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## GROUP LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE POLICY

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| Policyholder:   | Madison Metropolitan School District |
| Policy Number:  | 754764-B                             |
| Effective Date: | July 1, 2017                         |

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The consideration for this Group Policy is the application of the Policyholder and the payment by the Policyholder of premiums as provided herein.

Subject to the **Policyholder Provisions** and the **Incontestability Provisions**, this Group Policy (a) is issued for the Initial Rate Guarantee Period shown in the **Coverage Features**, and (b) may be renewed for successive renewal periods by the payment of the premium set by us on each renewal date. The length of each renewal period will be set by us, but will not be less than 12 months.

For purposes of effective dates and ending dates under this Group Policy, all days begin and end at 12:00 midnight Standard Time at the Policyholder's address.

All provisions on this and the following pages are part of this Group Policy. "You" and "your" mean the Member. "We", "us", and "our" mean Standard Insurance Company. Other defined terms appear with their initial letters capitalized. Section headings, and references to them, appear in boldface type.

STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY

By

  
President

  
Corporate Secretary

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## COVERAGE FEATURES

This section contains many of the features of your long term disability (LTD) insurance. Other provisions, including exclusions, limitations, and Deductible Income, appear in other sections. Please refer to the text of each section for full details. The Table of Contents and the Index of Defined Terms help locate sections and definitions.

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### GENERAL POLICY INFORMATION

Group Policy Number: 754764-B  
Policyholder: Madison Metropolitan School District  
Employer(s): Madison Metropolitan School District  
Group Policy Effective Date: July 1, 2017  
Policy Issued in: Wisconsin

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#### Member means:

1. A regular employee of the Employer who is either:
  - a. A part-time employee Actively At Work at least at least 50% full-time equivalency; or
  - b. A full-time employee Actively At Work at least 19 hours each week; and
2. A citizen or resident of the United States or Canada.

For purposes of the Member definition, Actively At Work will include regularly scheduled days off, holidays, or vacation days, so long as the person is capable of Active Work on those days.

Member does not include a temporary or seasonal employee, a full-time member of the armed forces of any country, a leased employee, or an independent contractor.

Class Definition: None

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### SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

Eligibility Waiting Period: You are eligible on one of the following dates:  
If you are a Member on the Group Policy Effective Date, you are eligible on the first day of the calendar month following the date you become a Member.  
If you become a Member after the Group Policy Effective Date, you are eligible on the first day of the calendar month following the date you become a Member.

Eligibility Waiting Period means the period you must be a Member before you become eligible for insurance.

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The maximum Leave Of Absence Periods are as follows:

1. If you are on a paid Leave Of Absence due to a sabbatical or other leave, your insurance may be continued to the end of 12 months, or, if earlier, the end of such leave.

2. If you are on an unpaid Leave Of Absence approved in advance by your Employer due to a sabbatical or other leave, your insurance may be continued to the end of 12 months, or, if earlier, the end of such leave.
3. If you are on a Leave Of Absence due to a family or medical leave and continuation of insurance is required by a state-mandated family or medical leave act or law, your insurance may be continued to the end of 6 months, or, if later, the period required by the state act or law.
4. If you are on any other Leave Of Absence, your insurance may be continued to the end of 30 days, or if earlier, the period approved by your Employer.

Leave Of Absence means a period when you are absent from Active Work during which your insurance under the Group Policy will continue and employment will be deemed to continue, solely for the purposes of determining when your insurance ends, provided the required premiums for you are remitted and such a leave of absence for you is approved by your Employer and set forth in a written document that is dated on or before the leave is to start and shows that you are scheduled to return to Active Work.

If you become Disabled during a Leave Of Absence:

1. Your Monthly Predisability Earnings and your Own Occupation will be based on what was in effect on your last day of Active Work immediately before the start of your Leave Of Absence; and
2. No LTD Benefits will be payable for any period prior to your first Regular Day Of Required Attendance following the date you are scheduled to return to Active Work, as set forth in the written approval of your Leave Of Absence.

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| Own Occupation Period:            | The first 24 months for which LTD Benefits are paid.                                |
| Social Security Qualified Period: | From the end of the Own Occupation Period to the end of the Maximum Benefit Period. |

LTD Benefit:

After the Benefit Waiting Period and for the next 24 months:

LTD Benefits are payable for all **Regular Days Of Required Attendance** on which you are Disabled in each calendar month. LTD Benefits are payable on a calendar month basis, and are calculated as follows:

Your LTD Benefit is 80% of your **Daily Predisability Earnings** multiplied by the number of Regular Days Of Required Attendance on which you are Disabled, reduced by Deductible Income.

Thereafter:

LTD Benefits are payable on a calendar month basis, and are calculated as follows:

Your LTD Benefit is 80% of the first \$25,000 of your **Monthly Predisability Earnings**, reduced by Deductible Income.

Maximum: \$20,000, before reduction by Deductible Income

Maximum Annual Predisability Earnings: \$300,000.

The Active Work requirement applies to any increase in your insurance.

Benefit Waiting Period: 75 consecutive calendar days

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| Maximum Benefit Period: | Determined by your age when Disability begins, as follows: |
| Age                     | Maximum Benefit Period                                     |
| 61 or younger .....     | To age 65, or 3 years 6 months, if longer.                 |
| 62 .....                | 3 years 6 months   |
| 63 .....                | 3 years  |
| 64 .....                | 2 years 6 months   |
| 65 .....                | 2 years  |
| 66 .....                | 1 year 9 months  |
| 67 .....                | 1 year 6 months  |
| 68 .....                | 1 year 3 months  |
| 69 or older.....        | 1 year   |

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### PREMIUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Insurance is: Noncontributory

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### PREMIUM AND RENEWALS

**Premium Rates:**

LTD Insurance: 0.575% of the first \$25,000 of the insured Predisability Earnings of all insured Members.

Premium Due Dates: July 1, 2017 and the first day of each calendar month thereafter.

Minimum Participation Number: 10 insured Members

Minimum Participation Percentage: 100% of eligible Members

Initial Rate Guarantee Period: July 1, 2017 to July 1, 2019

**Contingent Rate Guarantee**

The Contingent Rate Guarantee will apply for two years if, on November 1, 2018, both the Incurred Loss Ratio and Current Loss Ratio for Long Term Disability Insurance under the Group Policy are 80% or less.

The premium rates during the Contingent Rate Guarantee will equal the premium rates in effect at the end of the Initial Rate Guarantee Period.

