
**YOUR
BENEFIT
PLAN**

THE CITY OF AUSTIN

Questions or Complaints about Your Coverage

In the event You have questions or complaints regarding any aspect of Your coverage, You should contact Your Employee Benefits Manager or You may write to us at:

The Hartford
Group Benefits Division, Customer Service
P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

Or call Us at: 1-800-523-2233

When calling, please give Us the following information:

- 1) the policy number; and
- 2) the name of the policyholder (employer or organization), as shown in Your Certificate of Insurance.

Or You may contact Our Sales Office:

Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company
Group Sales Department
785 Greens Parkway
Suite 220
Houston, TX 77067
TOLL FREE: 800-392-7805
FAX: 281-877-3910

If you have a complaint, and contacts between you and the insurer or an agent or other representative of the insurer have failed to produce a satisfactory solution to the problem, the following states require we provide you with additional contact information:

For residents of:	Write	Telephone
Arkansas	Arkansas Insurance Department Consumer Services Division 1200 West Third Street Little Rock, AR 72201-1904	1(800) 852-5494 1(501) 371-2640 (in the Little Rock area)
California	State of California Insurance Department Consumer Communications Bureau 300 South Spring Street, South Tower Los Angeles, CA 90013	1(800) 927-HELP
Idaho	Idaho Department of Insurance Consumer Affairs 700 W State Street, 3rd Floor PO Box 83720 Boise, ID 83720-0043	1-800-721-3272 or www.DOI.Idaho.gov
Illinois	Illinois Department of Insurance Consumer Services Station Springfield, Illinois 62767	Consumer Assistance: 1(866) 445-5364 Officer of Consumer Health Insurance: 1(877) 527-9431
Indiana	Public Information/Market Conduct Indiana Department of Insurance 311 W. Washington St. Suite 300 Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787	Consumer Hotline: 1(800) 622-4461 1(317) 232-2395 (in the Indianapolis Area)
Virginia	Life and Health Division Bureau of Insurance P.O. Box 1157 Richmond, VA 23209	1(804) 371-9741 (inside Virginia) 1(800) 552-7945 (outside Virginia)
Wisconsin	Office of the Commissioner of Insurance Complaints Department P.O. Box 7873	1(800) 236-8517 (outside of Madison) 1(608) 266-0103 (in Madison) to request a complaint form

Madison, WI 53707-7873

The following states require that We provide these notices to You about Your coverage:

**For residents of:
Arizona**

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

The benefits of the policy providing you coverage are governed primarily by the law of a state other than Florida.

Florida

**STATE OF DELAWARE
The Civil Union and Equality Act of 2011
Effective January 1, 2012**

In accordance with Delaware law, insurers are required to provide the following notice to applicants of insurance policies issued in Delaware.

The Civil Union and Equality Act of 2011 ("the Act") creates a legal relationship between two persons of the same sex who form a civil union. The Act provides that the parties to a civil union are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded or recognized by the laws of Delaware to spouses in a legal marriage. The law further provides that a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms "spouse," "family," "immediate family," "dependent," "next of kin," and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships as those terms are used throughout Delaware law. This includes the terms "marriage" or "married," or variations thereon. Insurance policies are required to provide identical benefits and protections to both civil unions and marriages. If policies of insurance provide coverage for children, the children of civil unions must also be provided coverage. The Act also requires recognition of same sex civil unions or marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions.

For more information regarding the Act, refer to Chapter 2 of Title 13 of the Delaware Code or the State of Delaware website at www.delaware.gov/CivilUnions.

Georgia

The laws of the state of Georgia prohibit insurers from unfairly discriminating against any person based upon his or her status as a victim of family abuse.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act
Effective June 1, 2011**

In accordance with Illinois law, insurers are required to provide the following notice to applicants of insurance policies issued in Illinois.

The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act ("the Act") creates a legal relationship between two persons of the same or opposite sex who form a civil union. The Act provides that the parties to a civil union are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded or recognized by the laws of Illinois to spouses. The law further provides that a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms "spouse," "family," "immediate family," "dependent," "next of kin," and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships as those terms are used throughout Illinois law. This includes the terms "marriage" or "married," or variations thereon. Insurance policies are required to provide identical benefits and protections to both civil unions and marriages. If policies of insurance provide coverage for children, the children of civil unions must also be provided coverage. The Act also requires recognition of civil unions or same sex civil unions or marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions.

For more information regarding the Act, refer to 750 ILCS 75/1 et seq. Examples of the interaction between the Act and existing law can be found in the Illinois Insurance Facts, Civil Unions and Insurance Benefits document available on the Illinois Department of Insurance's website at www.insurance.illinois.gov.

Maine

1. The benefits under this policy are subject to reduction due to other sources of income.

This means that your benefits will be reduced by the amount of any other benefits for loss of time provided to you or for which you are eligible as a result of the same period of disability for which you claim benefits under this policy.

Other sources of income are plans or arrangements of coverage that provide disability-related benefits such as Worker's Compensation or other similar governmental programs or laws, or disability-related benefits received from your employer or as the result of your employment, membership or association with any group, union, association or other organization. Other sources of income include disability-related benefits under the United States Social Security Act or an alternate governmental plan, the Railroad Retirement Act, and other similar plans or acts. Other sources of income may also include certain disability-related or retirement benefits that you receive because of your retirement unless you were receiving them prior to becoming disabled.

What comprises other sources of income under this policy is determined by the nature of the policyholder. Therefore, we strongly urge you to **Read Your Certificate Carefully**. A full description of the plans and types of plans considered to be other sources of income under this policy will be found in the definition of "Other Income Benefits" located in the Definitions section of your certificate.

2. The laws of the State of Maine require notification of the right to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation, to change the designation and, policy reinstatement if the insured suffers from organic brain disease and the ground for cancellation was the insured's nonpayment of premium or other lapse or default on the part of the insured.

Within 10 days after a request by an insured, a Third Party Notice Request Form shall be mailed or personally delivered to the insured.

Maryland

The group insurance policy providing coverage under this certificate was issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.

Montana

Conformity with Montana statutes: The provisions of this certificate conform to the minimum requirements of Montana law and control over any conflicting statutes of any state in which the insured resides on or after the effective date of this certificate.

North Carolina

UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, FINANCIAL AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL:

- 1) CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSON INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT; AND
- 2) WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

**IMPORTANT TERMINATION
INFORMATION**

YOUR INSURANCE MAY BE CANCELLED BY THE COMPANY. PLEASE READ THE TERMINATION PROVISION IN THIS CERTIFICATE.

THIS CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE PROVIDES COVERAGE UNDER A GROUP MASTER POLICY. THIS CERTIFICATE PROVIDES ALL OF THE BENEFITS MANDATED BY THE NORTH CAROLINA INSURANCE CODE, BUT YOU MAY NOT RECEIVE ALL OF THE PROTECTIONS PROVIDED BY A POLICY ISSUED IN NORTH CAROLINA AND GOVERNED BY ALL OF THE LAWS OF NORTH CAROLINA.

**PRE-EXISTING LIMITATION
READ CAREFULLY**

NO BENEFITS WILL BE PAYABLE UNDER THIS PLAN FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS WHICH ARE NOT COVERED UNDER THE PRIOR PLAN. PLEASE READ THE LIMITATIONS IN THIS CERTIFICATE.

READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.

**Texas
AVISO IMPORTANTE**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

You may call The Hartford's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

1-800-523-2233

You may also write to The Hartford at:
P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

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 at:
P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9410
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 agent or The Hartford 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.

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:

Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de The Hartford para informacion o para someter una queja al:

1-800-523-2233

Usted tambien puede escribir a The Hartford:
P.O. Box 2999
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

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

1-800-252-3439

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:
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DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Si tiene una disputa concierne a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con el agente o The Hartford primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

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.



CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY
Simsbury, Connecticut
(A stock insurance company)

Policyholder: THE CITY OF AUSTIN
Policy Number: GLT-696962
Policy Effective Date: January 1, 2011
Policy Anniversary Date: January 1, 2013

We have issued The Policy to the Policyholder. Our name, the Policyholder's name and The Policy Number are shown above. The provisions of The Policy, which are important to You, are summarized in this certificate consisting of this form and any additional forms which have been made a part of this certificate. This certificate replaces any other certificate We may have given to You earlier under The Policy. The Policy alone is the only contract under which payment will be made. Any difference between The Policy and this certificate will be settled according to the provisions of The Policy on file with Us at Our home office. The Policy may be inspected at the office of the Policyholder.

Signed for the Company

Terence Shields, Secretary

Ronald R. Gendreau, President

A note on capitalization in this certificate:

Capitalization of a term, not normally capitalized according to the rules of standard punctuation, indicates a word or phrase that is a defined term in The Policy or refers to a specific provision contained herein.

