

## **Group Accident Insurance Certificate Endorsement**

### **Securian Life Insurance Company**

400 Robert Street North • St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2098

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This Certificate Endorsement is a part of the certificate of insurance describing the benefits available to you under Group Policy No. 9012, issued by Securian Life Insurance Company to Recreational Group Insurance Trust c/o National Rifle Association. This endorsement is subject to every term, condition, exclusion and provision of the certificate unless otherwise expressly provided for herein.

The following applies to you if you were a resident of the state of **North Carolina** at the time your coverage under this certificate became effective:

1. The cover page of the Certificate is amended to include the following disclosures:

**Important Cancellation Information – Please Read The Provision Entitled, ‘INDIVIDUAL TERMINATION OF INSURANCE,’ Found On Page 9.**

**This Certificate of Insurance provides all the benefits mandated by the North Carolina Insurance code, but it is issued under a group master policy located in another state and may be governed by that state’s laws.**

2. The provision entitled **EXCLUSIONS** is amended in its entirety and replaced with the following:

In addition to any benefit-specific exclusions, benefits will not be paid for any Injury or Loss which, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, is caused by or results from any of the following:

- (1) intentionally self-inflicted injury, suicide or any attempt thereat while sane or insane;
- (2) declared or undeclared war or act of war (not including acts of terrorism);
- (3) military or combat activities while serving in the armed forces, National Guard, or organized reserve corps in any state, country, or international authority;
- (4) sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity or medical or surgical treatment thereof, or bacterial or viral infection, regardless of how contracted. This does not include bacterial infection that is the natural and foreseeable result of an accidental external bodily injury or accidental food poisoning.
- (5) flight in, boarding or alighting from an Aircraft or any craft designed to fly above the Earth’s surface:
  - a. except as a fare paying passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial airline;
  - b. being flown by the Covered Person or in which the Covered Person is a member of the crew;
  - c. being used for:
    - i. crop dusting, spraying or seeding, giving and receiving flying

- instruction, fire fighting, sky writing, sky diving or hang-gliding, pipeline or power line inspection, aerial photography or exploration, racing, endurance tests, stunt or acrobatic flying; or
  - ii. any operation that requires a special permit from the FAA, even if it is granted (this does not apply if the permit is required only because of the territory flown over or landed on);
  - d. designed for flight above or beyond the earth's atmosphere;
  - e. an ultra-light or glider;
  - f. being used for the purpose of parachuting or skydiving;
  - g. being used by any military authority, except an Aircraft used by the Air Mobility Command or its foreign equivalent;
  - (6) the Covered Person's intoxication as determined according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the accident occurred;
  - (7) voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes;
  - (8) driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of a controlled substance;
  - (9) riding or driving as a professional in any kind of race for prize money or profit.
3. The provision entitled **PREMIUM CHANGES** under the **PREMIUMS** section is amended in its entirety and replaced with the following:
- PREMIUM CHANGES** We have the right to change the premium rates. If we plan to make a change, we will provide you written notice at least 45 days before the date of change. We will not change the premiums during the first 12 months following the Policy Effective Date, and we will not change the premiums more frequently than once in any 6-month period.
4. The provision entitled **POLICY CHANGES** within the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate is amended in its entirety and replaced with the following:
- POLICY CHANGES** The Policy, including the endorsements and the attached papers, if any, constitutes the entire contract of insurance. The Policy may be changed at any time by written agreement between us. No change or waiver of any of the provisions of the Policy will be valid unless made in writing by us and signed by our president, vice president, secretary or assistant secretary. No agent or other person has the authority to change or waive any provisions of the Policy.
5. The provision entitled **REINSTATEMENT** within the **PREMIUMS** section of the Certificate is amended in its entirety and replaced with the following:
6. **REINSTATEMENT OF INSURANCE** If we terminate insurance for nonpayment of premium, you may reinstate coverage within 90 days following the last unpaid premium due date. You must pay all overdue premium. The reinstated coverage shall only cover a loss which occurred after the date of reinstatement.
7. The provision entitled **NOTICE OF CLAIM** within the **CLAIM PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate is amended in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**NOTICE OF CLAIM** We must be given written notice of claim within 20 days after a covered loss occurs. If notice cannot be given within that time, it must be given as soon as reasonably possible. Notice to an authorized agent of ours shall be considered notice to us.

