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Wilmington, Delaware

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**GROUP BENEFITS – HOSPITAL FIXED INDEMNITY
CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

POLICYHOLDER: United Business Association
POLICY NUMBER: US1068698
POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2018
CERTIFICATEHOLDER: Please see the Enrollment Form
CERTIFICATE EFFECTIVE DATE: Please see the certification section of the Enrollment Form
CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION DATE: Until Cancelled

This Certificate is evidence of the Covered Person’s insurance under the Policy that We have issued to the Policyholder named above. The provisions of the Policy are summarized in this Certificate. This Certificate replaces any other Certificate We may have previously provided under the Policy.

The Policy is issued in the state of Texas.

The Policy is governed by the laws of the state where it was delivered.

The Policy is a legal contract between the Policyholder and United States Fire Insurance Company (herein referenced as “the Company”). The Policy alone is the only contract under which payment will be made. The Policy may be inspected at the office of the Policyholder.

**THIS IS A CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE FOR A LIMITED FIXED INDEMNITY POLICY.
IT PAYS BENEFITS REGARDLESS OF ANY OTHER INSURANCE.**

**THE POLICY IS NOT A MAJOR MEDICAL OR
COMPREHENSIVE MEDICAL HEALTHCARE POLICY AND IT DOES NOT QUALIFY
AS MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE UNDER THE FEDERAL AFFORDABLE CARE ACT.
PLEASE READ THIS CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.**

**A PRE-EXISTING CONDITION LIMITATION MAY APPLY.
THE POLICY IS NOT A MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT POLICY.**

**If You are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People with
Medicare, which is available from the Company.**

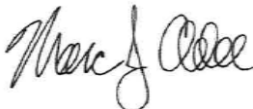
**IMPORTANT CANCELLATION INFORMATION – PLEASE READ “POLICY
TERMINATION” PROVISION ON PAGE 10.
THE POLICY IS OPTIONALLY RENEWABLE.**

Non-Participating Insurance

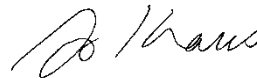
This Certificate of Insurance provides all of the benefits mandated by the North Carolina Insurance Code, but is issued under a group master policy located in another state and may be governed by that state’s laws.

RIGHT TO EXAMINE CERTIFICATE. The Certificate issued to the Insured Person can be returned for any reason within 30 days after it is received by the Insured Person. Any premium paid will be refunded and the Certificate will be treated as if it were never issued.

Signed for **United States Fire Insurance Company** By:



Marc J. Adee
Chairman and CEO



James Kraus
Secretary

NOTICE OF INSURANCE FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITIES:

UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, PRINCIPAL, AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL: (1) CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSONS INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT, AND (2) WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. THIS WRITTEN NOTICE MUST ALSO CONTAIN A NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY OF THEIR RIGHTS TO HEALTH INSURANCE CONVERSION POLICIES UNDER ARTICLE 53 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL POLICIES UNDER THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND UNDER ARTICLE 68 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES. VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

POLICYHOLDER: United Business Association

POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2018

POLICY NUMBER: US1068698

PREMIUM DUE DATE: Per Option Chosen on the Enrollment form

CERTIFICATEHOLDER: Please see the Enrollment Form

CERTIFICATE EFFECTIVE DATE: Please see the certification section of the Enrollment Form

CERTIFICATE EXPIRATION DATE: Until Cancelled

CLASSES OF ELIGIBLE PERSONS:

A person may be covered only under one Class of Eligible Persons even though He or She may be eligible under more than one class. Also, a person may not be covered as a Dependent and a Covered Person at the same time.

Class 1 All active members of the Policyholder, age 18-79, who have chosen to enroll themselves in the GAP AME, GAP MAX, Super GAP, & the GAP ER plan options and their enrolled Spouse up to age 70 as well as their enrolled dependent Children.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

LIMITED FIXED INDEMNITY BENEFITS

COVERED BENEFIT FOR EACH COVERED PERSON:

| Plan | Daily Benefit Amount |
|--|---|
| Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit | \$500 per day for days 1 - 3 for a Hospital Confinement occurring in a Policy Period |
| Daily Emergency Room Visits Benefit for Accident & Sickness | \$500 per day up to a maximum of 10 days per Policy Period for Accident & Sickness |

DEFINITIONS

Please note certain words used in this document have specific meanings. The male pronoun includes the female whenever used. Additional terms may be defined within the provision to which they apply.