**Calculating Loss Ratios**

The Incurred Loss Ratio is the result of the following calculation:

$$\text{Incurred Loss Ratio} = \text{Incurred Claims divided by Earned Premium}$$

Each element is calculated from the Group Policy Effective Date.

The Current Loss Ratio is the result of the following calculation:

$$\text{Current Loss Ratio} = \text{Incurred Claims divided by Earned Premium}$$

Each element is calculated from the beginning to the end of the 12 month period ending on the day before November 1, 2018.

**Definitions**

**Earned Premium = a + b – c, where:**

- a = Paid premiums.
- b = Change in uncollected premium.
- c = Change in advance premium.

**Incurred Claims = a + b + c + d, where:**

- a = Claims paid, including benefits paid and costs incurred under any provision of the Group Policy.
- b = Legal fees, expenses, settlements and judgments paid in connection with lawsuits relating to claims.
- c = Payments of the Employer's share of Social Security and Medicare tax by Standard (if applicable).
- d = Change in claims reserves, including Incurred But Not Reported (IBNR), pending, active and outstanding claims reserves.



## INSURING CLAUSE

If you become Disabled while insured under the Group Policy, we will pay LTD Benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive Proof Of Loss satisfactory to us.

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## BECOMING INSURED

To become insured you must be a Member, complete your Eligibility Waiting Period, and meet the requirements in **Active Work Provisions** and **When Your Insurance Becomes Effective**.

You are a Member if you are:

1. A regular employee of the Employer who is either:
  - a. A part-time employee Actively At Work at least at least 50% full-time equivalency; or
  - b. A full-time employee Actively At Work at least 19 hours each week; and
2. A citizen or resident of the United States or Canada.

For purposes of the Member definition, Actively At Work will include regularly scheduled days off, holidays, or vacation days, so long as the person is capable of Active Work on those days.

You are not a Member if you are a temporary or seasonal employee, a full-time member of the armed forces of any country, a leased employee, or an independent contractor.

Eligibility Waiting Period means the period you must be a Member before you become eligible for insurance. Your Eligibility Waiting Period is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

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## WHEN YOUR INSURANCE BECOMES EFFECTIVE

### A. When Insurance Becomes Effective

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your insurance becomes effective as follows:

#### 1. Insurance Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

Insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability.

#### 2. Insurance Not Subject To Evidence of Insurability

The **Coverage Features** states whether insurance is Contributory or Noncontributory.

##### a. Noncontributory Insurance

Noncontributory insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date you become eligible.

##### b. Contributory Insurance

You must apply in writing for Contributory insurance and agree to pay premiums. Contributory insurance not subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on:

- i. The date you become eligible if you apply on or before that date; or
- ii. The date you apply if you apply within 31 days after you become eligible.

Late application: Evidence Of Insurability is required if you apply more than 31 days after you become eligible.

B. Takeover Provisions

1. If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, your Eligibility Waiting Period is waived on the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy.
2. You must submit satisfactory Evidence Of Insurability to become insured if you were eligible for insurance under the Prior Plan for more than 31 days but were not insured.

C. Evidence Of Insurability Requirement

Evidence Of Insurability satisfactory to us is required:

- a. For late application for Contributory insurance.
- b. For Members eligible but not insured under the Prior Plan.
- c. For reinstatements if required.

Providing Evidence Of Insurability means you must:

1. Complete and sign our medical history statement;
2. Sign our form authorizing us to obtain information about your health;
3. Undergo a physical examination, if required by us, which may include blood testing; and
4. Provide any additional information about your insurability that we may reasonably require.

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## **ACTIVE WORK PROVISIONS**

A. Active Work Requirement

You must be capable of Active Work on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance or your insurance will not become effective as scheduled. If you are incapable of Active Work because of Physical Disease, Injury, Pregnancy or Mental Disorder on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance, your insurance will not become effective until the day after you complete one full day of Active Work as an eligible Member.

Active Work and Actively At Work mean performing with reasonable continuity the Material Duties of your Own Occupation at your Employer's usual place of business.

B. Changes In Insurance

This Active Work requirement also applies to any increase in your insurance.

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## **CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE**

A. Waiver Of Active Work Requirement

If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, you can become insured on the effective date of your Employer's coverage without meeting the Active Work requirement. See **Active Work Provisions**.

The LTD Benefit payable for a period of continuous Disability beginning before you meet the Active Work requirement will be:

1. The monthly benefit payable under the terms of the Group Policy; reduced by
2. Any benefits payable under the Prior Plan.

## B. Effect Of Preexisting Conditions

If your Disability is subject to the Preexisting Condition Exclusion, LTD Benefits will be payable if:

1. You were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy;
2. You became insured under the Group Policy when your insurance under the Prior Plan ceased;
3. You were continuously insured under the Group Policy from the effective date of your insurance under the Group Policy through the date you became Disabled from the Preexisting Condition; and
4. Benefits would have been payable under the terms of the Prior Plan if it had remained in force, taking into account the preexisting condition exclusion, if any, of the Prior Plan.

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## WHEN YOUR INSURANCE ENDS

Your insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date the last period ends for which a premium contribution was made for your insurance.
2. The date the Group Policy terminates.
3. The date your employment terminates\*.
4. The date you cease to be a Member\*. However, your insurance will be continued during the following periods when you are absent from Active Work, unless it ends under any of the above.
  - a. During the first 90 days of a temporary or indefinite administrative or involuntary leave of absence or sick leave, provided your Employer is paying you at least the same Annual Predisability Earnings paid to you immediately before you ceased to be a Member. A period when you are absent from Active Work as part of a severance or other employment termination agreement is not a leave of absence, even if you are receiving the same Annual Predisability Earnings.
  - b. During any other temporary Leave Of Absence approved by your Employer in advance and in writing, but not to exceed the applicable Leave Of Absence Period shown in the **Coverage Features**. A period of Disability is not a leave of absence.
  - c. During the Benefit Waiting Period.

\*Coverage may continue beyond the date your individual employment contract is not renewed, provided:

1. A preexisting collective bargaining agreement or Employer written administrative policy provides for extended coverage; and
2. Premium contributions for your insurance are made.

If you become Disabled during this period, LTD Benefits will be based on your Monthly Predisability Earnings, your Own Occupation, and your employment contract on your last day of Active Work.