The notice must contain the Covered Person's name and enough information to identify him. Notice may be mailed to our Home Office or to our agent.

8. The provision entitled **PAYMENT OF CLAIMS** within the **CLAIM PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate is amended in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS** Claims for benefits provided by the Policy will be paid immediately upon receipt of written proof of loss.

Your loss of life benefits will be paid in accordance with the beneficiary designation in effect at the time of payment. If there is no such designation or no surviving beneficiary, the loss of life benefits will be paid in one lump sum to the first surviving class of the following classes of beneficiaries:

- a) lawful spouse;
- b) child(ren), in equal shares;
- c) parents, in equal shares;
- d) siblings, in equal shares.

If there is no surviving member of any of the above classes, the benefits will be paid to your estate.

All benefits, other than loss of life, will be paid to you, if living. Any accrued benefits unpaid at your death will be paid in one lump sum to the first surviving class of the following classes of beneficiaries:

- a) lawful spouse;
- b) child(ren), in equal shares;
- c) parents, in equal shares;
- d) siblings, in equal shares.

If there is no surviving member of any of the above classes, the benefits will be paid to your estate.

Any payment that we make in good faith will fully discharge us to the extent of that payment.

The benefits can be paid in one lump sum or at your written request, in accordance with one of our available settlement plans. If you have not chosen any such settlement plan, the beneficiary can do so after your death. The beneficiary should request in writing to be paid from an available settlement plan. We must agree to the plan chosen.

9. The provision entitled **PROOF OF LOSS** within the **CLAIM PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate is amended in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**PROOF OF LOSS** Written proof must be sent to us within 180 days after the date the loss occurs. If it was not reasonably possible to give us written proof within 180 days, we will not reduce or deny a claim for this reason, if proof is filed as soon as reasonably possible.



Secretary



President

## Certificate of Insurance

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We certify that, subject to the terms of the Policy, the Member named in the Schedule (referred to as “you”, “your”, and “yours”) is insured for the benefits described in this Certificate. Your eligible Dependent, if any, for whom premiums have been paid is also insured for the benefits described in this Certificate. You and your Dependent are referred to as the Covered Person.

### EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE

The insurance takes effect at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time on the Effective Date shown on the Schedule.

In this Certificate, Securian Life Insurance Company will be called “we”, “our”, or “us”. This Certificate summarizes certain provisions of the Policy. All coverage and provisions are subject to those in the Policy issued to the Policyholder.

### THIRTY DAY RIGHT TO EXAMINE CERTIFICATE

If you are not satisfied for any reason, you may return your Certificate within 30 days after receipt. When so returned your premium will be refunded and the Certificate is void from the beginning. Return the Certificate to us at our Home Office or to our authorized agent.

This Certificate is executed on the Effective Date, at St. Paul, Minnesota.

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL INSURANCE. IT DOES NOT QUALIFY AS MINIMUM ESSENTIAL HEALTH COVERAGE UNDER THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT. THIS CERTIFICATE DOES NOT SATISFY THE FEDERAL REQUIREMENT THAT YOU HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE, WHICH BECAME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2014.**

THIS IS A LIMITED BENEFIT CERTIFICATE: This Certificate provides limited benefits. Benefits provided are supplemental and are not intended to cover all medical expenses. Read your Certificate carefully.

THIS CERTIFICATE IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT CONTRACT. If you are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for people with Medicare available from us.

### NON-CONTRIBUTORY CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE ACCIDENT ONLY INSURANCE NON-PARTICIPATING

  
Secretary

  
President

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## DEFINITIONS

When used in this Certificate the following words and phrases have the meaning given. The use of any personal pronoun includes both genders.

**AIRCRAFT** means a vehicle which: 1) has a valid certificate of airworthiness; and 2) is being flown by a pilot with a valid license to operate the vehicle.

**BENEFICIARY** means the person or entity named by the insured Member, on forms and in a manner approved by us, to receive benefits.

**COVERED PERSON** means the insured Member.

**INJURY** means bodily injury caused by an accident. The accident must be unintended, unexpected and unforeseen and occur while the Covered Person's insurance is in force under the Policy. The Injury must be the direct cause of loss and must be independent of all other causes. The Injury must not be caused by or contributed to by Sickness.

