

# **YOUR BENEFIT PLAN**

West Texas Public Schools Employee Benefits Cooperative (WTXEBC)

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**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.**

## State Notices

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES:** There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions described in the group insurance certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your coverage. State-specific requirements that may apply to your coverage are summarized below. In addition, updated state-specific requirements are published on our website. You may access the website at <https://www.thehartford.com/>. If you are unable to access this website, want to receive a printed copy of these requirements, or have any questions or complaints regarding any of these requirements or any aspect of your coverage, please contact your Employee Benefits Manager; or you may contact us or one of our contracted administrators as follows:

**The insurance carrier for the policy is:**

**The Hartford  
Group Benefits Division,  
Customer Service  
P.O. Box 2999  
Hartford, CT 06104-2999  
1-800-523-2233**

**The Claims Administrator for the policy is:**

**WebTPA  
P.O. Box 99906  
Grapevine, TX 76099  
1-866-547-4205**

contacts between you, us, your agent, or another representative have failed to produce a satisfactory solution to the problem, some states require we provide you with additional contact information. If your state requires such disclosure, the contact information is listed below with the other state requirements and notices.

We are providing notice that Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company is subject to economic and trade sanctions laws and regulations. These laws and regulations, including the laws and regulations administered and enforced by the United States Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC"), prevent Hartford Life and Accident from providing coverage to, and from paying benefits to, entities and individuals where prohibited by applicable law. In addition, these laws and regulations prohibit certain activities with respect to certain countries.

We have included this information to make you aware of the existence and potential impact of these economic and trade sanctions programs on your benefit program.

The Hartford complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. The Hartford does not exclude or treat people differently for any reason prohibited by law with respect to their race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

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.

### **Alaska:**

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
2. The **Spouse** definition will always include domestic partners, civil unions, and any other legal union recognized by state law.

### **Arizona:**

1. **NOTICE:** The Certificate may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read the Certificate carefully.

### **Arkansas:**

1. **NOTICE:** You have the right to file a complaint with the Arkansas Insurance Department (AID). You may call AID to request a complaint form at (800) 852-5494 or (501) 371-2640 or write the Department at:  
Arkansas Insurance Department  
1 Commerce Way, Suite 102  
Little Rock, AR 72202

### **California:**

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section does not apply to You. The following requirement applies to You:

### **Eligibility Determination**

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

- (a) obtain with the Covered Person's cooperation and authorization if required by law, only such information that is necessary to evaluate his/her claim and decide whether to accept or deny his/her claim for benefits. We may obtain this information from the Covered Person's Notice of Claim, submitted proofs of loss, statements, or other materials provided by the Covered Person or others on the Covered Person's behalf; or, at Our expense. We may obtain necessary information, or have the Covered Person physically examined when and as often as We may reasonably require while the claim is pending. In addition, and at the Covered Person's option and at his/her expense, the Covered Person may provide Us and We will consider any other information, including but not limited to, reports from a Physician or other expert of the Covered Person's choice. The Covered Person should provide Us with all information that he/she want Us to consider regarding his/her claim;
- (b) as a part of Our routine operations, We will apply the terms of the Policy for making decisions, including decisions on eligibility, receipt of benefits and claims, or explaining policies, procedures and processes;
- (c) if We approve the Covered Person's claim, We will review Our decision to approve his/her claim for benefits as often as is reasonably necessary to determine his/her continued eligibility for benefits;
- (d) if We deny the Covered Person's claim, We will explain in writing to the Covered Person the basis for an adverse determination in accordance with the Policy as described in the provision entitled Claim Denial.

In the event We deny the Covered Person's claim for benefits, in whole or in part, he/she can appeal the decision to Us. If the Covered Person chooses to appeal Our decision, the process he/she must follow is set forth in the Policy provision entitled **Claim Appeal**. If the Covered Person does not appeal the decision to Us, then the decision will be Our final decision.

### **2. For Your Questions and Complaints:**

State of California Insurance Department  
Consumer Communications Bureau  
300 South Spring Street, South Tower  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
Toll Free: 1(800) 927-HELP  
TDD Number: 1(800) 482-4833  
Web Address: [www.insurance.ca.gov](http://www.insurance.ca.gov)

### **Colorado:**

1. Reference to fraud in the **Statements** provision, located in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.
2. The **Spouse** definition also includes any individual who is a partner to a civil union, a registered domestic partnership, or other relationship allowed by state law.
3. The **Payment of Claims** provision will always include the following:

In addition, if a claim for benefits is wholly or partially denied and all administrative remedies have been exhausted, the Covered Person is entitled to pursue such claim anew, from the beginning, in a court with jurisdiction and entitled to a trial by jury.

4. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

### **Florida:**

1. **NOTICE: The benefits of the policy providing you coverage may be governed primarily by the laws of a state other than Florida.**

### **Idaho:**

1. **Questions and Complaints:**  
Idaho Department of Insurance  
Consumer Affairs  
700 W. State Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0043

Toll Free: 1(800) 721-3272  
Web Address: [www.DOI.Idaho.gov](http://www.DOI.Idaho.gov)

#### Illinois:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.
2. **For Your Questions and Complaints**  
Illinois Department of Insurance  
Consumer Services Station  
Springfield, IL 62767  
Consumer Assistance: 1(866) 445-5364  
Officer of Consumer Health Insurance: 1(877) 527-9431  
Web Address: <http://insurance.illinois.gov/>
3. In accordance with Illinois law, insurers are required to provide the following **NOTICE** to applicants of insurance policies issued in Illinois.

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

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.

#### Indiana:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**  
**Public Information/Market Conduct**  
**Indiana Department of Insurance**  
311 W. Washington St. Suite 300  
Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787  
1(317) 232-2395
2. The term CONTRACT is replaced with CERTIFICATE in Medicare Supplement **NOTICE** found on the first page of the Certificate.

#### Kansas:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section, does not apply to you. The following requirement applies to you:

**Policy Interpretation:** Pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), Your Employer has delegated to Us the fiduciary responsibility to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy. Therefore, We are fiduciary for The Policy and We have the continuing duty to act prudently and in the interest of You, Your beneficiaries and the other plan participants. If You have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, then You may file suit in state or federal court for a review of Your eligibility or entitlement to benefits under The Policy. This provision only applies where the interpretation of The Policy is governed by ERISA.

#### Louisiana:

1. The **Reinstatement after Military Service** provision, if not shown in the **Continuation Provisions** section, applies to you:

**Reinstatement after Military Service:** If:



(a) Your coverage terminates because You enter active military service; and  
(b) You are rehired within 12 months of the date You return from active military service  
then coverage for You may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement within 30 days of the date You return to work.

The reinstated coverage will:

- (a) be the same coverage amounts in force on the date coverage terminated; and
- (b) not be subject to any Waiting Period for Coverage; and
- (c) be subject to all the terms and provisions of the Policy.

**Maine:**

1. **NOTICE:** The laws of the State of Maine require notification of the right to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation, to change such a designation and, to have the Policy reinstated if the insured suffers from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity 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.

**Michigan:**

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.

**Minnesota:**

1. **Notice of Claim**, as shown in the **Claim Provisions** section, should be sent to:  
The Hartford Supplemental Insurance Benefit Department  
P.O. Box 99906  
Grapevine, TX 76099.
2. Payment of claim will occur immediately after Our receipt of due written Proof of Loss, regardless of what is stated in the **Time of Payment of Claims**, located in the **Claim Provisions** section of the certificate.

**Missouri:**

1. The term CONTRACT is replaced with CERTIFICATE in the Medicare Supplement **NOTICE** found on the first page of the Certificate.

**Montana:**

1. The definition of **Physician** in the **Definitions** section will include the following freedom of choice language:  
You have full freedom of choice in the selection of any health care provider for the treatment of any injury related to an Accident within the scope and limitations of his or her practice, including a licensed physician, physician assistant, dentist, osteopath, chiropractor, optometrist, podiatrist, psychologist, licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, acupuncturist, naturopathic physician, physical therapist or advanced practice registered nurse.

**New Hampshire:**

1. Reference to fraud in the **Statements** provision located in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.
2. If it is not reasonably possible to give proof during the time period referenced in the **Proof of Loss** provision, located in the **Claim Provisions** section, then proof must be provided as soon as reasonably possible.
3. Coverage terminates at age 26 for Dependent Child(ren) who are not handicapped or disabled.
4. The time period stated for legal action to start in the **Legal Actions** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section can not be less than 3 years after the time **Proof of Loss** is required to be given.
5. Felonious driving due to intoxication is excluded from benefit payment when "while driving due to intoxication" is referenced in the **Exclusions** provision.
6. **Notice: Right to Return This Certificate** - If, for any reason, you are not satisfied with this Certificate, you can return it to us at Our Home Office within 30 days after you receive it. At that time, you should ask us in writing to cancel it. We will consider this Certificate as if it never existed. Any premium paid will be refunded.
7. **Notice: This Policy does not insure against loss resulting from sickness.**
8. Termination of coverage will not affect benefits otherwise payable for a claim incurred while the Policy is in force.
9. The following **Extension of Coverage while Disabled** provision is added to the **Continuation Provisions** section of the Certificate:

### **Extension of Coverage while Disabled**

If You are Disabled when coverage would otherwise terminate because:

- (a) You are no longer eligible for insurance or are no longer in an Eligible Class; or
- (b) the Policy terminated;

coverage will be extended for 90 days after it would otherwise terminate, while Disability continues.

The following definitions apply to this provision:

**Disabled, Disability** means that a significant change in Your mental or physical functional capacity has occurred, as a result of which during the initial 12 months of continuous disability You are:

- (a) unable to perform the Material Duties of Your Regular Occupation; and/or
- (b) receiving disability benefits through a disability insurance plan (or equivalent) sponsored by the Policyholder.

Thereafter, You must be continuously unable to perform the Material Duties of any occupation for which You are or may reasonably become qualified based on education, training or experience. At all times while disabled, You must be under the care of a Physician or Medical Professional.

**Material Duties** means the essential functions, operations and tasks relating to an occupation, as it is normally performed in the general labor market in the United States economy that cannot be reasonably modified or omitted.