Coverage may continue until the earliest of:

1. The last day of the period specified in the a preexisting collective bargaining agreement or Employer written administrative policy which provides for extended coverage;
2. The August 31 of the calendar year in which your individual employment contract is not renewed;
3. The date you begin working for another employer in a non-temporary position; and

4. The date the Group Policy terminates.

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### **CONTINUED INSURANCE DURING SCHOOL VACATIONS**

If you cease to be a Member because of a school break or vacation, your insurance will be continued during that period.

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### **WAIVER OF PREMIUM**

We will waive payment of premium for your insurance while LTD Benefits are payable.

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### **REINSTATEMENT OF INSURANCE**

If your insurance ends, you may become insured again as a new Member. However, the following will apply:

1. If you cease to be a Member because of a covered Disability, your insurance will end; however, if you become a Member again immediately after LTD Benefits end, the Eligibility Waiting Period will be waived and, with respect to the condition(s) for which LTD Benefits were payable, the Preexisting Condition Exclusion will be applied as if your insurance had remained in effect during that period of Disability.
2. If your insurance ends because you cease to be a Member for any reason other than a covered Disability, and if you become a Member again within 90 days, the Eligibility Waiting Period will be waived.
3. If your insurance ends because you fail to make a required premium contribution, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.
4. If your insurance ends because you are on a federal or state-mandated family or medical leave of absence, and you become a Member again immediately following the period allowed, your insurance will be reinstated pursuant to the federal or state-mandated family or medical leave act or law.
5. The Preexisting Conditions Exclusion will be applied as if insurance had remained in effect in the following instances:
  - a. If you become insured again within 90 days.
  - b. If required by federal or state-mandated family or medical leave act or law and you become insured again immediately following the period allowed under the family or medical leave act or law.
6. In no event will insurance be retroactive.

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### **DEFINITION OF DISABILITY**

You are Disabled if you meet the following definitions during the periods they apply:

- A. Own Occupation Definition Of Disability.
  - B. Social Security Qualified Definition Of Disability.
- A. Own Occupation Definition Of Disability

During the Benefit Waiting Period and the Own Occupation Period you are required to be Disabled only from your Own Occupation.

You are Disabled from your Own Occupation if, as a result of Physical Disease, Injury, Pregnancy or Mental Disorder:

1. You are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the Material Duties of your Own Occupation; and
2. You suffer a loss of at least 20% in your Indexed Predisability Earnings when working in your Own Occupation.

Note: You are not Disabled merely because your right to perform your Own Occupation is restricted, including a restriction or loss of license.

During the Own Occupation Period you may work in another occupation while you meet the Own Occupation Definition Of Disability. However, you will no longer be Disabled when your Work Earnings from another occupation meet or exceed 80% of your Indexed Predisability Earnings. Your Work Earnings may be Deductible Income. See **Return To Work Provisions** and **Deductible Income**.

Own Occupation means any employment, business, trade, profession, calling or vocation that involves Material Duties of the same general character as the occupation you are regularly performing for your Employer when Disability begins. In determining your Own Occupation, we are not limited to looking at the way you perform your job for your Employer, but we may also look at the way the occupation is generally performed in the national economy. If your Own Occupation involves the rendering of professional services and you are required to have a professional or occupational license in order to work, your Own Occupation is as broad as the scope of your license.

Material Duties means the essential tasks, functions and operations, and the skills, abilities, knowledge, training and experience, generally required by employers from those engaged in a particular occupation that cannot be reasonably modified or omitted. In no event will we consider working an average of more than 40 hours per week to be a Material Duty.

#### B. Social Security Qualified Definition Of Disability

During the Social Security Qualified Period you are required to satisfy the Social Security Disability (SSD) Requirement as a result of the same cause or causes.

You satisfy the SSD Requirement if you meet one of the following requirements:

1. You are entitled to and are receiving Social Security disability benefits.
2. You are entitled to receive Social Security disability benefits, but you are receiving Social Security early retirement benefits, or widow's or widower's benefits instead.
3. You are entitled to receive Social Security disability benefits but such benefits are not payable because they are being reduced by other income you receive.
4. You are unable to engage in any Substantial Gainful Activity by reason of any medically determinable physical or mental impairment which can be expected to result in death or which has lasted or can be expected to last for a continuous period of not less than 12 months.

Substantial Gainful Activity means activity of a nature generally performed as work for remuneration or profit, involving the performance of significant physical or mental duties, or a combination of the two. Work will be considered substantial even if it is less demanding and less responsible than your former work, and will be considered gainful even if it pays less than your former work.

However, if you do not satisfy the SSD Requirement on the date the Social Security Qualified Period begins solely because your entitlement to Social Security disability benefits has not been

determined, you will nonetheless be considered Disabled on that date, if you otherwise continue to meet the Social Security Qualified Definition Of Disability, and you meet one of the following requirements:

1. Within the next 24 months, the Social Security Administration determines that you are entitled to Social Security disability benefits and the award of Social Security disability benefits is retroactive to a date not later than the beginning of the Social Security Qualified Period. No LTD Benefits will be paid until you give us satisfactory proof within 30 days after the Social Security Administration makes its determination.
2. You are in good faith participating and continue to participate in a rehabilitation program approved by us.
3. We determine, in our sole discretion, that you are likely to be awarded Social Security disability benefits within the next 24 months. However, you will no longer be considered Disabled if you are denied Social Security disability benefits during such period or have not been awarded such benefits by the end of the period.

Your Own Occupation Period and Social Security Qualified Period are shown in the **Coverage Features**.

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## **RETURN TO WORK PROVISIONS**

### A. Return To Work Incentive

You may serve your Benefit Waiting Period while working if you meet the Own Occupation Definition Of Disability.

You are eligible for the Return To Work Incentive on the first day you work after the Benefit Waiting Period if LTD Benefits are payable on that date.

You are eligible for the Return To Work Incentive on the first day you work after the Benefit Waiting Period if LTD Benefits are payable on that date. The Return To Work Incentive changes after the Own Occupation Period, as follows:

1. During the Own Occupation Period, your Work Earnings will be Deductible Income as determined below:
  - a. For each calendar month, we will determine the amount of your LTD Benefit as if there were no Deductible Income, and add your Work Earnings to that amount.
  - b. Determine 100% of the amount of your Indexed Daily Predisability Earnings and multiply that by the number of Regular Days Of Required Attendance for that same calendar month.
  - c. If a. is greater than b., the difference will be Deductible Income.
2. After the Own Occupation Period, your Work Earnings will be Deductible Income as determined below:
  - a. Determine the amount of your LTD Benefit as if there were no Deductible Income, and add your Work Earnings to that amount.
  - b. Determine 100% of your Indexed Monthly Predisability Earnings.
  - c. If a. is greater than b., the difference will be Deductible Income.

