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# GROUP CANCER AND SPECIFIED DISEASE INSURANCE POLICY NON-PARTICIPATING

American Heritage Life Insurance Company (referred to as we, us, or our) will provide benefits under this policy. We make this promise subject to all of the provisions of this policy.

The policyholder should read this policy carefully and contact us promptly with any questions. This policy is delivered in and is governed by the laws of the governing jurisdiction, and to the extent applicable, by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), and consists of:

- 1. all policy provisions and any amendments and/or attachments issued; and
- 2. the policyholder's signed application.

This policy may be changed in whole or in part. The approval must be in writing, signed by one of our executive officers and endorsed on or attached to this policy. No other person, including an agent, may change this policy or waive any part of it.

Signed for American Heritage Life Insurance Company at its Home Office in Jacksonville, Florida on the policy effective date.

Secretary

President

THIS IS LIMITED BENEFIT CANCER AND SPECIFIED DISEASE COVERAGE
WHICH ONLY PROVIDES BENEFITS FOR CANCER
AND SPECIFIED DISEASES AS DEFINED AND
OTHER OPTIONAL BENEFITS
DESCRIBED HEREIN

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## CANCER AND SPECIFIED DISEASE POLICY SPECIFICATIONS

POLICYHOLDER: STEPHENS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

POLICY NUMBER: 67521

POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2023

POLICY ANNIVERSARY DATE: July 1, 2024 and the first day of July each calendar year thereafter.

GOVERNING JURISDICTION: The state of Georgia and subject to the laws of that jurisdiction.

**ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES):** All full-time active employees working at least 20 hours per week.

**ELIGIBILITY WAITING PERIOD:** 1st of the month following 30 days of employment.

**BENEFITS:** See page 3A

**OPTIONAL BENEFIT(S):** Cancer Initial Diagnosis: \$2,000.00

Intensive Care:

Hospital Intensive Care Unit Confinement: \$600.00/day

Step-Down Hospital Intensive Care Unit Confinement: \$300.00/day

Ambulance: Actual Charges

Wellness: \$50.00/year

INITIAL RATE: Monthly rate of \$21.48 per employee for Individual Coverage; or

\$33.52 per employee for Individual and Spouse Coverage; or \$30.65 per employee for Individual and Child(ren) Coverage; or

\$42.68 per employee for Family Coverage

RATE GUARANTEE DATE: 07/01/2025

**PREMIUM DUE:** 07/01/2023 and the first day of each calendar month thereafter. The policyholder must

send all premiums on or before the premium due date to us. The premium must be paid

in United States dollars.

Premium payments are required while the employee or member is receiving benefits

except as provided in the Waiver of Premium benefit.

**COST OF COVERAGE:** The employee pays the cost of coverage.

## **DIVISIONS, SUBSIDIARIES OR AFFILIATED COMPANIES**

These are the policyholder's divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliates listed below. The policyholder may act for and on behalf of any and all of these in all matters that pertain to this policy. Every act done by, agreement made with, or notice given to the policyholder will be binding on them.

Name Location (City And State)

None

# **CANCER AND SPECIFIED DISEASE POLICY - GVCP3GA**

SEE BENEFITS SECTION OF POLICY FOR DETAILS OF BENEFITS

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	BENEFITS	AMOUNT		
A.	CONTINUOUS HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT	\$200.00/DAY		
B.	GOVERNMENT/CHARITY HOSPITAL	\$200.00/DAY		
C.	PRIVATE DUTY NURSING SERVICES	\$200.00/DAY		
D.	EXTENDED CARE FACILITY	\$200.00/DAY		
E.	AT HOME NURSING	\$200.00/DAY		
F.	HOSPICE CARE  1. FREESTANDING HOSPICE CARE CENTER 2. HOSPICE CARE TEAM	\$200.00/DAY \$200.00/VISIT		
G.	RADIATION/CHEMOTHERAPY FOR CANCER	UP TO \$10,000.00/12 MONTHS		
H.	BLOOD, PLASMA AND PLATELETS	UP TO \$10,000.00/12 MONTHS		
I.	HEMATOLOGICAL DRUGS	UP TO \$200.00/YEAR		
J.	MEDICAL IMAGING	UP TO \$500.00/YEAR		
K.	SURGERY	UP TO \$1,500.00 PER UNIT OF COVERAGE SEE SCHEDULE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES 1 UNIT OF COVERAGE		
L. /	ANESTHESIA	25% OF SURGERY BENEFIT		
M.	BONE MARROW OR STEM CELL TRANSPLANT  1. AUTOLOGOUS TRANSPLANT  2. NON-AUTOLOGOUS TRANSPLANT  3. NON-AUTOLOGOUS TRANSPLANT FOR THE	\$500.00/YEAR \$1,250.00/YEAR		
	TREATMENT OF LEUKEMIA	\$2,500.00/YEAR		
N.	AMBULATORY SURGICAL CENTER	\$250.00/DAY		
Ο.	SECOND OPINION	\$200.00		
P.	INPATIENT DRUGS AND MEDICINE	\$25.00/DAY		
Q.	PHYSICIAN'S ATTENDANCE	\$50.00/DAY		
R.	AMBULANCE	\$100.00/CONFINEMENT		
S.	NON-LOCAL TRANSPORTATION	COACH FARE OR \$0.40/MILE		
T.	OUTPATIENT LODGING	\$50.00/DAY \$2,000.00/12 MONTHS		
U.	FAMILY MEMBER LODGING AND TRANSPORTATION	\$50.00/DAY COACH FARE OR \$0.40/MILE		
V.	PHYSICAL OR SPEECH THERAPY	\$50.00/DAY		
W.	NEW OR EXPERIMENTAL TREATMENT	UP TO \$5,000.00/12 MONTHS		
X.		PROSTHESIS UP TO \$2,000.00/AMPUTATION		
Y.	HAIR PROSTHESIS	\$25.00/2 YEARS		
Z.	NONSURGICAL EXTERNAL BREAST PROSTHESIS	\$50.00/INITIAL PROSTHESIS		
AΑ	. ANTI-NAUSEA	\$200.00/YEAR		
BB	. WAIVER OF PREMIUM	AFTER 90 DAYS		
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## POLICYHOLDER PROVISIONS

## **RATE GUARANTEE**

A change in premium rate will not take effect before the Rate Guarantee Date shown on page 3 except for reasons which affect the risk assumed, including those reasons shown below:

- 1. a change occurs in this plan design; or
- 2. a division, subsidiary, or affiliated company is added or deleted; or
- the number of insureds changes by 25% or more; or
- 4. a new law or a change in any existing law is enacted which applies to this plan; or
- less than 25% of those eligible for coverage are participating.

We will notify the policyholder in writing at least 60 days before a premium rate is changed. A change may take effect on an earlier date when both we and the policyholder agree in writing.

# PREMIUM INCREASES OR DECREASES

Premium increases or decreases may take effect any time subject to the Rate Guarantee provision. If they take effect during a policy month, they are adjusted and due on the next premium due date following the change. Changes will not be pro-rated daily.

If premiums are paid on other than a monthly basis, premiums for increases and decreases will result in a monthly pro-rated adjustment on the next premium due date.

## INFORMATION REQUIRED FROM THE POLICYHOLDER

The policyholder must provide us with the following on a regular basis:

- 1. information about employees or members:
  - a. who are eligible to become insured; and
  - b. whose coverage changes; and
  - c. whose coverage ends; and
- any information that may be required to manage a claim; and
- 3. any other information that may be reasonably required.

Policyholder records that have a bearing, in our opinion, on this policy will be available for review by us at any reasonable time.

## **CANCELING POLICY**

This policy can be canceled:

- 1. by us; or
- by the policyholder.

We may cancel or offer to modify this policy, with at least 60 days written notice to the policyholder, if:

- 1. less than 25% of those eligible for coverage are participating; or
- 2. this policy has been in effect more than 12 months; or
- 3. the policyholder does not promptly provide us with information that is reasonably required; or
- 4. the policyholder fails to perform any of its obligations that relate to this policy; or
- 5. fewer than 5 employees or members are insured; or
- the policyholder fails to pay any premium within the 31 day grace period.

If the premium is not paid during the grace period, this policy will terminate automatically at the end of the grace period. The policyholder is liable for the premium for coverage during the grace period. The policyholder must pay us all premiums due for the full period this policy is in force.

The policyholder may cancel this policy by written notice delivered to us at least 31 days prior to the cancellation date. When both the policyholder and we agree, this policy can be canceled on an earlier date. If canceled, coverage will end at 12:00 midnight on the last day of coverage.

If this policy is canceled, the cancellation will not affect a payable claim incurred prior to cancellation.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## **ELIGIBILITY OF DEPENDENTS**

Eligible dependents are:

- 1. the employee's or member's legal spouse or domestic partner; and
- 2. unmarried children of the employee or member including adopted children from the moment of placement in the residence, stepchildren, children of a domestic partner or legal ward who are under 22 years old, or under 26 years old and full-time students at an educational institution of higher learning beyond high school. The employee's or member's children must be dependent on the employee or member for support or reside with the employee or member over 50% of the time in a regular parent-child relationship and be named on the enrollment or evidence of insurability form.

After the effective date, any person (except newborns) who becomes an eligible dependent can be added to this policy if we are notified within 31 days after they become eligible.

If the insured employee or member has Individual Coverage or Individual and Child(ren) Coverage, then marries and desires coverage for his or her spouse, we must be notified within 31 days of the marriage. We will change the coverage to Individual and Spouse Coverage or Family Coverage and provide notification of the additional premium due. If we are not notified within 31 days of the marriage, then evidence of insurability will be required for the spouse.

If the insured employee or member has Individual Coverage or Individual and Child(ren) Coverage, then establishes a domestic partnership and desires coverage for his or her domestic partner, we must be notified within 31 days of the date the domestic partnership was formed. We will change the coverage to Individual and Spouse Coverage or Family Coverage and provide notification of the additional premium due. If we are not notified within 31 days of the date a domestic partnership was formed, then evidence of insurability will be required.

A child born to the insured employee or member or spouse or domestic partner, while Individual and Child(ren) Coverage or Family Coverage is in force, will be eligible for coverage. This coverage begins at the moment of birth of such child and benefits will be the same as provided for any other person covered under this policy. No additional premium will be required for newborns added if Individual and Child(ren) Coverage or Family Coverage is in force at the time the newborn is added.

If the insured employee or member has Individual Coverage or Individual and Spouse Coverage, newborn children are automatically covered from the moment of birth for a period of 31 days. If the insured employee or member desires uninterrupted coverage for a newborn child, the insured employee or member must notify us within 31 days of that child's birth. Upon notification, we will convert the insured employee's or member's Individual Coverage to Individual and Child(ren) Coverage or Individual and Spouse Coverage to Family Coverage and provide notification of additional premium due. If the insured employee or member does not notify us within 31 days of the birth of the child, the temporary automatic coverage ends.