**Regular Occupation** means the occupation You routinely perform at the time Your Disability begins. Your regular occupation is:

- (a) not limited to Your specific position with the Policyholder; and
- (b) is inclusive of any similar position or activity based on job descriptions included in the most recent edition of the United States Department of Labor Dictionary of Occupational Titles (or equivalent source), as normally performed in the United States economy (not specific to any employer, location, area or region).

### 10. **Notice:** **This is a Limited Policy - Read it Carefully**

11. **Notice:** This is an ancillary health certificate. This certificate provides limited benefits. Benefits provided are supplemental and are not intended to cover all medical expenses.

### **New Mexico:**

1. Coverage terminates at age 26 for Dependent Child(ren) who are not handicapped or disabled.
2. Benefits paid on behalf of a Covered Person under this certificate shall be paid to the Human Services Department when:
  - a. the Human Services Department has paid or is paying benefits on behalf of the Covered Person under the state's Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq.; or
  - b. payment for the services in question has been made by the Human Services Department to the Medicaid provider; and
  - c. We are notified that the Covered Person receives benefits under the Medicaid program and that benefits must be paid directly to the Human Services Department.
3. If You are covered under a Non-ERISA policy issued outside of New Mexico with a certificate effective date of January 1, 2019 or later, these additional requirements apply to you:

### **Consumer Complaint Notice**

**If you are resident of New Mexico, your coverage will be administered in accordance with the minimum applicable standards of New Mexico law. If you have concerns regarding your claim, premium, or other matters pertaining to this coverage, you may file a complaint with the New Mexico Office of Superintendent of Insurance (OSI) using the complaint form available on the OSI website and found at:** <https://www.osi.state.nm.us/index.php/consumers/consumer-assistance/>

- A. Benefits payable under this Certificate will be paid immediately after Our receipt of due written **Proof of Loss**. If a claim is paid more than 45 days from receipt of required **Proof of Loss**, You are entitled to interest on that amount at the rate of 1 1/2 times the prime lending rate, as determined by the superintendent, for New Mexico banks per year during the period the claim is unpaid.
- B. **Legal Actions** may not start until 60 days after proof of loss is given or more than 3 years after the time proof of loss is required to be given.

- C. **Physician** means a person who is:
- a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, psychology or other legally qualified practitioner of healing art recognized by New Mexico law;
  - licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where care is being given;
  - operating within the scope of his or her license; and
  - not the Covered Person or a Family Member.

You have full freedom of choice in the selection of a Hospital for care or of a practitioner of the healing arts or optometrist, psychologist, podiatrist, physician assistant, certified nurse-midwife, registered lay midwife or registered nurse in expanded practice for the treatment of any Injury related to an Accident within the scope and limitations of his or her practice.

- D. If an unmarried child is age 26 or older and is:
- incapable of self-sustaining employment because of an intellectual disability or physical handicap;
  - chiefly dependent on You for financial support;
- and You have provided proof of his/her disability upon Our request, that child will continue to be a **Dependent Child** until these conditions cease to exist. We may request that proof of such incapacity and dependency is furnished to Us within 31 days of the child's attainment age 26 and subsequently as may be required by Us, but not more frequently than annually after the 2 year period following the child's attainment age of 26.

E. **Newborn and Newly Adopted Child Coverage:**

If, while covered under the Policy, You:

- have a newborn child;
- adopt a child;
- receive a stepchild; or
- become the legal guardian of a child;

the child will become covered under the Policy for 31 days after the date the child becomes eligible. Benefits and amounts will be the minimum amount for those We are providing for Dependent Child(ren) under the Policy at that time.

Coverage of the new child will cease after 31 days from the date the child became eligible unless You:

- enroll the new child prior to the expiration of the 31 days; and
- pay the additional required premium.

- F. We cannot require that You prove that Your child was born in wedlock, living with You, or claimed as a dependent on Your or Your Spouse's tax return in order for Your child to be eligible for **Dependent** coverage.
- G. After a **Covered Person** has been insured under the Policy for 2 years during his or her lifetime, no statement made by a Covered Person, except fraudulent misstatements, will be used to reduce or deny a claim beginning after the 2 year period.

**New York:**

- NOTICE:** The insurance evidenced by this certificate provides ACCIDENT insurance only. It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Department of Financial Services.

IMPORTANT NOTICE — THIS POLICY DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SICKNESS

**North Carolina:**

- Notice of Claim**, as shown in the **Claim Provisions** section, should be sent to:  
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- Payment of claim will occur immediately after Our receipt of due written Proof of Loss, regardless of what is stated in the **Time of Payment of Claims**, located in the **Claim Provisions** section of the certificate.
- Proof of Loss**, as shown in the **Claim Provisions** section, must be provided within 180 days from the date of loss.
- Reference to fraud in **Time Limit on Certain Defenses** provision, located in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.

**Oregon:**

- We cannot require that You prove that Your child was born in wedlock, living with You, or claimed as a

dependent on Your or Your Spouse's tax return in order for Your child be eligible for Dependent coverage, as shown in the **Definitions** section.

2. The **Spouse** definition will always include domestic partners, civil unions, and any other arrangement allowable by state law.

#### **Rhode Island:**

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.
2. The following continuation requirement applies to you:  
Family Military Leave of Absence: If Your spouse or child enters active full-time military service outside of the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Alaska, and You:
  - a) have been employed with the same employer for at least two years; and
  - b) have completed 1,250 hours of service during a 12 month period immediately prior to the date Military Leave of Absence would begin; and
  - c) have exhausted all the other time made available to You by Your Employer except sick time and short term disability;then Your coverage may be continued for up to 30 days. If the leave ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

To elect a Family Military Leave of Absence, You must notify Your Employer at least 14 days prior to the date the leave would begin if the leave would consist of five or more consecutive work days. For a leave of less than five days, the Employee should give notice as soon as reasonable possible.

#### **South Dakota:**

1. The definition of **Physician** will include a Family Member if such person is the only doctor in the area acting within the scope of practice.

#### **Texas:**

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

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### **Virginia:**

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**  
**State Corporation Commission**  
**Life and Health Division**  
**Bureau of Insurance**  
P.O. Box 1157  
Richmond, VA 23218  
1(804) 371-9691 (inside Virginia)  
1(877) 310-6560 (outside Virginia)

### **Washington:**

1. **Accident Benefits and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits** or covered expenses incurred because of an accidental injury shall be paid if the covered death occurs, or the covered services are incurred, within one year of the accident.

### **Wisconsin:**

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**  
To request a Complaint Form:  
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance  
Complaints Department  
P.O. Box 7873  
Madison, WI 53707-7873  
1(800) 236-8517 (outside of Madison)  
1(608) 266-0103 (in Madison)

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**HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY**

One Hartford Plaza  
Hartford, Connecticut 06155  
(A stock insurance company)



**THE  
HARTFORD**

Will pay benefits according to the conditions of the Policy.

The Hartford® is The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

Policyholder: West Texas Public Schools Employee Benefits Cooperative (WTXEBC)  
Policy Number: VAC-715266  
Policy Issue State: Texas

**READ THIS CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.**

Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company has issued and delivered a group insurance policy to the Policyholder shown above. This Certificate describes Accident insurance provided to Covered Persons under the Policy issued to the Policyholder.

Signed for Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company at Hartford, Connecticut.

Kevin Barnett, *Secretary*

Jonathan Bennett, *President*

**Notice to Buyer: The Policy provides Accident-only coverage and it does not pay benefits for loss from sickness. Review Your Certificate carefully.**

**The Policy provides limited benefits. Benefits provided are supplemental and are not intended to cover all medical expenses.**

**This Policy may provide payment of several benefits as a result of claims from a single Accident. Payment of one benefit for an Accident under this Policy does not constitute acceptance of liability for all claims made under the Policy nor does it prohibit Us from further investigation into the cause of or existence of an Accident for subsequent claims.**

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT CERTIFICATE. If You are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People With Medicare available from the Company.**

**GROUP ACCIDENT INSURANCE CERTIFICATE  
Non-Participating**

**THE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED IS NOT A POLICY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR EMPLOYER TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR EMPLOYER IS A SUBSCRIBER TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM.**

*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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## BENEFIT SCHEDULE

**Policy Effective Date:** September 1, 2023

**Eligible Classes for Coverage:** All Full-time and Part-time Active Employees scheduled to work at least 20 hours per week and who are citizens or legal residents of the United States of America, its territories and protectorates; excluding temporary, leased or seasonal employees.

**Waiting Period:** None

**Plan Type:** Voluntary Accident

You are insured for either Low Plan or High Plan (but not all), as currently elected by You and for which You have paid the required premium.

**Accident Type:** On the Job & Off the Job Coverage

**Disclosure of Services:**

In addition to the insurance coverage, We may offer non-insurance benefits and services to Active Employees.