**LOSS** means the death of the Covered Person or any physical impairment or other benefit covered under the terms of the Policy and any attached Riders.

**LOSS OF A HAND OR FOOT** means complete Severance through or above the wrist or ankle joint.

**LOSS OF SIGHT** means the total, permanent loss of all vision in one eye which is irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means. Loss of Sight must be certified by a licensed physician who specializes in ophthalmology and is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology.

**MEMBER** means a member of a Participating Organization, who has been accepted by us and has paid any required premium. The terms "you", "your" and "yours" mean the Member.

**PARTICIPATING ORGANIZATION** means an organization which has signed a Participation Agreement adopting the Policyholder's plan of insurance.

**PHYSICIAN** means a person licensed by the state in which he is resident to practice the healing arts. He must be practicing within the scope of his license for the service or treatment given.

A Covered Person and his immediate family will not be considered a Physician.

**POLICY** means the group policy issued to the Policyholder providing the benefits described.

**POLICYHOLDER** means the legal entity in whose name the Policy is issued, as shown on the Schedule.



**POLICY MONTH** means the period of time starting on the first day of the month; it ends on the last day of the same month.

**SCHEDULE** means the Schedule of Benefits.

**SEVERANCE** means the complete and permanent separation and dismemberment of the part from the body.

**SICKNESS** means an illness or disease of the mind or body.

## **ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE**

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Active Members in good standing age 18 and over with a domestic U.S. address including military personnel stationed overseas will be eligible for insurance as Covered Persons.

### **EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE**

**EFFECTIVE DATE** The Effective Date is shown on the Schedule.

### **CHANGES IN COVERAGE**

If, after his Effective Date of Insurance, you request a change in benefits for a Covered Person, the Effective Date of Insurance for the new coverage will be the beginning of the Policy Month following our acceptance of the application or change request, subject to the payment of any additional required premium.

### **ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFIT**

When we receive due proof that a Covered Person dies, we will pay the benefit shown on the Schedule to his named Beneficiary; provided:

- (1) death occurs as a direct result of an Injury; and
- (2) death occurs within 365 days of the accident causing the Injury.

### **ASSOCIATION MEMBER HUNTING BENEFIT**

#### **For Accidental Loss of Life**

Upon receipt of due proof of your death, we will pay the Loss of Life benefit shown in the table below if your death occurs:

- (1) as a direct result of an Injury; and
- (2) within 365 days of the accident causing the Injury; and

- (3) during the legal use of firearms or Hunting Equipment while legally hunting.

### **For Accidental Loss of Limb or Sight**

Upon receipt of due proof of your accidental loss of limb or sight as described in the table below we will pay the applicable benefit if your loss occurs:

- (1) as a direct result of an Injury; and
- (2) within 365 days of the accident causing the Injury; and
- (3) during the legal use of firearms or Hunting Equipment while legally hunting.

If you die after we have paid any Accidental Loss of Limb or Sight Benefit, we will then pay the Accidental Loss of Life benefit less any Accidental Loss of Limb or Sight benefit already paid.

### **TABLE OF LOSSES AND BENEFITS**

<b><u>Loss:</u></b>	<b><u>Benefit:</u></b> (Percentage of Principal Sum <u>Shown on the Schedule</u> )
One Hand or Foot	50%
Sight of One Eye	50%

**Hunting Equipment** will include sleeping facilities being used during the act of hunting and located on public or private land in the same area as the hunting activity.

### **Exclusions:**

In addition to the Exclusions section of this Certificate the following exclusions will also apply to this benefit:

Benefits will not be paid for a loss caused by or resulting from any of the following:

- (1) Injury arising out of or during the course of your primary occupation;
- (2) Injury resulting from maintenance, repair or cleaning of firearms;
- (3) Injury sustained while traveling to or from hunting;
- (4) illegal or unlicensed hunting or hunting in any unauthorized or restricted area. This will include hunting without any licenses or permits required in the locale where the hunt is occurring or without any required current license or permit for any weapon used in the hunt;
- (5) Injury sustained in consequence of the illegal use of firearms.

## ASSOCIATION MEMBER TRAVELING BENEFIT

### For Accidental Loss of Life

Upon receipt of due proof of your death, we will pay the Loss of Life benefit shown in the table below if your death occurs:

- (1) as a direct result of an Injury; and
- (2) within 365 days of the accident causing the Injury; and
- (3) while attending or participating in events sponsored by the National Rifle Association or an affiliate; or while traveling to or from such event.