An adopted child or child pending adoption will be covered as follows, as long as Individual and Child(ren) Coverage or Family Coverage is in force:

- 1. Coverage is retroactive from the moment of birth for a child with respect to whom a decree of adoption by the insured employee or member has been entered within 31 days after the date of birth.
- 2. If adoption proceedings have been instituted by the insured employee or member within 31 days after the date of birth and the insured employee or member has temporary custody, coverage is provided from the moment of birth.
- For children other than newborns, if adoption proceedings have been completed, and a decree of adoption was entered within 1
  year from the institution of the proceedings, coverage will begin upon temporary custody for 1 year, unless extended by the order
  of the court by reasons of the special needs of the child.

Coverage must be provided as long as the insured employee or member has custody of the child pursuant to decree of the court and required premiums are paid.

### **ELIGIBILITY DATE**

If the employee is working for the employer in an eligible class or if a person is a member of the policyholder's union or association, the date such employee or member is eligible for coverage is the later of:

- 1. this policy's effective date; or
- 2. the date such person becomes a member of the eligible class and completes any applicable eligibility waiting period.

## WHEN AN ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER CAN ENROLL, CHANGE OR DISCONTINUE COVERAGE

- 1. The employee or member may apply for coverage during:
  - a. his or her initial enrollment period; or
  - b. at any other time, subject to evidence of insurability.
- The employee or member may increase coverage at any time, subject to evidence of insurability.
- 3. The employee or member may discontinue coverage at any time.

## WHEN EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY IS REQUIRED

Evidence of insurability is required if:

- 1. the employee or member:
  - a. voluntarily canceled coverage and is reapplying; or
  - b. is applying for the coverage, or an increase in the amount of coverage, at any time after his or her initial enrollment period.
- 2. an eligible dependent did not enroll within 31 days of eligibility.

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE**

Coverage for each eligible employee or member is effective at 12:01 a.m. on the effective date shown on the certificate of insurance issued to that person.

For any change in an insured employee's or member's coverage that is subject to evidence of insurability, the change in coverage is effective on the date we approve such change.

For any change in coverage that is not subject to evidence of insurability, the change in coverage is effective on the date we receive such request for change.

# WHEN AN EMPLOYEE IS ABSENT FROM WORK OR A MEMBER IS NOT ENGAGED IN ACTIVE EMPLOYMENT ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF COVERAGE

If an employee or member is absent from work due to disability, injury, sickness, temporary layoff, leave of absence or Family and Medical Leave of Absence, coverage for that person begins on the date they meet the definition of active employment. This applies to such person's initial coverage, as well as any increase or addition to coverage that occurs after such person's initial coverage is effective.

## **CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE**

We will issue certificates of insurance for each insured employee or member. The certificate will provide a description of the insurance provided by this policy and will state:

- the benefits provided; and
- 2. to whom benefits are payable; and
- the limitations, exclusions and requirements that apply to coverage under this policy.

If there is any discrepancy between the provisions of any certificate and the provisions of this policy, the provisions of this policy govern.

## **TERMINATION OF COVERAGE**

The insured employee's or member's coverage under the certificate ends on the earliest of:

- 1. the date this policy is canceled; or
- the last day of the period for which such employee made any required premium payments; or
- 3. the last day such insured employee or member is in active employment or membership, except as provided under the "Temporary Layoff, Leave of Absence or Family and Medical Leave of Absence" provision; or
- the date such insured employee or member is no longer in an eligible class; or
- 5. the date such insured employee's or member's class is no longer eligible.

We will provide coverage for a payable claim incurred while the insured employee or member is covered under this policy.

If the insured employee's or member's spouse is a covered person, the spouse's coverage ends upon valid decree of divorce or death of the insured employee or member.

If the insured employee's or member's domestic partner is a covered person, the domestic partner's coverage ends upon termination of the domestic partnership or death of the insured employee or member.

Coverage for a dependent child ends on the certificate anniversary next following the date the child is no longer eligible. This is the earlier of: (a) when the child marries; or (b) reaches age 22 (26 if a full-time student attending an educational institution of higher learning beyond high school); or (c) otherwise does not meet the requirements of an eligible dependent. Coverage does not terminate on an unmarried child who:

- 1. is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical incapacity; and
- 2. became so incapacitated prior to the attainment of the limiting age of eligibility under this policy; and
- 3. is chiefly dependent upon the insured employee or member for support and maintenance.

The child's coverage continues as long as the insured employee's or member's coverage remains in force and the child remains in such condition. Proof of the incapacity and dependency of the child must be furnished within 60 days of the child's attainment of the limiting age of eligibility. Thereafter, such proof must be furnished as frequently as may be required, but no more frequently than annually after the child's attainment of the limiting age for eligibility.

If we accept a premium for coverage extending beyond the date, age or event specified for termination as to a covered person, such premium will be refunded, coverage will terminate and claims will not be paid. There may be no refund due if the insured employee or member has Individual and Child(ren) Coverage or Family Coverage and there are other eligible dependents covered under this policy.

### **AGENCY**

For purposes of this policy, this policyholder acts on its own behalf or as the employee's or member's agent. Under no circumstances will the policyholder be deemed our agent.

## TEMPORARY LAYOFF, LEAVE OF ABSENCE OR FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE

If an insured employee or member ceases active employment or terminates membership because of a temporary layoff or leave of absence while coverage is in force, we will continue the insured employee's or member's coverage in accordance with the personnel practices of the policyholder, if premium payments continue and the policyholder approved the leave in writing. Coverage will be continued for 3 months following the date the insured employee or member ceases active employment or membership.

If the insured employee's or member's coverage ends while on a Family and Medical Leave of Absence, his or her coverage will be reinstated when he or she returns to active status.

We will not:

- 1. apply a new pre-existing conditions limitation; or
- 2. require evidence of insurability.

### **ENTIRE CONTRACT**

The contract consists of the following items:

- 1. the group policy; and
- 2. any amendments and endorsements; and
- the applications and other written statements of the policyholder; and
- any individual applications, enrollments, evidence of insurability or other statements of the insured employee.

Any statements made by the policyholder or by a covered person, in the absence of fraud, are representations and not warranties. Only written statements signed by the policyholder or a covered person will be used in defense of a claim. A copy of any written statement, if applicable, will be furnished to the policyholder or the covered person or his or her personal representative, if any, if such written statement will be used in defense of a claim.

#### INCONTESTABILITY

After 2 years from the effective date of this policy, no misstatement of the policyholder, made in any applications, can be used to void this policy. After 2 years from the effective date of coverage, no misstatement of a covered person, made in writing, can be used to void coverage or deny a claim.

## DISCRETIONARY AUTHORITY, IF GOVERNED BY ERISA

The following applies only when the administration of this policy is governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1001 et seq.:

We have the discretion and authority to construe disputed or seemingly inconsistent provisions of this policy and to make all decisions regarding eligibility and/or entitlement to coverage or benefits. Whenever we make reasonable determinations which are not arbitrary or capricious in the administration of this policy, such determinations shall be final and conclusive.

#### **LEGAL ACTION**

No action at law or in equity may be brought to recover under this policy:

- prior to the expiration of 60 days after written proof of loss has been furnished in accordance with the requirements of this policy;
   or
- after the expiration of 3 years from the time written proof of loss is required to have been furnished.

## **CLERICAL ERROR**

Clerical error on the part of the policyholder or us will not invalidate insurance otherwise in force nor continue insurance otherwise terminated. Upon discovery of any error, an adjustment will be made in the premiums and/or benefits available. Complete proof must be supplied by the policyholder documenting any clerical errors.

## **UNPAID PREMIUM**

Upon the payment of a claim under this policy, any unpaid premium may be deducted.

## EFFECT OF PRIOR COVERAGE ON LOSSES FOR PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

We may pay benefits if an insured employee's or member's claim results from a pre-existing condition if he or she was:

- 1. in active employment and insured under this plan on its effective date; and
- insured by the prior group policy when it terminated.

The coverage that was provided under the prior group policy must be substantially similar to this plan and have been in effect within 60 days of this plan's effective date in order for this provision to apply.

In order to receive benefits the insured employee or member must satisfy the pre-existing condition provision under:

- a. the American Heritage Life plan; or
- b. the prior carrier's plan, if benefits would have been paid had that policy remained in force.

If item a. or b. above is not satisfied, we will not pay any benefits resulting from a pre-existing condition.

If item a. is satisfied, we will determine our payment according to our policy provisions.

# IF AN INSURED EMPLOYEE OR MEMBER HAS A LOSS DUE TO A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION AND CHANGES FROM INDIVIDUAL INSURANCE THROUGH AMERICAN HERITAGE LIFE TO GROUP INSURANCE THROUGH AMERICAN HERITAGE LIFE

We may pay benefits if an insured employee's or member's loss results from a pre-existing condition if the insured employee or member was:

- 1. in active employment and insured under this plan on its effective date; and
- 2. insured by the prior individual insurance policy with American Heritage Life when it terminated.

The coverage that was provided under the prior individual policy must be substantially similar to this plan and have been in effect within 60 days of this plan's effective date in order for this provision to apply.

In order to receive benefits, the insured employee or member must satisfy the pre-existing condition provision under:

- a. the American Heritage Life plan; or
- b. the prior individual insurance policy through American Heritage Life, if benefits would have been paid had the policy remained in force.

If item a. or b. above is not satisfied, we will not pay any benefits resulting from a pre-existing condition.

If item a. or b. is satisfied, we will determine our payments according to our policy provisions.

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# **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE (COBRA)**

(APPLIES TO GROUPS WITH 20 OR MORE EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS)

This section provides for continuation as mandated by federal law for all benefits. It applies if a covered person's insurance would otherwise end due to one of the following events, called a qualifying event.

- Termination of employment (other than by reason of gross misconduct), or of an insured employee's or member's eligibility due to reduction in his or her hours. Insurance may be continued for any covered person, except for domestic partners and their covered dependents.
- The death of an insured employee or member. Insurance may be continued for any covered person, except for domestic partners and their covered dependents.
- 3. Divorce or legal separation. Insurance may be continued for a covered spouse whose insurance would otherwise end. However, COBRA does not extend continuation of coverage to domestic partners and their dependents).
- 4. The insured employee or member becoming eligible for Medicare. Insurance may be continued for any covered dependents who are not entitled to Medicare, except for domestic partners and their covered dependents.
- 5. A child ceasing to be an eligible dependent as defined in this policy. Insurance may be continued for that child.
- 6. The policyholder files a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy petition. Insurance may be continued for any insured retiree and his or her covered dependents. But this only applies if the insurance ends or is substantially reduced within 1 year before or after the filing for bankruptcy.