## VOLUNTARY ACCIDENT BENEFITS

Description of Benefit	Benefit Amount	
	Low Plan	High Plan
Accident Follow-Up Benefit	\$150	\$250
Ambulance (Air) Benefit	\$2,500	\$5,000
Ambulance (Ground) Benefit	\$2,500	\$5,000
Blood/Plasma/Platelet Benefit	\$200	\$400
Chiropractic Care Benefit	\$25	\$75
Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit	\$200 per day	\$600 per day
Daily ICU Confinement Benefit	\$400 per day	\$800 per day
Diagnostic Exam Benefit	\$200	\$400
Emergency Dental Benefit (extraction)	\$100	\$200
Emergency Dental Benefit (crown)	\$300	\$600
Emergency Room Benefit	\$150	\$250
Hospital Admission Benefit	\$1,000	\$2,000
Initial Physician Visit Benefit	\$150	\$250
Lodging Benefit	\$125 per day	\$175 per day
Medical Appliance Benefit	\$100	\$300
Physical Therapy Benefit	\$50 per day	\$100 per day
Rehabilitation Facility Benefit	\$150 per day	\$450 per day
Transportation Benefit	\$400 per trip	\$800 per trip
Urgent Care Benefit	\$150	\$250
X-Ray Benefit	\$100	\$200
Dislocations Benefit (open reduction)		
• Hip	\$4,000	\$12,000
• Knee (except patella)	\$2,500	\$7,500
• Ankle - bone/bones of the foot (other than toes)	\$2,500	\$7,500
• Collarbone (sternoclavicular)	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Lower jaw	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Shoulder (glenohumeral)	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Elbow	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Wrist	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Bone/bones of the hand (other than fingers)	\$1,000	\$2,000
• Collarbone (acromioclavicular and separation)	\$500	\$1,500
• One toe or finger	\$250	\$750
Dislocations Benefit (closed reduction)		
• Hip	\$2,000	\$6,000
• Knee (except patella)	\$1,250	\$3,750
• Ankle - bone/bones of the foot (other than toes)	\$1,250	\$3,750
• Collarbone (sternoclavicular)	\$500	\$1,500
• Lower jaw	\$500	\$1,500
• Shoulder (glenohumeral)	\$500	\$1,500
• Elbow	\$500	\$1,500
• Wrist	\$500	\$1,500
• Bone/bones of the hand (other than fingers)	\$500	\$1,000
• Collarbone (acromioclavicular and separation)	\$250	\$750
• One toe or finger	\$125	\$375
Dislocations Benefit (incomplete)	All Plans: 25% of the Dislocations Benefit (closed reduction)	
Fractures Benefit (open reduction)		
• Skull (except bones of face or nose)		
• Depressed skull fracture	\$8,000	\$12,000

Description of Benefit	Benefit Amount	
	Low Plan	High Plan
• Simple non- depressed skull fracture	\$2,000	\$6,000
• Hip, thigh (femur)	\$4,000	\$12,000
• Vertebrae, body of (excluding vertebral processes)	\$1,500	\$4,500
• Pelvis (includes ilium, ischium, pubis, acetabulum, and cetabulum except coccyx)	\$8,000	\$12,000
• Leg (tibia and/or fibula)	\$2,000	\$6,000
• Bones of face or nose (except mandible or maxilla)	\$1,000	\$2,000
• Upper jaw, maxilla (except alveolar process)	\$1,000	\$2,000
• Upper arm between elbow and shoulder (humerus)	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Lower jaw, mandible (except alveolar process)	\$1,000	\$2,000
• Shoulder blade (scapula) and/or collarbone (clavicle, sternum)	\$2,000	\$6,000
• Vertebral processes	\$1,000	\$2,000
• Forearm (radius and/or ulna), hand, and/or wrist (except fingers)	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Kneecap (patella)	\$1,500	\$4,500
• Foot (except toes)	\$1,000	\$2,000
• Ankle	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Rib	\$500	\$1,000
• Coccyx	\$500	\$1,000
• Finger, toe	\$250	\$750
Fractures Benefit (closed reduction)		
• Skull (except bones of face or nose)		
• Depressed skull fracture	\$4,000	\$6,000
• Simple non- depressed skull fracture	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Hip, thigh (femur)	\$2,000	\$6,000
• Vertebrae, body of (excluding vertebral processes)	\$750	\$2,250
• Pelvis (includes ilium, ischium, pubis, acetabulum, and cetabulum except coccyx)	\$4,000	\$6,000
• Leg (tibia and/or fibula)	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Bones of face or nose (except mandible or maxilla)	\$500	\$1,000
• Upper jaw, maxilla (except alveolar process)	\$500	\$1,000
• Upper arm between elbow and shoulder (humerus)	\$500	\$1,500
• Lower jaw, mandible (except alveolar process)	\$500	\$1,000
• Shoulder blade (scapula) and/or collarbone (clavicle, sternum)	\$1,000	\$3,000
• Vertebral processes	\$500	\$1,000
• Forearm (radius and/or ulna), hand, and/or wrist (except fingers)	\$500	\$1,500
• Kneecap (patella)	\$750	\$2,250
• Foot (except toes)	\$500	\$1,000
• Ankle	\$500	\$1,500

Description of Benefit	Benefit Amount		
	Low Plan	High Plan	
• Rib	\$250	\$500	
• Coccyx	\$250	\$500	
• Finger, toe	\$125	\$375	
Chip Fracture	All Plans: 25% of Fractures Benefit (closed reduction)		
Abdominal/Thoracic Surgery Benefit	\$2,000	\$4,000	
Arthroscopic Surgery Benefit	\$250	\$750	
Burn Benefit			
• Second Degree Burns	\$1,000	\$2,000	
• Third Degree Burns	\$10,000	\$20,000	
Skin Graft Benefit	All Plans: 50% of applicable burn benefit		
Concussion Benefit	\$150	\$250	
Eye Injury Benefit surgical repair	\$500	\$1,000	
Eye Injury Benefit removal of foreign object	\$200	\$600	
Hernia Benefit	\$200	\$600	
Joint Replacement Benefit	\$2,000	\$6,000	
Knee Cartilage Benefit (with repair)	\$1,000	\$3,000	
Knee Cartilage Benefit (without repair)	\$250	\$750	
Lacerations Benefit			
• 2" to 6" with sutures	\$250	\$750	
• Greater than 6" with sutures	\$500	\$1,500	
Ruptured Disc Benefit	\$1,000	\$3,000	
Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff Benefit			
• Single	\$750	\$1,500	
• Two or more	\$1,500	\$3,000	
Accidental Death Benefit	Primary Insured	\$50,000	\$100,000
	Spouse or Other	\$25,000	\$50,000
	Eligible Individual		
	Dependent Child(ren)	\$12,500	\$25,000
Accidental Death - Common Carrier Benefit	Primary Insured	\$75,000	\$300,000
	Spouse or Other	\$37,500	\$150,000
	Eligible Individual		
	Dependent Child(ren)	\$18,750	\$75,000
Accidental Dismemberment Benefit			
• Both hands or both feet or sight of both eyes	\$50,000	\$100,000	
• One hand and One foot	\$50,000	\$100,000	
• Speech and hearing in both ears	\$50,000	\$100,000	
• Either hand or foot and sight of one eye	\$50,000	\$100,000	
• Either hand or foot	\$25,000	\$50,000	
• Sight of one eye	\$25,000	\$50,000	
• Speech or hearing in both ears	\$25,000	\$50,000	
• Thumb and index finger of either hand	\$5,000	\$15,000	
Coma Benefit	\$10,000	\$20,000	
Paralysis Benefit (Paraplegia)	\$25,000	\$50,000	
Paralysis Benefit (Quadriplegia)	\$50,000	\$100,000	
Prosthesis Benefit			
• Single	\$1,000	\$2,000	
• Two or more	\$2,000	\$4,000	

## DEFINITIONS

**Accident** means a sudden, unforeseeable event that causes an Injury and that:

- (a) occurs while this Certificate is in force;
- (b) occurs while the Covered Person's insurance is effective; and
- (c) is not subject to any exclusion in the Policy.

**Active Employee** means an employee who works for the Policyholder on a regular basis in the usual course of the Policyholder's business.

This must be at least the numbers of hours shown in the Benefit Schedule.

**Actively at Work** means that You perform all the regular duties of Your job in the usual way and the usual number of hours at the Policyholder's normal place of business or a site where the Policyholder's business requires You to travel.

You are considered Actively at Work on any day that is not Your regular scheduled work day (e.g., you are on vacation or holiday) as long as You were Actively at Work on Your immediately preceding scheduled work day.

**Annual Enrollment Period** means a date determined by the Policyholder on a yearly basis.

**Certificate** means this document, which provides a summary of the insurance benefits provided, to whom and how benefits are payable and exclusions and limitations that apply to coverage.

**Change in Family Status** means one of the following events:

- (a) You get married or enter into a legal relationship recognized as a spouse or other eligible individual;
- (b) You and Your spouse or other eligible individual divorce or legally terminate Your relationship;
- (c) Your child is born or You adopt, You receive a step child or become the legal guardian of a child;
- (d) Your spouse or other eligible individual dies;
- (e) Your child is no longer a Dependent Child or dies;
- (f) Your spouse or other eligible individual is no longer employed, which results in a loss of accident insurance sponsored by the Spouse's or Other Eligible Individual's employer; or
- (g) You have a change in classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time.

**Chip Fracture** means an Injury where small fragments of bone are chipped from the bones main structure. These are also known as avulsion fractures.

**Coma** means complete unconsciousness with inability to respond to external or internal stimuli for a continuous period of at least 168 hours. The diagnosis of a Coma must be made by a Physician.

**Common Carrier** means commercial airplanes, helicopters, trains, buses, trolleys, subways, ferries and boats that operate on a regularly scheduled basis between predetermined points or cities. Taxis, privately chartered vehicles and the personal vehicles of a Covered Person are not Common Carriers.

**Concussion** means a traumatic brain injury resulting in immediate and transient alteration in brain function, including alteration of mental status and level of consciousness.

**Confined or Confinement** means being an Inpatient in a medical facility for a period of at least 1 day due to an Injury sustained in an Accident.

**Confined Elsewhere** means You are unable to perform, unaided, the normal functions of daily living, or leave home or other place of residence without assistance.

**Covered Person** means the Primary Insured and all Dependents.

**Dependent or Dependents** means Your Dependent Child(ren) and/or Spouse or Other Eligible Individual covered by the Policy and this Certificate.

**Dependent Child(ren)** means Your or Your Spouse's or Other Eligible Individual's natural children, step-children, legally adopted children, children placed into Your custody for adoption or children for whom You are ordered by a court or administrative order (including an order under Chapter 154, Family Code) to provide coverage regardless of whether You are the custodial or non-custodial parent who are under 26 years of age.

For the purposes of adopted child(ren), this includes a child of You or Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual, if You or Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual is a party to a suit in which You or Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual seeks to adopt the child or child(ren).

Dependent Child(ren) also includes You or Your Spouse's or Other Eligible Individual's grandchild if the grandchild is:

- (a) unmarried; and
- (b) under 26 years of age; and
- (c) is dependent on You or Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual for federal income tax purposes at the time of application for coverage.

If a child is age 26 or older and is:

- (a) incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical handicap;
- (b) chiefly dependent on You for financial support;

and You have provided proof of his/her disability upon Our request, that child will continue to be a Dependent Child for as long as these conditions exist.

