$100,000 under one or more contracts on any one life.

Group Annuities:

- Present value of allocated benefits up to a total of \$100,000 on any one life; or
- Present value of unallocated benefits up to a total of \$5,000,000 for one contract holder regardless of the number of contracts.

Aggregate Limit:

- \$300,000 on any one life with the exception of the \$500,000 health insurance limit, the \$5,000,000 multiple-owner life insurance limit, and the \$5,000,000 unallocated group annuity limit.

Insurance companies and agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the Association for the purpose of sales, solicitation, or inducement to purchase any form of insurance. When you are selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage.

Texas Life, Accident, Health and Hospital Service
Insurance Guaranty Association
6504 Bridge Point Parkway, Suite 450
Austin, Texas 78730
800-982-6362 or www.txlifega.org

Texas Department of Insurance
P.O. Box 149104
Austin, Texas 78714-9104
800-252-3439 or www.tdi.state.tx.us

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:
You may call Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at

1-800-633-3696

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at

1-800-252-3439

You may write the
Texas Department of Insurance:

P. O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
FAX #(512) 475-1771
Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>
E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES: Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY: This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para informacion o para someter una queja:
Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company para informacion o para someter una queja al

1-800-633-3696

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para conseguir informacion acerca de companias, coberturas, derechos o quejas al

1-800-252-3439

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al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:

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DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS: Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con la compania primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con al Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA: Este aviso es solo para proposito de informacion y no se convierte en parte o condicion del documento adjunto.

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

POLICYHOLDER: ESC-20 Benefits Cooperative
POLICY NUMBER: GFZ03043-0001
EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2008

ELIGIBILITY: All active employees of participating Independent School Districts or Education Service Center employees who elected Option 10 for their employees of the Policyholder working in the United States of America who are Actively at Work and who have completed the Waiting Period are eligible for the insurance. An *Employee* is one who regularly works a minimum of 18.75 hours per week for the *Policyholder*. Seasonal and temporary *Employees* of the *Policyholder* are not eligible.
Class 01

Eligibility Waiting Period: Current *Employees*: None
New *Employees*: First of the month following 0 Days of continuous, full-time active work

Policyholder Contribution: Basic Life & AD&D 100% of premium

GROUP TERM LIFE INSURANCE

Employee Basic Life Benefit Amount \$50,000

Reduction of Benefits Basic benefits reduce by 35% of the original amount at age 65 and further reduce to 50% of the original amount at age 70, 25% of the original amount at age 75. Benefits terminate at retirement.

Waiver of Premium

Waiver Eligibility Totally Disabled prior to age 60 without interruption from the last date worked for at least 6 months

Insured Eligibility *Employee*

Maximum Waiver of Premium Duration age 65

Accelerated Death Benefit (ADB)

Benefit Amount 75% Basic Term Life Insurance In force

Insured Eligibility *Employee*

Minimum Covered Life Insurance Amount \$15,000

Maximum ADB Payment \$250,000

Minimum ADB Payment \$7,500

GROUP ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT

Employee Basic AD&D Coverage Amount \$50,000

Reduction of Benefits Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits reduce by 35% of the original amount at age 65 and further reduce to 50% of the original amount at age 70, 25% of the original amount at age 75. Benefits terminate at retirement.

Seat Belt Benefit 10% of *Employee* Coverage Amount, to a maximum of \$25,000

Air Bag Benefit 5% of *Employee* Coverage Amount to a maximum of \$5,000

Repatriation Benefit Actual costs to a maximum of \$5,000

Education Benefit

Benefit Amount 3% of *Employee* Coverage Amount, to a maximum of \$3,000 per year

Maximum Benefit Duration Benefit payable for a maximum of four (4) years

Eligible Dependents age 6 months to 25 years (unlimited coverage if full-time student)

Day Care Benefit Amount

Benefit Amount

3% of *Employee Coverage Amount* to a maximum of \$5,000 per year

Maximum Benefit Duration

Five (5) Years

Maximum Spouse Training Benefit

\$5,000

Coma Benefit Amount

Benefit Amount

1% of *Employee Coverage Amount* to a maximum of \$1,000 per month

Maximum Benefit Duration,

11 Months

ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS

Who is eligible for this insurance?

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

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

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When does Your Contributory insurance become effective?