**FOR INFORMATION, QUESTIONS OR COMPLAINTS, CALL THE HARTFORD'S TOLL-FREE CONSUMER NUMBER,
1-800-523-2233. TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE: 1-800-252-3439**

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

The Policy of long term Disability Insurance provides You with long term income protection if You become Disabled from a covered Injury, Sickness or pregnancy.

The benefits described herein are those in effect as of February 1, 2012

Cost of Coverage:

You must contribute toward the cost of coverage.

Eligible Class(es) for Coverage:

Class 1: All Full-time and Part-time Active Employees who are citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates, excluding employees classified as emergency medical service or firefighters, temporary, leased or seasonal employees.

Class 2: All Full-time and Part-time Active Employees classified as emergency medical service who are citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates, excluding employees classified as firefighters, temporary, leased or seasonal employees.

Class 3: All Full-time and Part-time Active Employees classified as firefighters who are citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates, excluding employees classified as emergency medical service, temporary, leased or seasonal employees.

Full-time	at least 30 hours weekly
Employment:	
Part-time	at least 20 hours weekly
Employment:	

Annual Enrollment Period: as determined by Your Employer on a yearly basis.

Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage:
None

Elimination Period: 90 day(s)

Maximum Monthly Benefit: \$7,500

Minimum Monthly Benefit: the greater of:

- 1) \$100; or
- 2) 10% of the benefit based on Monthly Income Loss before the deduction of Other Income Benefits.

Benefit Percentage: 60%

Maximum Duration of Benefits

Maximum Duration of Benefits Table

Age When Disabled	Benefits Payable
Prior to Age 62	To Age 65, or for 42 months, if greater
Age 62	42 months
Age 63	36 months
Age 64	30 months
Age 65	24 months
Age 66	21 months
Age 67	18 months

Age 68
Age 69 and over

15 months
12 months

Additional Benefit

Family Care Credit Benefit
see Benefit

Survivor Income Benefit
see Benefit

Workplace Modification Benefit
see Benefit

ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT

Eligible Persons: *Who is eligible for coverage?*

All persons in the class or classes shown in the Schedule of Insurance will be considered Eligible Persons.
GBD-1200 D01

Eligibility for Coverage: *When will I become eligible?*

You will become eligible for coverage on the later of:

- 1) the Policy Effective Date; or
- 2) the date You complete the Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage shown in the Schedule of Insurance, if applicable.

GBD-1200 D02

Enrollment: *How do I enroll for coverage?*

For coverage, You must enroll. To enroll for coverage You must complete and sign a group insurance enrollment form which is satisfactory to Us. Your Employer will provide instructions.

If You do not enroll within 31 days after becoming eligible under The Policy, or if You were eligible to enroll under the Prior Policy and did not do so, and later choose to enroll You may only enroll:

- 1) during an Annual Enrollment Period designated by the Policyholder; or
- 2) within 31 days of the date You have a Change in Family Status.

GBD-1200 D03

GBD-1200 D04

Change in Family Status: *What constitutes a Change in Family Status?*

A Change in Family Status occurs when:

- 1) You get married or You execute a domestic partner affidavit;
- 2) You and Your spouse divorce or You terminate a domestic partnership;
- 3) Your child is born or You adopt or become the legal guardian of a child;
- 4) Your spouse or domestic partner dies;
- 5) Your child is no longer financially dependent on You or dies;
- 6) Your spouse is no longer employed, which results in a loss of group insurance; or
- 7) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

GBD-1200 D05

PERIOD OF COVERAGE

Effective Date: *When does my coverage start?*

Your coverage will start on the earliest of:

- 1) the date You become eligible, if You enroll or have enrolled by then; or

- 2) the date on which You enroll, if You do so within 31 days after the date You are eligible; or
 - 3) the January 1st following the Annual Enrollment Period if You enroll, during an Annual Enrollment Period.
- GBD-1200 E01
GBD-1200 E05

Changes in Coverage: Can I change my benefit options?

You may change Your benefit option only:

- 1) during an Annual Enrollment Period; or
- 2) within 31 days of a Change in Family Status.

When will a requested change in benefit option take effect?

If You enroll for a change in benefit option during an Annual Enrollment Period, the change will take effect on the January 1st following the Annual Enrollment Period.

If You enroll for a change in benefit option within 31 days following a Change in Family Status, the change will take effect on the earlier of:

- 1) the first date for the following pay period; or
- 2) the first date of the month following the date You enroll for the change.

Any such increase in coverage is subject to the Pre-existing Conditions Limitations provision.

Do coverage amounts change if there is a change in my rate of pay?

Your coverage may increase or decrease on the date there is a change in Pre-disability Earnings. However, no increase in coverage will be effective unless on that date You:

- 1) are an Active Employee; and
- 2) are not absent from work due to being Disabled. If You were so absent from work, the effective date of such increase will be deferred until You are Actively at Work for one full day.

No change in Your Pre-disability Earnings will become effective until the date We receive notice of the change.
GBD-1200 E07

Continuity From A Prior Policy: Is there continuity of coverage from a Prior Policy?

If You were:

- 1) insured under the Prior Policy; and
 - 2) not eligible to receive benefits under the Prior Policy;
- on the day before the Policy Effective Date, the Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply.

Is my coverage under The Policy subject to the Pre-existing Condition Limitation?

If You become insured under The Policy on the Policy Effective Date and were covered under the Prior Policy on the day before the Policy Effective Date, the Pre-existing Conditions Limitation will end on the earliest of:

- 1) the Policy Effective Date, if Your coverage for the Disability was not limited by a pre-existing condition restriction under the Prior Policy; or
- 2) the date the restriction would have ceased to apply had the Prior Policy remained in force, if Your coverage was limited by a pre-existing condition limitation under the Prior Policy.

The amount of the Monthly Benefit payable for a Pre-existing Condition in accordance with the above paragraph will be the lesser of:

- 1) the Monthly Benefit which was paid by the Prior Policy; or
- 2) the Monthly Benefit provided by The Policy.

The Pre-existing Conditions Limitation will apply after the Policy Effective Date to the amount of a benefit increase which results from a change from the Prior Policy to The Policy, a change in benefit options, a change of class or a change in The Policy.

Do I have to satisfy an Elimination Period under The Policy if I was Disabled under the Prior Policy?

If You received Monthly benefits for disability under the Prior Policy, and You returned to work as a Active Employee before The Policy Effective Date, then, if within 6 months of Your return to work:

- 1) You have a recurrence of the same disability while covered under The Policy; and
- 2) there are no benefits available for the recurrence under the Prior Policy;

the Elimination Period, which would otherwise apply, will be waived if the recurrence would have been covered without any further elimination period under the Prior Policy.
GBD-1200 E08

Termination: *When will my coverage stop?*

Your coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

- 1) the date The Policy terminates;
 - 2) the date The Policy no longer insures Your class;
 - 3) the date premium payment is due but not paid by the Employer;
 - 4) the last day of the pay period for which You make any required premium contribution; or
 - 5) the date You cease to be a Active Employee in an eligible class for any reason,
- unless coverage is extended under the Continuation Provisions.
GBD-1200 E10

Continuation Provisions: *Can my coverage be continued beyond the date it would otherwise terminate?*

Coverage can be continued by Your Employer beyond a date shown in the Termination provision, if Your Employer provides a plan of continuation which applies to all employees the same way. Continued coverage:

- 1) is subject to any reductions in The Policy;
- 2) is subject to payment of premium by the Employer; and
- 3) terminates if:
 - a) The Policy terminates; or
 - b) coverage for Your class terminates.

In any event, Your benefit level, or the amount of earnings upon which Your benefits may be based, will be that in effect on the day before Your coverage was continued. Coverage may be continued in accordance with the above restrictions and as described below.

Leave of Absence: If You are on a documented leave of absence Your coverage may be continued for 12 month(s) after the leave of absence commenced. If the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Family Medical Leave: If You are granted a leave of absence, in writing, according to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, or other applicable state or local law, Your coverage may be continued for up to 12 weeks, or 26 weeks if You qualify for Family Military Leave, or longer if required by other applicable law, following the date Your leave commenced. If the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.
GBD-1200 E13

Coverage while Disabled: *Does my insurance continue while I am Disabled and no longer an Active Employee?*

If You are Disabled and You cease to be an Active Employee. Your insurance will be continued:

- 1) during the Elimination Period while You remain Disabled by the same Disability; and
- 2) after the Elimination Period for as long as You are entitled to benefits under The Policy.

GBD-1200 E14

Waiver of Premium: *Am I required to pay Premiums while I am Disabled?*

No premium will be due for You:

- 1) after the Elimination Period; and
- 2) for as long as benefits are payable.

GBD-1200 E19

Extension of Benefits for Total Disability: *Do my benefits continue if The Policy terminates?*

If You are entitled to benefits while Disabled and The Policy terminates, benefits:

- 1) will continue as long as You remain Disabled by the same Disability; but

- 2) will not be provided beyond the date We would have ceased to pay benefits had the insurance remained in force.