### B. Work Earnings Definition

**Work Earnings** means your gross monthly earnings from work you perform while Disabled. Work Earnings includes:

1. Earnings from your Employer.

2. Earnings from any other employer or self-employment for which you become employed on or after the date of your Disability.
3. Any increases in earnings from employment from any other employer or self-employment in which you were engaged prior to the date of your Disability.
4. Any vacation pay, annual or personal leave pay, substitute differential pay, or other salary continuation earned or accrued while working.

Earnings from work you perform will be included in Work Earnings when you have the right to receive them. If you are paid in a lump sum or on a basis other than monthly, we will prorate your Work Earnings over the period of time to which they apply. If no period of time is stated, we will use a reasonable one.

In determining your Work Earnings we:

1. Will use the financial accounting method you use for income tax purposes, if you use that method on a consistent basis.
2. Will not be limited to the taxable income you report to the Internal Revenue Service.
3. May ignore expenses under section 179 of the IRC as a deduction from your gross earnings.
4. May ignore depreciation as a deduction from your gross earnings.
5. May adjust the financial information you give us in order to clearly reflect your Work Earnings.

If we determine that your earnings vary substantially from month to month, we may determine your Work Earnings by averaging your earnings over the most recent three-month period.

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## **REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION EXPENSE BENEFIT**

If you return to work in any occupation for any employer, not including self-employment, as a result of a reasonable accommodation made by such employer, we will pay that employer a Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit of up to \$25,000, but not to exceed the expenses incurred.

The Reasonable Accommodation Expense Benefit is payable only if the reasonable accommodation is approved by us in writing prior to its implementation.

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## **REHABILITATION PLAN PROVISION**

While you are Disabled you may qualify to participate in a Rehabilitation Plan. Rehabilitation Plan means a written plan, program or course of vocational training or education that is intended to prepare you to return to work.

To participate in a Rehabilitation Plan you must apply on our forms or in a letter to us. The terms, conditions and objectives of the plan must be accepted by you and approved by us in advance. We have the sole discretion to approve your Rehabilitation Plan.

While you are participating in an approved Rehabilitation Plan, your LTD Benefit will be increased by 10% of your Predisability Earnings. Your LTD Benefit may not exceed the Maximum LTD Benefit shown in the **Coverage Features** as a result of this increase.

An approved Rehabilitation Plan may include our payment of some or all of the expenses you incur in connection with the plan, including:

- a. Training and education expenses.
- b. Family care expenses.

- c. Job-related expenses.
- d. Job search expenses.

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## TEMPORARY RECOVERY

You may temporarily recover from your Disability and then become Disabled again from the same cause or causes without having to serve a new Benefit Waiting Period. Temporary Recovery means you cease to be Disabled for no longer than the applicable Allowable Period. See **Definition Of Disability**.

### A. Allowable Periods

- 1. During the Benefit Waiting Period: a total of 90 days of recovery.
- 2. During the Maximum Benefit Period: 180 days for each period of recovery.

### B. Effect Of Temporary Recovery

If your Temporary Recovery does not exceed the Allowable Periods, the following will apply.

- 1. The Annual Predisability Earnings used to determine your LTD Benefit will not change.
- 2. The period of Temporary Recovery will not count toward your Benefit Waiting Period, your Maximum Benefit Period or your Own Occupation Period.
- 3. No LTD Benefits will be payable for the period of Temporary Recovery.
- 4. No LTD Benefits will be payable after benefits become payable to you under any other disability insurance plan under which you become insured during your period of Temporary Recovery.
- 5. Except as stated above, the provisions of the Group Policy will be applied as if there had been no interruption of your Disability.

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## WHEN LTD BENEFITS END

Your LTD Benefits end automatically on the earliest of:

- 1. The date you are no longer Disabled. However, if you cease to be Disabled while you are scheduled to be away from work because of a school break or vacation, LTD Benefits may continue for the remainder of the school break or vacation provided you have been continuously Disabled for at least 12 months longer than the Benefit Waiting Period.
- 2. The date your Maximum Benefit Period ends.
- 3. The date you die.
- 4. The date benefits become payable under any other LTD plan under which you become insured through employment during a period of Temporary Recovery.
- 5. The date you fail to provide proof of continued Disability and entitlement to LTD Benefits.

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## PREDISABILITY EARNINGS

**Annual Predisability Earnings** means your annual salary from the Employer. Your Annual Predisability Earnings will be based on the terms of your employment contract with the Employer in effect for the contract year in which you become Disabled. If you are not under an employment contract with the Employer, Annual Predisability Earnings means your annual compensation from the Employer in effect on your last full day of Active Work. Annual Predisability Earnings includes



overtime pay and shift differential, but does not include any additional compensation, such as weekend or summer school work compensation, Extra Duty Pay, bonuses, or district-funded fringe benefits.

**Daily Predisability Earnings** means your Annual Predisability Earnings, divided by the number of your Regular Days Of Required Attendance for the contract year in which you become Disabled.

**Monthly Predisability Earnings** means your Annual Predisability Earnings, divided by 12. Your Monthly Predisability Earnings will be based on your earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work.

The Annual Predisability Earnings and the number of Regular Days Of Required Attendance will not change after your date of Disability.

Annual Predisability Earnings will be adjusted retroactively, upon payment of premium, in the event the monthly rate of earnings for a class of employees is changed as a result of collective bargaining or the Employer's decision.

Extra Duty Pay includes income from coaching, after school programs, summer school programs, school advising or mentoring, and other extra duties as defined in your bargaining agreement with your Employer. Extra Duty Pay does not include any income included in your Annual Predisability Earnings or any other compensation, such as overtime pay, bonuses or district-funded fringe benefits.