**Dislocation** means a completely separated joint.

- (a) open reduction of Dislocation means a surgical procedure.
- (b) closed reduction of Dislocation means a non-surgical procedure.

**Dismemberment** means the total and irrevocable loss of any of the losses referenced in the Benefit Schedule.

**Emergency Room** means a specified area within a Hospital that is designated for the emergency care of accidental injuries. This area must:

- (a) be staffed and equipped to handle trauma;
- (b) be supervised and provide treatment by Physicians; and
- (c) provide 24 hours a day service by registered graduate nurses (RNs).

**Extended Care Facility** means a place which:

- (a) is licensed by the state in which it is located;
- (b) provides nursing home care on an inpatient basis under the supervision of a Physician;
- (c) has nursing services provided by or under the supervision of a registered nurse (RN), licensed vocational nurse (LVN), or licensed practical nurse (LPN);
- (d) keeps a daily medical record of each patient; and
- (e) is either a freestanding facility or a ward, wing, or swing bed of a Hospital or other institution.

**Family Member** means the Covered Person's parents, spouse or Other Eligible Individual, children, siblings, grandparent, aunt, uncle, first cousin, nephew or niece. This includes adopted, in-law and step-relatives.

**Follow-Up Treatment** means consultation, care or services provided by a Physician for Injuries incurred from an Accident. Follow-Up Treatment must occur after initial treatment by a Physician or in an Emergency Room for Injuries due to the same Accident.

**Fracture** means a broken bone which can be seen by x-ray.

- (a) open reduction of fracture means a surgical procedure.
- (b) closed reduction of fracture means a non-surgical procedure.

**Home Office** means Our office at One Hartford Plaza, Hartford, Connecticut 06155.

**Hospital** means an institution:

- (a) licensed to operate as a Hospital pursuant to law;
- (b) primarily and continuously engaged in providing or operating either on its premises or in facilities available to the Hospital on a prearranged basis and under the supervision of a staff of licensed physicians, medical, diagnostic and major surgical facilities for the medical care and treatment of sick or injured persons on an in-patient basis for which a charge is made; and
- (c) providing twenty-four hour nursing service by or under the supervision of registered nurses.

Hospital does not include:

- (a) convalescent homes, or convalescent, rest or nursing facilities;
- (b) facilities affording primarily custodial, educational or rehabilitative care; or
- (c) facilities for the aged, drug addicts or alcoholics.

**Injury or Injuries** means bodily injury sustained by a Covered Person that is the direct result of an Accident, and is independent of disease or bodily infirmity or any other cause.

**Inpatient** means treatment received by the Covered Person as a resident patient using and being charged for the room and board facilities of a Hospital.

**Intensive Care Unit (ICU)** means a specifically designated part of a Hospital called an intensive care unit as listed in the most current American Hospital Association Guide that:

- (a) provides the highest level of medical care and is restricted to patients who are critically ill or injured and who require intensive comprehensive observation and care. An Intensive Care Unit includes a neonatal intensive care unit specializing in the care of ill or premature newborn infants;
- (b) is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds and wards customarily used for patient Confinement;
- (c) is permanently equipped with special lifesaving equipment for the care of the critically ill or injured;
- (d) is under constant and continuous observation by a specially trained nursing staff assigned exclusively to the Intensive Care Unit on a 24 hour basis; and
- (e) has an assigned Physician on a full-time basis.

An Intensive Care Unit is not any of the following step-down units:

- (a) a progressive care unit;
- (b) an intermediate care unit;
- (c) a private monitored room;
- (d) sub-acute intensive care unit; or
- (e) an Observation Unit.

**Laceration** means a cut of at least 2 inches in length requiring sutures.

**Medical Appliance** means a walking boot that extends above the ankle, brace for the neck, back, knee or leg, cane, crutches, walker and wheelchair.

**Observation Unit** means a specified area within a Hospital, apart from the Emergency Room, where a patient can be monitored following Outpatient surgery or treatment in the Emergency Room by a Physician and which:

- (a) is under the direct supervision of a Physician or registered nurse;
- (b) is staffed by nurses assigned specifically to that unit; and
- (c) provides care seven days per week, 24 hours per day.

**Off the Job Coverage** means coverage is provided under the Policy for Injuries resulting from an Accident that occurs while the Primary Insured is not working for pay or profit.

**On the Job Coverage** means coverage is provided under the Policy only for Injuries resulting from an Accident that occurs while the Primary Insured is working for pay or profit.

**Other Eligible Individual** means any individual who is a partner to a registered domestic partnership, or other relationship allowed by state law. Other Eligible Individual will include Your affidavit domestic partner provided You have executed a domestic partner affidavit satisfactory to Us, establishing that You and Your partner are domestic partners for purposes of The Policy. You will continue to be considered affidavit domestic partners provided You continue to meet the requirements described in the domestic partner affidavit.

**Outpatient** means treatment received by the Covered Person at a Hospital or licensed ambulatory care facility and there is no charge for room and board.

**Paralysis** means an Injury to the brain or spinal cord that results in loss of use or loss of movement of multiple limbs (arms and/or legs).

**Paraplegia** means the complete and irreversible Paralysis of both legs.

**Physician** means a person who is:

- (a) a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, psychology or other legally qualified practitioner of healing art that We recognize or are required by law to recognize;
- (b) licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where care is being given; and
- (c) operating within the scope of his or her license.

**Policy** means the policy which We issued to the Policyholder under the Policy Number shown on the face page, this Certificate and all other riders, amendments and endorsements that make up the contract of insurance.

**Primary Insured** refers to the Active Employee.

**Prior Policy** means the Voluntary Accident insurance policy carried or sponsored by the Policyholder on the day before the Policy Effective Date and will only include the coverage which is transferred to Us.

**Quadriplegia** means the complete and irreversible Paralysis of both arms and both legs.

**Qualifying Event** for You means any termination of coverage under the Policy, prior to age 80, in accordance with the Termination provision for any reason, except:

- (a) non-payment of premium; or
- (b) termination of the group policy.

Qualifying Event for Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual is Your death or divorce while You are insured under the Policy. The Qualifying Event must occur prior to Your Spouse's or Other Eligible Individual's attainment of age 80.

Dependent Child(ren) coverage is continued if You or Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual elect to continue coverage due to Your or Your Spouse's or Other Eligible Individual's own Qualifying Event.

**Rehabilitation Unit** means an appropriately licensed facility that provides rehabilitation care services on an inpatient basis. Rehabilitation care services consist of the combined use of medical, social, educational and vocational services to enable patients disabled by accidental Injury to achieve the highest possible functional ability. Services are provided by or under the supervision of an organized staff of Physicians. The rehabilitation unit may be part of a Hospital or a freestanding facility.

A rehabilitation unit is not:

- (a) a nursing home;
- (b) an Extended Care Facility;
- (c) a skilled nursing facility;
- (d) a rest home or home for the aged;
- (e) a hospice care facility;
- (f) a place for alcoholics or drug addicts; or
- (g) an assisted living facility.

**Second Degree Burn** means a burn in which damage penetrates into some of the underlying layers of skin.

**Spouse** means any individual who, under applicable state law is recognized as a Spouse.

**Third Degree Burn** means a burn which extends to all layers of skin.

**Urgent Care Facility** means a facility or place other than a Physician's office, Hospital, or an Emergency Room that provides emergency or urgent care and treatment to injured people. Such facility may be a 24-hour clinic.

**Waiting Period** means the length of time You must be a member in an Eligible Class before You can apply for insurance. The Waiting Period is shown in the Benefit Schedule.

**We, Us, Our** means Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company.

**You or Your** refers to the Primary Insured.

## ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES

**Primary Insured's Eligibility for Coverage:** You will become eligible for coverage on the latest of:

- (a) the Policy Effective Date; or
- (b) the date You become a member of an Eligible Class for Coverage.

**Dependent Eligibility for Coverage:** Your Dependent(s) will become eligible for coverage on the later of:

- (a) the date You become insured for employee coverage; or
- (b) the date You acquire Your first Dependent.



You may not cover Your Dependent if such Dependent is covered as an Active Employee under the Policy. No person can be insured as a Dependent of more than one Active Employee under the Policy.

**Enrollment:**

To enroll, You must:

- (a) complete and sign a group insurance enrollment form for Your coverage and Your Dependent's coverage within 31 days of the date You are eligible for coverage; and
- (b) deliver it to the Policyholder.

If You do not enroll for Your coverage and/or Your Dependent's coverage within 31 days after becoming eligible under the Policy, and later choose to enroll, You may only enroll for Your coverage and/or Your Dependent's coverage:

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

**Primary Insured's Coverage Effective Date:**

Your coverage will start on the later to occur of:

- (a) the first of the month on or next following the date You become eligible;
- (b) the Policy anniversary that coincides with or next follows the last day of the Annual Enrollment Period, if You enroll during an Annual Enrollment Period;
- (c) the first of the month on or next following the date You enroll, if You do so within 31 days from the date You are eligible.

All effective dates of coverage are subject to the Deferred Coverage Effective Date provision.

**Continuity from a Prior Policy:**

Voluntary Accident coverage under this Certificate will begin, and will not be deferred if, on the day before the Effective Date for Coverage, You were:

- (a) insured under the Prior Policy; and
- (b) Actively at Work or on an authorized family and medical leave; but on the Effective Date for Coverage, You were not Actively at Work, but would otherwise meet the eligibility requirements of the Policy.

Coverage provided through this provision ends on the first to occur of:

- (a) the last day of a period of 12 consecutive months after the Effective Date for Coverage;
- (b) the date Your insurance terminates for any reason shown under the Termination of Primary Insured's Coverage provision;
- (c) the last day You would have been covered under the Prior Policy, had the Prior Policy not terminated; or
- (d) the date You are Actively at Work.

However, if the coverage provided through this provision ends because You are Actively at Work, You may be covered as an Active Employee under the Policy.

**Deferred Coverage Effective Date:** Your Effective Date for Coverage will be delayed if You are not Actively at Work due to physical or mental condition on the Effective Date for Coverage shown on the Benefit Schedule. Coverage will become effective on the date You are Actively at Work.

