YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN

Short Term Disability

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
2 North LaSalle Street
Suite 2500
Chicago, IL 60602-3702
TOLL FREE: 800-636-2403
FAX: 312-384-7825

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

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.

AVISO IMPORTANTE

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:
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

DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:
Si tiene una disputa concerniente 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.

HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY

200 Hopmeadow Street
Simsbury, Connecticut 06089
(A stock insurance company)

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Policyholder: ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN
Policy Number: GRH-402925
Policy Effective Date: January 1, 2016
Policy Anniversary Date: January 1, 2017

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*** **Michael Concannon,** ***Executive Vice 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.

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SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

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

Cost of Coverage:
You must contribute toward the cost of coverage.

Disclosure of Fees:
We may reduce or adjust premiums, rates, fees and/or other expenses for programs under The Policy.

Disclosure of Services:
In addition to the insurance coverage, We may offer noninsurance benefits and services to Active Employees.

Eligible Class(es) For Coverage:
All Full-time Active Employees who are citizens or legal residents of the United States, its territories and protectorates; excluding students, temporary, leased or seasonal employees.

Full-time Employment: at least 30 hours weekly

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

Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage:
The first day of the month following the date of eligibility

The time period(s) referenced above are continuous. The Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage will be reduced by the period of time You were a Full-time Active Employee with the Employer under the Prior Policy.

Benefits Commence:
1) for Disability caused by Injury: on the 15th day of Total Disability or Disabled and Working;
2) for Disability caused by Sickness: on the 15th day of Total Disability or Disabled and Working.

Weekly Benefit:
The lesser of:
1) 60% of Your Pre-disability Earnings; or
2) $1,800;

reduced by Other Income Benefits.

Minimum Weekly Benefit:
$25

Maximum Duration of Benefits Payable:
1) 11 week(s) if caused by Injury; or
2) 11 week(s) if caused by Sickness.

Additional Benefits:

Disabled and Working Benefit
see benefit

Rehabilitative Employment 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.

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 on which You complete the Eligibility Waiting Period for Coverage shown in the Schedule of Insurance, if applicable.

Enrollment: *How do I enroll for coverage?*
To enroll for coverage You must:
1) complete and sign a group insurance enrollment form which is satisfactory to Us; and
2) deliver it to Your Employer.

If You do not enroll within 30 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:
1) You must give Us Evidence of Insurability satisfactory to Us; and
2) You may only enroll:
   a) during an Annual Enrollment Period designated by the Policyholder; or
   b) within 30 days of the date You have a Change in Family Status.

The dates of the Annual Enrollment Period are shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Evidence of Insurability: *What is Evidence of Insurability and what happens if Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us?*
Evidence of Insurability must be satisfactory to Us and may include, but will not be limited to:
1) a completed and signed application approved by Us;
2) a medical examination, if requested;
3) attending Physicians' statements; and
4) any additional information We may require.

All Evidence of Insurability will be furnished at Our expense. We will then determine if You are insurable under The Policy.

If Your Evidence of Insurability is not satisfactory to Us:
1) Your Weekly Benefit will equal the amount for which You were eligible without providing Evidence of Insurability, provided You enrolled within 30 days of the date You were first eligible to enroll; and
2) You will not be covered under The Policy if You enrolled more than 30 days after the date You were first eligible to enroll.

Change in Family Status: *What constitutes a Change in Family Status?*
A Change in Family Status occurs when:
1) You get married;
2) You and Your spouse divorce;
3) Your child is born or You adopt or become the legal guardian of a child;
4) Your spouse 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.

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;
2) the date on which You enroll, if You do so within 30 days after the date You are eligible;
3) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability, for benefit amounts requiring Evidence of Insurability; or
4) on the January 1st following the Annual Enrollment Period if You enroll, for benefit amounts not requiring Evidence of Insurability, during an Annual Enrollment Period.

Deferred Effective Date: *When will my effective date for coverage or a change in my coverage be deferred?*

If You are absent from work due to:
1) accidental bodily injury;
2) Sickness;
3) Mental Illness;
4) Substance Abuse; or
5) pregnancy;

on the date Your insurance, or increase in coverage, would otherwise have become effective, Your insurance, or increase in coverage will not become effective until You are Actively at Work one full day.

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 30 days of a Change in Family Status.