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## DEDUCTIBLE INCOME

Subject to **Exceptions To Deductible Income**, Deductible Income means:

1. Sick pay, annual or personal leave pay, severance pay, or other salary continuation, including donated amounts, (but not vacation pay) payable to you by your Employer.
2. Your Work Earnings, as described in the **Return To Work Provisions**.
3. Any amount you receive or are eligible to receive because of your disability, including amounts for partial or total disability, whether permanent, temporary, or vocational, under any of the following:
  - a. A workers' compensation law;
  - b. The Jones Act;
  - c. Maritime Doctrine of Maintenance, Wages, or Cure;
  - d. Longshoremen's and Harbor Worker's Act; or
  - e. Any similar act or law.
4. Any amount you, your spouse, or your child under age 18 receive or are eligible to receive because of your disability under:
  - a. The Federal Social Security Act;
  - b. The Canada Pension Plan;
  - c. The Quebec Pension Plan;
  - d. The Railroad Retirement Act; or
  - e. Any similar plan or act.

The disability benefit is Deductible Income, regardless of whether you receive benefits for retirement or disability.

Full offset: Both the primary benefit (the benefit awarded to you) and dependents benefit are Deductible Income.

Benefits your spouse or a child receives or are eligible to receive because of your disability are Deductible Income regardless of marital status, custody, or place of residence. The term "child" has the meaning given in the applicable plan or act.

5. Any amount you receive or are eligible to receive because of your disability under any state disability income benefit law or similar law.
6. Any amount you receive or are eligible to receive because of your disability under another group insurance coverage.
7. Any disability or retirement benefits you receive or are eligible to receive under your Employer's retirement plan, including a public employee retirement system, a state teacher retirement system, and a plan arranged and maintained by a union or employee association for the benefit of its members. The disability benefit is Deductible Income, regardless of whether you receive benefits for retirement, separation, or disability. You and your Employer's contributions will be considered as distributed simultaneously throughout your lifetime, regardless of how funds are distributed from the retirement plan.

If any of these plans has two or more payment options, the option which comes closest to providing you a monthly income for life with no survivors benefit will be Deductible Income, even if you choose a different option.

8. Any earnings or compensation included in Annual Predisability Earnings which you receive or are eligible to receive while LTD Benefits are payable.
9. Any amount you receive or are eligible to receive under any unemployment compensation law or similar act or law.
10. Any amount you receive or are eligible to receive from or on behalf of a third party because of your disability, whether by judgement, settlement or other method. If you notify us before filing suit or settling your claim against such third party, the amount used as Deductible Income will be reduced by a pro rata share of your costs of recovery, including reasonable attorney fees.
11. Any amount you receive by compromise, settlement, or other method as a result of a claim for any of the above, whether disputed or undisputed.

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## **EXCEPTIONS TO DEDUCTIBLE INCOME**

Deductible Income does not include:

1. Any cost of living increase in any Deductible Income other than Work Earnings, if the increase becomes effective while you are Disabled and while you are eligible for the Deductible Income.
2. Reimbursement for hospital, medical, or surgical expense.
3. Reasonable attorneys fees incurred in connection with a claim for Deductible Income.
4. Benefits from any individual disability insurance policy.
5. Early retirement benefits under the Federal Social Security Act which are not actually received.
6. Group credit or mortgage disability insurance benefits.
7. Accelerated death benefits paid under a life insurance policy.
8. Benefits from the following:
  - a. Profit sharing plan.
  - b. Thrift or savings plan.
  - c. Deferred compensation plan.

- d. Plan under IRC Section 401(k), 408(k), 408(p), or 457.
- e. Individual Retirement Account (IRA).
- f. Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA) under IRC Section 403(b).
- g. Stock ownership plan.
- h. Keogh (HR-10) plan.

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## **RULES FOR DEDUCTIBLE INCOME**

### **A. Rules Used To Determine Monthly Equivalents Of Deductible Income**

Each month we will determine your LTD Benefit using the Deductible Income for the same monthly period, even if you actually receive the Deductible Income in another month.

Deductible Income for each month will be calculated as follows:

1. With respect to disability and retirement benefits under your Employer's retirement plan or the Federal Social Security Act, or similar plan, act or law, which are Deductible Income during the Own Occupation Period, your LTD Benefit will be reduced by the following:
  - a. Determine the monthly amount of the Deductible Income and multiply that amount by 12.
  - b. Divide the amount in a. above by the annual number of your Regular Days Of Required Attendance.
  - c. Multiply the amount in b. above by the number of Regular Days Of Required Attendance applicable to that calendar month.
2. With respect to all other Deductible Income, your LTD Benefit will be reduced each month by the amount of the Deductible Income for that month.

If you are paid Deductible Income in a lump sum or by a method other than monthly, we will determine your LTD Benefit using a prorated amount. We will use the period of time to which the Deductible Income applies. If no period of time is stated, we will use a reasonable one.

### **B. Your Duty To Pursue Deductible Income**

You must pursue Deductible Income for which you may be eligible. We may ask for written documentation of your pursuit of Deductible Income. You must provide it within 60 days after we mail you our request. Otherwise, we may reduce your LTD Benefits by the amount we estimate you would be eligible to receive upon proper pursuit of the Deductible Income.

### **C. Pending Deductible Income**

We will not deduct pending Deductible Income until it becomes payable. You must notify us of the amount of the Deductible Income when it is approved. You must repay us for the resulting overpayment of your claim.

### **D. Overpayment Of Claim**

We will notify you of the amount of any overpayment of your claim under any group disability insurance policy issued by us. You must immediately repay us. You will not receive any LTD Benefits until we have been repaid in full. In the meantime, any LTD Benefits paid will be applied to reduce the amount of the overpayment. We may charge you interest at the legal rate for any overpayment which is not repaid within 30 days after we first mail you notice of the amount of the overpayment.

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## **SUBROGATION**

If LTD Benefits are paid or payable to you under the Group Policy as the result of any act or omission of a third party, we will be subrogated to all rights of recovery you may have in respect to such act or omission. You must execute and deliver to us such instruments and papers as may be required and do whatever else is needed to secure such rights. You must avoid doing anything that would prejudice our rights of subrogation.

If you notify us before filing suit or settling your claim against such third party, the amount to which we are subrogated will be reduced by a pro rata share of your costs of recovery, including reasonable attorney fees. If suit or action is filed, we may record a notice of payments of LTD Benefits, and such notice shall constitute a lien on any judgement recovered.

If you or your legal representative fail to bring suit or action promptly against such third party, we may institute such suit or action in our name or in your name. We are entitled to retain from any judgement recovered the amount of LTD Benefits paid or to be paid to you or on your behalf, together with our costs of recovery, including attorney fees. The remainder of such recovery, if any, shall be paid to you or as the court may direct.