The capitalized terms used herein are defined as follows:

"Accident" means a sudden, unforeseeable external event which:

- (1) Causes Injury to one or more Covered Persons; and
- (2) Occurs while coverage is in effect for the Covered Person.

"Certificate Holder" means a person to whom an insurance certificate has been issued evidencing coverage under the Policy.

"Child" means the Insured Person's natural Child, adopted Child upon Placement for Adoption, if such child has not attained 18 years of age as of the date of the adoption or Placement for Adoption, Foster Child upon Placement in the Foster Home, stepchild, or other Child for whom the Insured Person has legal guardianship (proof will be required). We shall not decline enrollment of a Child on the grounds the Child was born out of wedlock; the Child is not claimed as a dependent on the Insured Person's federal tax return; or the Child does not reside with the Insured Person.

"Civil Union Partner" means the parties to a civil union who are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded to spouses. Throughout the Policy, a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms such as spouse, family, dependent, next of kin, and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships. This includes the terms 'marriage' or 'married' or variations thereon. The term spouse or dependent includes civil union couples whenever used.

"Company" means United States Fire Insurance Company. Also hereinafter referred to as We, Us and Our.

"Complications of Pregnancy" means a condition which:

- When pregnancy is not terminated, requires medical treatment and whose diagnosis is distinct from pregnancy but is adversely affected by or are caused by pregnancy, such as: (a) acute nephritis; (b) nephrosis; (c) cardiac decompensation; (d) missed abortion; (e) eclampsia; (f) puerperal infection; (g) R.H. Factor problems; (h) severe loss of blood requiring transfusion; and (i) other similar medical and surgical conditions of comparable severity related to pregnancy.
- When pregnancy is terminated: (a) non-elective cesarean section; (b) ectopic pregnancy that is terminated; and (c) spontaneous termination of pregnancy during a period of gestation in which a viable birth is not possible.

Complications of Pregnancy will not include:

- False labor;
- Occasional spotting;
- Physician prescribed rest during the period of pregnancy;
- Morning sickness;
- Preeclampsia; and
- Similar conditions associated with the management of a difficult pregnancy, but which are not a separate Complication of Pregnancy.

Delivery by cesarean section is considered a complication of pregnancy if the cesarean section is non-elective. A cesarean section will be considered non-elective if the fetus or mother is determined to be in distress and is in immediate danger of death, Sickness or Injury if a cesarean section is not performed. A cesarean section beyond one performed in any previous pregnancy will also be considered non-elective if vaginal delivery is medically inappropriate, or a vaginal delivery is attempted but discontinued due to immediate danger of death, Sickness or Injury to the Child or mother.

“Covered Accident” means an Accident that occurs while coverage is in force for a Covered Person and results in a Covered Loss for which benefits are payable.

“Covered Loss or Covered Losses” means an accidental death, dismemberment or other Injury or Sickness covered under the Policy and indicated on the Schedule of Benefits.

“Covered Person” means an Insured Person and Dependent eligible for coverage as identified in the Enrollment/Application who is a U.S citizen residing in the United States, or if not a U.S. citizen, resides permanently in the United States, for whom proper premium payment has been made when due, and who is therefore insured under the Policy.

“Dependent” means an Insured Person’s:

- 1) lawful spouse, if not legally separated or divorced, or Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner.
- 2) unmarried Children under age 26.

The age limitations will not apply to an Insured Person’s unmarried Child who is incapable of self-support due to a mental or physical incapacity. Proof of such incapacity must be furnished to the Company immediately upon enrollment or within 31 days of the Child reaching the age limitation. Thereafter proof will be required not more often than once a year.

“Domestic Partner” means an opposite or same sex partner who, for at least 12 consecutive months, has resided with the Insured Person and shared financial assets/obligations with the Insured Person. Both the Insured Person and the Domestic Partner must: (1) intend to be life partners; (2) be at least the age of consent in the state in which they reside; and (3) be mentally competent to contract. Neither the Insured Person nor the Domestic Partner can be related by blood to a degree of closeness that would prohibit a legal marriage, be married to anyone else, or have any other Domestic Partner. The Company requires proof of the Domestic Partner relationship in the form of a signed and completed Affidavit of Domestic Partnership.