At such time You may decrease coverage, or increase coverage to a higher option. An increase in coverage will be subject to Your submission of an application that meets Our approval.

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 later of:
1) the January 1st following the Annual Enrollment Period; or
2) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability if You are required to submit Evidence of Insurability.

If You enroll for a change in benefit option within 30 days following a Change in Family Status, the change will take effect on the later of:
1) the date You enroll for the change; or
2) the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability if You are required to submit Evidence of Insurability.

Any such increase in coverage is subject to the Deferred Effective Date.

Do coverage amounts change if there is a change in my class or my rate of pay?
Your coverage may increase or decrease on the date there is a change in Your class or 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.

What happens if the Employer changes The Policy?
Any increase or decrease in coverage because of a change in The Policy will become effective on the date of the change, subject to the Deferred Effective Date provision.

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.

Termination: *When will my coverage end?*
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;
4) the last day of the period for which You make any required premium contribution;
5) the date Your Employer terminates Your employment; or
6) the date You cease to be a Full-time Active Employee in an eligible class for any reason;

unless continued in accordance with any of the Continuation Provisions.

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, other than Family and Medical Leave, Your coverage may be continued for 180 day(s) after the month in which the leave of absence commenced. If the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

Family and 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(s) may be continued for up to 180 days, 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.

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) while You remain Disabled; and
2) until the end of the period for which You are entitled to receive short term Disability Benefits;

provided premiums for Your coverage continued to be paid.

After short term Disability Benefit payments have ceased, Your insurance will be reinstated, provided:
1) You return to work for one full day as a Full-time Active Employee in an eligible class;
2) The Policy remains in force; and
3) the premiums for You were paid during Your Disability, and continue to be paid.

Extension of Benefits for Disability: *Do 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.

BENEFITS

Disability Benefit: *What are my Disability Benefits under The Policy?*
If, while covered under this Benefit, You:
1) become Disabled;
2) remain Disabled; and
3) submit Proof of Loss to Us;

We will pay the Weekly Benefit.

The amount of any Weekly Benefit payable will be reduced by:
1) the total amount of all Other Income Benefits, including any amount for which You could collect but did not apply; and
2) any income received from the Employer for the period You are Disabled.

Minimum Weekly Benefit: *Is there a Minimum Weekly Benefit?*
Your Weekly Benefit will not be less than the Minimum Weekly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

Partial Week Payment: *How is a benefit calculated for a period of less than a week?*
If a Weekly Benefit is payable for less than a week, We will pay 1/7 of the Weekly Benefit for each day You were Disabled.

Disabled and Working Benefits: *How are benefits paid when I am Disabled and Working?*

If, while covered under this benefit, You are Disabled and Working, as defined, We will use the following calculation to determine Your Weekly Benefit:

$$\text{Weekly Benefit} = \frac{(A - B)}{A} \times C$$

Where

A = Your Weekly Pre-disability Earnings.
B = Your Current Weekly Earnings.
C = The Weekly Benefit payable if You were Totally Disabled.

If You are participating in a program of Rehabilitative Employment approved by Us, We will determine Your Weekly Benefit by the Rehabilitative Employment Benefit.

Days which You are Disabled and Working may be used to satisfy the Benefits Commence Period.

Partial Week Payment: *How is a benefit calculated for a period of less than a week?*
If a Weekly Benefit is payable for less than a week, We will pay 1/7 of the Weekly Benefit for each day You were Disabled.

Recurrent Disability: *What happens to my benefits if I return to work as an Active Employee and then become Disabled again?*
When Your return to work as an Active Employee is followed by a Disability, and such Disability is:

1) due to the same cause; or
2) due to a related cause; and
3) within 15 consecutive calendar days 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 15 consecutive calendar days or more, any recurrence of a Disability will be treated as a new Disability.

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

Multiple Causes: *How long will benefits be paid if a period of Disability is extended by another cause?*
If a period of Disability is extended by a new cause while Weekly Benefits are payable, Weekly Benefits will continue while You remain Disabled, subject to the following:

1) Weekly Benefits will not continue beyond the end of the original Maximum Duration of Benefits; and
2) any Exclusions will apply to the new cause of Disability.

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;
8) the date Your Current Weekly Earnings are equal to or greater than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings if You are receiving benefits for being Disabled from Your Occupation; or
9) the date no further benefits are payable under any provision in The Policy that limits benefit duration.