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## **COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT BENEFIT**

### **A. Eligibility**

You are eligible for a COLA Benefit if, on each September 1, you have been Disabled for the preceding 12 calendar months and are receiving LTD Benefits.

### **B. COLA Benefit Rules**

1. Your LTD Benefits becoming payable after you are eligible for a COLA Benefit are increased (or decreased) by the COLA Factor in effect for the current year.
2. A new COLA Factor is determined each September 1.
3. Your first COLA Factor is equal to 1.00 plus the rate of increase (or minus the rate of decrease) in the CPI-U for the 12 month period ending on the May 31 of the current calendar year.
4. Each following COLA Factor is equal to 1.00 plus the rate of increase (or minus the rate of decrease) in the CPI-U for the 12 month period ending on the May 31 of the current calendar year, times the previous COLA Factor.

## **BENEFITS AFTER INSURANCE ENDS OR IS CHANGED**

During each period of continuous Disability, we will pay LTD Benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy in effect on the date you become Disabled. Your right to receive LTD Benefits will not be affected by:

1. Any amendment to the Group Policy that is effective after you become Disabled.
2. Termination of the Group Policy after you become Disabled.

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## **EFFECT OF NEW DISABILITY**

If a period of Disability is extended by a new cause while LTD Benefits are payable, LTD Benefits will continue while you remain Disabled. However, 1 and 2 apply.

1. LTD Benefits will not continue beyond the end of the original Maximum Benefit Period.

2. The **Disabilities Excluded From Coverage, Disabilities Subject To Limited Pay Periods, and Limitations** sections will apply to the new cause of Disability.

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## **DISABILITIES EXCLUDED FROM COVERAGE**

A. War

You are not covered for a Disability caused or contributed to by War or any act of War. War means declared or undeclared war, whether civil or international, and any substantial armed conflict between organized forces of a military nature.

B. Intentionally Self-Inflicted Injury

You are not covered for a Disability caused or contributed to by an intentionally self-inflicted Injury, while sane or insane.

C. Preexisting Condition

This Group Policy does not include a Preexisting Condition Exclusion.

D. Loss Of License Or Certification

You are not covered for a Disability caused or contributed to by the loss of your professional license, occupational license or certification.

E. Violent Or Criminal Conduct

You are not covered for a Disability caused or contributed to by your committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony, or actively participating in a violent disorder or riot. Actively participating does not include being at the scene of a violent disorder or riot while performing your official duties.

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## **LIMITATIONS**

A. Care Of A Physician

You must be under the ongoing care of a Physician in the appropriate specialty as determined by us during the Benefit Waiting Period. No LTD Benefits will be paid for any period of Disability when you are not under the ongoing care of a Physician in the appropriate specialty as determined by us.

B. Rehabilitation Program

No LTD Benefits will be paid for any period of Disability when you are not participating in good faith in a plan, program or course of medical treatment or vocational training or education approved by us unless your Disability prevents you from participating.

C. Foreign Residency

Payment of LTD Benefits is limited to 12 months for each period of continuous Disability while you reside outside of the United States or Canada.

D. Imprisonment

No LTD Benefits will be paid for any period of Disability when you are confined for any reason in a penal or correctional institution.

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## **CLAIMS**

### A. Filing A Claim

Claims should be filed on our forms. If we do not provide our forms within 15 days after they are requested, you may submit your claim in a letter to us. The letter should include the date disability began, and the cause and nature of the disability.

### B. Time Limits On Filing Proof Of Loss

You must give us Proof Of Loss within 90 days after the end of the Benefit Waiting Period. If you cannot do so, you must give it to us as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than one year after that 90-day period. If Proof Of Loss is filed outside these time limits, your claim will be denied. These limits will not apply while you lack legal capacity.

### C. Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss means written proof that you are Disabled and entitled to LTD Benefits. Proof Of Loss must be provided at your expense.

For claims of Disability due to conditions other than Mental Disorders, we may require proof of physical impairment that results from anatomical or physiological abnormalities which are demonstrable by medically acceptable clinical and laboratory diagnostic techniques.

### D. Documentation

Completed claims statements, a signed authorization for us to obtain information, and any other items we may reasonably require in support of a claim must be submitted at your expense. If the required documentation is not provided within 45 days after we mail our request, your claim may be denied.

### E. Investigation Of Claim

We may investigate your claim at any time.

At our expense, we may have you examined at reasonable intervals by specialists of our choice. We may deny or suspend LTD Benefits if you fail to attend an examination or cooperate with the examiner.

### F. Time Of Payment

We will pay LTD Benefits within 30 days after you satisfy Proof Of Loss.

LTD Benefits will be paid to you at the end of each month you qualify for them. LTD Benefits remaining unpaid at your death will be paid to the person(s) receiving the Survivors Benefit. If no Survivors Benefit is paid, the unpaid LTD Benefits will be paid to your estate.

### G. Notice Of Decision On Claim

We will evaluate your claim promptly after you file it. Within 45 days after we receive your claim we will send you: (a) a written decision on your claim; or (b) a notice that we are extending the period to decide your claim for 30 days. Before the end of this extension period we will send you: (a) a written decision on your claim; or (b) a notice that we are extending the period to decide your claim for an additional 30 days. If an extension is due to your failure to provide information necessary to decide the claim, the extended time period for deciding your claim will not begin until you provide the information or otherwise respond.

If we extend the period to decide your claim, we will notify you of the following: (a) the reasons for the extension; (b) when we expect to decide your claim; (c) an explanation of the standards on which entitlement to benefits is based; (d) the unresolved issues preventing a decision; and (e) any additional information we need to resolve those issues.

If we request additional information, you will have 45 days to provide the information. If you do not provide the requested information within 45 days, we may decide your claim based on the information we have received.

If we deny any part of your claim, you will receive a written notice of denial containing:

- a. The reasons for our decision.
- b. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.
- c. A description of any additional information needed to support your claim.
- d. Information concerning your right to a review of our decision.

#### H. Review Procedure

If all or part of a claim is denied, you may request a review. You must request a review in writing within 180 days after receiving notice of the denial.

You may send us written comments or other items to support your claim. You may review and receive copies of any non-privileged information that is relevant to your request for review. There will be no charge for such copies. You may request the names of medical or vocational experts who provided advice to us about your claim.