To choose this continuation of insurance, a person must be insured under this policy on the day before the qualifying event. In the case of bankruptcy, the person must also be: (a) an employee or member who retired on or before the date insurance ends or is substantially reduced; or (b) a dependent of the retiree on the day before the bankruptcy.

A person will not be denied continuation solely because he or she is covered under another group cancer and specified disease policy or eligible for Medicare on the date the qualifying event occurs.

## **COVERAGE CONTINUED**

The insurance being continued is subject to all terms and provisions of this policy that do not conflict with this section. The insurance will be the same as that provided under this policy for other persons in the same insurance class in which such person would have been if the qualifying event had not occurred. The continued insurance will be subject to any changes to this policy affecting the benefits of such class following the qualifying event.

## **NOTIFICATION AND PAYMENT REQUIREMENTS**

The insured employee or member or other qualifying dependents have the responsibility to inform the policyholder of: (a) divorce; (b) legal separation; or (c) a child losing eligibility under this policy. This notice must be made within 60 days of the qualifying event. Failure to provide this notification within 60 days will result in the loss of the right to continue the insurance.

The policyholder has the responsibility of notifying the plan administrator of: (a) an insured employee's or member's death, termination of employment, or reduction in hours; or (b) the policyholder's bankruptcy. This notice must be made within 30 days of the qualifying event.

The plan administrator will notify the qualifying person of the right to continue within 14 days of the notice described above. The person will then have 60 days to elect to continue his or her insurance. Failure to elect to continue insurance within 60 days after a person is notified by the plan administrator will result in loss of the right to continue such insurance.

The qualifying person will be required to pay a premium for the continued insurance to the policyholder. He or she will have 45 days from the date of election to pay the initial premium due. All further premiums will be due on a monthly basis with a 31 day grace period.

# CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE (COBRA) – (Continued)

(APPLIES TO GROUPS WITH 20 OR MORE EMPLOYEES OR MEMBERS)

### **TERMINATION**

Insurance being continued will terminate on the first of the following dates that apply:

- The date this policy terminates or is amended to terminate the type of insurance being continued.
- 2. The end of the last period for which premiums for such coverage has been made. This applies if any required premium is not made to the policyholder within 31 days of the due date.
- 3. The date the person becomes covered under any other group cancer policy, whether as an insured or otherwise. (This will not apply if such other policy contains any exclusion or limitation with respect to any pre-existing condition the person may have.)
- 4. The date the person becomes entitled to benefits under Medicare. (This will not apply if the qualifying event involves retired employees or members of policyholders under Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and his or her dependents.)
- 5. The date ending 18 months from the date of the qualifying event for persons who qualify due to termination of employment or reduction in hours worked. However, if a second qualifying event occurs within this 18 month period, the period of coverage for any affected dependent may be extended up to 36 months from the date of the first qualifying event. For all other qualifying events, insurance will terminate on the date ending 36 months from the date of the qualifying event, except as provided below:
  - a. If a person is totally disabled for Social Security purposes any time during the first 60 days of continuation coverage, the 18 month period may be extended to 29 months. In order for this additional 11 months of insurance to be effective, the covered person must provide the policyholder or plan administrator with a copy of the notice of the determination. The notice must be provided:
    - 1. within 60 days of the Social Security determination of total disability; and
    - 2. within the initial 18 months of continuation coverage.
  - b. If an insured employee or member has a qualifying event (termination or reduction in hours worked) and he or she had become entitled to Medicare before the date of this qualifying event, then any other qualified beneficiary (the spouse and/or children) will be entitled to a period of continuation that is the greater of:
    - 1. 36 months from the date the insured employee or member first became entitled to Medicare; or
    - 18 months from the insured employee's or member's termination or reduction in hours.
  - c. For a qualifying event involving retired employees or members of policyholders under Chapter 11 Bankruptcy and his or her dependents, the maximum period of continuation coverage is:
    - 1. the lifetime of the retiree; or
    - the lifetime of the surviving spouse of a retiree who dies before the bankruptcy; or
    - 36 months after the date of death of the retiree, when such date is after the bankruptcy.
- 6. With respect to a person entitled to a 29 month period of continuation coverage due to disability of a qualified beneficiary, the date of a final determination under Title II or XVI of the Social Security Act that the qualified beneficiary is no longer disabled. However, insurance will not terminate until the last day of the month that next follows the completion of a 30 day period beginning on the date of such final determination.

## PORTABILITY PRIVILEGE

We will provide portability coverage, subject to these provisions.

Such coverage will not be available for a covered person, unless:

- 1. coverage under this policy terminates under the General Provision entitled "Termination of Coverage"; and
- 2. we receive a written request and payment of the first premiums for the portability coverage not later than 30 days after such termination; and
- 3. a request is made for that purpose.

No portability coverage will be provided for any person, if his or her insurance under this policy terminated due to his or her failure to make required premium payments.

## **PORTABILITY COVERAGE**

The benefits, terms and conditions of the portability coverage will be the same as those provided under this policy when the insurance terminated. Portability coverage may include any eligible dependents who were covered under this policy. Any change made to this policy after a person is insured under the portability privilege will not apply to that covered person unless it is required by law.

Portability coverage will be effective on the day after insurance under this policy terminates.

## **PORTABILITY PREMIUMS**

Premiums for portability coverage are due and payable in advance to us at our home office. Premium due dates are the first day of each calendar month. The portability premium rate is the rate in effect under this policy for active employees who have the same coverage. The premium rate for portability coverage may change for the class of covered persons on portability on any premium due date. Written notice will be given at least 60 days before the change is to take effect.

## **GRACE PERIOD**

The grace period, as defined in this policy, will apply to each certificate holder of portability coverage as if such covered person is the policyholder.

## **TERMINATION OF INSURANCE**

Insurance under this portability privilege will automatically end on the earliest of the following dates:

- 1. the date the person again becomes eligible for insurance under this policy; or
- the last day for which premiums have been paid, if the covered person fails to pay premiums when due, subject to the grace period; or
- 3. with respect to insurance for dependents:
  - a. the date the employee's or member's insurance terminates; or
  - the date the dependent ceases to be an eligible dependent, as defined.

A dependent child whose portability coverage terminates when he or she reaches the age limit may apply for portability coverage in his or her own name, if he or she is otherwise eligible.

## **TERMINATION OF THE POLICY**

If this policy terminates, insured employees or members and their covered dependents will be eligible to exercise the portability privilege on the termination date of this policy. Portability coverage may continue beyond the termination date of this policy, subject to the timely payment of premiums. Benefits for portability coverage will be determined as if the policy had remained in full force and effect.

## LIMITATIONS / EXCEPTIONS

## 1. PRE-EXISTING CONDITION LIMITATION

We do not pay for any benefit due to, or caused by, a pre-existing condition, as defined, during the 12 month period beginning on the date that person became a covered person.

## 2. OTHER LIMITATIONS AND EXCEPTIONS

We do not pay for any loss except for losses due directly from cancer or a specified disease. We do not pay for any other conditions or diseases caused or aggravated by cancer or a specified disease. Diagnosis must be submitted to support each claim.

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## BENEFIT INFORMATION

## **PAYMENT OF BENEFITS**

If cancer or a specified disease is diagnosed on or after the covered person's effective date, we pay according to the benefits provisions in this policy, subject to the Limitations/Exceptions provision and all other provisions contained in this policy.

If diagnosis is made while the covered person is hospital confined, benefits begin retroactively to the day of admission or 10 days prior to the date of diagnosis if this is more favorable.

If positive diagnosis is made within 12 months after a tentative diagnosis, benefits are paid from the date of tentative diagnosis if the tentative diagnosis is made on or after the effective date, subject to the Pre-existing Condition Limitation provision.

If a covered person dies while an inpatient in a hospital and cancer or a specified disease is not diagnosed until after the covered person's death, benefits will begin retroactively to the day of admission, up to a maximum of 30 days prior to death.

### **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

We pay the following benefits for the necessary services and products for a covered cancer or a specified disease. Treatment must be received in the United States or its territories.

For those benefits for which we pay actual charges up to a specified maximum amount, benefits K., W. and X., if specific charges are not obtainable as proof of loss, we will pay 50% of the applicable maximum for the benefits payable.

No benefits are payable for the treatment of cancer or a specified disease except those expressly stated in this Schedule of Benefits.

- **A.** Continuous Hospital Confinement. If a covered person is admitted to and confined as an inpatient in a hospital, we pay the amount shown on page 3A per day for each day.
- **B.** Government or Charity Hospital. In lieu of all other benefits in this policy (except the Waiver of Premium benefit), we pay the amount shown on page 3A per day for each day a covered person is confined to: (1) a hospital operated by or for the U.S. Government (including the Veteran's Administration); or (2) a hospital that does not charge for the services it provides (charity).
- **C. Private Duty Nursing Services.** While a covered person is an inpatient receiving treatment, we pay the amount shown on page 3A per day if such covered person requires the full-time services of a private nurse. Full-time means at least 8 hours of attendance during a 24 hour period. These services must be required and authorized by the attending physician and must be provided by a nurse.
- **D. Extended Care Facility.** We pay the amount shown on page 3A per day for each day a covered person is confined in an extended care facility. Confinement in the extended care facility must be at the direction of the attending physician and must begin within 14 days after a covered hospital confinement. This benefit is limited to the number of days of the previous continuous hospital confinement.
- **E.** At Home Nursing. While a covered person is receiving treatment, we pay the amount shown on page 3A per day for private nursing care and attendance by a nurse at home. At home nursing services must be required and authorized by the attending physician. This benefit is limited to the number of days of the previous continuous hospital confinement.
- F. Hospice Care. When a covered person is:
- 1. determined by a physician to be terminally ill; and
- 2. expected to live 6 months or less;

we pay one of the following two benefits for hospice care:

- **a.** Freestanding Hospice Care Center. We pay the amount shown on page 3A per day for confinement in a licensed freestanding hospice care center. The covered person must be diagnosed by a physician as terminally ill and the attending physician must approve the confinement. This benefit is payable only if a covered person is admitted to a freestanding hospice care center. Benefits payable for hospice centers that are designated areas of hospitals will be paid the same as inpatient hospital confinement; or
- **b.** Hospice Care Team. We pay the amount shown on page 3A per visit, limited to 1 visit per day, for home care services by a hospice care team. Home care services are hospice services provided in the patient's home. This benefit is payable only if: (1) the covered person has been diagnosed as terminally ill; and (2) the attending physician has approved such services. We do not pay for: (a) food services or meals other than dietary counseling; or (b) services related to well-baby care; or (c) services provided by volunteers; or (d) support for the family after the death of the covered person.

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# **BENEFIT INFORMATION (Continued)**

**G.** Radiation/Chemotherapy for Cancer. We pay the actual cost, up to the amount stated below for radiation therapy and chemotherapy received by a covered person.