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

You may apply for insurance coverage at any time. *Your* coverage will become effective as follows, provided *You* are *Actively at Work* on that date:

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

1. If *You* enroll for coverage prior to the Policy effective date, the Policy effective date;
2. If *You* enroll for coverage within 31 days of *Your* eligibility date, on the first of the month that falls on or next follows the date *You* sign the *Enrollment Form*;
3. If *You* do not enroll for coverage within 31 days after *Your* eligibility date, *You* are considered a late applicant and must furnish Evidence of Insurability satisfactory to Us before coverage can become effective, unless *You* qualify because of a *Change in Family Status*.
 - a. Coverage for a late applicant will become effective on the date *We* determine that the *Evidence of Insurability* is satisfactory and *We* provide written notice of approval.
 - b. Coverage requested because of a *Change in Family Status* will become effective on the first of the month that falls on or next follows the date *You* sign the *Enrollment Form*.

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

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

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Change in Family Status

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

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

1. *You* get married;
2. *You* have a *Dependent Child*, or *You* adopt or become the legal guardian of a *Dependent* child;
3. *Your Spouse* dies or *You* become divorced;
4. *Your Dependent Child* becomes emancipated or dies;
5. *Your Spouse* is no longer employed, resulting in a loss of group insurance, or;

6. *You* have a change in classification which results in *You* changing from part-time to full-time, or full-time to part-time.

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When is Evidence of Insurability required?

Evidence of Insurability is required if:

1. *You* are a late applicant, which means *You* enroll for insurance more than 31 days after *Your* eligibility date; or
2. *You* voluntarily canceled *Your* insurance and choose to reapply; or
3. *Your* coverage amount exceeds the Guarantee Issue Benefit Limit as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits; or
4. *You* apply to increase *Your* coverage amount during the Policy year.

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

Evidence of Insurability means a statement of *Your* medical history which *We* will use to determine if *You* are approved for coverage. *Evidence of Insurability* will be provided at *Your* expense.

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

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

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

If *You* are absent from *Active Work* on the date *Your* coverage would otherwise become effective; and *Your* absence is caused by an *Injury*, illness or layoff,

Your effective date for any initial coverage or increased coverage will be deferred until the first day *You* return to *Active Work*.

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

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

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Changes to Your coverage

A change in *Your* coverage may occur if:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Eligibility after You Terminate Employment

If *Your* coverage ends due to termination of employment, *You* must meet all the requirements of a new *Employee* if *You* are rehired at a later date.

Exception: If *Your* coverage ends due to termination of employment and *You* return to *Active Work* in an eligible class within 6 months, we will not:

1. apply a new *Eligibility Waiting Period*

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

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TERM LIFE INSURANCE BENEFIT

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

When is a Life Insurance Benefit payable?

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

1. *You* are insured under the Policy on the date of death, and
2. *We* receive proof of death.

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

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Are Life Insurance Benefits payable for death by suicide?

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

If *You*:

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

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

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Who will receive Your Life Insurance Benefits?

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

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

Facility of Payment

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

1. to *Your* spouse, if living; if not,
2. in equal shares to *Your* then living natural or legally adopted children, if any; if none,

3. in equal shares to *Your* father and mother, if living; if not,
4. in equal shares to *Your* brothers and/or sisters, if living; if not,
5. to *Your* estate.

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

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May You change Your beneficiary?

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

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

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

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CONVERSION OF LIFE INSURANCE

How much Life Insurance may You convert if eligibility terminates?

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. \$10,000.

How to apply for conversion

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Notice. If the *Policyholder* fails to notify *You* at least 15 days prior to the date insurance under the Policy would cease, *You* shall have an additional period within which to elect conversion coverage; but nothing herein shall be construed to continue any insurance beyond the period provided for in the Policy. The additional election period shall expire 15 days immediately after the *Policyholder* gives *You* notice, but in no event shall it extend beyond 60 days immediately after the expiration of the 31-day period explained above.

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WAIVER OF PREMIUM

What is the Waiver of Premium benefit?

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

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

5. *You* are still *Totally Disabled* when *You* submit the proof of disability; and
6. all required premium has been paid.

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

We will waive premium beginning the month after *We* receive satisfactory proof that *You* have been *Totally Disabled* for at least 6 months. Premium will continue to be waived provided *You*:

1. remain *Totally Disabled*; and
2. provide satisfactory written proof of continuing *Total Disability* upon request. . *We* will not request proof of continuing *Total Disability* more frequently than once every three months during the first two years of *Total Disability*, and not more frequently than once a year after the Insured has been *Totally Disabled* for two years.