“Enrollment Period” means the period agreed upon by the Policyholder and Us when an Eligible Person may enroll for coverage or an Insured may change benefit elections under the Policy.

“Foster Child” means a minor: (i) over whom a guardian has been appointed by the clerk of superior court of any county in North Carolina; or (ii) the primary or sole custody of whom has been assigned by order of a court of competent jurisdiction.

“He”, “His” and “Him” includes “she”, “her” and “hers.”

“Hospital” means an institution licensed, accredited or certified by the State that:

- 1) Operates as a Hospital pursuant to law for the care, treatment and providing in-patient services for sick or injured persons;
- 2) Is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations;
- 3) Provides 24-hour nursing service by registered nurses (R.N.) on duty or call;
- 4) Has a staff of one or more licensed Physicians available at all times;
- 5) Provides organized facilities for diagnosis, treatment and surgery, either
 - a) on its premises; or
 - b) in facilities available to it, on a pre-arranged basis;
- 6) Is not primarily a nursing care facility, rest home, convalescent home or similar establishment, or any separate ward, wing or section of a Hospital used as such; and
- 7) Is not a place for drug addicts, alcoholics or the aged.

Hospital also includes a duly licensed state tax-supported institution functioning as a specialty facility for treatment of a particular type of illness. Facilities for the performance of surgery are not required.

We will not deny a claim for services solely because the Hospital lacks major surgical facilities and is primarily of a rehabilitative nature, if such rehabilitation is specifically for the treatment of a physical disability, and the Hospital is accredited by any one of the following:

- 1) the Joint Commission of Accreditation of Hospitals; or
- 2) the American Osteopathic Association; or
- 3) the Commission on the Accreditation of Rehabilitative Facilities.

In addition, We will not deny a claim for a Skilled Nursing Facility if it meets the definition of such a facility and is a Covered Benefit under the Policy.

Hospital does not include a place, special ward, floor or other accommodation used for: custodial or educational care; rest, the aged; a nursing home or an institution mainly rendering treatment or services for mental illness or substance abuse, except when treatment or care is rendered in a duly licensed State tax-supported institution, or as specifically stated.

"Hospital Stay or Hospital Confinement" means a Medically Necessary overnight confinement in a Hospital when room and board and general nursing care are provided for which a per diem charge is made by the Hospital.

"Immediate Family Member" means a Covered Person's spouse, Domestic Partner, Civil Union Partner, parent, Child(ren) (includes legally adopted, foster or step Child(ren), brother, sister, grandchild(ren), or in-laws.

"Injury" means bodily Injury caused by the direct result of an Accident occurring after the effective date of a Covered Person's coverage under the Policy, while the Policy is in force as to the person whose Injury is the basis of the claim which results, directly and independently of disease, bodily infirmity and all other causes, in a Covered Loss. All injuries sustained in any one Accident, including all related conditions and recurrent symptoms of these Injuries, are considered a single Injury.

"Insured Person" means a member of the Policyholder who is eligible, who enrolls for coverage and for whom the required premium is paid making insurance in effect for that person under the Policy. A Dependent covered under the Policy is not an Insured Person.

"Life Status Change" means an event recognized by the Policyholder and Us that qualifies the Insured Person to make changes in coverage at any time other than an Enrollment Period. The following events are all considered Life Status Changes:

- 1) marriage;
- 2) divorce, annulment or legal separation from a Spouse, Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner;
- 3) birth or adoption of a child;
- 4) change in a Dependent child's eligibility;
- 5) death of a Spouse, Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner;
- 6) a change in the benefit plan or employment status of the Insured Person's Spouse, Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner that affects either person's eligibility for benefits.

"Medical Emergency" means a Sickness or Injury for which the Covered Person seeks immediate medical treatment at the nearest available facility. The condition must be one which manifests itself by acute symptoms which are sufficiently severe (including severe pain) that without immediate medical care a prudent lay person possessing an average knowledge of health and medicine would reasonably expect that failure to receive immediate medical attention would cause:

- His life or health would be in serious jeopardy, or, with respect to a pregnant woman, serious jeopardy to the health of the woman or her unborn Child;
- Serious disfigurement of the Covered Person;
- His bodily functions would be seriously impaired; or

- A body organ or part would be seriously damaged.

Treatment for Medical Emergency will be paid only for Sickness or Injury which fulfills the above conditions.