This benefit is limited to the amount shown on page 3A per 12 month period beginning with the first day of benefit under this provision. Administration of radiation therapy or chemotherapy other than by medical personnel in a physician's office or hospital, including medications dispensed by a pump, will be limited to the costs of the drugs only, subject to the maximum amount payable per 12 month period explained above.

We only pay this benefit for cancer treatment consisting of:

- 1. cancericidal chemical substances for the purpose of modification or destruction of cancer or a specified disease; and
- 2. X-ray radiation; and
- 3. radium and cesium implants; and
- 4. cobalt.

This benefit does not pay for: (a) any other chemical substance which may be administered with or in conjunction with radiation/chemotherapy; or (b) treatment planning; or treatment consultation; or treatment management; or the design and construction of treatment devices; or basic radiation dosimetry calculation; or any type of laboratory tests; or X-ray or other imaging used for diagnosis or disease monitoring; or the diagnostic tests related to these treatments; or (c) any devices or supplies including intravenous solutions and needles related to these treatments.

- H. Blood, Plasma and Platelets. We pay the actual cost, up to the limit stated below, when a covered person receives:
- 1. blood, plasma and platelets (including transfusions and administration charges); and
- 2. processing and procurement costs; and
- cross-matching.

This benefit is limited to the amount shown on page 3A per 12 month period beginning with the first day of benefit under this provision. We do not pay for blood replaced by donors. We also do not pay for immunoglobulins.

- I. Hematological Drugs. We pay the actual cost up to the amount shown on page 3A for drugs intended to boost cell lines such as white blood cell counts, red blood cell counts and platelets. This benefit is paid only when the Radiation/Chemotherapy for Cancer benefit (benefit G.) is paid.
- **J. Medical Imaging.** We pay the actual cost once per calendar year, up to the amount shown on page 3A if a covered person receives an initial diagnosis or follow-up evaluation based upon one of the following medical imaging exams: CT scan; Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) scan; bone scan; thyroid scan; Multiple Gated Acquisition (MUGA) scan; Positron Emission Tomography (PET) scan; transrectal ultrasound; or abdominal ultrasound. This benefit is limited to 1 payment per calendar year per covered person.
- **K. Surgery.** We pay the actual charges, up to the amount listed in the Schedule of Surgical Procedures for the specific procedure per unit of coverage shown on page 3A when surgery is performed on a covered person:
- 1. for the purpose of treating a diagnosed cancer or specified disease; or
- 2. for the purpose of diagnosing cancer or a specified disease and that surgery results in a diagnosis of cancer or a specified disease; or
- 3. that is the first surgery performed subsequent to a diagnosis of cancer or a specified disease that is performed for the purpose of verifying the complete removal of the cancer or specified disease.

If any surgical procedure other than those listed in the Schedule of Surgical Procedures is performed, we pay the actual charges, up to the unit value for the surgical procedure as set forth in the 1964 California Relative Value Schedule (C.R.V.S.) multiplied by \$10.00 per unit of coverage. If the surgical procedure has no unit value or is not shown in the 1964 C.R.V.S., we pay the actual charges, up to an amount we reasonably determine to be consistent (based upon relative difficulty) with the Schedule of Surgical Procedures per unit of coverage. Two or more procedures performed at the same time through one incision or entry point are considered one operation; we pay the amount for the procedure with the greatest benefit. Payment will never exceed the maximum per unit of coverage. Surgery performed on an outpatient basis is paid at 150% of the scheduled benefit. This benefit does not pay for surgeries covered by other benefits in this Schedule of Benefits.

L. Anesthesia. We pay 25% of the amount paid for the Surgery benefit (benefit K.) for anesthesia received by an anesthetist.

# **BENEFIT INFORMATION (Continued)**

- **M.** Bone Marrow or Stem Cell Transplant. We pay the amounts shown on page 3A for the following types of bone marrow or stem cell transplants performed on a covered person:
- 1. A transplant which is other than non-autologous.
- 2 A transplant which is non-autologous for the treatment of cancer or a specified disease, other than Leukemia.
- 3. A transplant which is non-autologous for the treatment of Leukemia.

This benefit is payable only once per covered person per calendar year.

A non-autologous transplant is an allogeneic or syngeneic graft from one human being to another.

- **N.** Ambulatory Surgical Center. We pay the amount shown on page 3A for the use of an ambulatory surgical center for a surgical procedure covered under the Surgery Benefit (benefit K.) that is performed at an ambulatory surgical center.
- **O**. **Second Opinion.** If surgery or treatment is recommended by a physician and the covered person chooses to obtain the opinion of a second physician, we pay the amount shown on page 3A. This second opinion must be: rendered prior to surgery or treatment being performed; and obtained from a physician not in practice with the physician rendering the original recommendation.
- **P.** Inpatient Drugs and Medicine. We pay the amount shown on page 3A for charges per day, made by the hospital for drugs and medicine while hospital confined, for each day of continuous hospital confinement. This benefit does not pay for drugs and/or medicine covered under the Radiation/Chemotherapy benefit (benefit G.) or the Anti-Nausea benefit (benefit AA.).
- **Q. Physician's Attendance.** We pay the amount shown on page 3A per day for a visit by a physician while a covered person is receiving treatment during hospital confinement. This benefit is limited to one visit by one physician per day of hospital confinement. A visit means personal attendance by the physician. Admission to the hospital as an inpatient is required.
- **R. Ambulance.** We pay the amount shown on page 3A per continuous hospital confinement for transportation by a licensed ambulance service or a hospital owned ambulance to or from a hospital in which the covered person is confined.
- **S. Non-Local Transportation.** We pay the following benefit for transportation to receive treatment at a hospital (inpatient or outpatient); or radiation therapy center; or chemotherapy or oncology clinic; or any other specialized freestanding treatment center nearest to the covered person's home, provided the same or similar treatment cannot be obtained locally: (1) actual cost of round trip coach fare on a common carrier; or (2) the amount shown on page 3A, up to 700 miles, for round trip personal vehicle transportation. Mileage is measured from the covered person's home to the nearest treatment facility as described above. "Non-Local" means a round trip of more than 70 miles from the covered person's home to the nearest treatment facility. We do not pay for: transportation for someone to accompany or visit the person receiving treatment; visits to a physician's office or clinic; or for services other than actual treatment.
- **T. Outpatient Lodging.** We pay a daily lodging benefit when a covered person receives radiation or chemotherapy treatment (benefit G.) on an outpatient basis, provided the specific treatment is authorized by the attending physician and cannot be obtained locally. The benefit is for a single room in a motel, hotel, or other accommodations acceptable to us, for the amount shown on page 3A per day during treatment. This benefit is limited to the amount shown on page 3A per 12 month period beginning with the first day of benefit under this provision. Outpatient treatment must be received at a treatment facility more than 100 miles from the covered person's home.
- **U.** Family Member Lodging and Transportation. We pay the following benefits for one adult member of the covered person's family to be near the covered person, when they are confined in a non-local hospital for specialized treatment:
- 1. **Lodging -** The actual cost of a single room in a motel, hotel, or other accommodations acceptable to us, up to the amount shown on page 3A per day. This benefit is limited to 60 days for each period of continuous hospital confinement; and
- 2. **Transportation** The actual cost of round trip coach fare on a common carrier or a personal vehicle allowance of the amount shown on page 3A per mile, up to 700 miles per continuous hospital confinement. Mileage is measured from the visiting family member's home to the hospital where the covered person is confined. We do not pay the Family Member Transportation benefit if the personal vehicle transportation benefit is paid under the Non-Local Transportation benefit (benefit S.), when the family member lives in the same city or town as the covered person.
- V. Physical or Speech Therapy. We pay the amount shown on page 3A per day, for physical or speech therapy for restoration of normal body function.

## **BENEFITS INFORMATION (Continued)**

- **W. New or Experimental Treatment.** We pay the actual charges, up to the limit stated below, for new or experimental treatment for cancer or a specified disease when:
- 1. the treatment is judged necessary by the attending physician; and
- 2. no other generally accepted treatment produces superior results in the opinion of the attending physician.

This benefit is limited to the amount shown on page 3A per 12 month period beginning with the first day of treatment under this provision. This benefit does not pay if benefits are payable for treatment covered under any other benefit in this Schedule of Benefits.

- **X. Prosthesis.** We pay the actual charges, up to the amount shown on page 3A for prosthetic devices which are prescribed as a direct result of surgery and which require surgical implantation. This benefit is limited to the amount shown on page 3A per covered person, per amputation.
- Y. Hair Prosthesis. We pay the amount shown on page 3A every 2 years, for a wig or hairpiece if the covered person experiences hair loss.
- **Z. Nonsurgical External Breast Prosthesis.** We pay the actual costs up to the amount shown on page 3A for the initial, nonsurgical breast prosthesis following a covered mastectomy or partial mastectomy that is paid for under this policy.
- **AA. Anti-Nausea Benefit.** We pay the actual costs up to the amount shown on page 3A per calendar year for antinausea medication prescribed for a covered person by a physician. We will not pay this benefit for medication administered while the covered person is an inpatient.
- **BB. Waiver of Premium.** If, while this coverage is in force, the insured employee or member, as defined, becomes disabled due to cancer first diagnosed after the effective date of coverage and remains disabled for 90 days, we pay premiums due after such 90 days for as long as the insured employee or member remains disabled. The term "disabled" means that the insured employee or member is:
- 1. unable to work at any job for which they are qualified by education, training or experience; and
- 2. not working at any job for pay or benefits; and
- 3. under the care of a physician for the treatment of cancer.

This benefit is only available to the insured employee or member, as defined. It does not apply to any other covered person.

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# **OPTIONAL BENEFIT(S)**



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# **OPTIONAL BENEFIT(S)**

### Intensive Care.

- **A.** Hospital Intensive Care Unit Confinement. We pay the amount shown on page 3 for each day of continuous hospital intensive care unit confinement, as defined, for any illness or accident. This benefit is limited to 45 days for each period of such confinement. A day is a 24 hour period. If confinement is for only a portion of a day, then a pro-rata share of the daily benefit is paid. We do not pay for intensive care if a covered person is admitted because of:
- 1. an attempted suicide; or
- 2. intentional self-inflicted injury; or
- 3. intoxication or being under the influence of drugs not prescribed or recommended by a physician; or
- 4. alcoholism or drug addiction.

We do not pay for confinements in any care unit that does not qualify as a hospital intensive care unit. Progressive care units, sub-acute intensive care units, intermediate care units, and private rooms with monitoring, step-down units and any other lesser care treatment units do not qualify as hospital intensive care units.

We do not pay this benefit for continuous hospital intensive care unit confinements that occur during a hospitalization that begins before the effective date of coverage.