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

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

We may have *You* examined at reasonable intervals during the period of claimed *Total Disability*, but not more frequently than once every three months during the first two years of *Total Disability*, and not more frequently than once a year after the Insured has been *Totally Disabled* for two years. Continuation of life insurance under the Waiver of Premium provision shall end immediately and without notice if *You* refuse to be examined as and when required.

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

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

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

1. *You* die within one year from the date *You* became *Totally Disabled*; and
2. *We* receive proof that *You* were continuously *Totally Disabled* until the date of death; and
3. *We* receive proof of death.

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

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

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ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT

What is the Accelerated Death Benefit?

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

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

Who is Eligible for an Accelerated Death Benefit?

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

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

Terminal Condition means *You* have been examined and diagnosed by *Your Doctor* as having a non-correctable health condition that, with reasonable medical certainty, will result in *Your* death within 12 months from the date of the *Doctor's Statement*.

Doctor's Statement means a written medical opinion of a Doctor currently licensed to practice in the United States which:

1. is made at *Your* expense; and
2. indicates that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*; and
3. includes all medical test results, laboratory reports, and any other information on which the medical opinion is based; and
4. indicates *Your* expected remaining life span; and
5. is acceptable to Us.

The Accelerated Death Benefit Payment

We will pay the benefit during *Your* lifetime if *You* are diagnosed with a *Terminal Condition* if *You* or *Your* legal representative submits a claim for an *Accelerated Death Benefit* and provides satisfactory proof. The benefit will be paid in one sum to *You*. There is no cost for an *Accelerated Death Benefit*. At the time of the payment of the *Accelerated Death Benefit*, *We* will send a statement to the certificate holder specifying the amount of benefits paid, the effect of the *Accelerated Death Benefit* payment on the death benefit face amount, and the amount of benefits remaining available for acceleration.

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

The *Accelerated Death Benefit* will not be payable:

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

4. if *Your* group term life insurance benefit is payable to an irrevocable beneficiary, including notification to Us that such benefit or a portion of such benefit is to be paid to a former spouse as part of a divorce or separation agreement; or
5. to retirees.

Notice and Proof of Claim

You must elect the *Accelerated Death Benefit* in writing on a form that is acceptable to Us. *You* must furnish proof that *You* have a *Terminal Condition*, including a *Doctor's Statement* within 91 days of the notice of claim. If proof is not given within 91 days, the claim will not be reduced or denied if proof is given as soon as reasonably possible.

Effect on Insurance

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

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

The payment of an *Accelerated Death Benefit* and the balance of the death benefit under the Policy shall constitute full settlement of the face amount of the Policy.

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ACCIDENTAL DEATH & DISMEMBERMENT BENEFIT (AD&D)

What is the AD&D Benefit?

If, while insured under the Policy, *You* suffer an *Injury* in an *Accident*, *We* will pay for those *Losses* set forth in the "Table of Losses" below. The amount paid will be the percentage stated in the Table of Losses but not more than the Coverage Amount set forth in the Schedule of Benefits. The *Loss* must:

1. occur within 365 days of the *Accident*; and
2. be the direct and sole result of the *Accident*; and
3. be independent of all other causes.

| TABLE OF LOSSES | % OF COVERAGE AMOUNT PAYABLE |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Loss of Life | 100% |
| Loss of Both Hands | 100% |
| Loss of Both Feet | 100% |
| Loss of Entire Sight of Both Eyes | 100% |
| Loss of One Hand and One Foot | 100% |
| Loss of Speech and Hearing | 100% |
| Quadriplegia | 100% |
| Paraplegia | 75% |
| Loss of One Hand | 50% |
| Loss of One Foot | 50% |
| Loss of Entire Sight of One Eye | 50% |
| Loss of Speech | 50% |
| Loss of Hearing (both ears) | 50% |
| Hemiplegia | 50% |
| Loss of Thumb and Index Finger (on same hand) | 25% |
| Uniplegia | 25% |

Definitions which apply to the AD&D Provision:

Accident or **Accidental** means a sudden, unexpected event that was not reasonably foreseeable.

Hemiplegia means total *Paralysis* of one arm and one leg on the same side of the body.

Loss, with respect to hand or foot, means actual and permanent severance from the body at or above the wrist or ankle joint, as applicable. With respect to eyes, speech and hearing, loss means entire and irrecoverable loss of sight, speech or hearing. With respect to thumb and index finger, loss means complete severance of entire digit at or above joints.