Rehabilitative Employment Benefit: *What happens to my benefits if I accept Rehabilitative Employment?*
If, while You are Totally Disabled or Disabled and Working, You accept Rehabilitative Employment, We will continue to pay a Weekly Benefit.

The Weekly Benefit We will pay will be equal to Your Total Disability Weekly Benefit, less 50% of any income received from the Rehabilitative Employment.

The sum of the Weekly Benefit and total income received from Rehabilitative Employment may not exceed 100% of Your Pre-disability Earnings. If this sum exceeds the Pre-disability Earnings, the Weekly Benefit paid by Us will be reduced by the excess amount.

We reserve the right to review any Rehabilitative Employment You participate in while benefits are being paid under The Policy.

If You remain Totally Disabled or Disabled and Working after a period of Rehabilitative Employment, You may continue to receive benefits under the Total Disability Benefit or Disabled and Working Benefit, subject to the Maximum Payment Period for such benefit.

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, whether 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;
5) caused or contributed to by an intentionally self-inflicted Injury;
6) for which Workers' Compensation benefits are paid, or may be paid, if duly claimed; or
7) sustained as a result of doing any work for pay or profit for another employer, including self-employment.

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.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Notice of Claim: *When should I notify the Company of a claim?*
You must give Us written, electronic or telephonic notice of a claim within 30 days after Disability occurs. Failure to give notice within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if it shall be shown not to have been reasonably possible to give such notice and that notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. Such notice must include Your name, Your address and the Policy Number.

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, electronic or telephonic proof which fully describes the nature and extent of Your claim.

Proof of Loss is typically provided by telephone; however, if forms are required, they will be sent to You for providing Proof of Loss within 15 days after We receive a notice of claim.

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, including but not limited to copies of Your filed and signed federal and state tax returns; 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; and
6) proof that You and Your dependents have applied for all Other Income Benefits which are available.

You will not be required to claim any retirement benefits which You may only get on a reduced basis. All proof submitted must be satisfactory to Us.

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.

Sending Proof of Loss: *When must Proof of Loss be given?*
Written Proof of Loss must be sent to Us within 90 days following the completion of the Benefits Commence period. If proof is not given by the time it is due, it will not affect the claim if:

1) it was not reasonably possible to give proof within the required time; and
2) proof is given as soon as reasonably 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, as reasonably required. In such cases, We must receive the proof within 30 day(s) of the request.

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 week 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 as soon as Proof of Loss satisfactory to Us is received.

Benefits may be subject to interest payments as required by applicable law.

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 Your estate. If any payment is owed to:

1) Your estate;
2) a person who is a minor; or
3) 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.

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.

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.

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.

Benefit Estimates: *How does the Company estimate Disability benefits under the United States Social Security Act?*
We reserve the right to reduce Your Weekly 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 Weekly Benefit by the estimated amount.
Your Weekly 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 Weekly Benefit by an estimated amount and:

1) You or Your dependent are later awarded Social Security disability benefits, We will adjust Your Weekly 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 Social Security disability benefits has been denied, We will adjust Your Weekly 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 Weekly Benefit has been overpaid, You must make a lump sum refund to Us equal to all overpayments, in accordance with the Overpayment Recovery provision.

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.

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 Weekly 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.

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. Such right may be exercised only if You have been, or will be, fully compensated for the lost wages.

Third Party as used in this provision, 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.

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:

a) a legal judgment;
b) an arbitration award; or
c) a settlement or otherwise;

You must reimburse Us for the lesser of:

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

Third Party as used in this provision, 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 60 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.

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.

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.

All statements made by the Policyholder, the Employer or You under The Policy will be deemed representations and not warranties. No statement made to affect this insurance will be used in any contest unless it is in writing and a copy of it is given to the person who made it, or to his or her beneficiary or Your representative.

Policy Interpretation: *Who interprets the terms and conditions of The Policy?*
We have full discretion and authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy. This provision applies where the interpretation of The Policy is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

Physical Examinations and Autopsy: *Will I be examined during the course of my claim?*
While a claim is pending We have the right at Our expense:
1) to have the person who has a loss examined by a Physician when and as often as reasonably necessary; and
2) to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

DEFINITIONS

Actively at Work means at work with the Employer on a day that is one of the Employer's scheduled workdays. On that day, You must be performing for wage or profit all of the regular duties of Your Occupation:
1) in the usual way; and
2) for Your usual number of hours.