**B.** Step-Down Hospital Intensive Care Unit Confinement. We pay the amount shown on page 3 for each day of step-down hospital intensive care unit confinement, as defined, for any illness or accident. This benefit is limited to 45 days for each period of such confinement. A day is a 24 hour period. If confinement is for only a portion of a day, then a pro-rata share of the daily benefit is paid. We do not pay for step-down hospital intensive care unit confinement if a covered person is admitted and confined in the following type of units: telemetry or surgical recovery rooms; post-anesthesia care units, progressive care units; intermediate care units; private monitored rooms; observation units located in emergency rooms or outpatient surgery units; beds, wards, or private or semi-private rooms with or without telemetry monitoring equipment; an emergency room; labor or delivery rooms; or other facilities that do not meet the standards for a step-down hospital intensive care unit.

We do not pay this benefit for continuous step-down hospital intensive care unit confinements that occur during a hospitalization that begins before the effective date of coverage.

Children born within 10 months of the effective date are not covered for any step-down hospital intensive care unit confinement that occurs or begins during the first 30 days of such child's life.

**C. Ambulance.** We pay the actual charges, for transportation of a covered person by licensed air or surface ambulance service to a hospital for admission to an intensive care unit for a covered confinement. We do not pay this benefit if an ambulance benefit is paid under the Ambulance benefit (benefit R.) in the Schedule of Benefits.

## **DEFINITIONS**

As used in this section, the terms listed below have the following meanings:

**Hospital Intensive Care Unit.** A hospital area of special care including cardiac or coronary care units, which at the time of admission is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room, other rooms, beds or wards normally used for patient confinement. In addition, the unit must provide the following:

- 1. 24 hour continuous nursing care attended by nurses assigned to the unit on a full time basis; and
- 2. direction and/or supervision by a full time physician director or a standing "intensive care" committee of the medical staff; and
- 3. special medical apparatus used to treat the critically ill.

**Hospital Intensive Care Unit Confinement.** Means one continuous confinement or two or more step-down hospital intensive care unit confinements not separated by more than 30 days. If there are more than 30 days between confinements, they are considered separate confinements.

**Step-Down Hospital Intensive Care Unit.** Means a specifically designated facility of the hospital that provides a level of medical care below the highest level of acute medical care provided in the hospital, but the level of medical care is above the level of care provided in a regular private or semi-private room or ward. The facility must be separate from other hospital areas, permanently equipped with telemetry equipment and under continual observation by nurses specially trained for that level of care.

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# **OPTIONAL BENEFIT(S)**

**Wellness.** We pay this benefit if a covered person has a wellness test performed. We pay the amount shown on page 3 per calendar year per covered person for any one of the wellness tests. Each covered person is covered for no more than the amount shown on page 3 per calendar year. We pay this benefit regardless of the result of the test. There is no limit as to the number of years we pay for wellness tests. The eligible wellness tests are:

- 1. Biopsy for skin cancer; and
- 2. Blood test for triglycerides; and
- 3. Bone Marrow Testing; and
- 4. CA15-3 (cancer antigen 15-3-blood test for breast cancer); and
- 5. CA125 (cancer antigen 125 blood test for ovarian cancer); and
- 6. CEA (carcinoembryonic antigen blood test for colon cancer); and
- 7. Chest X-ray; and
- 8. Colonoscopy; and
- 9. Doppler screening for carotids; and
- 10. Doppler screening for peripheral vascular disease; and
- 11. Echocardiogram; and
- 12. EKG (Electrocardiogram); and
- 13. Flexible sigmoidoscopy; and
- 14. Hemocult stool analysis; and
- 15. HPV (Human Papillomavirus) Vaccination; and
- 16. Lipid panel (total cholesterol count); and
- 17. Mammography, including Breast Ultrasound; and
- 18. Pap Smear, including ThinPrep Pap Test; and
- 19. PSA (prostate specific antigen blood test for prostate cancer); and
- 20. Serum Protein Electrophoresis (test for myeloma); and
- 21. Stress test on bike or treadmill; and
- 22. Thermography; and
- 23. Ultrasound screening of the abdominal aorta for abdominal aortic aneurysms.

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# SCHEDULE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES PER UNIT OF SURGERY COVERAGE

SURGICAL PROCEDURE	PROCEDURE CODE FOR 1964 C.R.V.S.	PER UNIT OF SURGERY COVERAGE
BRAIN		
Craniectomy, trephination, bone flap craniotomy; for excision of brain tumor, supratentorial,		
except meningioma	61510	\$1,250.00
Craniectomy, trephination, bone flap craniotomy;		•
for excision of meningioma, supratentorial	61512	\$1,500.00
Transoral approach to skull base, brain stem or		
upper spinal cord for biopsy, decompression or excision of lesion	64575	¢1 250 00
	013/3	\$1,250.00
Stereotactic biopsy, aspiration, or excision, including burr hole(s), for intracranial lesion; with		
computerized axial tomography	61751	\$1.400.00
computerized axial tomography		φ 1,400.00
BREAST		
Biopsy of breast; needle core (separate procedure)	19100	\$ 25.00
Biopsy of breast; incisional	19101	\$ 150.00
Excision of malignant tumor (except 19140),		·
male or female, one or more lesions	19120	\$ 150.00
Mastectomy, partial	19160	\$ 150.00
Mastectomy, simple, complete	19180	\$ 300.00
Mastectomy, modified radical, including axillary		
lymph nodes, with or without pectoralis minor		
muscle, but excluding pectoralis major muscle	19240	\$ 600.00
DIGESTIVE SYSTEM		
Upper gastrointestinal endoscopy including		
esophagus, stomach, and either the duodenum		
and/or jejunum as appropriate; diagnostic,		
with collection of specimen(s) by brushing or		
washing (separate procedure)	43235	\$ 150.00
Gastrectomy, total; with esophagoenterostomy	43620	\$1,000.00
Colectomy, partial; with anastomosis	44140	\$ 800.00
Proctectomy; complete, combined abdominoperineal,		
with colostomy, one or two stages	45110	\$1,000.00
Colonoscopy, flexible, proximal to splenic flexure;		
diagnostic, with collection of specimen(s) by		
brushing or washing, with or without colon		
decompression (separate procedure)	45378	\$ 280.00
Colonoscopy, flexible, proximal to splenic flexure;		
with removal of tumor(s), polyp(s), or other	45005	Ф <b>БОО ОО</b>
lesion(s) by snare technique	45385	\$ 500.00
EXTERNAL GENITALIA FEMALE		
Vulvectomy, simple; partial	56620	\$ 400.00
Vulvectomy, simple; complete	56625	\$ 550.00
Vulvectomy, radical, partial	56630	\$ 800.00
Vulvectomy, radical, complete, with		
inguinofemoral, iliac, and pelvic		
lymphadenectomy	56640	\$1,000.00

# SCHEDULE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES (Continued) PER UNIT OF SURGERY COVERAGE

SURGICAL PROCEDURE	PROCEDURE CODE FOR 1964 C.R.V.S.	PER UNIT OF SURGERY COVERAGE
EXTERNAL GENITALIA (CONT) MALE		
Biopsy of testis, needle (separate procedure) Orchiectomy, radical, for tumor; inguinal approach	54500 54530	\$ 20.00 \$ 400.00
LIVER Biopsy of liver; percutaneous needle Biopsy of liver, wedge (separate procedure) Hepatectomy, resection of liver; partial lobectomy	47100	\$ 400.00
LUNG		
Bronchoscopy; with biopsy	31625	\$ 200.00
Biopsy, lung or mediastinum, percutaneous needle	32405	\$ 50.00 \$4,000.00
MUSCULOSKELETAL Biopsy, bone, trocar or needle; superficial (e.g., ilium, sternum, spinous process, ribs) Excision of tumor, soft tissue of neck or thorax; deep, subfascial, intramuscular Laminectomy for biopsy/excision of intraspinal neoplasm; extradural, cervical	20220	\$ 50.00
PROSTATE  Transurethral resection of prostate, including control of postoperative bleeding, complete (vasectomy, meatotomy, cystourethroscopy, urethral calibration and/or dilation, and internal urethrotomy are included)  Prostatectomy, perineal, subtotal (including control	52601	\$ 800.00
of postoperative bleeding, vasectomy, meatotomy, urethral calibration and/or dilation, and internal		
urethrotomy)	55801	\$ 800.00
Prostatectomy, retropubic radical, with or without nerve sparing; with bilateral pelvic lymphadenectomy, including external iliac, hypogastric and obturator nodes		
SKIN Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/or mucous membrane (including simple closure), unless otherwise listed (separate procedure); single lesion (pathology report required) Biopsy of skin, subcutaneous tissue and/or mucous membrane (including simple closure), unless otherwise listed (separate procedure);	11100	\$ 30.00
each separate/additional lesion (pathology report required)	11101	\$ 15.00

# SCHEDULE OF SURGICAL PROCEDURES (Continued) PER UNIT OF SURGERY COVERAGE

SURGICAL PROCEDURE	PROCEDURE CODE FOR 1964 C.R.V.S.	PER UNIT OF SURGERY COVERAGE
SKIN (CONT)		
Excision, malignant lesion, trunk, arms, or legs;		
lesion diameter 0.5 cm. or less	11600	\$ 60.00
Excision, malignant lesion, trunk, arms, or legs;		
lesion diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm.	11603	\$ 120.00
Excision, malignant lesion, scalp, neck, hands,		
feet, genitalia; lesion diameter 0.5 cm. or less	11620	\$ 100.00
Excision, malignant lesion, scalp, neck, hands,	11600	ф 250.00
feet, genitalia; lesion diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm	1 1023	\$ 250.00
Excision, malignant lesion, face, ears, eyelids, nose, lips; lesion diameter 0.5 cm. or less	11640	\$ 150.00
Excision, malignant lesion, face, ears, eyelids,	11040	\$ 130.00
nose, lips; lesion diameter 2.1 to 3.0 cm	11643	\$ 300.00
Chemosurgery (Mohs' micrographic technique);	1 10 10	Ψ σσσ.σσ
first state, fresh tissue technique, including		
removal of all gross tumor, surgical excision of		
tissue specimens, mapping, color coding of		
specimens, and microscopic examination of		
specimens by the surgeon, of up to 5 specimens	17304	\$ 200.00
UTERUS		
Colposcopy (vaginoscopy); with biopsy(s) of the	E74E4	ф 60.00
cervix and/or endocervical curettage	57454	\$ 60.00
Endometrial and/or endocervical sampling (biopsy), without cervical dilation, any method		
(separate procedure)	58100	\$ 30.00
Dilation and curettage, diagnostic and/or		φ σσ.σσ
therapeutic (nonobstetrical)	58120	\$ 150.00
Total abdominal hysterectomy (corpus and cervix),		φ 100.00
with or without removal of tube(s), with or without		
removal of ovary(s)	58150	\$ 600.00
Radical abdominal hysterectomy, with bilateral		
total pelvic lymphadenectomy and para-aortic lymph		
node sampling (biopsy), with or without removal of		
tube, with or without removal of ovary(s)	58210	\$1,000.00
Vaginal hysterectomy	58260	\$ 600.00
VASCULAD IN IECTION PROCEDURES		
VASCULAR INJECTION PROCEDURES  Placement of central venous catheter for therapeutic		
reasons (subclavian, jugular, or other vein) (e.g., for		
hyperalimentation, hemodialysis, or chemotherapy);		
percutaneous, over age 2	36489	\$ 100.00
Insertion of implantable venous access port, with		ψ 100.00
or without subcutaneous reservoir	36533	\$ 400.00
Removal of implantable venous access port		÷ .55.5 <b>5</b>
and/or subcutaneous reservoir	36535	\$ 150.00

## **CLAIM INFORMATION**

## **NOTICE OF CLAIM**

We encourage the insured employee or member to notify us of claim as soon as possible so that a claim decision can be made in a timely manner. Written notice of claim must be given to us within 20 days after the occurrence or commencement of any loss covered by this policy, or as soon as is reasonably possible. Notice given by, or on behalf of, the insured employee, the member or the beneficiary to us at 1776 American Heritage Life Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32224-6687, or to any authorized agent of ours, with the insured employee's or member's name and certificate number, is notice to us.