Paralysis means loss of use without severance of a limb as a result of an *Injury* to the Spinal Cord, which has continued for 12 months. *Paralysis* must be determined by a *Doctor* to be permanent, total and irreversible.

Paraplegia means total *Paralysis* of both legs.

Quadriplegia means total *Paralysis* of both arms and both legs.

Uniplegia means total *Paralysis* of one limb.

The total amount of AD&D benefits payable for all *Losses* for any *Insured* resulting from any one *Accident* will not be greater than the Coverage Amount set forth in the Schedule of Benefits.

Except as provided in a particular AD&D benefit provision, *We* will pay benefits for loss of life to the same beneficiary(ies) named to receive life insurance benefits. Benefits for all other *Losses* will be paid to *You*.

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SEAT BELT BENEFIT

What is the Seat Belt Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, if a benefit is payable under the AD&D Benefit for *Your* loss of life as the result of an *Accident* which occurs while *You* were driving or riding in an *Automobile*, if:

1. the *Automobile* is equipped with *Seat Belts*.
2. the *Seat Belt* was in actual use and properly fastened at the time of the *Accident*.
3. the position of the *Seat Belt* is certified in the official report of the *Accident* or by the investigating officer. A copy of the police accident report must be submitted with the claim.
4. *You* were driving or riding in an *Automobile* driven by a licensed driver who was neither:
 - a. intoxicated or driving while impaired. Intoxication and impairment shall be determined, with or without conviction, by the law of the jurisdiction in which the *Accident* occurs or .08% blood alcohol content if the jurisdiction in which the *Accident* occurred does not define intoxication; nor
 - b. under the influence of any narcotic, hallucinogen, barbiturate, amphetamine, gas or fumes, poison or any other controlled substance as defined in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse prevention and Control Act of 1970, as now or hereafter amended, unless as prescribed by a licensed physician and used in the manner prescribed. Conviction is not necessary for a determination of being under the influence.

If the required certification is not available and if it is unclear whether *You* were properly wearing a *Seat Belt*, then *We* will pay an additional benefit of \$1,000.

Automobile means a validly registered private passenger car (or policyholder-owned car), station wagon, jeep-type vehicle, SUV, pick-up truck or van-type car that is not licensed commercially or being used for commercial purposes.

Seat Belt means those belts that form an occupant restraint system.

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AIR BAG BENEFIT

What is the Air Bag Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits if a benefit is payable under the AD&D Benefit for *Your* loss of life as the result of an *Accident* which occurs while *You* are driving or riding in an *Automobile* provided that:

1. *You* were positioned in a seat that was equipped with an *Air Bag*;
2. *You* were properly strapped in the *Seat Belt* when the *Air Bag* inflated; and
3. the police report establishes that the *Air Bag* inflated properly upon impact.

If it is unclear whether *You* were properly wearing *Seat Belt(s)* or if it is unclear whether the *Air Bag* inflated properly, then the Air Bag Benefit will be \$1,000.

Air Bag means an inflatable supplemental passive restraint system installed by the manufacturer of the *Automobile*, or proper replacement parts as required by the automobile manufacturer's specifications, that inflates upon collision to protect an individual from injury and death. A *Seat Belt* is not considered an *Air Bag*.

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REPATRIATION BENEFIT

What is the Repatriation Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, for the preparation and transportation of *Your* body to a mortuary if:

1. the Coverage Amount under the AD&D Benefit is payable for *Your* loss of life; and
2. *Your* death occurs at least 75 miles away from *Your* principal residence.

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EDUCATION BENEFIT

What is the Education Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits to *Your Dependent Student* if an AD&D benefit is payable for *Your* loss of life. We will only pay one Education Benefit to any one *Dependent Student* during any one school year. If the *Dependent Student* is a minor, We will pay the benefit to the legal representative of the minor.

Definitions which apply to the Education Benefit:

Student means an *Eligible Dependent* child who, on the date of *Your* death, is:

1. A full-time post-high school student in a *School of Higher Education*; or
2. A student in the 12th grade but who becomes a full-time post-high school student in a *School of Higher Education* within 365 days after *Your* death.

School of Higher Education means an institution which:

1. is legally authorized by the State in which it is located; and
2. provides either a program for:
 - a. Bachelor's degrees or not less than a two year program with full credit towards a Bachelor's degree; or
 - b. Gainful employment as long as such program is at least one year of training; and
3. is accredited by an Agency or association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education Assistance Act as may be amended from time to time.