### For Accidental Loss of Limb or Sight

Upon receipt of due proof of your accidental loss of limb or sight as described in the table below we will pay the applicable benefit if your loss occurs:

- (1) as a direct result of an Injury; and
- (2) within 365 days of the accident causing the Injury; and
- (3) while attending or participating in events sponsored by the National Rifle Association or an affiliate; or while traveling to or from such event.

If you die after we have paid any Accidental Loss of Limb or Sight Benefit, we will then pay the Accidental Loss of Life benefit less any Accidental Loss of Limb or Sight benefit already paid.

## TABLE OF LOSSES AND BENEFITS

<b><u>Loss:</u></b>	<b><u>Benefit:</u></b> (Percentage of Principal Sum <u>Shown on the Schedule</u> )
One Hand or Foot	50%
Sight of One Eye	50%

## EXPOSURE AND DISAPPEARANCE

If by reason of an accident covered by the Policy a Covered Person is unavoidably exposed to the elements and, as a result of such exposure, suffers a covered loss and a benefit is otherwise payable, the loss will be covered by the Policy.

If a Covered Person is involved in an accident which results in the sinking or wrecking of a licensed public conveyance in which he was a passenger and his body is not located within one year of such accident, it will be presumed that the Covered Person died as a result of an Injury.

## FELONIOUS ASSAULT AND VIOLENT CRIME BENEFIT

### For Accidental Loss of Life

Upon receipt of due proof of your death, we will pay the Loss of Life benefit shown in the table below if your death occurs:

- (1) as a direct result of an Injury; and
- (2) within 365 days of the accident causing the Injury; and
- (3) during any of the following: a) actual or attempted robbery or holdup; b) actual or attempted kidnapping; or c) any other type of intentional assault that is a crime classified as a felony by the governing statute or common law in the state where the felony occurs.

### For Accidental Loss of Limb or Sight

Upon receipt of due proof of your accidental loss of limb or sight as described in the table below we will pay the applicable benefit if your loss occurs:

- (1) as a direct result of an Injury; and
- (2) within 365 days of the accident causing the Injury; and
- (3) during any of the following: a) actual or attempted robbery or holdup; b) actual or attempted kidnapping; or c) any other type of intentional assault that is a crime classified as a felony by the governing statute or common law in the state where the felony occurs.

If you die after we have paid any Accidental Loss of Limb or Sight Benefit, we will then pay the Accidental Loss of Life benefit less any Accidental Loss of Limb or Sight benefit already paid.

### TABLE OF LOSSES AND BENEFITS

<b><u>Loss:</u></b>	<b><u>Benefit:</u></b> (Percentage of Principal Sum <u>Shown on the Schedule</u> )
One Hand or Foot	50%
Sight of One Eye	50%

### Exclusions:

In addition to the Exclusions section of this Certificate the following exclusions will also apply to this benefit:

Benefits will not be paid for a loss caused by or resulting from Injury incurred during any of the following:

- (1) a violent crime or felonious assault committed by you;

- (2) a violent crime or felonious assault committed upon you by a Fellow Employee, Family Member, or Member of the Same Household.

**Family Member** means your parent, step-parent, spouse or former spouse, son, daughter, brother, sister, mother-in-law, father-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, brother-in-law, sister-in-law, aunt, uncle, cousins, grandparent, grandchild and stepchild.

**Fellow Employee** means a person employed by the same employer as the Covered Person or by an employer that is an affiliated or subsidiary corporation. It shall also include any person who was so employed, but whose employment was terminated not more than 45 days prior to the date on which the defined violent crime/felonious assault was committed.

**Member of the Same Household** means a person who maintains residence at the same address as the Covered Person.

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS' BENEFIT**

Upon receipt of due proof of your death, we will pay the Law Enforcement Officers' Benefit shown on the Schedule if your death occurs:

- (1) as a direct result of an Injury that occurs in the Line of Duty; and
- (2) within 365 days of the accident causing the Injury; and
- (3) while serving as a Law Enforcement Officer.

**Law Enforcement Officer** means any person, duly commissioned by a Public Agency, who is serving in an official capacity with or without compensation. This includes but is not limited to such duly commissioned police, sheriffs, corrections, probation, parole and conservation officers.