Termination of The Policy for any reason will have no effect on Our liability under this provision.

GBD-1200 E21

BENEFITS

Disability Benefit: *What are my Disability Benefits under The Policy?*

We will pay You a Monthly Benefit if You:

- 1) become Disabled while insured under The Policy;

- 2) are Disabled throughout the Elimination Period;
- 3) remain Disabled beyond the Elimination Period; and
- 4) submit Proof of Loss to Us.

Benefits accrue as of the first day after the Elimination Period and are paid monthly. However, benefits will not exceed the Maximum Duration of Benefits.

GBD-1200 F01

Mental Illness And Substance Abuse Benefits: Are benefits limited for Mental Illness or Substance Abuse?

If You are Disabled because of:

- 1) Mental Illness that results from any cause;
 - 2) any condition that may result from Mental Illness;
 - 3) alcoholism which is under treatment; or
 - 4) the non-medical use of narcotics, sedatives, stimulants, hallucinogens, or any other such substance;
- then, subject to all other provisions of The Policy, We will limit the Maximum Duration of Benefits.

Benefits will be payable for a total of 24 month(s), unless at the end of the 24 month(s) period:

- 1) You are confined in a hospital or other place licensed to provide medical care for the disabling condition, in which case:
 - a) benefits will continue during the confinement; and
 - b) if You are still Disabled when discharged, benefits will continue for a recovery period of up to 90 days; and
 - c) if You become re-confined during the recovery period for at least 14 consecutive days, benefits will continue during the confinement and another recovery period of up to 90 days; or
- 2) You continue to be Disabled and, within 7 days become confined in a hospital, or other place licensed to provide medical care, for the disabling condition for at least 14 consecutive days, in which case benefits will be paid while You are so confined.

GBD-1200 F05

Recurrent Disability: What happens if I Recover but become Disabled again?

Periods of Recovery during the Elimination Period will not interrupt the Elimination Period, if the number of days You return to work as an Active Employee are less than one-half (1/2) the number of days of Your Elimination Period.

Any day within such period of Recovery, will not count toward the Elimination Period.

After the Elimination Period, if You return to work as an Active Employee and then become Disabled and such Disability is:

- 1) due to the same cause; or
 - 2) due to a related cause; and
 - 3) within 6 month(s) of the return to work;
- the Period of Disability prior to Your return to work and the recurrent Disability will be considered one Period of Disability, provided The Policy remains in force.

If You return to work as an Active Employee for 6 month(s) or more, any recurrence of a Disability will be treated as a new Disability. The new Disability is subject to a new Elimination Period and a new Maximum Duration of Benefits.

Period of Disability means a continuous length of time during which You are Disabled under The Policy.

Recover or Recovery means that You are no longer Disabled and have returned to work with the Employer and premiums are being paid for You.

GBD-1200 F07

Calculation of Monthly Benefit: Return to Work Incentive: How are my Disability benefits calculated?

If You remain Disabled after the Elimination Period, but work while You are Disabled, We will determine Your Monthly Benefit for a period of up to 12 consecutive months as follows:

- 1) multiply Your Pre-disability Earnings by the Benefit Percentage;
- 2) compare the result with the Maximum Benefit; and
- 3) from the lesser amount, deduct Other Income Benefits.

The result is Your Monthly Benefit. Current Monthly Earnings will not be used to reduce Your Monthly Benefit. However, if the sum of Your Monthly Benefit and Your Current Monthly Earnings exceeds 100% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, We will reduce Your Monthly Benefit by the amount of excess.

The 12 consecutive month period will start on the last to occur of:

- 1) the day You first start work; or
- 2) the end of the Elimination Period.

If You are Disabled and not receiving benefits under the Return to Work Incentive, We will calculate Your Monthly Benefit as follows:

- 1) multiply Your Monthly Income Loss by the Benefit Percentage;
- 2) compare the result with the Maximum Benefit; and
- 3) from the lesser amount, deduct Other Income Benefits.

The result is Your Monthly Benefit.

GBD-1200 F12

Calculation of Monthly Benefit: *What happens if the sum of my Monthly Benefit, Current Monthly Earnings and Other Income Benefits exceeds 100% of my Pre-disability Earnings?*
If the sum of Your Monthly Benefit, Current Monthly Earnings and Other Income Benefits exceeds 100% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, We will reduce Your Monthly Benefit by the amount of the excess. However, Your Monthly Benefit will not be less than the Minimum Monthly Benefit.

If an overpayment occurs, We may recover all or any portion of the overpayment, in accordance with the Overpayment Recovery provision.

GBD-1200 F14

Minimum Monthly Benefit: *Is there a Minimum Monthly Benefit?*

Your Monthly Benefit will not be less than the Minimum Monthly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

GBD-1200 F15

Partial Month Payment: *How is the benefit calculated for a period of less than a month?*

If a Monthly Benefit is payable for a period of less than a month, we will pay 1/30 of the Monthly Benefit for each day You were Disabled.

GBD-1200 F16

Termination of Payment: *When will my benefit payments end?*

Benefit payments will stop on the earliest of:

- 1) the date You are no longer Disabled;
- 2) the date You fail to furnish Proof of Loss;
- 3) the date You are no longer under the Regular Care of a Physician;
- 4) the date You refuse Our request that You submit to an examination by a Physician or other qualified medical professional;
- 5) the date of Your death;
- 6) the date You refuse to receive recommended treatment that is generally acknowledged by Physicians to cure, correct or limit the disabling condition;
- 7) the last day benefits are payable according to the Maximum Duration of Benefits Table;
- 8) the date Your Current Monthly Earnings exceed:
 - a) 80% of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings if You are receiving benefits for being Disabled from Your Occupation; or
 - b) the product of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings and the Benefit percentage if You are receiving benefits for being Disabled from Any Occupation;
- 9) the date no further benefits are payable under any provision in The Policy that limits benefit duration; or
- 10) the date You refuse to participate in a Rehabilitation program, or refuse to cooperate with or try:
 - a) modifications made to the work site or job process to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Your Occupation;
 - b) adaptive equipment or devices designed to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Your Occupation;
 - c) modifications made to the work site or job process to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Any Occupation, if You were receiving benefits for being disabled from Any Occupation; or
 - d) adaptive equipment or devices designed to accommodate Your identified medical limitations to enable You to perform the Essential Duties of Any Occupation, if You were receiving benefits for being disabled from Any Occupation;

provided a qualified Physician or other qualified medical professional agrees that such modifications, Rehabilitation program or adaptive equipment accommodate Your medical limitation.

GBD-1200 F18

Family Care Credit Benefit: *What if I must incur expenses for Family Care Services in order to participate in a Rehabilitation program?*

If You are working as part of a program of Rehabilitation, We will, for the purpose of calculating Your benefit, deduct the cost of Family Care from earnings received from work as a part of a program of Rehabilitation, subject to the following limitations:

- 1) Family Care means the care or supervision of:
 - a) Your children under age 13; or
 - b) a member of Your household who is mentally or physically handicapped and dependent upon You for support and maintenance;
- 2) the maximum monthly deduction allowed for each qualifying child or family member is:
 - a) \$350 during the first 12 months of Rehabilitation; and
 - b) \$175 thereafter;but in no event may the deduction exceed the amount of Your monthly earnings;
- 3) Family Care Credits may not exceed a total of \$2,500 during a calendar year;
- 4) the deduction will be reduced proportionally for periods of less than a month;
- 5) the charges for Family Care must be documented by a receipt from the caregiver;
- 6) the credit will cease on the first to occur of the following:
 - a) You are no longer in a Rehabilitation program; or
 - b) Family Care Credits for 24 months have been deducted during Your Disability; and
- 7) no Family Care provided by someone Related to the family member receiving the care will be eligible as a deduction under this provision.

Your Current Monthly Earnings after the deduction of Your Family Care Credit will be used to determine Your Monthly Income Loss. In no event will You be eligible to receive a Monthly Benefit under The Policy if Your Current Monthly Earnings before the deduction of the Family Care Credit exceed 80% of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings.
GBD-1200 F25

Survivor Income Benefit: *Will my survivors receive a benefit if I die while receiving Disability Benefits?*

If You were receiving a Monthly Disability Benefit at the time of Your death, We will pay a Survivor Income Benefit, when We receive proof satisfactory to Us:

- 1) of Your death; and
- 2) that the person claiming the benefit is entitled to it.

We must receive the satisfactory proof for Survivor Income Benefits within 1 year of the date of Your death.

We will pay the Survivor Income Benefit to Your Spouse If You do not have a Spouse, we will pay Your surviving Children in equal shares. If You do not have a Spouse or any Children, We will pay Your estate.