"Medically Necessary" or "Medical Necessity" means a treatment, drug, device, service, procedure or supply that is:

- 1) Required, necessary and appropriate for the diagnosis or treatment of a Sickness or Injury;
- 2) Prescribed or ordered by a Physician or furnished by a Hospital;
- 3) Performed in the least costly setting required by the condition;
- 4) Consistent with the medical and surgical practices prevailing in the area for treatment of the condition at the time rendered.

When specifically applied to Hospital confinement, it means that the diagnosis or treatment of symptoms or a condition cannot be safely provided on an outpatient basis.

A treatment, drug, device, procedure, supply or service shall not be considered as Medically Necessary if it:

- Is Experimental/Investigational or for research purposes;
- Is provided for education purposes or the convenience of the Covered Person, the Covered Person's family, Physician, Hospital or any other provider;
- Exceeds in scope, duration, or intensity that level of care that is needed to provide safe, adequate and appropriate diagnosis or treatment and where ongoing treatment is merely for maintenance or preventive care;
- Could have been omitted without adversely affecting the person's condition or the quality of medical care;
- Involves the use of a medical device, drug or substance not formally approved by the United States Food and Drug Administration;
- Involves a service, supply or drug not considered reasonable and necessary by the Healthcare Financing Administration Medicare Coverage Issues Manual; or
- It can be safely provided to the patient on a less cost effective basis such as out-patient, by a different medical professional, or pursuant to a more conservative form of treatment.

"Mental Illness or Nervous Disorder" means any condition or disease, regardless of its cause, listed in the most recent edition of the *International Classification of Diseases* as a Mental Disorder on the date the medical care or treatment is rendered to a Covered Person.

"Nurse" means either a professional, licensed, graduate registered nurse (R.N.) or a professional, licensed practical nurse (L.P.N.).

"Optionally Renewable" means renewal is at the option of United States Fire Insurance Company.

"Physician" means a person who is a qualified practitioner of medicine. As such, He or She must be acting within the scope of his/her license under the laws in the state in which He or She practices and providing only those medical services which are within the scope of his/her license or certificate. It does not include a Covered Person, a Covered Person's Spouse, Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner, son, daughter, father, mother, brother or sister or other relative."

"Placement for Adoption" means the assumption and retention by the Insured Person of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a child in anticipation of the adoption of the child. The child's placement with the Insured Person terminates upon the termination of such legal obligations. It also means the legally adopted child of the Insured Person's Spouse or Domestic Partner or Civil Partner.

"Placement in the Foster Home" means physically residing with a person appointed as guardian or custodian of a foster child as long as that guardian or custodian has assumed the legal obligation for total or partial support of the foster child with the intent that the foster child reside with the guardian or custodian on more than a temporary or short-term basis.

"Policy Period" means, initially, the period of time from the Effective Date of the Policy until the first Policy Anniversary Date, and thereafter each subsequent 12 consecutive months provided coverage remains in force.

"Policyholder" means the entity shown as the Policyholder in the Schedule of Benefits.

"Pre-existing Condition" means a disease or physical condition for which medical advice or treatment was recommended or received by the Covered Person during the 12 months prior to the Covered Person's Effective Date of coverage.

"Sickness" means an illness, disease or condition of the Covered Person that causes a loss for which a Covered Person receives medical treatment while covered under the Policy. All related conditions and recurrent symptoms of the same or similar condition will be considered one Sickness. Sickness includes Complications of Pregnancy.

"Skilled Nursing Facility" means a facility that provides skilled nursing 24 hours a day, seven days a week, under the supervision of a registered nurse, and/or skilled rehabilitative services at least five days per week. The emphasis is on skilled nursing care, with restorative, physical, occupational, and other therapies available. A Skilled Nursing Facility provides services that cannot be efficiently or effectively rendered at home or in an intermediate care facility. The service provided must be directed towards the patient achieving independence in activities of daily living, improving the patient's condition, and facilitating discharge.

"Spouse" means lawful spouse, if not legally separated or divorced, or Domestic Partner or Civil Partner.

"Substance Abuse" means the use of any drug or substance(s) for non-therapeutic purposes; or use of medication for purposes other than those for which it is prescribed.

"We, Our, Us" means United States Fire Insurance Company underwriting this insurance or its authorized agent.

"You, Your, Yours, He or She" means the Covered Person who meets the eligibility requirements of the Policy and whose insurance under the Policy is in force.