We will consider You Actively at Work on a day that is not a scheduled work day only if You were Actively at Work on the preceding scheduled work day.

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.

Bonuses means the weekly average of monetary bonuses You received from Your Employer over:
1) the 12 month period ending immediately prior to the last day You were Actively at Work before You became Disabled; or
2) the total period of time You worked for Your Employer, if less than the above period.

Current Weekly Earnings means weekly earnings You receive from:
1) Your Employer; and
2) other employment;

while You are Disabled and eligible for the Disabled and Working Benefit.

Disabled and Working means that You are prevented by:
1) Injury;
2) Sickness;
3) Mental Illness;
4) Substance Abuse; or
5) pregnancy;

from performing some, but not all of the Essential Duties of Your Occupation, are working on a part-time or limited duty basis, and as a result, Your Current Weekly Earnings are more than 20%, but are less than 80% of Your Pre-disability Earnings.

Disability or Disabled means Total Disability or Disabled and Working Disability.

Employer means the Policyholder.

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 workweek is an Essential Duty.

Injury means bodily injury resulting:
1) directly from accident; and
2) independently of all other causes;

which occurs while You are covered under The Policy. However, an Injury will be considered a Sickness if Your Disability begins more than 30 days after the date of the accident.

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.

Other Income Benefits means the amount of any benefit for loss of income, provided to You or 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 or 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 Your Employer;
3) plan or arrangement of coverage, whether insured or not, which is received from Your Employer as a result of employment by or association with Your 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 Your 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 judgment or settlement, minus associated costs, of a claim or lawsuit that represents or compensates for Your loss of earnings; or
4) 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.).

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.

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 You or Related to You by blood or marriage.

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

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

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.

Rehabilitative Employment means employment or service which:
1) prepares a Disabled person to resume gainful work; and
2) is approved, in writing, by Us.

Related means Your spouse, or other adult living with You, or Your sibling, parent, step-parent, grandparent, aunt, uncle, niece, nephew, son, daughter, or grandchild.

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.

Sickness means a Disability which is:
1) caused or contributed to by:
   a) any condition, illness, disease or disorder of the body;
   b) any infection, except a pus-forming infection of an accidental cut or wound or bacterial infection resulting from an accidental ingestion of a contaminated substance;
   c) hernia of any type unless it is the immediate result of an accidental Injury covered by The Policy; or
   d) pregnancy;
2) caused or contributed to by any medical or surgical treatment for a condition shown in item 1) above.

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.

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

Total Disability or Totally Disabled means that You are prevented by:

1) Injury;
2) Sickness;
3) Mental Illness;
4) Substance Abuse; or
5) pregnancy;

from performing the Essential Duties of Your Occupation, and as a result, You are earning 20% or less of Your Pre-disability Earnings.

If You are in an occupation that requires You to maintain a license, 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 from Your Occupation.

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

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

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.

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

Amendatory Rider

HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY
200 Hopmeadow Street
Simsbury, Connecticut 06089
(A stock insurance company)

This rider is attached to a certificate given in connection with The Policy.

This rider becomes effective on the certificate 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. However, if Your policy is governed under the laws of Maryland, any of the benefits, provisions or terms that apply to the state you reside in as shown below will apply only to the extent that such state requirements are more beneficial to You.

For Alaska residents:

1) The provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.
2) The following provision is added to the **General Provisions** section of Your certificate:
   Eligibility Determination: *How will We determine Your eligibility for benefits?*
   We, and not Your Employer or plan administrator, have the responsibility to fairly, thoroughly, objectively and timely investigate, evaluate and determine Your eligibility or Your Spouse's or Your beneficiaries for benefits for any claim You or Your Spouse or Your beneficiaries make on The Policy. We will:
   1) obtain with Your or Your Spouse's cooperation and authorization if required by law, only such information that is necessary to evaluate Your or Your Spouse's claim and decide whether to accept or deny Your or Your Spouse's claim for benefits. We may obtain this information from Your or Your Spouse's Notice of Claim, submitted proofs of loss, statements, or other materials provided by You or Your Spouse or others on Your or Your Spouse's behalf; or, at Our expense We may obtain necessary information, or have You or Your Spouse physically examined when and as often as We may reasonably require while the claim is pending. In addition, and at Your or Your Spouse's option and at Your or Your Spouse's expense, You or Your Spouse may provide Us and We will consider any other information, including but not limited to, reports from a Physician or other expert of Your or Your Spouse's choice. You or Your Spouse should provide Us with all information that You or Your Spouse want Us to consider regarding Your or Your Spouse's claim;
   2) consider and interpret The Policy and all information obtained by Us and submitted by You or Your Spouse that relates to Your or Your Spouse's claim for benefits and make Our determination of Your or Your Spouse's eligibility for benefits based on that information and in accordance with The Policy and applicable law;
   3) if We approve Your or Your Spouse's claim, We will review Our decision to approve Your or Your Spouse's claim for benefits as often as is reasonably necessary to determine Your or Your Spouse's continued eligibility for benefits;
   4) if We deny Your or Your Spouse's claim, We will explain in writing to You or Your Spouse or Your beneficiaries the basis for an adverse determination in accordance with The Policy as described in the provision entitled **Claim Denial**.

   In the event We deny Your or Your Spouse's claim for benefits, in whole or in part, You can appeal the decision to Us. If You or Your Spouse choose to appeal Our decision, the process You or Your Spouse must follow is set forth in The Policy provision entitled **Claim Appeal**. If You or Your Spouse do not appeal the decision to Us, then the decision will be Our final decision.
3) The **Spouse** definition is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
   Spouse means Your spouse who:
   1) is under age 60; and
   2) is a citizen or legal resident of the United States its territories and protectorates; and

3) is not legally separated or divorced from You.

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 and provide proof of such registration unless requiring proof is prohibited by law.

You will continue to be considered domestic partners provided You continue to meet the requirements described in the domestic partner affidavit or required by law.

For Arkansas residents:

The provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.

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

For Colorado residents:

The **Change in Family Status** provision is amended to read as follows:

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

1) You get married or enter a civil union or You execute a domestic partner affidavit;
2) You or Your spouse divorce or terminate a civil union 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 party to a civil union or domestic partner dies;
5) Your child is emancipated or dies;
6) Your spouse or party to a civil union 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.

For Indiana residents, the following sentence is added to the **Policy Interpretation** provision:

This provision applies where the interpretation of The Policy is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA).

For Louisiana residents, the following provision is added:

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

If Your coverage terminates because You enter active military service, coverage for You may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement upon Your return to work from active military service.

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

be subject to all the terms and provisions of The Policy.

For Maine residents, the following provision is added:

Reinstatement: *Can my coverage be reinstated after it ends?*

We will reinstate The Policy upon receipt of all current and late premiums if:

1) You, any person authorized to act on Your behalf, or any of Your dependents may request reinstatement of The Policy within 90 days following cancellation of The Policy for nonpayment of premium provided You suffered from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time the contract cancelled; and
2) all current and late premium payments are received within 15 days of Our request.

We may request a medical demonstration, at Your expense, that You suffered from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time of cancellation of The Policy.

For Massachusetts residents, 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.

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

For Missouri residents, the **Exclusion** provision related to intentionally self-inflicted Injury is replaced by the following:
intentionally self-inflicted Injury, suicide or attempted suicide, while sane; or

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 **Policy Interpretation** provision is deleted and replaced by the following:
   Under ERISA, We are 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, We have 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 Our 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 Our determination. In order to prevail, a plan participant or beneficiary may be required to prove that Our determination was arbitrary and capricious or an abuse of discretion.

2) The time periods stated in the **Claim Appeal** provision are changed to 180 days, if less than 180 days.

For New York residents:

1) The definition of **Other Income Benefits** is amended by the deletion of "portion of a settlement or judgment, minus associated costs, of a lawsuit that represents or compensates for Your loss of earnings; or"
2) the **Subrogation** provision is deleted;
3) the **Reimbursement** provision is deleted.

For all North Carolina residents:

1) The definition of **Other Income Benefits** is amended by the deletion of mandatory "no-fault" automobile insurance plan;
2) The following is added to the definition of **Regular Care of a Physician:**
   You are not required to be under the Regular Care of a Physician if 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 of a Workers' Compensation claim determines that benefits are paid, or may be paid, if duly claimed;
4) The **Subrogation** provision is deleted.
5) The **Reimbursement** provision is deleted.