**Line of Duty** means any actions that the Law Enforcement Officer is authorized or obligated to perform by law, rule, regulation or condition of employment or service.

**Public Agency** means the United States, any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico and any territory or possession of the United States, or a unit of local government, combination of such states or units or any department, agency or instrumentality of any of the foregoing.

#### **Exclusions:**

In addition to the Exclusions section of this Certificate the following exclusions will also apply to this benefit:

Benefits will not be paid for a loss caused by or resulting from Injury incurred during any of the following:

- (1) maintenance, repair or cleaning of firearms;

(2) illegal use of firearms by the Member.

## **EXCLUSIONS**

In addition to any benefit-specific exclusions, benefits will not be paid for any Injury or Loss which, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, is caused by or results from any of the following:

- (1) intentionally self-inflicted injury, suicide or any attempt thereof while sane or insane (while sane in Colorado and Missouri);
- (2) declared or undeclared war or act of war;
- (3) military or combat activities while serving in the armed forces, National Guard, or organized reserve corps in any state, country, or international authority;
- (4) sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity or medical or surgical treatment thereof, or bacterial or viral infection, regardless of how contracted. This does not include bacterial infection that is the natural and foreseeable result of an accidental external bodily injury or accidental food poisoning.
- (5) flight in, boarding or alighting from an Aircraft or any craft designed to fly above the Earth's surface:
  - a. except as a fare paying passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial airline;
  - b. being flown by the Covered Person or in which the Covered Person is a member of the crew;
  - c. being used for:
    - i. crop dusting, spraying or seeding, giving and receiving flying instruction, fire fighting, sky writing, sky diving or hang-gliding, pipeline or power line inspection, aerial photography or exploration, racing, endurance tests, stunt or acrobatic flying; or
    - ii. any operation that requires a special permit from the FAA, even if it is granted (this does not apply if the permit is required only because of the territory flown over or landed on);
  - d. designed for flight above or beyond the earth's atmosphere;
  - e. an ultra-light or glider;
  - f. being used for the purpose of parachuting or skydiving;
  - g. being used by any military authority, except an Aircraft used by the Air Mobility Command or its foreign equivalent;
- (6) the Covered Person's intoxication as determined according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the accident occurred;
- (7) voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes;
- (8) driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of a controlled substance;
- (9) riding or driving as a professional in any kind of race for prize money or profit.

## **INDIVIDUAL TERMINATION OF INSURANCE**

A Covered Person's insurance automatically ends on the first of the following dates:

- (1) The date the Policy is terminated;

- (2) The date the Grace Period ends if all premiums due have not been paid;
- (3) The premium due date after you are no longer a member of the Participating Organization;
- (4) The premium due date next following the date the Participating Organization ceases to participate in this plan of insurance;

Termination of coverage will not prejudice any claim originating prior to termination subject to all other terms of the Policy.

## **PREMIUMS**

We provide insurance coverage in return for premium payment. Premiums are paid to us on or before the due date.

**PREMIUM CHANGES** We have the right to change the premium rates on any premium due date. We will provide written notice at least 31 days before the date of change. The premium rates may also be changed at any time the terms of the Policy are changed.

Premiums may be paid monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually. The premium mode may be changed upon request. Upon our approval, the change will be made.

**GRACE PERIOD** This Certificate has a 31 day grace period for the payment of each premium due after the first premium. Coverage will continue in force during the grace period. It will terminate at the end of the grace period if all premiums which are due are not paid. We will require payment of all premiums for the period this coverage continues in force including the premiums for the grace period.

**REINSTATEMENT OF INSURANCE** If we terminate insurance for nonpayment of premium, you may reinstate coverage within 90 days following the last unpaid premium due date. You must pay all overdue premium. The reinstated coverage will not cover a loss which occurred during the lapse period.

**UNPAID PREMIUM** When a claim is paid for a loss incurred during the Grace Period, any premium due and unpaid may be deducted from the claim payment.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**BENEFICIARY CHANGES** You may name any person to be your Beneficiary at the time of enrollment. You may change your Beneficiary at any time. When we receive and record the change request, it will take effect as of the date you signed it. If you die prior to the date we receive and record the change, any payment we make to the new Beneficiary will be valid. The prior Beneficiary's interest ends the date the new designation takes effect.