The person conducting the review will be someone other than the person who denied the claim and will not be subordinate to that person. The person conducting the review will not give deference to the initial denial decision. If the denial was based on a medical judgement, the person conducting the review will consult with a qualified health care professional. This health care professional will be someone other than the person who made the original medical judgement and will not be subordinate to that person. Our review will include any written comments or other items you submit to support your claim.

We will review your claim promptly after we receive your request. Within 45 days after we receive your request for review we will send you: (a) a written decision on review; or (b) a notice that we are extending the review period for 45 days. If the extension is due to your failure to provide information necessary to decide the claim on review, the extended time period for review of your claim will not begin until you provide the information or otherwise respond.

If we extend the review period, we will notify you of the following: (a) the reasons for the extension; (b) when we expect to decide your claim on review; and (c) any additional information we need to decide your claim.

If we request additional information, you will have 45 days to provide the information. If you do not provide the requested information within 45 days, we may conclude our review of your claim based on the information we have received.

If we deny any part of your claim on review, you will receive a written notice of denial containing:

- a. The reasons for our decision.
- b. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.
- c. Information concerning your right to receive, free of charge, copies of non-privileged documents and records relevant to your claim.

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### **ALLOCATION OF AUTHORITY**

Except for those functions which the Group Policy specifically reserves to the Policyholder or Employer, we have full and exclusive authority to control and manage the Group Policy, to administer claims, and to interpret the Group Policy and resolve all questions arising in the administration, interpretation, and application of the Group Policy.

Our authority includes, but is not limited to:

1. The right to resolve all matters when a review has been requested;
2. The right to establish and enforce rules and procedures for the administration of the Group Policy and any claim under it;
3. The right to determine:
  - a. Eligibility for insurance;
  - b. Entitlement to benefits;
  - c. The amount of benefits payable; and
  - d. The sufficiency and the amount of information we may reasonably require to determine a., b., or c., above.

Subject to the review procedures of the Group Policy, any decision we make in the exercise of our authority is conclusive and binding.

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### **TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS**

No action at law or in equity may be brought until 60 days after we have been given Proof Of Loss. No such action may be brought more than three years after the time within which Proof Of Loss is required to be given.

No action at law or in equity may be brought until 60 days after you have given us Proof Of Loss. No such action may be brought more than three years after the earlier of:

1. The date we receive Proof Of Loss; and
2. The time within which Proof Of Loss is required to be given.

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### **INCONTESTABILITY PROVISIONS**

#### **A. Incontestability Of Insurance**

Any statement made to obtain insurance or to increase insurance is a representation and not a warranty.

No misrepresentation will be used to reduce or deny a claim or contest the validity of insurance unless:

1. The insurance would not have been approved if we had known the truth; and
2. We have given you or any other person claiming benefits a copy of the signed written instrument which contains the misrepresentation.

After insurance has been in effect for two years during the lifetime of the insured, we will not use a misrepresentation to reduce or deny the claim, unless it was a fraudulent misrepresentation.

#### **B. Incontestability Of The Group Policy**

Any statement made by the Policyholder or Employer to obtain the Group Policy is a representation and not a warranty.

No misrepresentation by the Policyholder or your Employer will be used to deny a claim or to deny the validity of the Group Policy unless:

1. The Group Policy would not have been issued if we had known the truth; and



2. We have given the Policyholder or Employer a copy of a written instrument signed by the Policyholder or Employer which contains the misrepresentation.

The validity of the Group Policy will not be contested after it has been in force for two years, except for nonpayment of premiums or fraudulent misrepresentations.

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## **CLERICAL ERROR, AGENCY, AND MISSTATEMENT**

### A. Clerical Error

Clerical error by the Policyholder, your Employer, or their respective employees or representatives will not:

1. Cause a person to become insured.
2. Invalidate insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly in force.
3. Continue insurance under the Group Policy otherwise validly terminated.

### B. Agency

The Policyholder and your Employer act on their own behalf as your agent, and not as our agent. The Policyholder and your Employer have no authority to alter, expand or extend our liability or to waive, modify or compromise any defense or right we may have under the Group Policy.

### C. Misstatement Of Age

If a person's age has been misstated, we will make an equitable adjustment of premiums, benefits, or both. The adjustment will be based on:

1. The amount of insurance based on the correct age; and
2. The difference between the premiums paid and the premiums which would have been paid if the age had been correctly stated.

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## **TERMINATION OR AMENDMENT OF THE GROUP POLICY**

The Group Policy may be terminated by us or the Policyholder according to its terms. It will terminate automatically for nonpayment of premium. The Policyholder may terminate the Group Policy in whole, and may terminate insurance for any class or group of Members, at any time by giving us written notice.

Benefits under the Group Policy are limited to its terms, including any valid amendment. No change or amendment will be valid unless it is approved in writing by one of our executive officers and given to the Policyholder for attachment to the Group Policy. If the terms of the certificate differ from the Group Policy, the terms stated in the Group Policy will govern. The Policyholder, your Employer, and their respective employees or representatives have no right or authority to change or amend the Group Policy or to waive any of its terms or provisions without our signed written approval.

We may change the Group Policy in whole or in part when any change or clarification in law or governmental regulation affects our obligations under the Group Policy, or with the Policyholder's consent.

Any such change or amendment of the Group Policy may apply to current or future Members or to any separate classes or groups of Members.

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## DEFINITIONS

Benefit Waiting Period means the period you must be continuously Disabled before LTD Benefits become payable. No LTD Benefits are payable for the Benefit Waiting Period. See **Coverage Features**.

Contributory means insurance is elective and Members pay all or part of the premium for insurance.

CPI-U means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers published by the United States Department of Labor. If the CPI-U is discontinued or changed, we may use a comparable index. Where required, we will obtain prior state approval of the new index.

Employer means an employer (including approved affiliates and subsidiaries) for which coverage under the Group Policy is approved in writing by us.

Group Policy means the group LTD insurance policy issued by us to the Policyholder and identified by the Group Policy Number.

Indexed Annual Predisability Earnings means your Annual Predisability Earnings adjusted by the rate of increase in the CPI-U. During your first year of Disability, your Indexed Annual Predisability Earnings are the same as your Annual Predisability Earnings. Thereafter, your Indexed Annual Predisability Earnings are determined on each anniversary of your Disability by increasing the previous year's Indexed Annual Predisability Earnings by the rate of increase in the CPI-U for the prior calendar year. The maximum adjustment in any year is 10%. Your Indexed Annual Predisability Earnings will not decrease, even if the CPI-U decreases.