The Survivor Income Benefit is calculated as 3 times the lesser of:

- 1) Your Monthly Income Loss multiplied by the Benefit Percentage in effect on the date of Your death; or
- 2) The Maximum Monthly Benefit.

Spouse means Your lawful spouse.

Children means Your unmarried children under age 25 who are chiefly dependent upon You for support and maintenance. The term includes a stepchild living with You at the time of Your death.

GBD-1200 F27 (TX)

Workplace Modification Benefit: *Will the Rehabilitation program provide for modifications to my workplace to accommodate my return to work?*

We will reimburse Your Employer for the expense of reasonable Workplace Modifications to accommodate Your Disability and enable You to return to work as an Active Employee. You qualify for this benefit if:

- 1) Your Disability is covered by The Policy;
- 2) the Employer agrees to make modifications to the workplace in order to reasonably accommodate Your return to work and the performance of the Essential Duties of Your job; and
- 3) We approve, in writing, any proposed Workplace Modifications.

Benefits paid for such workplace modification shall not exceed the amount equal to the amount of the Maximum Monthly Benefit.

We have the right, at Our expense, to have You examined or evaluated by:

- 1) a Physician or other health care professional; or
 - 2) a vocational expert or rehabilitation specialist;
- of Our choice so that We may evaluate the appropriateness of any proposed modification.

We will reimburse the Employer's costs for approved Workplace Modifications after:

- 1) the proposed modifications made on Your behalf are complete;
- 2) We have been provided written proof of the expenses incurred to provide such modification; and
- 3) You have returned to work as an Active Employee.

Workplace Modification means change in Your work environment, or in the way a job is performed, to allow You to perform, while Disabled, the Essential Duties of Your job. Payment of this benefit will not reduce or deny any benefit You are eligible to receive under the terms of The Policy.
GBD-1200 F29

EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Exclusions: *What Disabilities are not covered?*

The Policy does not cover, and We will not pay a benefit for any Disability:

- 1) unless You are under the Regular Care of a Physician;
- 2) that is caused or contributed to by war or act of war (declared or not);
- 3) caused by Your commission of or attempt to commit a felony;
- 4) caused or contributed to by Your being engaged in an illegal occupation; or
- 5) caused or contributed to by an intentionally self inflicted injury.

If You are receiving or are eligible for benefits for a Disability under a prior disability plan that:

- 1) was sponsored by Your Employer, and
- 2) was terminated before the Effective Date of The Policy;

no benefits will be payable for the Disability under The Policy.

GBD-1200 G01

Pre-Existing Conditions Limitation: *Are benefits limited for Pre-existing Conditions?*

We will not pay any benefit, or any increase in benefits, under The Policy for any Disability that results from, or is caused or contributed to by, a Pre-existing Condition, unless, at the time You become Disabled:

- 1) You have not received Medical Care for the condition for 6 consecutive month(s) while insured under The Policy; or
- 2) You have been continuously insured under The Policy for 12 consecutive month(s).

Pre-existing Condition means:

- 1) any accidental bodily injury, sickness, Mental Illness, pregnancy, or episode of Substance Abuse; or
- 2) any manifestations, symptoms, findings, or aggravations related to or resulting from such accidental bodily injury, sickness, Mental Illness, pregnancy, or Substance Abuse;

for which You received Medical Care during the 3 month(s) period that ends the day before:

- 1) Your effective date of coverage; or
- 2) the effective date of a Change in Coverage.

Medical Care is received when a physician or other health care provider:

- 1) is consulted or gives medical advice; or
- 2) recommends, prescribes or provides Treatment.

Treatment includes, but is not limited to:

- 1) medical examinations, tests, attendance, or observation; and
- 2) use of drugs, medicines, medical services, supplies or equipment.

GBD-1200 G04

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Notice of Claim: When should I notify the Company of a claim?

You must give Us, written notice of a claim within 20 days after Disability or loss occurs. If notice cannot be given within that time, it must be given as soon as reasonably possible after that. Such notice must include Your name, Your address and the Policy Number.

GBD-1200 H01

Claim Forms: Are special forms required to file a claim?

We will send forms to You to provide Proof of Loss, within 15 days of receiving a Notice of Claim. If We do not send the forms within 15 days, You may submit any other written proof which fully describes the nature and extent of Your claim.
GBD-1200 H02

Proof of Loss: What is Proof of Loss?

Proof of Loss may include but is not limited to the following:

- 1) documentation of:
 - a) the date Your Disability began;
 - b) the cause of Your Disability;
 - c) the prognosis of Your Disability;
 - d) Your Pre-disability Earnings, Current Weekly Earnings or any income; and
 - e) evidence that You are under the Regular Care of a Physician;
 - 2) any and all medical information, including x-ray films and photocopies of medical records, including histories, physical, mental or diagnostic examinations and treatment notes;
 - 3) the names and addresses of all:
 - a) Physicians or other qualified medical professionals You have consulted;
 - b) hospitals or other medical facilities in which You have been treated; and
 - c) pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years;
 - 4) Your signed authorization for Us to obtain and release:
 - a) medical, employment and financial information; and
 - b) any other information We may reasonably require;
 - 5) Your signed statement identifying all Other Income Benefits.
- GBD-1200 H03

Additional Proof of Loss: What additional proof of loss is the Company entitled to?

To assist Us in determining if You are Disabled, or to determine if You meet any other term or condition of The Policy, We have the right to require You to:

- 1) meet and interview with our representative; and
- 2) be examined by a Physician, vocational expert, functional expert, or other medical or vocational professional of Our choice.

Any such interview, meeting or examination will be:

- 1) at Our expense; and
- 2) as reasonably required by Us.

Your Additional Proof of Loss must be satisfactory to Us. Unless We determine You have a valid reason for refusal, We may deny, suspend or terminate Your benefits if You refuse to be examined or meet to be interviewed by Our representative.

GBD-1200 H04

Sending Proof of Loss: When must proof of Loss be given?

Written Proof of Loss must be sent to Us within 90 days after the start of the period for which We are liable for payment. If proof is not given by the time it is due, it will not affect the claim if:

- 1) it was not possible to give proof within the required time; and
- 2) proof is given as soon as possible; but
- 3) not later than 1 year after it is due, unless You are not legally competent.

We may request Proof of Loss throughout Your Disability. In such cases, We must receive the proof within 30 day(s) of the request.

GBD-1200 H05

Claim Payment: When are benefit payments issued?

When We determine that You:

- 1) are Disabled; and
- 2) eligible to receive benefits;

We will pay accrued benefits at the end of each month that You are Disabled. We may, at Our option, make an advance benefit payment based on Our estimated duration of Your Disability. If any payment is due after a claim is terminated, it will be paid not more than 60 days after Proof of Loss satisfactory to Us is received.
GBD-1200 H06

Claims to be Paid: *To whom will benefits for my claim be paid?*

All payments are payable to You. Any payments owed at Your death may be paid to:

- 1) Your designated beneficiary; or
- 2) the executors or administrators of Your estate.

If any payment is owed to:

- 1) a person who is a minor; or
- 2) a person who is not legally competent;

then We may pay up to \$1,000 to a person who is Related to You and who, at Our sole discretion, is entitled to it. Any such payment shall fulfill Our responsibility for the amount paid.
GBD-1200 H08

Claim Denial: *What notification will I receive if my claim is denied?*

If a claim for benefits is wholly or partly denied, You will be furnished with written notification of the decision. This written notification will:

- 1) give the specific reason(s) for the denial;
- 2) make specific reference to The Policy provisions on which the denial is based;
- 3) provide a description of any additional information necessary to perfect a claim and an explanation of why it is necessary; and
- 4) provide an explanation of the review procedure.

GBD-1200 H09

Claim Appeal: *What recourse do I have if my claim is denied?*

On any claim, You or Your representative may appeal to Us for a full and fair review. To do so You:

- 1) must request a review upon written application within:
 - a) 180 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim requires Us to make a determination of disability; or
 - b) 60 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim does not require Us to make a determination of disability; and
- 2) may request copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to Your claim; and
- 3) may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to Your claim.

We will respond to You in writing with Our final decision on the claim. The Insurance Company will make a final decision no more than 45 days after it receives Your timely appeal. The time for final decision may be extended for one additional 45 day period provided that, prior to the extension, the Insurance Company notifies You in writing that an extension is necessary due to special circumstances, identifies those circumstances and gives the date by which it expects to render its decision. If Your claim is extended due to Your failure to submit information necessary to decide Your claim on appeal, the time for decision shall be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to You until the date we receive Your response to the request.
GBD-1200 H10

Social Security: *When must I apply for Social Security Benefits?*

You must apply for Social Security disability benefits when the length of Your Disability meets the minimum duration required to apply for such benefits. You must apply within 45 days from the date of Our request. If the Social Security Administration denies Your eligibility for benefits, You will be required:

- 1) to follow the process established by the Social Security Administration to reconsider the denial; and
- 2) if denied again, to request a hearing before an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Hearing and Appeals.