ELIGIBILITY FOR INSURANCE

Persons eligible to be insured under the Policy are those persons described as an ELIGIBLE CLASS on the Schedule of Benefits. This includes anyone who may become eligible while the Policy is in force.

We retain the right to investigate eligibility status and attendance records to verify eligibility requirements are met. If We discover the eligibility requirements are not met, Our only obligation is to refund any premium paid for that person.

An Insured Person's Dependent(s), as applicable, are eligible on the latest of the date:

- 1) the Insured Person is eligible, if the Insured Person has Dependents on that date; or
- 2) the date the person becomes a Dependent; or

However, if a parent is required by a court or administrative order to provide this coverage for a Child, and the parent is eligible for family coverage through this plan, We:

- 1) Shall allow the parent to enroll, under the family coverage, a Child who is otherwise eligible for the coverage without regard to any Open Enrollment season restrictions.
- 2) Shall enroll the Child under family coverage upon application of the Child's other parent or the Department of Health and Human Services in connection with its administration of the Medical Assistance or Child Support Enforcement Program if the parent is enrolled but fails to make application to obtain coverage for the Child.
- 3) May not disenroll or eliminate coverage of the Child unless We are provided satisfactory written evidence that:
 - a. The court or administrative order is no longer in effect; or
 - b. The Child is or will be enrolled in comparable coverage through another health insurer, which coverage will take effect not later than the effective date of disenrollment.

If a Child has this coverage through a noncustodial parent, We shall do all of the following:

- 1) Provide such information to the custodial parent as may be necessary for the Child to obtain benefits through this coverage.
- 2) Permit the custodial parent to submit claims for covered services without the approval of the noncustodial parent.
- 3) Make payments on claims submitted in accordance with item 2) above directly to the custodial parent or the Department of Health and Human Services.

If the Insured Person is in a Class of Eligible Persons and is also eligible as a Dependent, He or She may be Covered only once under the Policy. In no event will a Dependent be eligible if the Covered Person is not eligible.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE

Policy Effective Date. The Policy begins on the Policy Effective Date shown in the Schedule of Benefits at 12:01 A.M. at the address of the Policyholder.

Covered Person's Effective Date:

An Eligible Person will become insured under the Policy, provided proper premium payment is made, on the latest of:

- (1) The Effective Date of the Policy; or
- (2) The day He becomes eligible, subject to any required Eligibility Waiting Period, according to the referenced date shown in the Application/Enrollment Form.

Newborn Children Coverage: We will provide coverage for a newborn Child from the moment of birth. If additional premium is required, the Insured Person must give Us notice within 31 days of the birth of the

Child. If notice is not given within 31 days, coverage for the newborn Child will terminate at the expiration of the initial 31 day period. If no additional premium will be required when a Dependent Child is added, the Insured Person should complete a status change form so that We may send an identification card to facilitate the child's access to covered benefits.

Newborn Adopted Children Coverage: In the case of adoption of a newborn Child, coverage will be on the same basis as a newborn Child if a written agreement to adopt such Child has been entered into by the Insured Person prior to the birth of the Child, whether or not such agreement is enforceable. If additional premium is required, the Insured Person must give Us notice within 31 days of the birth of the adopted Child. If notice is not given within 31 days, coverage for the newborn adopted Child will terminate at the expiration of the initial 31 day period. If no additional premium will be required when a Dependent Child is added, the Insured Person should complete a status change form so that We may send an identification card to facilitate the child's access to covered benefits.

Newborn Child Exception: This section does not apply to a newborn Child at that Child's birth if the Child is born to a Covered Person while insured as a Dependent Child under the Policy. Benefits for Newborn Children apply only to a Child born to an Insured Person or their Spouse, Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner.

Adopted Children Coverage: Coverage for an adopted Child, other than a newborn, will begin from the date of Placement for Adoption. If additional premium is required, a notice of Placement for Adoption must be submitted to Us. If notice is not given within 31 days, coverage for the adopted Child will terminate at the expiration of the initial 31 day period. If no additional premium will be required when a Dependent Child is added, the Insured Person should complete a status change form so that We may send an identification card to facilitate the child's access to covered benefits.

Court Ordered Custody and Foster Child Coverage: A Child placed in court-ordered custody, including a Foster Child beginning with the date of Placement in the Foster Home, will be covered on the same basis as an adopted Child.