**Dependent Effective Date:** Coverage will start on the latest to occur of:

- (a) the first of the month on or next following the date Your Dependent becomes eligible for Dependent coverage, if You have enrolled on or before that date; or
- (b) the Policy anniversary that coincides with or next follows the last day of the Annual Enrollment Period, if You enroll during an Annual Enrollment Period; or
- (c) the first of the month on or next following the date You enroll, if You do so within 31 days from the date You are eligible for Dependent coverage.

In no event will Dependent coverage become effective before You become insured.

**Deferred Coverage Effective Date for Dependents:** If, on the date Your Dependent, is to become covered under the Policy:

- (a) on the Effective Date for Coverage; or
- (b) for increased benefits; or
- (c) for a new benefit; and

he or she is:

- (a) confined; or
- (b) Confined Elsewhere;

such coverage will not start until he or she:

- (a) is discharged from the Hospital; or
- (b) is no longer Confined Elsewhere;

and has engaged in all the normal and customary activities of a person of like age and gender in good health, for at least 15 consecutive days.

**Newlywed Coverage:** If You marry while covered under the Policy, Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual shall automatically become covered under the Policy for 31 days after the date of marriage. Benefits and amounts will be the minimum amount for those We are providing for Spouse or Other Eligible Individual coverage under the Policy at that time.

Coverage of Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual will cease after 31 days from the date of marriage unless You:

- (a) request in writing that coverage for Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual be continued; and
- (b) pay the additional required premium.

**Newborn and Newly Adopted Child Coverage:** If, while covered under the Policy, You:

- (a) have a newborn child; or
- (b) adopt or receive a stepchild;

the child will become covered under the Policy for 31 days after the date of birth or placement with You. Benefits and amounts will be the minimum amount for those We are providing for Dependent Child(ren) under the Policy at that time.

Coverage of the new child will cease after 31 days from the date of birth or financial dependence unless You:

- (a) request in writing that coverage for Your child be continued; and
- (b) pay the additional required premium.

## TERMINATION OF INSURANCE

**Termination of Primary Insured's Coverage:** Your coverage will end on the earliest of the following:

- (a) the date the Policy terminates;
- (b) the last day of the month following the date You are no longer in a class eligible for coverage, or the Policy no longer covers Your class;
- (c) the date the required premium is due but not paid, subject to the individual grace period;
- (d) the last day of the month following the date You request We terminate Your coverage;
- (e) the last day of the month following the date the Policyholder terminates Your employment; or
- (f) the last day of the month following the date You are no longer Actively at Work;

unless continued in accordance with one of the Continuation Provisions.

**Termination of Dependent Coverage:** Coverage for Your Dependent(s) will end on the earliest to occur of:

- (a) the date Your coverage ends;
- (b) the date the required premium is due but not paid, subject to the individual grace period;
- (c) the last day of the month following the date You are no longer eligible for Dependent coverage;
- (d) the last day of the month following the date We or the Policyholder terminate Dependent coverage;
- (e) the last day of the month following the date You request We terminate Dependent coverage;
- (f) the last day of the month following the date the child no longer meets the definition of Dependent Child; or
- (g) the last day of the month following the date that You and Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual are no longer married;

unless continued in accordance with one of the Continuation Provisions.

## CONTINUATION PROVISIONS

**Continuation:** Coverage may be continued, at the Policyholder's option beyond a date shown in the Termination provision, if the Policyholder provides a plan of continuation which applies to all employees the same way.

Coverage for Your Dependents will continue if Your coverage is continued.

The amount of continued coverage applicable to You or Your Dependent will be the amount of coverage in effect on the date immediately before coverage would otherwise have ended. Continued coverage:

- (a) is subject to any reductions in the Policy;
- (b) is subject to payment of premium;
- (c) may be continued up to the maximum time shown in the provisions; and
- (d) terminates if the Policy terminates.

The amount of insurance will not increase while coverage is being continued. The Continuation Provisions shown below may not be applied consecutively.

In all other respects, the terms of Your coverage and coverage for Your Dependents remain unchanged.

**Military Leave of Absence:** If You or Your Dependents enter active full-time military service and are granted a military leave of absence in writing, Your coverage (including Dependent coverage) may be continued for up to 12 weeks. If the leave ends 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) (including Dependent coverage) may be continued for up to 12 weeks, or 26 weeks if You qualify for Family Military Leave, or longer if required by other applicable law, following the date Your leave commenced. If the leave of absence ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

## VOLUNTARY ACCIDENT BENEFITS

**Accident Follow-Up Benefit:** We will pay the Accident Follow-Up Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day a Covered Person receives Follow-Up Treatment for Injuries sustained in an Accident. Treatment must be recommended or advised by a Physician. Follow-Up Treatment must be received within 90 days of the Accident. Follow-Up Treatment does not include routine examinations or preventative testing. This Accident Follow-Up Benefit is subject to a maximum of 3 visits per Accident per Covered Person.

**Ambulance (Air) Benefit:** We will pay the Ambulance (Air) Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for a licensed professional air ambulance company to transport a Covered Person to or from a Hospital, or between medical facilities for treatment of Injuries received in an Accident. The air ambulance must provide the transportation services to the Covered Person within 72 hours after the date of the Accident. One Ambulance (Air) Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**Ambulance (Ground) Benefit:** We will pay the Ambulance (Ground) Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for a licensed professional ambulance company to transport a Covered Person by ground, to or from a Hospital or between medical facilities for treatment of Injuries received in an Accident. The ambulance must provide transportation services to the Covered Person within 90 days after the date of the Accident. One Ambulance (Ground) Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**Blood/Plasma/Platelet Benefit:** We will pay the Blood/Plasma/Platelet Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, due to an Injury sustained in an Accident, a Covered Person requires a transfusion, administration, cross matching, typing and processing of blood, plasma or platelets. The blood, plasma or platelet transfusion must be administered within 90 days of the Accident. Only one Blood/Plasma/Platelet Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**Chiropractic Care Benefit:** We will pay the Chiropractic Care Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if a Covered Person receives chiropractic treatment for an Injury sustained in an Accident. The chiropractor must be licensed if required in the state where care is provided. Chiropractic Care must begin within 30 days after the date of the Accident and be completed within one year of the date of Accident. No more than 10 Chiropractic Care Benefits are payable per Accident per Covered Person regardless of the number of chiropractic treatments received.

**Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit:** We will pay the Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day a Covered Person was Confined in a Hospital due to an Injury received in an Accident. Confinement must begin within 90 days of the Accident and last at least 20 hours. The Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit is subject to a lifetime maximum of 365 days per Covered Person. This maximum includes all days a Covered Person is Confined in a Hospital, including days in an Intensive Care Unit of a Hospital. We will pay benefits for only one period of Confinement at a time even if it is caused by more than one Accident. The Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit is not payable for Emergency Room treatment, Outpatient treatment, or a stay of less than 20 hours in an Observational

Unit. We will not pay this Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit and the Daily Intensive Care Unit Confinement Benefit concurrently for the same Covered Person. We will also not pay this Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit and the Rehabilitation Facility Benefit for the same day. If a Covered Person is Confined in both a Hospital and a Rehabilitation Facility on the same day, the higher benefit will be payable.

**Daily ICU Confinement Benefit:** Unless the Covered Person has reached his or her lifetime maximum Daily Hospital Confinement Benefits, We will pay the Daily ICU Confinement Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day a Covered Person is Confined in an Intensive Care Unit due to an Injury received within 30 days of an Accident. If a Covered Person is Confined in an ICU for more than 30 days, the Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit will begin on the 31st day, provided the Covered Person has not reached his or her lifetime maximum for Daily Hospital Confinement benefits. We will pay benefits for only one period of Confinement at a time even if it is caused by more than one Accident. The Daily ICU Confinement Benefit is not payable for Emergency Room treatment, Outpatient treatment, or a stay of less than 20 hours in an Observational Unit. We will not pay this Daily ICU Confinement Benefit and the Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit concurrently for the same Covered Person.

**Diagnostic Exam Benefit:** We will pay the Diagnostic Exam Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if a Covered Person requires one of the following diagnostic examinations to determine the extent of an Injury sustained in an Accident:

- (a) Computerized Axial Tomography (CAT);
- (b) Computed Tomographies (CT Scan);
- (c) Magnetic Resonance Imagings (MRIs); or
- (d) Electroencephalogram (EEG).

The diagnostic exam must be scheduled within 30 days after the date of the Accident. Only 1 Diagnostic Exam Benefit Amount is payable per Accident per Covered Person regardless of the number of diagnostic examinations received.

**Emergency Dental Benefit (extraction and crown):** We will pay the Emergency Dental Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if a Covered Person requires the following dental work as a result of an Injury sustained in an Accident:

- (a) repair of a broken sound, natural tooth with a crown; or
- (b) extraction of a broken sound, natural tooth.

The dental work must occur within 90 days after the Accident. Only one Emergency Dental Benefit Amount is payable per Accident per Covered Person regardless of the number of teeth involved.

**Emergency Room Benefit:** We will pay the Emergency Room Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if a Covered Person requires examination and treatment by a Physician in an Emergency Room as the direct result of an Injury sustained in an Accident. The Emergency Room examination and treatment must occur within 72 hours after the date of the Accident. No more than 1 Emergency Room Benefits will be payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**Hospital Admission Benefit:** We will pay the Hospital Admission Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Injury received in an Accident, a Covered Person is admitted to a Hospital. Admission to the Hospital must occur within 90 days of the Accident. The Hospital Admission Benefit is not payable for Emergency Room treatment, Outpatient treatment, or a stay of less than 20 hours in an Observational Unit.

**Initial Physician's Visit Benefit:** We will pay the Initial Physician's Visit Benefit Amount if a Covered Person receives initial treatment by a Physician in a Physician's office as the result of an Injury sustained in an Accident. The treatment must be given within 90 days after the Accident. Services for routine examinations or preventative testing are not included in this benefit.

**Lodging Benefit:** We will pay the Lodging Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for a companion to accompany the Covered Person while the Covered Person is Confined in a Hospital due to an Injury sustained in an Accident. The Covered Person must be Confined in a Hospital located more than 100 miles from the Covered Person's residence. This benefit will be payable for one room if the companion incurs a charge for staying in a hotel or a motel while the Covered Person is Confined. This Lodging Benefit is subject to a lifetime maximum of 30 days per Covered Person.