When Benefit Ends: A *Dependent Student* will no longer be eligible to receive the Dependent Education Benefit upon the earlier of the following:

1. Our payment of the fourth installment of the Dependent Education Benefit on behalf of or to the *Dependent Student*; or
2. At the end of the period during which due Proof must be submitted if no due Proof is submitted.

Special Child Education Benefit: If *Your Eligible Dependent* child does not qualify as a *Student*, but is enrolled in an elementary or high school, *We* will pay a Child Education Benefit in the amount of \$1,000. This benefit is payable once upon proof that *You* died as a result of an Accident for which the Accidental Death & Dismemberment benefit is payable and that, within 12 months after *Your* death, *Your Eligible Dependent Child* is a full-time student in an elementary or high school.

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SPOUSE TRAINING BENEFIT

What is the Spouse Training Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, to *Your Dependent Spouse* if the coverage amount under the AD&D Benefit is payable for *Your* loss of life. The benefit payable is up to the Maximum Spouse Training Benefit set forth in the Schedule of Benefits. The benefit is paid annually for the cost of covered expenses incurred within 36 months of *Your* death.

We will pay this benefit if *You*:

1. die within 365 days of and as a result of a covered *Accident*; and
2. are survived by a *Spouse*.

The benefit will be payable for *Your* surviving *Spouse* who:

1. enrolls within 365 days after *Your* death in any *School of Higher Education* for the purpose of training, retraining or refreshing skills needed for employment; and
2. incurs expenses payable directly to or approved and certified by such school.

School of Higher Education means an institution which:

1. is legally authorized by the State in which it is located; and
2. provides either a program for:
 - a. Bachelor's degrees or not less than a two year program with full credit towards a Bachelor's degree; or
 - b. Gainful employment as long as such program is at least one year of training; and
3. is accredited by an Agency or association recognized by the U.S. Department of Education under the Higher Education Assistance Act as may be amended from time to time.

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DAY CARE BENEFIT

What is the Day Care Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, if the *Employee Coverage* Amount under the AD&D Benefit is payable for *Your* loss of life. The benefit is paid annually for the cost of covered expenses incurred, if *You* are survived by a *Dependent Child* who:

1. on the date of the covered *Accident* was enrolled in a legally licensed *Day Care Center*; or
2. is enrolled in a legally licensed *Day Care Center* within 365 continuous days from the date of the covered *Accident*; and
3. is less than 13 years of age.

The Day Care Center Benefit is payable for incurred *Day Care Center* expenses for each child who qualifies:

1. in an amount up to the Day Care Benefit Amount as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits ; and
2. only while the *Dependent* child continues to be enrolled in a legally licensed *Day Care Center*.

We will pay this benefit once a year, at the end of a 12-month period in which there are documented *Day Care Center* expenses, for not more the Maximum Day Care Benefit Duration, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, or until the child's 13th birthday, whichever happens first.

If at the time of the *Accident*, coverage for a *Dependent Child* is in force, but there is no *Dependent* child who qualifies, we will pay an additional benefit of \$1,500 to *Your* designated beneficiary.

This benefit will be payable to *Your* surviving *Spouse*, if *Your Spouse* has custody of the child. If *You* have no surviving *Spouse*, or *Your* child does not live with *Your Spouse*, then the benefit will be paid to the child's legally appointed guardian.

Day Care Center means a facility which is run according to law, including laws and regulations applicable to child care facilities, and which provides care and supervision for children in a group setting on a regular, daily basis.

A *Day Care Center* does not include: a hospital, the child's home or care provided during normal school hours while a child is attending grades one through twelve.

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COMA BENEFIT

What is the Coma Benefit?

We will pay an additional amount, as set forth in the Schedule of Benefits, if *You* become *Comatose* as a result of a covered *Accident* within 31 days of the *Accident* and remain *Comatose* beyond the *Waiting Period*.

We will pay the Coma Benefit as shown on the Schedule of Benefits each month from the end of the *Waiting Period*. We will cease payment on the earliest of:

1. the end of the month in which *You* die;
2. the end of the Coma Maximum Benefit Duration; or
3. the end of the month in which *You* are no longer *Comatose*.