GBD-1200 H11

Benefit Estimates: *How does the Company estimate Disability benefits under the United States Social Security Act?*

We reserve the right to reduce Your Monthly Benefit by estimating the Social Security disability benefits You or Your spouse and children may be eligible to receive.

When We determine that You or Your Dependent may be eligible for benefits, We may estimate the amount of these benefits. We may reduce Your Monthly Benefit by the estimated amount.

- Your Monthly Benefit will not be reduced by estimated Social Security disability benefits if:
- 1) You apply for Social Security disability benefits and pursue all required appeals in accordance with the Social Security provision; and
 - 2) You have signed a form authorizing the Social Security Administration to release information about awards directly to Us; and
 - 3) You have signed and returned Our reimbursement agreement, which confirms that You agree to repay all overpayments.

If We have reduced Your Monthly Benefit by an estimated amount and:

- 1) You or Your Dependent are later awarded Social Security disability benefits, We will adjust Your Monthly Benefit when We receive proof of the amount awarded, and determine if it was higher or lower than Our estimate; or
- 2) Your application for disability benefits has been denied, We will adjust Your Monthly Benefit when You provide Us proof of final denial from which You cannot appeal from an Administrative Law Judge of the Office of Hearing and Appeals.

If Your Social Security Benefits were lower than we estimated, and We owe You a refund, We will make such refund in a lump sum. If Your Social Security Benefits were higher than we estimated, and If Your Monthly Benefit has been overpaid, You must make a lump sum refund to Us equal to all overpayments, in accordance with the Overpayment Recovery provision
GBD-1200 H12

Overpayment: *When does an overpayment occur?*

An overpayment occurs:

- 1) when We determine that the total amount We have paid in benefits is more than the amount that was due to You under The Policy; or
- 2) when payment is made by Us that should have been made under another group policy.

This includes, but is not limited to, overpayments resulting from:

- 1) retroactive awards received from sources listed in the Other Income Benefits definition;
 - 2) failure to report, or late notification to Us of any Other Income Benefit(s) or earned income;
 - 3) misstatement;
 - 4) fraud; or
 - 5) any error We may make.
- GBD-1200 H13

Overpayment Recovery: *How does the Company exercise the right to recover overpayments?*

We have the right to recover from You any amount that We determine to be an overpayment. You have the obligation to refund to Us any such amount. Our rights and Your obligations in this regard may also be set forth in the reimbursement agreement You will be required to sign when You become eligible for benefits under The Policy.

If benefits are overpaid on any claim, You must reimburse Us within 30 days.

If reimbursement is not made in a timely manner, We have the right to:

- 1) recover such overpayments from:
 - a) You;
 - b) any other organization;
 - c) any other insurance company;
 - d) any other person to or for whom payment was made; and
 - e) Your estate;
- 2) reduce or offset against any future benefits payable to You or Your survivors, including the Minimum Monthly Benefit, until full reimbursement is made. Payments may continue when the overpayment has been recovered;
- 3) refer Your unpaid balance to a collection agency; and
- 4) pursue and enforce all legal and equitable rights in court.

GBD-1200 H14

Subrogation: *What are the Company's subrogation rights?*

If You:

- 1) suffer a Disability because of the act or omission of a Third Party;
 - 2) become entitled to and are paid benefits under The Policy in compensation for lost wages; and
 - 3) do not initiate legal action for the recovery of such benefits from the Third Party in a reasonable period of time;
- then We will be subrogated to any rights You may have against the Third Party and may, at Our option, bring legal action against the Third Party to recover any payments made by Us in connection with the Disability.

GBD-1200 H15

Reimbursement: *What are the Company's Reimbursement Rights?*

We have the right to request to be reimbursed for any benefit payments made or required to be made under The Policy for a Disability for which You recover payment from a Third Party.

If You recover payment from a Third Party as:

- 1) a legal judgment;
- 2) an arbitration award; or
- 3) a settlement or otherwise;

You must reimburse Us for the lesser of:

- 1) the amount of payment made or required to be made by Us; or
- 2) the amount recovered from the Third Party less any reasonable legal fees associated with the recovery.

GBD-1200 H16

Third Party means any person or legal entity whose act or omission, in full or in part, causes You to suffer a Disability for which benefits are paid or payable under The Policy.

Legal Actions: *When can legal action be taken against Us?*

Legal action cannot be taken against Us:

- 1) sooner than 61 days after the date proof of loss is given; or
- 2) more than 3 years after the date Proof of Loss is required to be given according to the terms of The Policy.

GBD-1200 H17

Insurance Fraud: *How does the Company deal with fraud?*

Insurance Fraud occurs when You and/or Your Employer provide Us with false information or file a claim for benefits that contains any false, incomplete or misleading information with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive Us. It is a crime if You and/or Your Employer commit Insurance Fraud. We will use all means available to Us to detect, investigate, deter and prosecute those who commit Insurance Fraud. We will pursue all available legal remedies if You and/or Your Employer perpetrate Insurance Fraud.

GBD-1200 H18

Misstatements: *What happens if facts are misstated?*

If material facts about You were not stated accurately:

- 1) Your premium may be adjusted; and
- 2) the true facts will be used to determine if, and for what amount, coverage should have been in force.

No statement, except fraudulent misstatements, made by You relating to Your insurability will be used to contest the insurance for which the statement was made after the insurance has been in force for two years during Your lifetime. In order to be used, the statement must be in writing and signed by You.

GBD-1200 H19

DEFINITIONS

Actively at Work means that You are:

- 1) physically present at Your customary place of employment with the intent and ability of working the scheduled hours and performing the Essential Duties of Your Occupation on that day; or
- 2) on sick leave, vacation leave, family medical leave or an approved leave of absence.

GBD-1200 C01

Active Employee means an employee who works for the Employer on a regular basis in the usual course of the Employer's business. This must be at least the number of hours shown in the Schedule of Insurance.
GBD-1200 C03

Any Occupation means any occupation for which You are qualified by education, training or experience, and that has an earnings potential greater than the lesser of:

- 1) the product of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings and the Benefit Percentage; or
 - 2) the Maximum Monthly Benefit.
- GBD-1200 C05

Current Monthly Earnings means monthly earnings You receive from:

- 1) Your Employer; and
 - 2) other employment;
- while You are Disabled.

However, if the other employment is a job You held in addition to Your job with Your Employer, then during any period that You are entitled to benefits for being Disabled from Your Occupation, only the portion of Your earnings that exceeds Your average earnings from the other employer over the 6 month(s) period just before You became Disabled will count as Current Monthly Earnings.
GBD-1200 C09

Disability or Disabled means You are prevented from performing one or more of the Essential Duties of:

- 1) Your Occupation during the Elimination Period;
- 2) Your Occupation, for the 24 month(s) following the Elimination Period, and as a result Your Current Monthly Earnings are less than 80% of Your Indexed Pre-disability Earnings; and
- 3) after that, Any Occupation.

If at the end of the Elimination Period, You are prevented from performing one or more of the Essential Duties of Your Occupation, but Your Current Monthly Earnings are greater than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, Your Elimination Period will be extended for a total period of 12 months from the original date of Disability, or until such time as Your Current Monthly Earnings are less than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings, whichever occurs first.

Your Disability must result from:

- 1) accidental bodily injury;
- 2) sickness;
- 3) Mental illness;
- 4) Substance Abuse; or
- 5) pregnancy.

Your failure to pass a physical examination required to maintain a license to perform the duties of Your Occupation, alone, does not mean that You are Disabled.
GBD-1200 C14

Elimination Period means the number of consecutive days at the beginning of any one period of Disability which must elapse before benefits are payable.
GBD-1200 C16

Employer means the Policyholder.
GBD-1200 C17

Essential Duty means a duty that:

- 1) is substantial, not incidental;
- 2) is fundamental or inherent to the occupation; and
- 3) cannot be reasonably omitted or changed.

Your ability to work the number of hours in Your regularly scheduled work week is an Essential Duty.
GBD-1200 C18

Indexed Pre-disability Earnings means Your Pre-disability Earnings adjusted annually by adding the lesser of:

- 1) 10%; or
- 2) the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W).

The percentage change in the CPI-W means the difference between the current year's CPI-W as of July 31, and the prior year's CPI-W as of July 31, divided by the prior year's CPI-W. The adjustment is made January 1st each year after You have been Disabled for 12 consecutive month(s), provided You are receiving benefits at the time the adjustment is made.

The term Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) means the index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the United States Department of Labor. It measures on a periodic (usually monthly) basis the change in the cost of typical urban wage earners' and clerical workers' purchase of certain goods and services. If the index is discontinued or changed, We may use another nationally published index that is comparable to the CPI-W.
GBD-1200 C19

Mental Illness means a mental disorder as listed in the current version of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, published by the American Psychiatric Association. A Mental Illness may be caused by biological factors or result in physical symptoms or manifestations.