The claim form can be requested from us. If it is not received within 15 days of the request, written proof of the claim may be sent to us without waiting for the form.

## **FILING A CLAIM**

The insured employee or member and the employer must complete their own sections of the claim form and then give it to the attending physician. The physician should complete his or her section of the form and send it directly to us.

## **PROOF OF CLAIM**

If this policy provides for periodic payment of a continuing loss, written proof of loss must be given to us within 90 days after the end of each period for which we are liable. For any other loss, written proof must be given to us within 90 days after each loss. If it is not possible to give us written proof in the time required, we will not reduce or deny any claim for this reason, as long as the proof is filed as soon as reasonably possible. In any event, the proof required must be given to us no later than 1 year from the time specified unless the insured employee or member is legally incapacitated.

## **COOPERATION OF BENEFICIARY**

The beneficiary must reasonably cooperate during any investigation and/or adjudication of a claim. This includes the authorization for the release of medical records and other information.

## PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND AUTOPSY

We have the right, at our own expense, to have any covered person examined by a physician of our choosing, as often as may be reasonably required while a claim is pending. We may have an autopsy performed during the period of contestability, where it is not forbidden by law.

## **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

After receiving written proof of claim, we pay all benefits then due under this policy. Benefits for any other loss covered by this policy are paid as soon as we receive proper written proof.

We will make payments to the insured employee or member unless he or she assigns such payments. Any amounts unpaid at the insured employee's or member's death may, at our option, be paid either to the named beneficiary or to the insured employee's or member's estate.

If benefits are payable to the insured employee's or member's estate or a beneficiary who cannot execute a valid release, we can pay benefits up to \$1,000, to someone related to the insured employee or member or beneficiary by blood or marriage whom we consider to be entitled to the benefits. We will be discharged to the extent of any such payment made in good faith.

## TIME OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Amounts due under this policy are payable immediately upon receipt of proof of claim. With respect to amounts payable, we will send notice to the insured employee or member within 15 working days of receipt of due written proof of claim. If we do not pay the loss immediately upon receipt, this notice will state the reasons for failing to pay the claim, either in whole or in part. It will also provide an itemization of any documents or other information needed to process the claim. When all the requested information needed to process the claim has been received, we will then have 15 working days to process and either pay the claim or deny it, in whole or in part, giving the reasons for denying such claim or any portion of it. All overdue payments will bear simple interest at the rate of 18% per year.

# **CLAIM INFORMATION (Continued)**

## **ASSIGNMENT**

An assignment of the coverage under this policy is not binding on us, unless:

- 1. it is a written request; and
- 2. it is received and recorded by us at our home office.

We are not responsible for the validity of any assignment. An assignment is subject to any payment we make or other action we take before we record the assignment. An assignment may not change the owner or beneficiary.

## **OVERPAID CLAIM**

We have the right to recover any overpayments due to:

- 1. fraud; or
- 2. any error we make in processing a claim.

The insured employee or member must reimburse us in full. We will work with such insured employee or member to develop a reasonable method of repayment if he or she is financially unable to repay us in a lump sum.

We will not recover more money than the amount we overpaid.

## **CLAIM REVIEW**

If a claim is denied, we will give written notice of:

- 1. the reason for denial; and
- 2. the policy provision that relates to the denial; and
- 3. the insured employee's or member's right to ask for a review of his or her claim; and
- the right to submit any additional information that might allow us to change our decision.

The insured employee or member may, upon written request, read any reports that are not confidential. For a fee, we will make copies of those reports.

## **APPEALS PROCEDURE**

Prior to filing any lawsuit and within 60 days after denial of a claim, the insured employee or member or his or her beneficiary must appeal any denial of benefits under the policy by making a written request for review of the denial.

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## **GLOSSARY**

**Active Employment.** Means the employee or member is working for the employer for earnings that are paid regularly and that he or she is performing the material and substantial duties of his or her regular occupation. The employee or member must be working at least the minimum number of hours as described under Eligible Class(es) in each plan. The employee or member will be deemed to be in active employment on a day which is not the employer's scheduled work days only if he or she was actively employed on the preceding scheduled work day.

The employee's or member's work site must be:

- 1. the employer's usual place of business; or
- 2. an alternative work site at the direction of the employer; or
- 3. a location to which the job requires such employee or member to travel.

Normal vacation is considered active employment. However, if vacation days are used to cover disability, sickness or injury, those days are not considered active employment. Temporary and seasonal workers are excluded from coverage.

**Actual Charge.** Means the amount billed for a treatment or service before any insurance discounts, other insurance payment, reductions or discounts of any kind.

**Actual Cost.** Means the amount actually paid by or on behalf of the covered person and accepted by the provider as full payment for the particular goods or services provided.

**Ambulatory Surgical Center.** Means a licensed surgical center consisting of: an operating room; facilities for the administration of general anesthesia; and a post surgery recovery room that the patient is admitted to and discharged from within the same working day. This includes an ambulatory surgical center that is a part of a hospital.

**Autologous Bone Marrow Transplant.** Means a procedure in which bone marrow is removed from a patient, stored, and then given back to the patient following intensive treatment.

**Bone Marrow Transplant.** Means a procedure to replace bone marrow destroyed by treatment with high doses of anticancer drugs or radiation. A transplant may be autologous (the person's own marrow saved before treatment), allogeneic (marrow donated by someone else), or syngeneic (marrow donated by an identical twin).

**Calendar Year.** Means a consecutive 12 month period beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and ending on December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year.

**Cancer.** Means a disease manifested by the presence of a malignancy characterized by the uncontrolled and abnormal growth and spread of malignant cells in any part of the body. This includes: Hodgkin's Disease; leukemia; lymphoma; carcinoma; sarcoma; or malignant tumor. It does not include other conditions which may be considered precancerous, such as: leukoplakia; actinic keratosis; carcinoid; hyperplasia; polycythemia; nonmalignant melanoma; moles; or similar diseases or lesions.

**Common Carrier.** Means only the following: commercial airlines; or passenger trains; or inter-city buslines. It does not include taxis; intra-city buslines; or private charter planes.

**Continuous Hospital Confinement.** Means one continuous confinement or two or more hospital confinements not separated by more than 30 days. If there are more than 30 days between confinements, they are considered separate confinements.

Covered Person. Means any of the following:

- 1. any eligible family member (including the employee or member) named on the enrollment form or evidence of insurability form and acceptable for coverage by us; or
- 2. any eligible family member added by endorsement after the effective date; or
- 3. a newborn child.

**Date of Diagnosis.** Means the earliest of the date of: tentative diagnosis; or clinical diagnosis; or the day the tissue specimen, culture(s) and/or titer(s) are taken, upon which the positive or tentative diagnosis of cancer or specified disease is made.

# **GLOSSARY (Continued)**

Domestic Partner. Means the employee's or member's same-sex or opposite-sex partner who is eligible for coverage providing that:

- 1. both the employee or member and the employee's or member's same-sex or opposite sex partner must be considered as domestic partners according to the law of employee's or member's state of residence; or
- 2. if the employee's or member's state of residence has no domestic partnership laws, but the policyholder seeks to provide insurance benefits to domestic partners, the employee or member must satisfy the definition of domestic partner as defined by the policyholder; or
- 3. if the employee's or member's state of residence has no domestic partnership law and the policyholder has no domestic partnership definition, but the policyholder seeks to provide insurance benefits to domestic partners, then both the employee and member and the employee's or member's same-sex or opposite sex partner must:
  - a. have resided together in the same permanent residence; and
  - b. be at least 18 years of age; and
  - c. intend to remain each other's sole domestic partner indefinitely; and
  - d. be emotionally committed to one another and share joint responsibilities for the common welfare and financial obligations of one another; or the domestic partner must be chiefly dependent upon the employee or member for care and financial assistance; and
  - e. not be legally married to or the legal domestic partner of anyone else; and
  - f. not be related by blood closer than would prohibit marriage under applicable state law.

If requested by us, satisfactory proof must be submitted that supports the domestic partner's eligibility for coverage.

**Employee.** Means a person who is: (a) a citizen or resident of the United States or one of its territories; and (b) in active employment with the employer or is a member in good standing in the labor union, association or other entity named as the policyholder.

**Employer.** Means the individual, company or corporation where the employee or member is in active employment, and includes any division, subsidiary, or affiliated company named in this policy.

**Evidence of Insurability.** Means a statement of the employee's or member's or a dependent's medical history which we will use to determine if he or she is approved for coverage. Evidence of insurability will be provided at such person's expense.

**Extended Care Facility.** Means a licensed nursing facility under the direction of a physician which provides continuous skilled nursing service under the supervision of a graduate registered nurse (R.N.) and maintains daily medical records on each patient. It does not include any institution, or part thereof, used primarily as a place for the aged, drug addicts, alcoholics, or rest.

**Family Coverage.** Means coverage that includes the insured employee or member as defined, his or her spouse or domestic partner and eligible children.

**Freestanding Hospice Care Center.** Means a center which is not a hospital, a wing, or section of a hospital, providing 24 hours a day care for the terminally ill under the medical direction of a physician.

Grace Period. Means a period of 31 days following the premium due date during which premium payment may be made.

**Hospital.** Means a legally operated institution with established facilities (either on its premises or available to the hospital on a contractual, pre-arranged basis and under the supervision of a staff of one or more duly licensed physicians), for the care and treatment of sick and injured persons for diagnosis, surgery, and 24 hour nursing service. Hospital does not include:

- 1. any institution which is mainly a rest home, nursing home, convalescent home, or home for the aged; or
- 2. any institution which is mainly for the care and treatment of alcoholics or drug addicts, or mental or nervous disorders.