Indexed Daily Predisability Earnings means your Indexed Annual Predisability Earnings, divided by the number of your Regular Days of Required Attendance for the contract year in which you became Disabled.

Indexed Monthly Predisability Earnings means your Indexed Annual Predisability Earnings, divided by 12

Injury means an injury to the body.

LTD Benefit means the monthly benefit payable to you under the terms of the Group Policy.

Maximum Benefit Period means the longest period for which LTD Benefits are payable for any one period of continuous Disability, whether from one or more causes. It begins at the end of the Benefit Waiting Period. No LTD Benefits are payable after the end of the Maximum Benefit Period, even if you are still Disabled. See **Coverage Features**.

Noncontributory means (a) insurance is nonelective and the Policyholder or Employer pay the entire premium for insurance; or (b) the Policyholder or Employer require all eligible Members to have insurance and to pay all or part of the premium for insurance.

Physical Disease means a physical disease entity or process that produces structural or functional changes in the body as diagnosed by a Physician.

Physician means a licensed M.D. or D.O., acting within the scope of the license. Physician does not include you or your spouse, or the brother, sister, parent, or child of either you or your spouse.

Pregnancy means your pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including complications of pregnancy.

Prior Plan means your Employer's group long term disability insurance plan in effect on the day before the effective date of your Employer's participation under the Group Policy and which is replaced by coverage under the Group Policy.

Regular Days Of Required Attendance means any day(s) you are required to be Actively At Work based on the calendar dates of the school calendar, including paid holidays, and your employment contract in effect on the date you become Disabled. The calendar dates in a subsequent contract year may not fall on the same days of the week as the school calendar in effect on your date of Disability. The number of Regular Days Of Required Attendance will not change after your date of Disability.

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## POLICYHOLDER PROVISIONS

### A. Premiums

The premium due on each Premium Due Date is the sum of the premiums for all persons then insured. Premium Rates are shown in **Coverage Features**.

### B. Contributions From Members

The Policyholder determines the amount, if any, of each Member's contribution toward the cost of insurance.

### C. Changes In Premium Rates

We may change Premium Rates whenever:

1. A change or clarification in law or governmental regulation affects the amount payable under the Group Policy. Any such change in Premium Rates will reflect only the change in our obligations.
2. Factors material to underwriting the risk we assumed under the Group Policy with respect to an Employer, including, but not limited to, number of persons insured, age, Annual Predisability Earnings, gender, and occupational classification, changes by 25% or more.
3. The premium contribution arrangement for Members is changed or varies from that stated in the Group Policy when issued or last renewed.
4. We and the Policyholder or the Employer mutually agree to change Premium Rates.

Except as provided above, Premium Rates will not be changed during the Initial Rate Guarantee Period shown in **Coverage Features**. Thereafter, except as provided above, we may change Premium Rates upon 180 days advance written notice to the Policyholder. Any such change in Premium Rates may be made effective on any Premium Due Date, but no such change will be made more than once in any contract year. Contract years are successive 12 month periods computed from the end of the Initial Rate Guarantee Period.

### D. Payment Of Premiums

All premiums are due on the Premium Due Dates shown in **Coverage Features**.

Each premium is payable on or before its Premium Due Date directly to us at our home office. The payment of each premium by the Policyholder as it becomes due will maintain the Group Policy in force until the next Premium Due Date.

### E. Grace Period And Termination For Nonpayment

If a premium is not paid on or before its Premium Due Date, it may be paid during the following Grace Period of 60 days. The Group Policy or an Employer's coverage under the Group Policy will remain in force during the Grace Period.

If the premium is not paid during the Grace Period, the Group Policy will terminate automatically at the end of the Grace Period.

The Policyholder is liable for premium for coverage during the Grace Period. We may charge interest at the legal rate for any premium which is not paid during the Grace Period, beginning with the first day after the Grace Period.

#### F. Termination For Other Reasons

The Policyholder may terminate the Group Policy by giving us written notice. The effective date of termination will be the later of:

1. The date stated in the notice; and
2. The date we receive the notice.

We may terminate the Group Policy as follows:

1. On any Premium Due Date if the number of persons insured is less than the Minimum Participation shown in **Coverage Features**.
2. On any Premium Due Date if we determine that the Policyholder has failed to promptly furnish any necessary information requested by us, or has failed to perform any other obligations relating to the Group Policy.

The minimum advance notice of termination by us is 60 days.

#### G. Premium Adjustments

Premium adjustments involving a return of unearned premiums to the Policyholder will be limited to the 12 months just before the date we receive a request for premium adjustment.

#### H. Certificates

We will issue certificates to the Policyholder showing the coverage under the Group Policy. The Policyholder will distribute a certificate to each insured Member. If the terms of the certificate differ from the Group Policy, the terms stated in the Group Policy will govern.

#### I. Records And Reports

The Policyholder will furnish on our forms all information reasonably necessary to administer the Group Policy. We have the right at all reasonable times to inspect the payroll and other records of the Policyholder which relate to insurance under the Group Policy.

#### J. Agency And Release

Individuals selected by the Policyholder or by any Employer to secure coverage under the Group Policy or to perform their administrative function under it, represent and act on behalf of the person selecting them, and do not represent or act on behalf of Standard. The Policyholder, Employer and such individuals have no authority to alter, expand or extend our liability or to waive, modify or compromise any defense or right we may have under the Group Policy. The Policyholder and each Employer hereby release, hold harmless and indemnify Standard from any liability arising from or related to any negligence, error, omission, misrepresentation or dishonesty of any of them or their representatives, agents or employees.

#### K. Notice Of Suit

The Policyholder or Employer shall promptly give us written notice of any lawsuit or other legal proceedings arising under the Group Policy.

#### L. Entire Contract, Changes

The Group Policy and the applications of the Policyholder constitute the entire contract between the parties. A copy of the Policyholder's application is attached to the Group Policy when issued.

The Group Policy may be changed in whole or in part. No change in the Group Policy will be valid unless it is approved in writing by one of our executive officers and given to the Policyholder for attachment to the Group Policy. No agent has authority to change the Group Policy, or to waive any of their provisions.

**M. Effect On Workers' Compensation, State Disability Insurance**

The coverage provided under the Group Policy is not a substitute for coverage under a workers' compensation or state disability income benefit law and does not relieve the Employer of any obligation to provide such coverage.

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