For the purpose of The Policy, Mental Illness does not include the following mental disorders outlined in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders:

- 1) Mental Retardation;
- 2) Pervasive Developmental Disorders;
- 3) Motor Skills Disorder;
- 4) Substance-Related Disorders;
- 5) Delirium, Dementia, and Amnesic and Other Cognitive Disorders; or
- 6) Narcolepsy and Sleep Disorders related to a General Medical Condition.

GBD-1200 C21

Monthly Benefit means a monthly sum payable to You while You are Disabled, subject to the terms of The Policy.

GBD-1200 C22

Monthly Income Loss means Your Pre-disability Earnings minus Your Current Monthly Earnings.

GBD-1200 C23

Other Income Benefits means the amount of any benefit for loss of income, provided to You or to Your family, as a result of the period of Disability for which You are claiming benefits under The Policy. This includes any such benefits for which You or Your family are eligible or that are paid to You, to Your family or to a third party on Your behalf, pursuant to any:

- 1) temporary, permanent disability, or impairment benefits under a Workers' Compensation Law, the Jones Act, occupational disease law, similar law or substitutes or exchanges for such benefits;
- 2) governmental law or program that provides disability or unemployment benefits as a result of Your job with the Employer;
- 3) plan or arrangement of coverage, including income from any sick leave, salary continuation, accrued vacation or exception vacation leave donated by another employee, whether insured or not, which is received from the Employer as a result of employment by or association with the Employer or which is the result of membership in or association with any group, association, union or other organization;
- 4) mandatory "no-fault" automobile insurance plan;
- 5) disability benefits under:
 - a) the United States Social Security Act or alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government;
 - b) the Railroad Retirement Act;
 - c) the Canada Pension Plan, the Canada Old Age Security Act, the Quebec Pension Plan or any provincial pension or disability plan; or
 - d) similar plan or act;that You, Your spouse and/or children, are eligible to receive because of Your Disability; or
- 6) disability benefit from the Department of Veterans Affairs, or any other foreign or domestic governmental agency:
 - a) that begins after You become Disabled; or
 - b) that You were receiving before becoming Disabled, but only as to the amount of any increase in the benefit attributed to Your Disability.

Other Income Benefits also means any payments that are made to You or to Your family, or to a third party on Your behalf, pursuant to any:

- 1) disability benefit under the Employer's Retirement plan;
- 2) temporary, permanent disability or impairment benefits under a Workers' Compensation Law, the Jones Act, occupational disease law, similar law or substitutes or exchanges for such benefits;

- 3) portion of a settlement¹ or judgment, minus associated costs, of a lawsuit that represents or compensates for Your loss of earnings; or
- 4) retirement benefits under:
 - a) the United States Social Security Act or alternative plan offered by a state or municipal government;
 - b) the Railroad Retirement Act;
 - c) the Canada Pension Plan, the Canada Old Age Security Act, the Quebec Pension Plan or any provincial pension or disability plan;
 - d) similar plan or act;that You, Your spouse and children receive because of Your retirement, unless You were receiving them prior to becoming Disabled; or
- 5) retirement benefit from a Retirement Plan that is wholly or partially funded by employer contributions, unless:
 - a) You were receiving it prior to becoming Disabled; or
 - b) You immediately transfer the payment to another plan qualified by the United States Internal Revenue Service for the funding of a future retirement.Other Income Benefits will not include the portion, if any, of such retirement benefit that was funded by Your after-tax contributions.

If You are paid Other Income Benefits in a lump sum or settlement, You must provide proof satisfactory to Us of:

- 1) the amount attributed to loss of income; and
- 2) the period of time covered by the lump sum or settlement.

We will pro-rate the lump sum or settlement over this period of time. If You cannot or do not provide this information, We will assume the entire sum to be for loss of income, and the time period to be 60 months. We may make a retroactive allocation of any retroactive Other Income Benefit. A retroactive allocation may result in an overpayment of Your claim.

The amount of any increase in Other Income Benefits will not be included as Other Income Benefits if such increase:

- 1) takes effect after the date benefits become payable under The Policy; and
- 2) is a general increase which applies to all persons who are entitled to such benefits.

GBD-1200 C24

Physician means a person who is:

- 1) a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, psychology or other legally qualified practitioner of a healing art that We recognize or are required by law to recognize;
- 2) licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where care is being given;
- 3) practicing within the scope of that license; and
- 4) not Related to You by blood or marriage.

GBD-1200 C27

Pre-disability Earnings means Your regular monthly rate of pay, not counting bonuses, commissions and tips and tokens, overtime pay or any other fringe benefits or extra compensation in effect on the last day You were Actively at Work before You became Disabled.

GBD-1200 C33

Prior Policy means the long term disability insurance carried by the Employer on the day before the Policy Effective Date.

GBD-1200 C34

Regular Care of a Physician means that You are being treated by a Physician:

- 1) whose medical training and clinical experience are suitable to treat Your disabling condition; and
- 2) whose treatment is:
 - a) consistent with the diagnosis of the disabling condition;
 - b) according to guidelines established by medical, research, and rehabilitative organizations; and
 - c) administered as often as needed;to achieve the maximum medical improvement.

GBD-1200 C35

Rehabilitation means a process of Our working together with You in order for Us to plan, adapt, and put into use options and services to meet Your return to work needs. A Rehabilitation program may include, when We consider it to be appropriate, any necessary and feasible:

- 1) vocational testing;
- 2) vocational training;

3) alternative treatment plans such as:

- a) support groups;
- b) physical therapy;
- c) occupational therapy; or
- d) speech therapy;

4) work-place modification to the extent not otherwise provided;

- 5) job placement;
- 6) transitional work; and
- 7) similar services.

GBD-1200 C36

Related means Your spouse or other adult living with You, sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son, daughter, or grandchild or similar relationship in law.
GBD-1200 C38

Retirement Plan means a defined benefit or defined contribution plan that provides benefits for Your retirement and which is not funded wholly by Your contributions. It does not include:

- 1) a profit sharing plan;
- 2) thrift, savings or stock ownership plans;
- 3) a non-qualified deferred compensation plan; or
- 4) an individual retirement account (IRA), a tax sheltered annuity (TSA), Keogh Plan, 401(k) plan, 403(b) plan or 457 deferred compensation arrangement.

GBD-1200 C39

Substance Abuse means the pattern of pathological use of alcohol or other psychoactive drugs and substances characterized by:

- 1) impairments in social and/or occupational functioning;
- 2) debilitating physical condition;
- 3) inability to abstain from or reduce consumption of the substance; or
- 4) the need for daily substance use to maintain adequate functioning.

Substance includes alcohol and drugs but excludes tobacco and caffeine.

GBD-1200 C42

The Policy means the Policy which We issued to the Policyholder under the Policy Number shown on the face page.

GBD-1200 C43

We, Our, or Us means the insurance company named on the face page of The Policy.

GBD-1200 C48

Your Occupation means Your Occupation as it is recognized in the general workplace. Your Occupation does not mean the specific job You are performing for a specific employer or at a specific location.

GBD-1200 C49

You or Your means the person to whom this certificate is issued.

GBD-1200 C50



HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

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NONINSURANCE BENEFITS AND SERVICES

Benefits and Services

In addition to the Insurance coverage, the Policyholder may offer noninsurance benefits and services to Eligible Persons based on Policyholder plan design. Eligible Persons should contact the Policyholder for more information on the services available on their plan.

Eligible Persons can obtain a description and contact information for noninsurance benefits and services by visiting www.thehartfordatwork.com.

The following benefits terminate upon policy termination:

- Will Preparation Services. These services provide access to an online tool to create a customized will with the help of licensed attorneys, if needed.
- Travel Assistance Related Services. These services provide help for situations that travelers may be facing like replacing a lost passport or arranging for local medical assistance.
- Identity Theft Related Services. These services provide fraud prevention and credit monitoring as well as resolution support if an Eligible Person is the victim of identity theft.
- Funeral Planning Services. These services provide support to Eligible Persons or their beneficiaries to prepare for a funeral with access to online planning and research tools and advisors to answer questions.

The following benefits terminate upon policy termination. If an Eligible Person is receiving benefits when the policy terminates, benefits may continue beyond the policy termination date.

- Employee Assistance Programs. Support is provided for a wide range of social and emotional issues. The program provides for either telephonic or face-to-face counseling sessions.
- Beneficiary Support Services. These services provide emotional, legal or financial guidance, answer benefit-related questions or provide referrals to Eligible Persons or their beneficiaries.

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Optional Enhanced Benefits and Services

The Policyholder may select optional enhanced noninsurance benefits and services for a nominal cost, ranging from \$ 01 to \$4.50 monthly, depending on the level of service and the plan design selected. Eligible Persons should contact the Policyholder for more information on the optional services available and cost, if any.