If more than one Beneficiary is named without stating their respective interests, they will share equally. If a Beneficiary dies before you, that interest ends. The Beneficiaries that survive will share equally unless you make a written request to the contrary.

**CONFORMITY TO LAW** Any provision of the Policy which is in conflict with the laws of the state in which it is issued is amended to conform with the laws of that state.

**INCONTESTABILITY** After coverage under the Policy has been in force for two years, it can only be contested for non-payment of premiums. No statement made by a Covered Person can be used in a contest after his insurance has been in force two years during his lifetime. No statement a Covered Person makes can be used in a contest unless it is in writing and signed by him.

**MISSTATEMENT OF AGE** If the age of a Covered Person has been misstated in the enrollment form for insurance under the Policy, the benefits payable will be those which the premiums paid would have purchased based upon his correct age, otherwise, there will be an equitable adjustment of premiums.

**NONPARTICIPATING** The Policy is a nonparticipating Policy; it does not share in our surplus.

**OPTIONAL SETTLEMENT METHODS** You, or the Beneficiary after the Covered Person's death, may elect to have loss of life benefits paid in installments. Such election must be sent to us in writing. The amounts and terms of the installments will be those which we offer at the time of election.

**POLICY CHANGES** The Policy may be changed at any time by written agreement between us. No change or waiver of any of the provisions of the Policy will be valid unless made in writing by us and signed by our president, vice president, secretary or assistant secretary. No agent or other person has the authority to change or waive any provisions of the Policy.

**WORKER'S COMPENSATION** The Policy is not a Worker's Compensation Policy. It does not satisfy any requirement for coverage by Worker's Compensation Insurance.

## **CLAIM PROVISIONS**

**NOTICE OF CLAIM** We must be given written notice of claim within 20 days after a covered loss occurs. If notice cannot be given within that time, it must be given as soon as reasonably possible.

The notice must contain the Covered Person's name and enough information to identify him. Notice may be mailed to our Home Office or to our agent.

**CLAIM FORMS** When we receive notice of claim, the Covered Person will be sent forms to file proof of loss. If the forms are not sent within 15 days after we receive notice, then the Covered Person will meet the proof of loss requirements by giving us a written statement of the nature and extent of the loss. This must be sent to us within the time limit stated in the Proof of Loss provision.



**PROOF OF LOSS** Written proof must be sent to us within 90 days after the date the loss occurs. If it was not reasonably possible to give us written proof within 90 days, we will not reduce or deny a claim for this reason, if proof is filed as soon as reasonably possible.

**PAYMENT OF CLAIMS** Claims for benefits provided by the Policy will be paid as soon as written proof is received.

Your loss of life benefits will be paid in accordance with the beneficiary designation in effect at the time of payment. If there is no such designation or no surviving beneficiary, the loss of life benefits will be paid in one lump sum to the first surviving class of the following classes of beneficiaries:

- a) lawful spouse;
- b) child(ren), in equal shares;
- c) parents, in equal shares;
- d) siblings, in equal shares.

If there is no surviving member of any of the above classes, the benefits will be paid to your estate.

All benefits, other than loss of life, will be paid to you, if living. Any accrued benefits unpaid at your death will be paid in one lump sum to the first surviving class of the following classes of beneficiaries:

- a) lawful spouse;
- b) child(ren), in equal shares;
- c) parents, in equal shares;
- d) siblings, in equal shares.

If there is no surviving member of any of the above classes, the benefits will be paid to your estate.

Any payment that we make in good faith will fully discharge us to the extent of that payment.

The benefits can be paid in one lump sum or at your written request, in accordance with one of our available settlement plans. If you have not chosen any such settlement plan, the beneficiary can do so after your death. The beneficiary should request in writing to be paid from an available settlement plan. We must agree to the plan chosen.

**RIGHT OF RECOVERY** If payments for claims exceed the maximum amount payable under any benefit provisions or riders of the Policy, we have the right to recover the excess of such payments.

**PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND AUTOPSY** At our expense, we have the right to have the Covered Person examined as often as necessary while a claim is pending. At our expense, we may require an autopsy unless the law forbids it.

**LEGAL ACTIONS** No legal action may be brought to recover against the Policy within 60 days after written proof of loss has been given. No such action will be brought after three years from the time written proof of loss is required to be given.