For North Carolina residents covered under a policy issued to a Trust:

1) The **Misstatement** provision is amended by the deletion of the phrase except fraudulent misstatements.
2) The **Sending Proof of Loss** provision is amended as follows:
   Written Proof of Loss must be sent to Us within 180 days following the completion of the Elimination Period.
3) The **Claims to be Paid** provision is amended as follows:
   We may pay up to $3,000 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.
4) The **Notice of Claim** provision is amended to require the phrase or Our representative in the first sentence.

For Oregon residents, the following is added to the **Continuation Provisions** 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:

The provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.

For South Carolina residents:

1) The second paragraph of the **Continuity from a Prior Policy** provision is replaced by the following:
   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 within 30 days of being covered under The 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 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 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 You or Your Spouse or Related to You or Your Spouse by blood or marriage, unless such physician is the only one in the area and is 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 **Policy Interpretation** provision is replaced by the following:

Policy Interpretation: *Who interprets the terms and conditions of The Policy?*
Benefits under this plan will be paid only if We decide 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 pursuant to this reservation of discretion do not prohibit or prevent You from seeking judicial review in federal court of 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 benefit plan.

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

2) Item 3 of the second paragraph of the **Sending Proof of Loss** provision is deleted.

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 following is added to the **Continuation Provisions** provision:

   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 for a period not exceeding 6 months. If the work stoppage ends, this continuation will cease immediately.
2) The provision titled **Policy Interpretation** is deleted in its entirety.
3) The following provision is added to the **General Provisions** section of Your certificate:

   Eligibility Determination: *How will We determine Your eligibility for benefits?*

   We, and not Your Employer or plan administrator, have the responsibility to fairly, thoroughly, objectively and timely investigate, evaluate and determine Your or Your Spouse's or Your beneficiaries' eligibility for benefits for any claim You or Your Spouse or Your beneficiaries make on The Policy. We will:

   1) obtain with Your or Your Spouse's cooperation and authorization if required by law, only such information that is necessary to evaluate Your or Your Spouse's claim and decide whether to accept or deny Your or Your Spouse's claim for benefits. We may obtain this information from Your or Your Spouse's Notice of Claim, submitted proofs of loss, statements, or other materials provided by You or Your Spouse or others on Your or Your Spouse's behalf; or, at Our expense We may obtain necessary information, or have You or Your Spouse physically examined when and as often as We may reasonably require while the claim is pending. In addition, and at Your or Your Spouse's option and at Your or Your Spouse's expense, You or Your Spouse may provide Us and We will consider any other information, including but not limited to, reports from a Physician or other expert of Your or Your Spouse's choice. You or Your Spouse should provide Us with all information that You or Your Spouse want Us to consider regarding Your or Your Spouse's claim;
   2) consider and interpret The Policy and all information obtained by Us and submitted by You or Your Spouse that relates to Your or Your Spouse's claim for benefits and make Our determination of Your or Your Spouse's eligibility for benefits based on that information and in accordance with The Policy and applicable law;
   3) if We approve Your or Your Spouse's claim, We will review Our decision to approve Your or Your Spouse's claim for benefits as often as is reasonably necessary to determine Your or Your Spouse's continued eligibility for benefits;
   4) if We deny Your or Your Spouse's claim, We will explain in writing to You or Your Spouse or Your beneficiaries the basis for an adverse determination in accordance with The Policy as described in the provision entitled **Claim Denial**.

   In the event We deny Your or Your Spouse's claim for benefits, in whole or in part, You can appeal the decision to Us. If You or Your Spouse choose to appeal Our decision, the process You or Your Spouse must follow is set forth in The Policy provision entitled **Claim Appeal**. If You or Your Spouse do not appeal the decision to Us, then the decision will be Our final decision.

In all other respects the certificate remains the same.

Signed for Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company

Terence Shields, ***Secretary***

Michael Concannon, ***Executive Vice President***

ERISA INFORMATION
THE FOLLOWING NOTICE
CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION

This employee welfare benefit plan (Plan) is subject to certain requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. ERISA requires that you receive a Statement of ERISA Rights, a description of Claim Procedures, and other specific information about the Plan. This document serves to meet ERISA requirements and provides important information about the Plan.