**Medical Appliance Benefit:** We will pay the Medical Appliance Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, due to an Injury sustained in an Accident, a Covered Person requires a Medical Appliance as an aid in personal locomotion or mobility. The Medical Appliance must be prescribed by a Physician. Use of the Medical Appliance must begin within 90 days of the Accident. Only one Medical Appliance Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**Physical Therapy Benefit:** We will pay the Physical Therapy Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day a Covered Person requires physical therapy treatment for an Injury received in an Accident. Physical therapy must begin within 90 days of the Accident or within 90 days of the date a Physician prescribes physical therapy following surgery or other medical treatment for Injury sustained in an Accident. The Physical Therapy Benefit is subject to a maximum of 10 days per Covered Person per Accident. Physical therapy must be prescribed by a Physician and rendered by a licensed physical therapist in an office or Hospital on an Inpatient or Outpatient basis.

**Rehabilitation Facility Benefit:** We will pay the Rehabilitation Facility Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day a Covered Person is Confined in a Rehabilitation Unit for physical, occupational or speech therapy treatment for an Injury received in an Accident. Confinement must begin within 90 days of the Accident and be preceded by Confinement in a Hospital. The Rehabilitation Facility Benefit is subject to a lifetime maximum of 15 days per Covered Person. We will pay benefits for only one period of Rehabilitation Facility Confinement at a time even if it is caused by more than one Accident. We will not pay this Rehabilitation Facility Benefit and the Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit for the same day. If a Covered Person is Confined in both a Hospital and a Rehabilitation Facility on the same day, the higher benefit will be payable.

**Transportation Benefit:** We will pay the Transportation Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person must travel more than 100 miles from his or her residence to a receive special treatment or be Confined in a Hospital. Treatment must be prescribed by a Physician and not available locally. This benefit is payable for up to 3 round trips per Covered Person per Accident. This benefit is not payable for transportation by ambulance (air or ground).

**Urgent Care Benefit:** We will pay an Urgent Care Benefit if a Covered Person requires treatment or care in an Urgent Care Facility due to an Injury sustained in an Accident. The Treatment must occur within 72 hours after the date of the Accident. No more than 1 Urgent Care Benefits will be payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**X-Ray Benefit:** We will pay the X-Ray Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if a Covered Person requires an x-ray as a result of an Injury sustained in an Accident. The x-ray must be prescribed by a Physician and performed in Physician's office or Hospital on an Inpatient or Outpatient basis. The x-ray must be performed within 90 days after the date of the Accident. Only one X-ray Benefit Amount is payable per Accident per Covered Person regardless of the number of x-rays received.

**Dislocations Benefit (open reduction, closed reduction and incomplete):** If a Covered Person sustains a Dislocation as a result of an Accident, We will pay the Dislocation Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule.

The Dislocation must be diagnosed and corrected via an open (surgical) or closed (non-surgical) reduction under anesthesia by a Physician.

If a Physician diagnoses the Dislocation as incomplete (the joint is not completely separated), or the Dislocation requires treatment without anesthesia by a Physician, We will pay 25% of the Dislocation Benefit shown in the Benefit Schedule for a closed reduction a Dislocation for that joint.

If a Covered Person sustains one or more Fractures and Dislocations due to the same Accident, We will pay both the Fractures Benefit and the Dislocations Benefit. We will pay no more than two times the amount for the bone or joint involved that has the highest benefit amount.

This benefit is payable once per joint, per Covered Person. Further Dislocations of the same joint will not be covered under the Policy after a Dislocation Benefit has already been paid for that joint.

**Fractures Benefit (open reduction, closed reduction and Chip Fractures):** We will pay the Fractures Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for a Fracture sustained in an Accident. If a Covered Person sustains more than one Fracture due to the same Accident, we will pay the benefits for all Fractures to a maximum of two times the amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for the bone involved with the highest benefit amount.

If the Covered Person is diagnosed by a Physician as having a Chip Fracture, we will pay 25% of the benefit shown in the Benefit Schedule for a closed reduction of the bone.

If a Covered Person sustains a Fracture and a Dislocation due to the same Accident, we will pay both benefits. We will pay no more than two times the amount for the bone or joint involved which has the highest benefit amount.

The Fracture must be diagnosed by a Physician within 90 days of the Accident and must require open (surgical) reduction or closed (non-surgical) reduction by a Physician.

**Abdominal/Thoracic Surgery Benefit:** We will pay the Abdominal/Thoracic Surgery Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Injury sustained in an Accident, a Covered Person undergoes open abdominal or thoracic surgery to repair internal Injuries. The surgery must occur within 90 days of the Accident to repair Injury. Hernia repair is not covered under this benefit. Only one Abdominal/Thoracic Surgery Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person. Either the Abdominal/Thoracic Surgery Benefit or the Arthroscopic Surgery Benefit is payable for the same Accident if treatment occurs on the same date. The higher of the two benefits will be paid.

**Arthroscopic Surgery Benefit:** We will pay the Arthroscopic Surgery Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of Accident, a Covered Person undergoes arthroscopic surgery. The surgery must occur within 90 days of the Accident to repair an Injury sustained in the Accident. Hernia repair is not covered under this benefit. Only one Arthroscopic Surgery Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person. We will pay either the Arthroscopic Surgery Benefit or the greater of the following benefits for the same Accident:

- (a) Knee Cartilage Benefit;
- (b) Ruptured Disc Benefit;
- (c) Abdominal/Thoracic Surgery Benefit; or
- (d) Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff Benefit.

**Burn Benefit:** We will pay the Burn Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Injury sustained in an Accident, a Covered Person sustains either:

- (a) Third Degree Burns covering at least 18 square inches of the Covered Person's body; or
- (b) Second Degree Burns covering at least 34% of the Covered Person's body.

The Covered Person must be treated by a Physician within 72 hours after the date of the Accident. Only one Burn Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person, however if burns are in multiple degrees, then the highest benefit will be paid.

**Skin Graft Benefit:** We will pay the Skin Graft Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person receives a skin graft for a Third Degree Burn for which a benefit was received under the Burn Benefit. Only one Skin Graft Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**Concussion Benefit:** We will pay the Concussion Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person is diagnosed with a Concussion. The Concussion must be diagnosed or treated by a Physician within 72 hours of Accident. No more than 3 Concussions will be covered per year per Covered Person.

**Eye Injury Benefit:** We will pay the Eye Injury Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if a Covered Person sustains an Injury sustained in an Accident to the eye. The Injury must require surgery or removal of a foreign object by a Physician within 90 days of the Accident. Only one Eye Injury Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**Hernia Benefit:** We will pay the Hernia Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person sustains a hernia. The hernia must be diagnosed by a Physician within 30 days of the Accident and must be repaired by surgery within one year from the date of the Accident.

**Joint Replacement Benefit:** We will pay the Joint Replacement Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person sustains an Injury requiring a knee, hip or shoulder joint replacement. The joint replacement must be diagnosed within 90 days of the Accident and surgery must occur within one year of the Accident. Only one Joint Replacement Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**Knee Cartilage Benefit:** We will pay the Knee Cartilage (with repair or without repair) Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person sustains a torn knee cartilage (meniscus). Treatment must be first provided by a Physician within 60 days of the Accident. If surgery is required, the Covered Person must undergo surgery within 12 month(s) of the Accident. Only one Knee Cartilage Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person. Either the Knee Cartilage Benefit or the Arthroscopic Surgery Benefit is payable for the same Accident if treatment occurs on the same date. The higher of the two benefits will be paid.

**Lacerations Benefit:** We will pay the Lacerations Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person sustains a Laceration. The Laceration must be repaired by a Physician within 72 hours of the Accident. The benefit payable will be based on the total length of all Lacerations received in any one Accident which requires repair. Only one Lacerations Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person. If a Covered Person sustains

a Laceration that later results in loss or Dismemberment, We will subtract the amount paid under the Lacerations Benefit from the Accidental Dismemberment Benefit.

**Ruptured Disc Benefit:** We will pay the Ruptured Disc Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person sustains a ruptured or herniated disc in the spine that must be repaired through surgery. The Covered Person must receive treatment from a Physician for the ruptured or herniated disc within 60 days of the Accident and surgery must be performed within one year of the Accident. Only one Ruptured Disc Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person regardless of the number of surgeries needed. Either the Ruptured Disc Benefit or the Arthroscopic Surgery Benefit is payable for the same Accident if treatment occurs on the same date. The higher of the two benefits will be paid.

**Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff Benefit:** We will pay the Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person receives a torn, ruptured or severed tendon, ligament or rotator cuff. The Injury must be treated by a Physician within 90 days of the Accident and be repaired by surgery within one year. Only one Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person. Either the Tendon/Ligament/Rotator Cuff Benefit or the Arthroscopic Surgery Benefit is payable for the same Accident if treatment occurs on the same date. The higher of the two benefits will be paid.

**Accidental Death Benefit:** If a Covered Person dies as a direct result of an Injury sustained in an Accident, We will pay the Accidental Death Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. Death must occur within 90 days of the Accident. This benefit is not payable if We pay the Accidental Death – Common Carrier Benefit for the same Covered Person.

**Accidental Death – Common Carrier Benefit:** If a Covered Person dies as a direct result of an Injury sustained in an Accident while a fare paying passenger on a Common Carrier, We will pay the Accidental Death – Common Carrier Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. Death must occur within 90 days of the Accident. This benefit is not payable if We pay the Accidental Death Benefit.

**Accidental Dismemberment Benefit:** If a Covered Person sustains dismemberment as a direct result of an Injury sustained in an Accident, We will pay the Accidental Dismemberment Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. Dismemberment must occur within 90 days of the Accident.

**Coma Benefit:** We will pay the Coma Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Accident, a Covered Person is diagnosed with a Coma. The Coma must be diagnosed or treated by a Physician within 90 days of the Accident. Only one Coma Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person.

**Paralysis Benefit:** We will pay the Paralysis Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, as a result of an Injury sustained in an Accident, a Covered Person is paralyzed and sustains Paraplegia or Quadriplegia. The Paralysis must occur within 90 days of the Accident, must have lasted at least 30 days, and must be expected to be permanent. Paralysis must be diagnosed by a Physician and based on evidence that the Injury sustained in the Accident caused the Paralysis.