# **GLOSSARY (Continued)**

**Individual and Child(ren) Coverage.** Means coverage that includes only the insured employee or member, as defined and eligible children.

**Individual and Spouse Coverage.** Means coverage that includes only the insured employee or member, as defined, and his or her eligible spouse or domestic partner.

Individual Coverage. Means coverage that includes only the insured employee or member, as defined.

**Initial Enrollment Period.** Means one of the following periods during which the employee or member may first apply in writing for coverage under this policy:

- 1. if the employee or member is eligible for coverage on the policy effective date, a period before the policy effective date as set by us and the policyholder; or
- 2. if the employee or member becomes eligible for coverage after the policy effective date, the period ending 31 days after the date he or she is first eligible to apply for coverage.

**Insured Employee or Member.** Means the employee or member accepted for coverage by us who has completed and signed the enrollment form or evidence of insurability and whose name appears on the certificate specification page.

Intoxication. Means a temporary state of being as determined by the laws of the state in which the loss occurred.

## Material and Substantial Duties. Means duties that:

- 1. are normally required for the performance of the employee's or member's regular occupation; and
- cannot be reasonably omitted or modified, except that if the employee or member is required to work on average in excess of 40
  hours per week, we will consider such person able to perform that requirement if he or she is working or has the capacity to work
  40 hours per week.

**Member.** Means a member in good standing in an labor union, association or other entity named as the policyholder and who is: (a) a citizen or resident of the United States; and (b) is (1) engaged in , or (2) able to engage in and currently seeking, active employment.

**Non-Autologous Bone Marrow Transplant.** Means an allogeneic or syngeneic graft of living bone marrow from one human being to another.

**Nurse.** Means any one of the following who is not a member of the covered person's immediate family or employed by the hospital where the covered person is confined:

- 1. a licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.); or
- 2. a licensed vocational nurse (L.V.N.); or
- 3. a graduate registered nurse (R.N.).

**Oncologist.** Means a legally licensed Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine certified to practice in the field of Oncology.

**Pathologist.** Means a legally licensed Doctor of Medicine or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine certified by the American Board of Pathology to practice Pathological Anatomy.

**Payable Claim.** Means a claim for which we are liable under the terms of this policy.

## Physician. Means:

- 1. a person performing tasks that are within the limits of his or her medical license; and
- 2. a person who is licensed to practice medicine and prescribe and administer drugs or to perform surgery; or
- 3. a person who is a legally qualified medical practitioner according to the laws and regulations of the governing jurisdiction.

We will not recognize the insured employee or member, his or her spouse, children, parents, or siblings as a physician for a claim.

# **GLOSSARY** (Continued)

**Policyholder.** Means the legal entity to whom this policy is issued.

Positive Diagnosis (of cancer). Means a diagnosis by a licensed Doctor of Medicine certified by the American Board of Pathology to practice Pathological Anatomy, or an Osteopathic Pathologist. Diagnosis is based on a microscopic examination of fixed tissue, or preparations from the hemic system (except for skin cancer). We accept clinical diagnosis of cancer as evidence that cancer existed in a covered person when a pathological diagnosis cannot be made, provided medical evidence substantially documents the diagnosis and the covered person received definitive treatment for the cancer.

Positive Diagnosis (of a specified disease). Means a diagnosis by a qualified physician based on generally accepted diagnostic procedures and criteria.

**Pre-Existing Condition.** Means a disease or physical condition for which:

- 1. symptoms existed within the 12 month period prior to the effective date of coverage; or
- medical advice or treatment was recommended or received from a member of the medical profession within the 12 month period prior to the effective date of coverage.

A pre-existing condition can exist even though a diagnosis has not yet been made.

Radiologist. Means a person who is licensed to administer X-ray therapy, radium therapy, or radio-active isotopes therapy and is certified by the American Board of Radiology.

**Re-Enrollment Period.** Means a period of time as set by the policyholder and us during which the employee or member may apply, in writing, for coverage under this policy, or change coverage under this policy if he or she is currently enrolled.

Specified Disease. Only any one of the following:

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- 2. Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (Lou Gehrig's Disease)
- 3. Brucellosis
- 4. Cerebrospinal Meningitis (bacterial)
- Cystic Fibrosis
- 6. Diphtheria
- 7. Encephalitis
- 8. Hansen's Disease
- 9. Hepatitis (Chronic B or Chronic C with liver failure or hepatoma)

10. Legionnaire's Disease (confirmation by culture or

sputum) 11. Lyme Disease

- 12. Multiple Sclerosis
- 13. Muscular Dystrophy
- 14. Myasthenia Gravis
- 15. Osteomyelitis
- 16. Poliomyelitis
- 17. Primary Biliary Cirrhosis
- 18. Primary Sclerosing Cholangitis (Walter Payton's Liver Disease)

19. Rabies

- 20. Reye's Syndrome
- 21. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever
- 22. Scarlet Fever
- 23. Sickle Cell Anemia
- 24. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus

25. Tetanus

- 26. Thallasemia
- 27. Tuberculosis
- 28. Tularemia
- 29. Typhoid Fever

Stem Cell Transplant. Means a method of replacing immature blood and bone marrow cells that were destroyed by cancer treatment. The stem cells are given to the person after treatment to help the bone marrow recover and continue producing healthy blood cells.

Temporary Layoff, Leave of Absence or Family and Medical Leave of Absence. Means the employee or member is absent from active employment for a period of time that has been agreed to in advance in writing by the current employer.

Normal vacation time or any period of disability is not considered a temporary layoff or leave of absence.

Tentative Diagnosis. Means a diagnosis based upon dated medical records which indicate a diagnosis of a probable or possible cancer or specified disease.

**We, Us**, and **Our**. Means American Heritage Life Insurance Company.



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## **Endorsement**

This Endorsement is made a part of the Group Policy to which it is attached. It is subject to all of the provisions, limitations and exclusions of the Group Policy not inconsistent with this Endorsement.

The CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE provision in the GENERAL PROVISIONS section is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

## **CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE**

We will furnish to the policyholder a certificate of insurance for delivery to each insured employee or member. The certificate will provide a description of the insurance provided by this policy and will state:

- 1. the essential features of the insurance coverage; and
- 2. to whom benefits are payable.

If there is any discrepancy between the provisions of any certificate and the provisions of this policy, the provisions of this policy govern.

All other requirements of the policy not specifically stated within this endorsement still apply.

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## **Endorsement**

This Endorsement is made part of the Policy to which it is attached. It is subject to all of the provisions, limitations and exclusions of the Policy, not inconsistent with this Endorsement.

All references to the eligibility and termination of dependents are revised to the following:

Eligible dependents are the insured employee's or member's:

- 1. legal spouse or domestic partner; and
- 2. children and domestic partner's children.

A child is a person under age 26 who is:

- 1. the insured employee's or member's or his or her domestic partner's natural or adopted son or daughter, stepson or stepdaughter; or
- 2. a foster child who is placed with the insured employee or member or his or her domestic partner by an authorized placement agency or by judgment, decree or other order of any court of competent jurisdiction.

If the insured employee's or member's spouse is a covered person, his or her spouse's coverage ends upon valid decree of divorce or the insured employee's or member's death.

If the insured employee's or member's domestic partner is a covered person, his or her domestic partner's coverage ends upon termination of the domestic partnership or the insured employee's or member's death.

Coverage for a child will end on the issue day of the month that follows when the child: (a) reaches age 26; or (b) otherwise does not meet the requirements of an eligible dependent.

Coverage does not end for an incapacitated dependent child who:

- 1. is incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical incapacity; and
- 2. became so incapacitated prior to the attainment of the limiting age of eligibility under the policy; and
- 3. is chiefly dependent upon the insured employee or member for support and maintenance.

Coverage for an incapacitated dependent child continues as long as the policy remains in force and the child remains in such condition. Proof of the incapacity and dependency of the child must be furnished, in writing, to us when the child reaches the limiting age of eligibility. Thereafter, such proof must be furnished as often as may be required, but no more often than annually after the 2 year period following the child's attainment of the limiting age for eligibility.

Domestic Partner means the insured employee's or member's same-sex or opposite-sex partner who is eligible for coverage provided that:

- 1. both the insured employee or member and his or her same-sex or opposite-sex partner must be considered as domestic partners according to the law of their state of residence; or
- 2. if their state of residence has no domestic partnership laws, they must satisfy the definition of domestic partner as defined by the policyholder.

Issue day means the same day of the month as the policy date.

All other requirements of the policy not specifically stated within this endorsement still apply.

Secretary



## **Important Privacy Policy Notice**

At Allstate Benefits ("AB"), we value you as a customer. We also share your concerns about privacy. We are sending this notice to explain how we treat personal information ("customer information") that is not public. This is information that we obtain from you or other sources when we provide you with products and services.

We want you to know that: we respect your privacy; and we protect your information.

- We do not sell customer information.
- We do not share your information with: persons; companies; or organizations outside of AB that would use that information to contact you about their products and services.
- We expect persons or organizations that provide services on our behalf to keep your information confidential. We also expect them to use your information only to provide the services we've asked them to perform.
- We communicate to our employees about the need to protect your information. We have established safeguards (these are physical, electronic and procedural) to protect this information.

Below are answers to questions that you might have about privacy. You may be wondering...

## What do we do with your information?

AB does not sell your customer or medical information to anyone. We do not share it with companies or organizations outside of AB that would use that information to contact you about their own products and services. If this were to change, we would offer you the option to opt out of this type of information sharing. Also, we would obtain your consent before we share medical information for marketing purposes.

Your agent or broker may use your information to help you with your insurance needs. We may also communicate with you about products, features, and options in which you have expressed an interest. Without your consent, we may provide your information to persons or organizations in and out of AB. This would be done as permitted or required by law. We may do this to:

- Fulfill a transaction you have requested.
- Service your policy.
- Market our products to you.
- Investigate or handle claims.
- Detect or prevent fraud.
- Participate in insurance support organizations (Information from a report by an insurance support organization may be retained by that organization and distributed to other persons.).
- Comply with lawful requests from regulatory and law enforcement authorities.

These persons or organizations may include:

- Our affiliated companies.
- Companies that perform services, including marketing, on our behalf.
- Other financial institutions with which we have an agreement for the sale of financial products.
- Other insurance companies to perform their role in an insurance transaction involving you.
- Businesses that conduct actuarial or research studies.
- Persons requesting information pursuant to a subpoena or court order.
- Your agent or broker.
- An employer, if your premiums are payroll deducted.
- The creditor who sold you insurance, if your policy is credit insurance.

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## What kind of customer information do we have, and where did we get it?