The benefits described in your booklet-certificate (Booklet) are provided under a group insurance policy (Policy) issued by the Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company (Insurance Company) and are subject to the Policy's terms and conditions. The Policy is incorporated into, and forms a part of, the Plan. The Plan has designated and named the Insurance Company as the claims fiduciary for benefits provided under the Policy. The Plan has granted the Insurance Company full discretion and authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of the Policy.

A copy of the Plan is available for your review during normal working hours in the office of the Plan Administrator.

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1. **Plan Name**

   Group Short Term Disability Plan for employees of ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN.

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2. **Plan Number**

   WD - 501

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3. **Employer/Plan Sponsor**

   ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN
   909 Packerland Drive
   P.o. Box 365
   Oneida, WI 54155

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4. **Employer Identification Number**

   39-6081138

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5. **Type of Plan**

   Welfare Benefit Plan providing Group Short Term Disability.

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6. **Plan Administrator**

   ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN
   909 Packerland Drive
   P.o. Box 365
   Oneida, WI 54155

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7. **Agent for Service of Legal Process**

For the Plan

ONEIDA TRIBE OF INDIANS OF WISCONSIN
909 Packerland Drive
P.o. Box 365
Oneida, WI 54155

For the Policy:

Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company
200 Hopmeadow St.
Simsbury, CT 06089

In addition to the above, Service of Legal Process may be made on a plan trustee or the plan administrator.

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8. **Sources of Contributions (Short Term Disability)** The Employer pays the premium for the insurance, but may allocate part of the cost to the employee, or the employee may pay the entire premium. The Employer determines the portion of the cost to be paid by the employee. The insurance company/provider determines the cost according to the rate structure reflected in the Policy of Incorporation.

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9. **Type of Administration** The plan is administered by the Plan Administrator with benefits provided in accordance with the provisions of the applicable group plan.

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10. The Plan and its records are kept on a Policy Year basis.

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11. **Labor Organizations**

    None

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12. **Names and Addresses of Trustees**

    None

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13. **Plan Amendment Procedure**

    The Plan Administrator reserves full authority, at its sole discretion, to terminate, suspend, withdraw, reduce, amend or modify the Plan, in whole or in part, at any time, without prior notice.

    The Employer also reserves the right to adjust your share of the cost to continue coverage by the same procedures.

STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

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

1. Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits

a) Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
b) Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary Plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
c) Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

2. Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries

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

3. Enforce Your Rights

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules. Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to $110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. If the Plan requires you to complete administrative appeals prior to filing in court, your right to file suit in state or Federal court may be affected if you do not complete the required appeals. If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan’s money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

4. Assistance with Your Questions

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

CLAIM PROCEDURES

The Plan has designated and named the Insurance Company as the claims fiduciary for benefits provided under the Policy. The Plan has granted the Insurance Company full discretion and authority to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of the Policy.

Claim Procedures for Claims Requiring a Determination of Disability

Claims for Benefits

If you or your authorized representative would like to file a claim for benefits for yourself or your insured dependents, you or your authorized representative should obtain a claim form(s) from your Employer or Plan Administrator. The applicable section of such form(s) must be completed by (1) you, (2) the Employer or Plan Administrator and (3) the attending physician or hospital. Following completion, the claim form(s) must be forwarded to the Insurance Company's claim representative. The Insurance Company will evaluate your claim and determine if benefits are payable.

The Insurance Company will make a decision no more than 45 days after receipt of your properly filed claim. The time for decision may be extended for two additional 30 day periods provided that, prior to any extension period, the Insurance Company notifies you in writing that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the Plan, identifies those matters 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, the time for decision may be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date we receive your response to our request. If the Insurance Company approves your claim, the decision will contain information sufficient to reasonably inform you of that decision.

Any adverse benefit determination will be in writing and include: 1) specific reasons for the decision, 2) specific references to the Policy provisions on which the decision is based, 3) a description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary, 4) a description of the review procedures and time limits applicable to such procedures, 5) a statement that you have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA after you appeal our decision and after you receive a written denial on appeal, and 6) (A) if an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the denial, either (i) the specific rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion, or (ii) a statement that such a rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the denial and that a copy will be provided free of charge to you upon request, or (B) if denial is based on medical judgment, either (i) an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the Policy to your medical circumstances, or (ii) a statement that such explanation will be provided to you free of charge upon request.