**Prosthesis Benefit:** We will pay the Prosthesis Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if, due to an Injury in an Accident, a Covered Person:

- (a) loses a hand, foot, arm, leg, eye; and
- (b) requires a prosthetic device, artificial limb or eye, as prescribed by a Physician.

The prosthetic device/artificial limb or eye must be received within one year after the date of the Accident. This benefit is not payable for joint replacement such as an artificial hip or knee. Only one Prosthesis Benefit is payable per Accident per Covered Person.

## EXCLUSIONS

**Exclusions:** No benefits are payable under this Certificate for an Injury that results from or is caused by:

- (a) a Suicide or attempted suicide, whether sane or insane, or intentionally self-inflicted Injury;
- (b) war or act of war, whether declared or undeclared;
- (c) a nuclear, chemical, biological, or radiological event;
- (d) the Covered Person's participation in a felony, riot or insurrection;
- (e) the Covered Person's service in the armed forces or units auxiliary to it;
- (f) the Covered Person's taking drugs, including but not limited to sedatives, narcotics, barbiturates, amphetamines, or hallucinogens, unless as prescribed by or administered by a Physician;

- (g) a Covered Person's sickness or bacterial infection;
- (h) a Covered Person's participation in bungee jumping or hang gliding;
- (i) a Covered Person's participation or competition in semi-professional or professional sports;
- (j) cosmetic surgery or any other elective procedure that is not medically necessary;
- (k) a Covered Person being intoxicated as defined by the jurisdiction in which the cause of loss was incurred;
- (l) while the Covered Person is on any aircraft:
  - 1) as a pilot, crewmember or student pilot;
  - 2) as a flight instructor or examiner;
  - 3) if it is owned, operated or leased by or on behalf of the Policyholder, or any employer or organization whose eligible persons are covered under the Policy;
  - 4) being used for tests, experimental purposes, stunt flying, racing or endurance tests;
- (m) operating, learning to operate, serving as a crew member of or jumping or falling from any aircraft. Aircraft includes those which are not motor-driven. This exclusion does not apply where the Covered Person is riding as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial airline or as a passenger for transportation only and not as a pilot or crew member; or
- (n) riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test.

### CLAIM PROVISIONS

**Notice of Claim:** Written Notice of Claim must be given to Us within 20 days after the start of any loss covered by this Certificate, or as soon as is reasonably possible. Notice given by or on behalf of a Covered Person to Us at Our Home Office, or to Our authorized agent, with information sufficient to identify the Covered Person, shall be notice to Us.

**Claim Forms:** When We receive written Notice of Claim, We will send claim forms. If the claimant does not receive the forms within 15 days after written notice of claim is sent, Proof of Loss may be sent to Us without waiting to receive the claim forms.

**Proof of Loss:** The claimant must send Us written Proof of Loss at Our Home Office. This proof must be provided within 90 days after the date of the loss. If it is not reasonably possible to give proof in this time, proof must be provided as soon as reasonably possible. Proof of Loss may not be given more than one year after the time proof is otherwise required, unless the claimant is legally incapacitated.

**Time of Payment of Claims:** Benefits payable under this Certificate will be paid within 15 days after Our receipt of due written Proof of Loss.

**Payment of Claims:** Death benefits for the Primary Insured will be payable to the beneficiary that he/she designated. If no beneficiary is designated or living, the death benefit will be payable to the Primary Insured's estate. Any other accrued benefits unpaid at the Primary Insured's death may, at Our option, be paid either to the beneficiary or to the Primary Insured's estate. All other indemnities will be payable to the Primary Insured.

If any benefit is payable to the Primary Insured's estate, or to an individual who is a minor or otherwise not competent to give a valid release, We may pay such benefit, up to an amount not exceeding \$1,000, to any person related to the Primary Insured by blood or marriage or the beneficiary, if We determine the person to be equitably entitled the benefit. Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this provision will fully release Us from liability to the extent of the payment.

We will pay the benefits for loss of life upon the death of the any Dependents of the Primary Insured to the Primary Insured, if living. Otherwise, it will be paid, at Our option, to the Primary Insured's surviving spouse or other eligible individual or the executor or administrator of his/her estate.

If benefits are payable on behalf of an eligible dependent, these benefits must be payable to the Texas Department of Human Services if the eligible employee is required to pay child support by a court order or court approved agreement and the eligible member is a possessory conservator of an eligible dependent under a court order issued in this state or is not entitled to possession of or access to the eligible dependent and the Texas Department of Human Service is paying benefits on behalf of the eligible dependent subject to Chapter 31 or 32 of the Human Resources Code.

We will also pay benefits on behalf of an eligible dependent if we are notified at time of claim that the benefits must be paid directly to the Texas Department of Human Services. Benefits will not be reduced or denied because such benefits are covered by the Medical Assistance Act of 1967, as amended. Benefits so paid, in no event, will exceed benefits otherwise payable under the Certificate.



**Physical Examinations and Autopsy:** We at Our own expense, have the right and opportunity to examine a Covered Person as often as We may reasonably require during the pendency of a claim hereunder and to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

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

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

**Claim Appeal:** On any claim, a claimant may appeal to Us for a full and fair review. To do so We:

- (a) must receive a written application for review within:
  - 1) 180 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim requires Us to make a determination of an Injury; or
  - 2) 60 days of receipt of claim denial if the claim does not require Us to make a determination of an Injury; and
- (b) upon request We will provide copies of all documents records, and other information relevant to the claimant's claim; and
- (c) We will consider any additional written comments, documents records and other information relating to the claim.

We will respond to the claimant in writing with Our final decision on the claim.

**Overpayment Recovery:** We have the right to recover from the Covered Person any amount that We determine to be an overpayment. The Covered Person has the obligation to refund to Us any such amount.

If benefits are overpaid on any claim, the Covered Person must reimburse Us within 90 days.

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

- (a) recover such overpayments from:
  - 1) the Covered Person;
  - 2) any other person to or for whom payment was made; and
  - 3) the Covered Person's estate;
- (b) reduce or offset against any future benefits payable to the Covered Person or his/her survivors until full reimbursement is made;
- (c) refer the Covered Person's unpaid balance to a collection agency; and
- (d) pursue and enforce all legal and equitable rights in court.

## **PORTABILITY**

**Portability Benefit:** Portability allows You or Your Dependent(s) to continue coverage under a group portability policy when coverage ends under this Certificate due to a Qualifying Event. If You or Your Dependent(s) qualify for and elect portability as stated in this provision, coverage will continue under a group portability policy subject to the Exclusions provision, without interruption with respect to all benefits and periods as stated in the Policy.

The terms, conditions and premium rates of the portability coverage will be governed by the portability policy. Your and Your Dependent(s) coverage under the portability policy will not continue past the Primary Insured's attainment of age 80.

If the Qualifying Event is Your death or divorce, Your Dependents coverage under the portability policy will not continue past his or her attainment of age 80.

**Electing Portability:** You may elect Portability if Your Accident insurance ends due to a Qualifying Event. You may also elect Portability for Your Dependent coverage if Your coverage ends due to Your own Qualifying Event. The Policy must still be in force for Portability to be available.

Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual may elect Portability for him/her and Your Dependent Child(ren) if Your coverage under the Policy ends due to Your death or divorce, if Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual is under age 80 at the time of the Qualifying Event.

To elect Portability, You or Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual if coverage ends due to Your death or divorce must:

- (a) complete a portability application; and
- (b) submit the application to Us, with the required premium.

This must be received within 31 days after accident insurance terminates. However, Portability requests will not be accepted if they are received more than 91 days after accident insurance terminates.

After We verify eligibility for coverage, We will issue a certificate of insurance under a portability policy. The Portability coverage will be:

- (a) issued without evidence of insurability;
- (b) issued on one of the forms then being issued by Us for Portability; and
- (c) effective on the day following the date Your or Your Spouse's or Other Eligible Individual's coverage ends, such that there is no interruption in coverage between the Policy and the portability policy.

**Limitations On Portability:** You may elect to continue 100% of each Covered Person's amount of insurance in force under the Policy on the date Your insurance terminates.

Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual may apply for portable insurance in an amount up to 100% of the amount of Spouse or Other Eligible Individual Insurance and Dependent Child(ren) Insurance in force under the Policy on the date of Your death or divorce.

Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual may not apply for portable insurance for a Dependent Child whose insurance has not terminated under the Policy due to divorce.

In order for Dependent Child(ren) coverage to be continued under this provision, You or Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual must elect to continue coverage due to Your own Qualifying Event.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**Entire Contract Changes:** The Policy, the Application(s), this Certificate, any individual enrollment forms, riders, endorsements and any other attached papers make up the entire contract of insurance between the Policyholder and Us.

No change in the Policy or this Certificate will be valid until approved by an officer of Ours. The approval must be in writing and must be attached to or noted on the Policy. In the event of the death or incapacity of the Covered Person, no beneficiary or personal representative of the Covered Person has authority to change the Policy or this Certificate or to waive any provisions.

**Statements:** In the absence of fraud, all statements made by the Policyholder or any Covered Person will be considered representations and not warranties. No statement made by a Covered Person will be used in any contest unless a copy of the statement is furnished to the Covered Person or his or her beneficiary or personal representative.

**Time Limit on Certain Defenses:** After a Covered Person has been insured under the Policy for 2 years during his or her lifetime, no statement made by a Covered Person, except fraudulent misstatements, will be used to reduce or deny a claim beginning after the 2 year period.

**Legal Actions:** No legal action may start:

- (a) until 60 days after Proof of Loss has been given;
- (b) more than 3 years after the time Proof of Loss is required to be given.

**Change of Beneficiary:** You may designate or change a beneficiary by doing so in writing on a form satisfactory to Us and filing the form with the Policyholder. Only satisfactory forms sent to the Policyholder prior to Your death will be accepted.

Beneficiary designations will become effective as of the date You signed and dated the form, even if You have since died. We will not be liable for any amounts paid before receiving notice of a beneficiary change from the Policyholder.

In no event may a beneficiary be changed by a Power of Attorney.