If *You*:

1. die from any cause or as a result of the covered *Accident* while this Coma Benefit is payable; or
2. remain *Comatose* after this Coma Benefit is payable for the Coma Maximum Benefit Duration, we will pay a lump sum benefit equal to the Coverage Amount payable under the Policy for *Accidental* death, reduced by the amount of any *Accidental* dismemberment, loss of sight, speech, hearing, paralysis or Coma benefits paid to *You* for the *Loss* caused by the covered *Accident*.

Coma or ***Comatose*** means a state of complete loss of consciousness from which *You* cannot be aroused and there is no evidence of response to stimulation.

Waiting Period for the purpose of this benefit means the 31 day period from the date *You* become *Comatose*.

Exclusion: In addition to the Limitations set forth in this Certificate, the following exclusion applies to this Coma Benefit: Benefits will not be paid for loss covered by or resulting from sickness, disease,

bodily infirmity or medical or surgical treatment thereof, or bacterial or viral infection, regardless of how contracted. Bacterial infection that is the natural and foreseeable result of an *Accidental Injury* or *Accidental* food poisoning is not excluded.

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EXPOSURE AND DISAPPEARANCE

If, as a result of an *Accident* while insured for this benefit, if *You* are unavoidably exposed to the elements and suffer a *Loss* as a result of that exposure, that *Loss* will be covered. If *Your* body has not been found within one (1) year of an *Accidental* disappearance, forced landing, sinking or wrecking of a conveyance in which *You* were occupants, *You* will be deemed to have suffered loss of life.

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LIMITATIONS

Are there any Limitations for losses due to an Accident?

We will not pay any benefit for any *Loss* that, directly or indirectly, results in any way from or is contributed to by:

1. any disease or infirmity of mind or body, and any medical or surgical treatment thereof; or;
2. any infection, except a pus-forming infection of an *Accidental* cut or wound; or
3. suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane; or
4. any intentionally self-inflicted *Injury*; or
5. war, declared or undeclared, whether or not *You are* a member of any armed forces; or
6. travel or flight in an aircraft while a member of the crew, or while engaged in the operation of the aircraft, or giving or receiving training or instruction in such aircraft; or
7. commission of, participation in, or an attempt to commit an assault or felony; or
8. under the influence of any narcotic, hallucinogen, barbiturate, amphetamine, gas or fumes, poison or any other controlled substance as defined in Title II of the Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act of 1970, as now or hereafter amended, unless as prescribed by a licensed physician and used in the manner prescribed. Conviction is not necessary for a determination of being under the influence; or
9. intoxication as defined by the laws of the jurisdiction in which the *Accident* occurred or .08% blood alcohol content if the jurisdiction in which the *Accident* occurred does not define intoxication. Conviction is not necessary for a determination of being intoxicated; or
10. active participation in a *Riot*. ***Riot*** means all forms of public violence, disorder, or disturbance of the public peace, by three or more persons assembled together, whether with or without a common intent and whether or not damage to person or property or unlawful act is the intent or the consequence of such disorder.

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UNIFORM PROVISIONS

(Applicable to Dismemberment Coverage Only)

Initial Notice of Claim

We must receive written notice of *Loss* within 30 days of the date of *Loss*, or as soon as reasonably possible. The *Policyholder* can assist with the appropriate telephone number and address of *Our* Claim Department. Notice may be sent to *Our* Claim Department at the address shown on the claim form or given to *Our* Agent.

Claim Forms

Within 15 days of *Our* being notified in writing of a claim, *We* will supply the claimant with the necessary claim forms. The claim form is to be completed and signed by the claimant, the *Policyholder* and the claimant's *Doctor*. If the appropriate claim forms are not received within 15 days, then the claimant will be considered to have met the requirements for written proof of loss if *We* receive written proof, which describes the occurrence, extent and nature of the *Loss*.

Time Limit for Filing Your Claim

We must receive written proof of loss within 91 days after the date a *Loss* is incurred. If it is not possible to give *Us* written proof within 91 days, the claim is not affected if the proof is given as soon as possible. However, unless the claimant is legally incapacitated, written proof of loss must be given no later than one year after the time proof is otherwise due.

No benefits are payable for claims submitted more than 1 year after the time proof is due. However, benefits may be paid for late claims if it can be shown that:

1. It was not reasonably possible to give written proof during the one year period, and
2. Proof of loss satisfactory to *Us* was given as soon as was reasonably possible.