Appealing Denials of Claims for Benefits

On any wholly or partially denied claim, you or your representative must appeal once to the Insurance Company for a full and fair review. You must complete this claim appeal process before you file an action in court. Your appeal request must be in writing and be received by the Insurance Company no later than the expiration of 180 days from the date you received your claim denial. As part of your appeal:

1. you may request, free of charge, copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim; and
2. you may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to your claim.

The Insurance Company's review on appeal shall take into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by you relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

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.

The individual reviewing your appeal shall give no deference to the initial benefit decision and shall be an individual who is neither the individual who made the initial benefit decision, nor the subordinate of such individual. The review process provides for the identification of the medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained in connection with an initial adverse decision, without regard to whether that advice was relied upon in making that decision. When deciding an appeal that is based in whole or part on medical judgment, we will consult with a medical professional having the appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment and who is neither an individual consulted in connection with the initial benefit decision, nor a subordinate of such individual. If the Insurance Company grants your claim appeal, the decision will contain information sufficient to reasonably inform you of that decision.

However, any final adverse benefit determination on review will be in writing and include: 1) specific reasons for the decision, 2) specific references to the Policy provisions on which the decision is based, 3) a statement that you have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA, 4) a statement that you may request, free of charge, copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim; 5) (A) if an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the decision on appeal, either (i) the specific rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion, or (ii) a statement that such a rule, guideline, protocol or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the decision on appeal and that a copy will be provided free of charge to you upon request, or (B) if the decision on appeal is based on medical judgment, either (i) an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the decision on appeal, applying the terms of the Policy to your medical circumstances, or (ii) a statement that such explanation will be provided to you free of charge upon request, and 6) any other notice(s), statement(s) or information required by applicable law.

Claim Procedures for Claims Not Requiring a Determination of Disability

Claims for Benefits

If you or your authorized representative would like to file a claim for benefits for yourself or your insured dependents, you or your authorized representative should obtain a claim form(s) from your Employer or Plan Administrator. The applicable section of such form(s) must be completed by (1) you, (2) the Employer or Plan Administrator and (3) the attending physician or hospital. Following completion, the claim form(s) must be forwarded to the Insurance Company's claim representative. The Insurance Company will evaluate your claim and determine if benefits are payable.

The Insurance Company will make a decision no more than 90 days after receipt of your properly filed claim. However, if the Insurance Company determines that special circumstances require an extension, the time for its decision will be extended for an additional 90 days, provided that, prior to the beginning of the extension period, the Insurance Company notifies you in writing of the special circumstances and gives the date by which it expects to render its decision. If extended, a decision shall be made no more than 180 days after your claim was received. If the Insurance Company approves your claim, the decision will contain information sufficient to reasonably inform you of that decision.

However, any adverse benefit determination will be in writing and include: 1) specific reasons for the decision; 2) specific references to Policy provisions on which the decision is based; 3) a description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; 4) a description of the review procedures and time limits applicable to such, and 5) a statement that you have the right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA after you appeal our decision and after you receive a written denial on appeal.

Appealing Denials of Claims for Benefits

On any wholly or partially denied claim, you or your representative must appeal once to the Insurance Company for a full and fair review. You must complete this claim appeal process before you file an action in court. Your appeal request must be in writing and be received by the Insurance Company no later than the expiration of 60 days from the date you received your claim denial. As part of your appeal:

1. you may request, free of charge, copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim; and
2. you may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to your claim.

The Insurance Company's review on appeal shall take into account all comments, documents, records and other information submitted by you relating to the claim, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial benefit determination.

The Insurance Company will make a final decision no more than 60 days after it receives your timely appeal. However, if the Insurance Company determines that special circumstances require an extension, the time for its decision will be extended for an additional 60 days, provided that, prior to the beginning of the extension period, the Insurance Company notifies you in writing of the special circumstances and gives the date by which it expects to render its decision. If extended, a decision shall be made no more than 120 days after your appeal was received. If the Insurance Company grants your claim appeal, the decision will contain information sufficient to reasonably inform you of that decision.

However, any final adverse benefit determination on review will be in writing and include: 1) specific reasons for the decision and specific references to the Policy provisions on which the decision is based, 2) a statement that you are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records and

other information relevant to the claim, 3) a statement of your right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA, and 4) any other notice(s), statement(s) or information required by applicable law.

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