**Misstatement of Age:** If the age of any Covered Person has been misstated, all amounts payable shall be such as the premium paid would have purchased at the correct age.

**Insurance Fraud:**

Insurance Fraud occurs when You, Your Dependents and/or the Policyholder 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, Your Dependents and/or the Policyholder 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, Your Dependents and/or the Policyholder perpetrate insurance fraud.

**Assignment:** Except for the dismemberment benefits under the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit, You have the right to absolutely assign Your rights and interest under the Policy including, but not limited, to the following:

- (a) the right to make any contributions required to keep the insurance in force;
- (b) the right to convert; and
- (c) the right to name and change a beneficiary.

We will recognize any absolute assignment made by You under the Policy, provided:

- (a) it is duly executed; and
- (b) a copy is acknowledged and on file with Us.

We and the Policyholder assume no responsibility:

- (a) for the validity or effect of any assignment; or
- (b) to provide any assignee with notices which We may be obligated to provide to You.

You do not have the right to collaterally assign Your rights and interest under the Policy.

**Unpaid Premium:** Upon the payment of a claim, any premium then due and unpaid may be deducted from the claim payment.

**Conformity with State Statutes:** Any provision of the Policy which, on its effective date, conflicts with any applicable law is amended to meet the minimum requirements of the law.

**Time Periods:** All periods begin and end at 12:01 A.M., Standard Time at the place where the Policy is delivered.

**Workers' Compensation:** The Policy does not replace Workers' Compensation or affect any requirement for Workers' Compensation coverage.

**Amendatory Rider**



**HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY**  
**One Hartford Plaza**  
**Hartford, Connecticut 06155**  
**(A stock insurance company)**

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This rider forms a part of a Certificate given in connection with the Policy.

This rider becomes effective on September 1, 2023.

With respect to All Full-time and Part-time Active Employees, Your Certificate is amended as follows:

1. The following **Health Screening** benefit shall be included under **Accident Benefits** in the **Benefit Schedule** section of Your Certificate:

<b>Description of Benefit</b>	<b>Plan Option 3 Benefit Amount</b>	<b>Plan Option 4 Benefit Amount</b>
Health Screening	\$50	\$50

2. The following **Additional Enrollment Event** definition shall be included in the **Definitions** section of Your Certificate:

**Additional Enrollment Event** means a period of time designated for enrollment under the Policy, other than an Annual Enrollment Period, as agreed to in writing by Our authorized representative in our Home Office.

3. The following **Health Screening Test** definition shall be included in the **Definitions** section of Your Certificate:

**Health Screening Test** means any of the following: abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasound; blood test for triglycerides; bone marrow testing; bone density screening; breast ultrasound; CA 15-3 (blood test for breast cancer); CA 125 (blood test for ovarian cancer); carotid ultrasound; CEA (blood test for colon cancer); cervical cancer screening; chest X-Ray; colonoscopy; COVID-19 testing when performed by an appropriately licensed medical professional; CT angiography; ECG/EKG; double contrast barium enema; fasting blood glucose test; flexible sigmoidoscopy; hemoccult stool analysis; lipid panel; mammography; pap smear; PAD ultrasound; PSA (blood test for prostate cancer); serum cholesterol test (for HDL and LDL levels); SPEP (blood test for myeloma); stress test (on a bicycle or treadmill); or thermography. Any other generally medically accepted cancer-screening test is also included in this definition.

4. The following **Changes in Coverage** provision shall be included in the **Eligibility and Effective Dates** section of Your Certificate:

**Changes in Coverage:** An Employee may:

- (a) elect, increase, decrease, drop or otherwise change coverage during an Annual Enrollment Period or any Additional Enrollment Event; or
- (b) increase, decrease, drop or otherwise change coverage within 31 days of a Change in Family Status.

Any change in coverage requested by an Employee will become effective on:

- (a) the Policy anniversary following the last day of an Annual Enrollment Period, if the change is requested during such period;
  - (b) the first day of the month following the last day of an Additional Enrollment Event, if the change is requested during such event; or
  - (c) the date on which the change is requested following a Change in Family Status;
- subject to the Deferred Coverage Effective Date or Deferred Coverage Effective Date for Dependents provisions.

An initial period of coverage for a new Dependent may be available under the Newlywed Coverage or Newborn and Newly Adopted Child Coverage provisions.

Any change in coverage requested by the Policyholder or as a result of a change in the terms of the Policy will become effective on the first day of the month following the date of the request or change.

5. The following **Health Screening** benefit shall be included in the **Accident Benefits** section of Your Certificate:

**Health Screening Benefit:** We will pay the Health Screening Benefit Amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if a Covered Person undergoes a Health Screening Test.

This benefit is payable once per calendar year for each Covered Person. This benefit will not be paid for any day which any other benefit for the same or similar exam, test, or X-Ray is payable.

6. The **Payment of Claims** provision shown in the **Claim Provisions** section of Your Certificate is amended to read as follows:

**Payment of Claims:** All benefits are payable to You. Any benefits unpaid at the time of Your death will be paid to:  
(a) Your designated beneficiary(ies); or if none, then to  
(b) Your estate.

Where required by law, benefits paid on behalf of a Covered Person under this Certificate shall be paid to the applicable human services department when:

- (a) the human services department has paid or is paying benefits on behalf of the Covered Person under a state's Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, 42 U.S.C. 1396, et seq.; or
- (b) payment for the services in question has been made by the human services department to a Medicaid provider; and
- (c) We are notified that the Covered Person receives benefits under the Medicaid program.

For residents of Texas, benefits payable on behalf of a Dependent Child shall be paid to the Texas Department of Human Services in certain circumstances (per Texas Insurance Code §1204.153) when:

- 1) the Texas Department of Human Services is paying benefits on behalf of the Dependent Child under Chapter 31 or 32, Human Resources Code; and
- 2) We are notified that benefits for the Dependent Child are payable to the Texas Department of Human Services.

7. The following **Beneficiary Designation** provision shall be included in the **Claim Provisions** section of Your Certificate:

**Beneficiary Designation:** In the event of Your death, You should designate one or more beneficiaries to receive any benefits under the Policy that are unpaid at the time of Your death. Beneficiary records will be kept by the Policyholder, plan administrator or the office/system where beneficiary records for the Policy are kept. The most current beneficiary designation in effect under a Prior Policy will be accepted as a beneficiary designation under the Policy until changed (if applicable).

Certain states are community property states. If You live in a community property state and designate someone other than Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual as a beneficiary, state law may require that Your Spouse or Other Eligible Individual consent to such designation. If spousal or other eligible individual consent to the designation is not obtained, then such designation may not be effective. Community property states as of the Policy Effective Date include: Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington and Wisconsin.

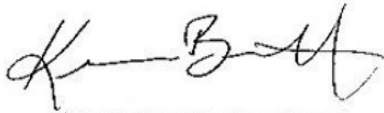
8. The following **Change of Beneficiary** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section shall be included in the **Claim Provisions** section of Your Certificate and is amended to read as follows:

**Change of Beneficiary:** The beneficiary may be changed at any time by You or Your assignee (if You assigned this insurance). To make a change, a request should be provided to the Policyholder, plan administrator or to the office/system where beneficiary records for the Policy are kept. If it is not known where the records are kept, then the request may be provided to Us. When received by the Policyholder, plan administrator, office/system where beneficiary records for the Policy are kept or Us, the change will take effect as of the date the request is signed. The change will not apply to any payments or other action taken by Us before the request was received.

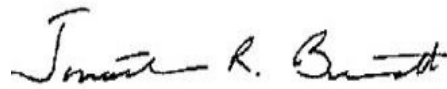
The right to change of beneficiary is reserved to You, and the consent of the beneficiary or beneficiaries shall not be requisite to any change in beneficiary, unless the current beneficiary designation is irrevocable.

In all other respects the Certificate remains the same.

Signed for Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company



Kevin Barnett, *Secretary*



Jonathan Bennett, *President*

## How you're protected if your life or health insurance company fails

The Texas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association protects you by paying your covered claims if your life or health insurance company is insolvent (can't pay its debts). **This notice summarizes your protections.**

The Association will pay your claims, with some exceptions required by law, if your company is licensed in Texas and a court has declared it insolvent. You must live in Texas when your company fails. If you don't live in Texas, you may still have some protections.

### For each insolvent company, the Association will pay a person's claims only up to these dollar limits set by law:

- **Accident, accident and health, or health insurance (including HMOs):**
  - Up to \$500,000 for health benefit plans, with some exceptions.
  - Up to \$300,000 for disability income benefits.
  - Up to \$300,000 for long-term care insurance benefits.
  - Up to \$200,000 for all other types of health insurance.
- **Life insurance:**
  - Up to \$100,000 in net cash surrender or withdrawal value.
  - Up to \$300,000 in death benefits.
- **Individual annuities:**
  - Up to \$250,000 in the present value of benefits, including cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values.
- **Other policy types:** Limits for group policies, retirement plans and structured settlement annuities are in Chapter 463 of the Texas Insurance Code.
- **Individual aggregate limit:** Up to \$300,000 per person, regardless of the number of policies or contracts. A limit of \$500,000 may apply for people with health benefit plans.
- **Parts of some policies might not be protected:** For example, there is not protection for parts of a policy or contract that the insurance company doesn't guarantee, such as some additions to the value of variable life or annuity policies.

To learn more about the Association and your protections, contact:

**Texas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association**

515 Congress Avenue, Suite 1875  
Austin, Texas 78701  
1-800-982-6362 or [www.txlifega.org](http://www.txlifega.org)

For questions about insurance, contact:

**Texas Department of Insurance**

P.O. Box 12030  
Austin, Texas 78711-2030  
1-800-252-3439 or [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

**Note:** You're receiving this notice because Texas law requires your insurance company to send you a summary of your protections under the Texas Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act (Insurance Code, Chapter 463). These protections apply to insolvencies that occur on or after September 1, 2019. **There may be other exceptions that aren't included in this notice.** When choosing an insurance company, you should not rely on the Association's coverage. Texas law prohibits companies and agents from using the Association as an inducement to buy insurance or HMO coverage.

Chapter 463 controls if there are differences between the law and this summary.

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