For the Education Benefit, proof of loss must:

1. Include proof of *Dependent Student* status; and
2. Be submitted no later than
 - a. Two months after completion of course work for that particular school year if the *Dependent Student* is enrolled in a *School of Higher Education* at the time of *Your* death. School year shall be deemed to begin on September 1st and end on August 31st; or
 - b. Within six (6) months after enrollment in a *School of Higher Education* if the *Dependent Student* is in the 12th grade at the time of *Your* death.

After the first year in a *School of Higher Education*, due proof must be submitted in accordance with the time limits defined in Item (a) above.

Physical Examination/Autopsy

Upon receipt of a claim, *We* may examine an *Insured*, at *Our* expense, at any reasonable time. *We* reserve the right to perform an autopsy, at *Our* expense, if it is not prohibited by any applicable local law(s).

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TERMINATION PROVISIONS

When does Your coverage under the Policy end?

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

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

Disability Until the end of the twelfth month following the month in which the disability began, provided all premiums are paid when due.

Layoff Until the end of the month following the month during which the layoff began, provided all premiums are paid when due.

Leave of Absence Until the end of the month following the month during which the leave of absence began, provided all premiums are paid when due; or, governed by the Policyholder's Human Resource policy on family and medical leaves of absence, in accordance with the FMLA provision below.

Sabbatical Until the end of the month following the month in which the sabbatical began, provided all premiums are paid when due.

Military Leave Until the end of the twelfth month following the month in which the military leave began, provided all premiums are paid when due.

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

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

In the event *You* are eligible for and the *Policyholder* approves a leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), or any applicable state family and medical leave law (State FML), provided the required premium continues to be paid, *Your* insurance will continue for a period of up to the later of:

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

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

1. After the birth of a child; or

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

While granted a Family or Medical Leave of Absence:

1. The *Policyholder* must remit the required premium according to the terms of the Policy; and
2. coverage will terminate if *You* do not return to work as scheduled according to the terms of *Your* agreement with the *Policyholder*.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

Entire Contract; Changes

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

Statements on the Application

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

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

Legal Actions

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

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

Clerical Error

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

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

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

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

Incontestability

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

Premium Provisions

Premiums are payable in United States dollars on or before their due dates.

Premium charges for increases in insurance amounts becoming effective during a policy month will begin on the next premium due date. Premium charges for insurance terminating during a policy month will cease at the end of the month in which such insurance terminates. This method of charging premium is

for accounting purposes only. It will not extend any insurance coverage beyond the date it would otherwise have terminated.

Misstatement of Age

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

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

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

Conformity with State Statutes and Regulations

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

Assignment

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

Retention of Discretion

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

DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

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

1. a weekend (except for one or both of these days if they are scheduled days of work);
2. holidays (except when such holiday is a scheduled work day);
3. paid vacations;
4. any non-scheduled work day;
5. excused leave of absence (except medical leave and lay-off); and
6. emergency leave of absence (except emergency medical leave); and

You were not *Hospital Confined* or disabled due to an *Injury* or *Sickness*.

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Activities of Daily Living means:

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

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

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

1. *You* get married;

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

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

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Dependent or Eligible Dependent means:

1. the Spouse of each individual eligible to be insured under the Policy;
2. a natural or adopted child of each individual eligible to be insured under the policy if the child is:
 - a. unmarried and younger than 25 years of age; or
 - b. physically or mentally disabled and under the parents' supervision; or
3. a natural or adopted grandchild of each individual eligible to be insured under the policy if the child is:
 - a. unmarried;
 - b. younger than 25 years of age; and
 - c. a dependent of the insured for federal income tax purposes at the time the application for coverage of the child is made.

Dependent Child - See *Dependent or Eligible Dependent*

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

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Doctor's Statement means a written medical opinion of a Doctor currently licensed to practice in the United States which:

1. is made at *Your* expense; and
2. indicates that *You* have a Terminal Condition; and
3. includes all medical test results, laboratory reports, and any other information on which the medical opinion is based; and
4. indicates *Your* expected remaining life span; and
5. is acceptable to Us.

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

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

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

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

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

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Insured means an Employee covered under the Policy.

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Male Pronoun whenever used includes the female.

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

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

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

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

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

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Sickness means illness, disease, pregnancy or complications of pregnancy.

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Spouse means lawful spouse in the jurisdiction in which *You* reside.

Terminal Condition means *You* have been examined and diagnosed by *Your Doctor* as having a non-correctable health condition that, with reasonable medical certainty, will result in *Your* death within 12 months from the date of the *Doctor's Statement*.

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

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

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