The noninsurance benefits and services provided are offered by third party vendors. While The Hartford has arranged these benefits and services, the third party providers are liable to the Eligible Persons for the provision of such benefits and services. The Hartford is not responsible for the provision of benefits and services nor is it liable for the failure of the provision of the same. Further, The Hartford is not liable to Eligible Persons for the negligent provisions of such benefits and services by the third party providers. Note that The Hartford in its sole discretion may change vendors or may terminate any noninsurance benefit or service. The Eligible Persons will be given 60 days notice of such termination, unless the termination is due to circumstances beyond The Hartford's control, such as a vendor terminating its services. Signed for Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company



Terence Shields, Secretary



Ronald R. Gendreau, President



AMENDATORY RIDER

This rider is attached to all certificates given in connection with The Policy and is effective on The Policy Effective Date.

This rider is intended to amend Your certificate, as indicated below, to comply with the laws of Your state of residence. Only those references to benefits, provisions or terms actually included in Your certificate will affect Your coverage.

For Colorado residents:

The **Complications of Pregnancy** definition is replaced by the following:

Complications of Pregnancy means a condition whose diagnosis is distinct from pregnancy but adversely affected or caused by pregnancy, such as:

- 1) acute nephritis or nephrosis;
- 2) cardiac decompensation;
- 3) missed abortion; and
- 4) similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity.

Complications of Pregnancy will also include:

- 1) pre-eclampsia;
- 2) placenta previa;
- 3) physician prescribed bed rest for intra-uterine growth retardation, funneling, incompetent cervix;
- 4) termination of ectopic pregnancy;
- 5) spontaneous termination of pregnancy, occurring during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible;
- 6) non-elective cesarean section; and
- 7) similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity.

However, the term **Complications of Pregnancy** will not include:

- 1) elective cesarean section;
- 2) false labor, occasional spotting, or morning sickness;
- 3) hyperemesis gravidarum; or
- 4) similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy not consisting of a nosologically distinct **Complications of Pregnancy**.

For Delaware residents:

1) The definition of **Spouse** is amended to include the following:

Spouse will include Your party to a civil union, provided You:

- 1) have established that You and Your partner are parties to a civil union for purposes of The Policy; or
- 2) have registered as parties to a civil union with a government agency or office where such registration is available and provide proof of such registration unless requiring proof is prohibited by law.

You will continue to be considered parties to a civil union provided You continue to meet the requirements required by law.

2) The definition of **Surviving Spouse** in the **Survivor Income Benefit** provision is replaced with the following:

Surviving Spouse means Your wife or husband who was not legally separated or divorced from You when You died. Spouse will include Your party to a civil union, provided You:

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3) The **Change in Family Status** provision is replaced with the following:

Change in Family Status: *What constitutes a Change in Family Status?*

A Change in Family Status means:

- 1) You get married or enter into a civil union;

- 2) You and Your spouse divorce or You terminate a civil union;
- 3) Your child is born or You adopt or become the legal guardian of a child;
- 4) Your spouse or civil union partner dies;
- 5) Your child is emancipated or dies;
- 6) Your spouse or civil union partner is no longer employed, which results in a loss of group insurance; or
- 7) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

For Hawaii residents:

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For Illinois residents:

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 You will continue to be considered parties to a civil union provided You continue to meet the requirements required by law.

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- 4) Your spouse or civil union partner dies;
- 5) Your child is emancipated or dies;
- 6) Your spouse or civil union partner is no longer employed, which results in a loss of group insurance; or
- 7) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

For Indiana residents:

The last sentence in the **Policy Interpretation** provision is deleted and replaced by the following:

This provision applies only where the Interpretation of The Policy is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.

For Louisiana residents, the following provision is added:

Reinstatement after Military Service: *Can my coverage be reinstated after return from active military service?*

if:

- 1) Your coverage terminates because You enter active military service; and
 - 2) You are rehired within 12 months of the date You return from active military service;
- then coverage may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement within 31 days of the date you return to work.

The reinstated coverage will:

- 1) be the same coverage amounts in force on the date coverage terminated; and
- 2) not be subject to any Waiting Period for Coverage. Evidence of Insurability or Pre-existing Conditions Limitations; and
- 3) be subject to all the terms and provisions of The Policy.

For Massachusetts residents:

1) the following is added to the **Continuation Provisions:**

In accordance with Massachusetts state law, if Your insurance terminates because Your employment terminates or You cease to be a member of an eligible class, Your insurance will automatically be continued until the end of a 31 day period from the date Your insurance terminates or the date You become eligible for similar benefits under another group plan, whichever occurs first.

Additionally, if Your insurance terminates because Your employment is terminated as a result of a plant closing or covered partial closing, Your insurance may be continued. You must elect in writing to continue insurance and pay the required premium for continued coverage. Coverage will cease on the earliest to occur of the following dates:

- 1) 90 days from the date You were no longer eligible for coverage as a Full-time Active Employee;
 - 2) the date You become eligible for similar benefits under another group plan;
 - 3) the last day of the period for which required premium is made;
 - 4) the date the group insurance policy terminates; or
 - 5) the date Your Employer ceases to be a Participant Employer, if applicable.
- Continued coverage is subject to all other applicable terms and conditions of The Policy.

- 2) The **Surviving Children** definition in the **Survivor Income Benefit** will also include a child in the process of adoption.

For Michigan residents, the **Policy Interpretation** provision is deleted in its entirety.

For Minnesota residents:

- 1) the definition of **Any Occupation** is amended by the addition of the phrase "or may reasonably become qualified" to the first line;
- 2) The first two paragraphs of the **Pre-Existing Conditions Limitation** provision are deleted and replaced by the following:

No benefit will be payable under The Policy for any Disability that is due to, contributed to by, or results from a Pre-Existing Condition, unless such Disability or loss is incurred:

- 1) After the lesser of the last day of:
 - a) the number of days stated in Your certificate; or
 - b) 730 consecutive days;while insured, during which you receive no medical care for the Pre-Existing Condition; or
- 2) After the lesser of the last day of:
 - a) the number of days stated in Your certificate; or

b) 730 consecutive days; during which you have been continuously insured under The Policy. The amount of a benefit increase, which results from a change in benefit options, a change of class or a change in The Policy, will not be paid for any disability that is due to, contributed to by, or results from a Pre-Existing Condition, unless such Disability begins:

- 1) After the lesser of the last day of:
 - a) the number of days stated in Your certificate; or
 - b) 730 consecutive days; while insured for the increased benefit amount during which you receive no medical care for the Pre-Existing Condition; or
- 2) After the lesser of the last day of:
 - a) the number of days stated in Your certificate; or
 - b) 730 consecutive days; during which you have been continuously insured for the increased benefit amount.
- 3) The definition of **Pre-existing Condition** in the **Pre-Existing Conditions Limitation** provision is deleted and is replaced by the following:

Pre-existing Condition means any accidental bodily injury, sickness, Mental Illness, pregnancy, or episode of Substance Abuse for which You received Medical Care during the lesser of:

 - 1) the period of time stated in Your certificate; or
 - 2) the 730 day period; that ends the day before;
 - 3) Your effective date of coverage; or
 - 4) the effective date of a Change in Coverage.

For Missouri residents intentionally self-inflicted Injury, suicide or attempted suicide, while sane.

For Montana residents, pregnancy will be covered, the same as any other Sickness, anything in the Policy to the contrary notwithstanding.

For New Hampshire residents:

- 1) The definition of **Other Income Benefits** is amended by the deletion of 'mandatory "no-fault" automobile insurance plan';
- 2) LTD The time period, stated in the **Recurrent Disability** provision, within which a Disability must recur in order to be considered the same Period of Disability is changed to 6 months, if less than 6 months.
- 3) The **Policy Interpretation** provision is deleted and replaced by the following:

Under ERISA, the Company is hereby designated by the plan sponsor as a claim fiduciary with discretionary authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to interpret and construe the terms and provisions of the policy. As claim fiduciary, the Company has a duty to administer claims solely in the interest of the participants and beneficiaries of the employee benefit plan and in accordance with the documents and instruments governing the plan. This assignment of discretionary authority does not prohibit a participant or beneficiary from seeking judicial review of the Company's benefit eligibility determination after exhausting administrative remedies. The assignment of discretionary authority made under this provision may affect the standard of review that a court will use in reviewing the appropriateness of the Company's determination in order to prevail, a plan participant or beneficiary may be required to prove that the Company's determination was arbitrary and capricious or an abuse of discretion.
- 4) The time periods stated in the **Claim Appeal** provision are changed to 180 days, if less than 180 days.