Much of the information that we have about you comes from you. When you perform certain transactions, you may give us information such as your name, address, and Social Security number. These transactions include when you submit: an application for insurance; a request for insurance; a request for products and services we offer; or a request for an insurance quote. We may have contacted you by telephone or mail for additional information. We keep information about the types of services you purchase from us and our affiliates. Examples of this include premiums, fund values, and payment history. We may collect information from outside sources such as consumer reporting agencies and health care providers. The information we collect may include the following:

- · Motor vehicle reports.
- Credit reports.
- Medical information.

## How do we protect your customer information?

We expect any company with whom we share your information to use it only to provide the service we have asked them to perform. Information about you is also available within AB to those individuals who may need to use it to fulfill and service the needs of our customers. We communicate the need to protect your information to all employees and agents. We especially communicate this need to individuals who have access to it. Plus, we have established physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards to protect your information. Note that if your relationship with us ends, your information will remain protected. This protection will be provided according to our privacy practices outlined in this Important Notice.

## How can you find out what information we have about you?

You may request to see, or obtain by mail, the information about you in our records. If you believe that our information is incomplete or inaccurate, you may request that we correct, add to, or delete from the disputed information. In order to fulfill your request, we may make arrangements to copy and disclose your information to you on our behalf. This may be done with an insurance support organization or a consumer reporting agency. You may also request a more complete description of the entities to which we disclose your information, or the conditions that might warrant such disclosures. Please send any of the requests listed above in writing to:

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Policyholder Services (Privacy Section) 1776 American Heritage Life Drive Jacksonville, FL 32224-6687

## If you are an Internet user ...

Our website, www.allstatebenefits.com, provides information about AB, our products, and the agencies and brokers that represent us. You may also perform certain transactions on the website. When accessing www.allstatebenefits.com, please be sure to read the Privacy Statement that appears there. To learn more, the www.allstatebenefits.com Privacy Statement provides information relating to your use of the website. This includes, for example:

- 1) our use of online collecting devices known as "cookies";
- 2) how we collect information such as IP address (the number assigned to your computer when you use the Internet), browser and platform types, domain names, access times, referral data, and your activity while using our site;
- 3) who should use our website;
- 4) the security of information over the Internet;
- 5) links and co-branded sites.

We hope you have found this notice helpful. If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to contact your agent or write us at:

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This notice is being provided on behalf of the following companies:

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## NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES

THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

## **EFFECTIVE APRIL 14, 2003**

We are required by the privacy regulations issued under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") to maintain the privacy of our Plan's customers' Protected Health Information, to provide those customers with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to Protected Health Information, and to send notification to affected customers if there is a breach of unsecured Protected Health Information. If your state provides privacy protections that are more stringent than those provided by HIPAA, we will maintain your Protected Health Information in accordance with the more stringent state standard.

This Notice applies to "Protected Health Information" associated with "Health Plans" issued by American Heritage Life Insurance Company.

This Notice describes how we may use and disclose Protected Health Information to perform claims handling, payment, general insurance operations, and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law. Use or disclosure of your Protected Health Information for the purposes described in this Notice may be made in writing, orally, or by electronic means.

We are required to abide by the terms of this Notice. However, we may change the terms of this Notice at any time. If we change this Notice, we may make the new notice terms effective for all of your Protected Health Information that we maintain, including any information we created or received prior to issuing the new notice. If we make a material revision to our Privacy Notice, copies will be sent to you if you are then currently insured under our Plan.

Protected Health Information means information about you that is created or received by us and during the administration of coverage under the Plan, which identifies you or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify you and that relates to:

- 1) the past, present or future physical or mental health condition of the individual; or
- 2) the provision of health care to the individual; or
- 3) the past, present or future payment for the provision of health care to the individual.

## Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information With Your Written Authorization

Except as described in the next section of this Notice, we will not use or disclose your Protected Health Information for any purpose unless you have signed a form authorizing the use or disclosure. For example, most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes, uses and disclosures of Protected Health Information for marketing purposes, and disclosures that constitute a sale of Protected Health Information will be made only with your authorization. You have the right to revoke that authorization in writing at any time, except to the extent that we have already taken action in reliance on the authorization; or the authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining coverage, to the extent that other law allows the insurer to contest a claim under the policy or the policy itself.

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## Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information Without Your Written Authorization

**For Payment**. We may make use of and disclose your Protected Health Information without your written authorization as may be necessary for payment purposes. For example, we may use information regarding your medical procedures and treatment to process and pay claims or certify these services are covered under your Plan.

**For Plan Administrative Operations**. We may make use of and disclose your Protected Health Information without your written authorization as necessary for our Plan administrative operations. Plan administrative operations include our usual business activities, examples of which are management, licensing, peer review, quality improvement and assurance, enrollment, underwriting, reinsurance, compliance, auditing, rating, claims handling, complaint handling and other functions related to your Plan. We are prohibited from using or disclosing genetic information for underwriting purposes.

**To Individuals Involved In Your Care**. We may, without your written authorization, for the purposes of treatment, payment or Plan administrative operations, disclose the fact that you are covered under a Plan or that payment has been processed to a family member, other relative, your close personal friend or any other person you may identify. In these circumstances, we would not disclose any Protected Health Information which is not directly relevant to that person's involvement with your care or with payment for your care.

If you have designated a person to receive information regarding payment of the premium or pay premium via credit card, we may inform that person or credit card facility when your premium has not been paid or received by us.

We may also disclose limited Protected Health Information to a public or private entity that is authorized to assist in disaster relief efforts in order for that entity to locate a family member or other persons that may be involved in some aspect of caring for you.

**To Our Business Associates**. Certain aspects and components of our services are performed through contracts with outside persons or organizations. Examples of these may include, but are not limited to our duly appointed insurance agents, financial auditors, reinsurers, legal services, enrollment and billing services, claim payment and medical management services. We may provide access to your Protected Health Information without your written authorization to one or more of these outside persons or organizations who assist us with payment or Plan administrative operations. We require these business associates to appropriately safeguard the privacy of your information.

**To Plan Sponsors.** If you are enrolled in a group health plan, we may share summary health information with your employer, union, or other employee organization that sponsors and maintains the group health plan, for purposes of obtaining premium bids; or modifying, amending, or terminating the group health plan; or enrollment and disenrollment information. Summary health information excludes genetic information.

**For Other Products and Services**. We may contact you without your written authorization to provide information regarding Plan upgrades or additional benefits that may be of interest to you. For example, we may use the fact that you currently are insured under a Plan for the purpose of communicating to you about changes to our Plan or products that could enhance or add value to existing coverage.

**For Disclosure With Authorization.** Unless otherwise excluded in this notice, we will not disclose any other Protected Health Information to any person or entity not specifically mentioned elsewhere in this Notice without your express written authorization.

**For Other Uses and Disclosures**. We are permitted or required by law to make some other uses and disclosures of your Protected Health Information without your authorization. We may release your Protected Health Information:

• if required by law to a government authorized health oversight agency or company conducting audits, investigations, or civil or criminal proceedings.

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- if required to do so by a court or administrative ordered subpoena or discovery request. In most cases you will have notice of such a release.
- for public health activities, such as required reporting of disease, injury, birth and death and for required public health investigations.
- as required by law if we suspect child abuse or neglect or if we believe you to be a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence.
- to the Food and Drug Administration if necessary to report adverse events, product defects or to participate in product recalls.
- to law enforcement officials as required by law to report wounds, injuries or crimes.
- to coroners, medical examiners and/or funeral directors consistent with law.
- for a national security or intelligence activity or, if you are a member of the military, as required by the armed forces.
- to workers' compensation agencies or similar programs, established by law, that provide benefits for work-related injuries or illness without regard to fault.

# **Your Rights**

Right to Inspect and Copy Your Protected Health Information. You may have access to our records that contain your Protected Health Information in order to inspect and obtain copies of the records. Under limited circumstances, we may deny you access to a portion of your records. If you desire access to your records, please obtain a record request form from our Privacy Officer and submit the completed form to our Privacy Office. If you request copies, we may charge you copying and mailing costs. If you request a copy of your Protected Health Information in electronic form, we will provide it to you electronically only if the record is readily producible in electronic form.

Right to Amend Your Protected Health Information. You have the right to request that we amend your Protected Health Information maintained in our enrollment, payment, claims adjudication and case or medical management records, or other records we use to make decisions about you. If you desire to amend these records, please obtain an amendment request form from our Privacy Officer and submit the completed form to our Privacy Office. We will comply with your request unless special circumstances apply. If your physician or other health care provider created the information that you desire to amend, you should contact the provider to amend the information.

Right to an Accounting of the Disclosures of Your Protected Health Information. Upon request, you may obtain an accounting of certain disclosures of your Protected Health Information made by us on or after April 14, 2003, excluding disclosures made earlier than six years before the date of your request. If you request an accounting more than once during any 12 month period, we will charge you a reasonable fee for the subsequent accounting statements.

**Right to Request Confidential Communications.** We will accommodate your reasonable request to receive communications of your Protected Health Information from us by alternative means of communication or at alternative locations if the request clearly states that disclosure of that information could endanger you.

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Right to Request Restrictions on Use and Disclosure of Your Protected Health Information. You have the right to request restrictions on some of our uses and disclosures of your Protected Health Information to family members and others involved in your care or payment for care; or some of our uses and disclosures used to carry out treatment, payment, or Plan administrative operations, by notifying us of your request for a restriction in writing mailed to the contact identified at the end of this Notice. Your request must describe in detail the restriction you are requesting. We are not required to agree to your restriction request but will attempt to accommodate your requests. We retain the right to terminate an agreed-to restriction. In the event of a termination of an agreed-to restriction by us, we will notify you of such termination, but the termination will only be effective for Protected Health Information we receive after we have notified you of the termination. You also have the right to terminate any agreed-to restriction by contacting us using the "Contact Information" provided at the end of this Notice.

**Personal Representatives.** You may exercise your rights through a personal representative who will be required to produce evidence of his or her authority to act on your behalf. Proof of authority may be made by a notarized power of attorney, a court order of appointment of the person as your legal guardian or conservator, or if you are the parent of a minor child. We reserve the right to deny access to your personal representative.

**Right to Receive Paper Copy of this Notice.** You may obtain a copy of this Notice. You may obtain a paper copy of this Notice even if you agreed to receive such notice electronically. Please contact us and we will mail it to you.

# Complaints

If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with the Plan or with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. To file a complaint with the Plan, send it in writing to the "Contact Information" at the address listed at the end of this Notice. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint.

You may obtain a copy of this Notice by writing to us at the contact address below.

## **Contact Information**

If you have questions or need further assistance regarding this Notice, you may contact:

Allstate Benefits Attn: HIPAA Privacy Officer

1776 American Heritage Life Drive

Jacksonville, Florida 32224

Or, you may telephone the Customer Care Center at 1-800-521-3535.