For North Carolina residents:

- 1) The definition of **Other Income Benefits** is amended by the deletion of 'mandatory "no-fault" automobile insurance plan';
- 2) The last sentence of the first paragraph of the **Disability Benefit** is amended by the addition of the following clause: "unless qualified medical professionals have determined that further medical care and treatment would be of no benefit to you."
- 3) The exclusion regarding Workers' Compensation benefits is replaced by the following in the **Exclusions** provision:

for which the final adjudication or a Workers' Compensation claim determines that benefits are paid, or may be paid, if duly claimed;
- 4) The **Subrogation** provision is deleted.

For Oregon residents:

- 1) The **Spouse** definition is amended to include the following:
Spouse will include Your domestic partner provided You:
 - 1) have executed a domestic partner affidavit satisfactory to Us, establishing that You and Your partner are domestic partners for purposes of The Policy; or
 - 2) have registered as domestic partners with a government agency or office where such registration is available.You will continue to be considered domestic partners provided You continue to meet the requirements of the law or as described in the domestic partner affidavit.

- 2) The definition of **Surviving Spouse** in the **Survivor Income Benefit** section is replaced with the following:
Survivor Income Benefit: Will my survivor's receive a benefit if I die while receiving Disability Benefits?
Surviving Spouse means Your wife or husband who was not legally separated or divorced from You when You died.
Spouse will include Your domestic partner provided You:
 - 1) have executed a domestic partner affidavit satisfactory to Us, establishing that You and Your partner are domestic partners for purposes of The Policy; or
 - 2) have registered as domestic partners with a government agency or office where such registration is available.You will continue to be considered domestic partners provided You continue to meet the requirements of the law or as described in the domestic partner affidavit.

- 3) The **Change in Family Status** provision is replaced by the following:
Change in Family Status: What constitutes a Change in Family Status?
A Change in Family Status means:
 - 1) You get married or register as domestic partners or You execute a domestic partner affidavit;
 - 2) You and Your spouse divorce or You terminate a domestic partnership;
 - 3) Your child is born or You adopt or become the legal guardian of a child;
 - 4) Your spouse or domestic partner dies;
 - 5) Your child is emancipated or dies;
 - 6) Your spouse or domestic partner is no longer employed, which results in a loss of group insurance; or
 - 7) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

- 4) The **Continuation Provisions** section is amended to include the following for Employers with 10 or more employees:
Jury Duty: If You are scheduled to serve or are required to serve as a juror, Your coverage may be continued until the last day of Your Jury Duty, provided You:
 - 1) elected to have Your coverage continued; and
 - 2) provided notice of the election to Your employer in accordance with Your employer's notification policy.

For Rhode Island residents:

- 1) The definition of **Spouse** is amended to include the following:
Spouse will include Your party to a civil union, provided You:
 - 1) have established that You and Your partner are parties to a civil union for purposes of The Policy; or
 - 2) have registered as parties to a civil union with a government agency or office where such registration is available and provide proof of such registration unless requiring proof is prohibited by law.You will continue to be considered parties to a civil union provided You continue to meet the requirements required by law.

- 2) The definition of **Surviving Spouse** in the **Survivor Income Benefit** provision is replaced with the following:
Surviving Spouse means Your wife or husband who was not legally separated or divorced from You when You died. Spouse will include Your party to a civil union, provided You:
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- 6) Your spouse or civil union partner is no longer employed, which results in a loss of group insurance; or
- 7) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

For South Carolina residents:

- 1) The first paragraph of the **Continuity from a Prior Policy** provision is replaced by the following:
if You become insured under The Policy on the Policy Effective Date and **within 30 days of being covered under the Prior Policy**, the Pre-existing Conditions Limitation will end on the earliest of:
 - 1) the Policy Effective Date, if Your coverage for the Disability was not limited by a pre-existing condition restriction under the Prior Policy; or
 - 2) the date the restriction would have ceased to apply had the Prior Policy remained in force, if Your coverage was limited by a pre-existing condition limitation under the Prior Policy.
- 2) The time period in the Notice of Claim provision is changed to 20 days, if not already 20 days.
- 3) The following is added to the Physical Examinations and Autopsy provision: "Such autopsy must be performed during the period of contestability and must take place in the state of South Carolina."

For South Dakota residents:

- 1) The definition of **Physician** is deleted and replaced by the following:
Physician means a legally qualified physician or surgeon other than a physician or surgeon who is related to You by blood or marriage or a physician or surgeon who is a partner of S-Corp Shareholder working with You in the same business. This does not apply in areas in which the immediate family member is the only physician in the area and acting within the scope of their normal employment.
- 2) The definition of **Other Income Benefits** is amended by the deletion of all references to **Your family, Your spouse and/or children**.
- 3) The provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.

For Utah residents:

- 1) The time period during which You must be continuously insured in order to exercise the **Conversion Right** is changed to 6 consecutive months, if not already 6 consecutive months.
- 2) The time period in the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision is changed to 90 days, if not already 90 days.
- 3) The **Policy Interpretation** provision is deleted and replaced by the following:
Benefits under this plan will be paid only if We, the plan administrator, decides in Our discretion that you are entitled to them. We also have discretion to determine eligibility for benefits and to interpret the terms of conditions of the benefit plan. Determinations made by Us, the plan administrator, pursuant to this reservation of discretion does not prohibit or prevent a claimant from seeking judicial review in federal court or Our determinations.

The reservation of discretion made under this provision only establishes the scope of review that a federal court will apply when you seek judicial review of our determination of eligibility for benefits, the payment of benefits, or interpretation of the terms and conditions applicable to the plan.

We are an insurance company that provides insurance of this plan and the federal court will determine the level of discretion that it will accord Our determination.

For Vermont residents:

- Purpose:** Vermont law requires that health insurers offer coverage to parties to a civil union that is equivalent to coverage provided to married persons.
- Definitions, Terms, Conditions and Provisions:** The definitions, terms, conditions or any other provisions of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements to which this mandatory endorsement is attached are hereby amended and superseded as follows:
- 1) Terms that mean or refer to a marital relationship, or that may be construed to mean or refer to a marital relationship, such as "marriage", "spouse", "husband", "wife", "dependent", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor", "immediate family" and any other such terms, include the relationship created by a civil union established according to Vermont law.

- 2) Terms that mean or refer to the inception or dissolution of a marriage, such as "date of marriage", "divorce decree", "termination of marriage" and any other such terms include the inception or dissolution of a civil union established according to Vermont law.
- 3) Terms that mean or refer to family relationships arising from a marriage, such as "family", "immediate family", "dependent", "children", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor" and any other such terms include family relationships created by a civil union established according to Vermont law.
- 4) "Dependent" means a spouse, a party to a civil union established according to Vermont law, and a child or children (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union established according to Vermont law.
- 5) "Child or covered child" means a child (natural, step-child, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union established according to Vermont law.

CAUTION: FEDERAL LAW RIGHTS MAY OR MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE

Vermont law grants parties to a civil union the same benefits, protections and responsibilities that flow from marriage under state law. However, some or all of the benefits, protections and responsibilities related to health insurance that are available to married persons under federal law may not be available to parties to a civil union. For example, federal law, the Employee Income Retirement Security Act of 1974 known as "ERISA", controls the employer/employee relationship with regard to determining eligibility for enrollment in private employer health benefit plans. Because of ERISA, Act 91 does not state requirements pertaining to a private employer's enrollment of a party to a civil union in an ERISA employee welfare benefit plan. However, governmental employers (not federal government) are required to provide health benefits to the dependents of a party to a civil union if the public employer provides health benefits to the dependents of married persons. Federal law also controls group health insurance continuation rights under COBRA for employers with 20 or more employees as well as the Internal Revenue Code treatment of health insurance premiums. As a result, parties to a civil union and their families may or may not have access to certain benefits under this policy, contract, certificate, rider or endorsement that derive from federal law. You are advised to seek expert advice to determine your rights under this contract.

For Washington residents:

- 1) The term "hyperemesis gravidarum" is deleted from the third paragraph of the definition of **Complications of Pregnancy** and is added to the second paragraph.
- 2) The **General Work Stoppage** continuation provision is replaced with the following:
General Work Stoppage (including a strike or lockout): If Your employment terminates due to a cessation of active work as the result of a general work stoppage (including a strike or lockout), Your coverage shall be continued during the work stoppage until the last day of the month in which the coverage terminated, but in no event for a period exceeding six months. If the work stoppage ends, this continuation will cease immediately.
- 3) The provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.
- 4) The following is added to the definition of **Spouse**:
Spouse will include Your domestic partner, provided You have executed a domestic partner affidavit satisfactory to Us, establishing that You and Your partner are domestic partners for the purposes of The Policy. You will continue to be considered domestic partners provided You continue to meet the requirements described in the domestic partner affidavit.

For Wisconsin residents, the time periods stated in the **Claim Appeal** provision are removed.

In all other respects, the Policy and certificates remain the same.

Signed for Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company



Terence Shields, Secretary



Ronald R. Gendreau, President

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