TERMINATION DATE OF INSURANCE:

Policy Termination Date

Termination takes effect at 12:01 A.M. time at the address of the Policyholder on the date of termination. Termination by the Policyholder or by the Company will be without prejudice to any claims originating prior to the date of termination.

The Policy terminates automatically on the earlier of:

- 1) The Policy Expiration Date shown in the Policy; or
- 2) The premium due date if premiums are not paid when due, subject to any Grace Period.

Failure by the Policyholder to pay all required premiums due by the last day of the Grace Period shall be deemed notice by the Policyholder to the Company to terminate the Policy on the last day of the period for which premiums have been earned.

The Policy may be terminated by the Policyholder or the Company as of any premium due date or Policy Anniversary Date by giving written notice to the other at least 45 days prior to such date.

The Policyholder and the Company may terminate the Policy at any time by written mutual consent.

If premiums have been paid beyond the termination date, the Company will refund the excess; or if premiums have been paid short of the termination date, the Policyholder will owe the Company the difference.

Insured Person's Termination Date

Insurance for an Insured Person will end on the earliest of:

- (1) The date He is no longer in an Eligible Class.
- (2) The date He reports for full-time active duty in any Armed Forces, according to the referenced date shown in the Application. We will refund, upon receipt of proof of service, any premium paid, calculated from the date active duty begins until the earlier of:
 - (a) The date the premium is fully earned; or
 - (b) The Expiration Date of the Policy.
This does not include Reserve or National Guard duty for training;
- (3) The end of the period for which the last premium contribution is made; or
- (4) The date the Policy is terminated; or
- (5) The date the Insured Person requests, in writing, that his/her coverage be terminated.

Dependent's Termination Date

A Dependent's coverage under the Policy ends on the earliest of:

- 1) The date the Policy terminates; or
- 2) The date the Insured Person's coverage ends; or
- 3) The date the Dependent is no longer a Dependent; or
- 4) The last day of the period for which premiums have been paid.

PREMIUM PROVISIONS

Premiums:

The Company provides insurance in return for premium payments. The premium shown in the Schedule of Benefits is payable to the Company in the manner described and is based on rates currently in force, the plan, and the amount of insurance in force. Premium due dates are the first of every month unless otherwise stated in the Policy. Premium payment made in advance or for more than a one month period will not affect any provisions of the Policy with regard to change. Failure by the Policyholder to pay premiums when due or within the Grace Period shall be deemed notice to Us to terminate coverage at the end of the period for which premium was paid.

The Company has the right to rely upon the accuracy of the Policyholder's calculations and to require the Policyholder to furnish a census from time to time but not more than twice in a 12-month period. If, at any time, it is determined that additional premium or a premium credit is due, the Policyholder will pay the additional premium or apply the premium credit at the next premium due date.

Grace Period:

A Grace Period of 31 days is granted for each premium due after the first premium due date. Coverage will stay in force during this period provided the Policyholder pays all the premiums due by the last day of the Grace Period, unless notice has been sent, in accordance with the TERMINATION provision, of the intent to terminate coverage under the Policy. Coverage will end if the premium is not paid by the end of the Grace Period.

Changes in Premium Rate

The Company may change premium rates, based on experience, at the end of the first year with at least 45 days advance notice mailed to the last known address of the Policyholder. The Company may change premium rates at any time during any subsequent year, based upon at least 12 months experience, with at least 45 days advance notice mailed to the last known address of the Policyholder provided that after the first year, the Company will not increase premium rates more frequently than once every six months, unless one of the events described below occurs:

- 1) A change in the terms of the Policy.
- 2) A subsidiary, division, affiliated organization or eligible class is added or deleted to the Policy.
- 3) A change in any federal or state law or regulation affecting the Policy and Our benefit obligation.
- 4) A change in the factors bearing on the risk assumed.
- 5) A misrepresentation in the information relied on in establishing the rate for the Policy.
- 6) A change in the experience rating.

If an increase or decrease in rates takes place on a date that is not a Premium Due Date, a prorated adjustment will apply from the date of the change to the next Premium Due Date.

Newly Acquired Subsidiaries:

The premium for the Policy applies to the risks assumed on the Effective Date of the Policy. Eligible employees or members of subsidiaries newly acquired through merger, stock purchase, exchange of stock, or otherwise, shall be insured under the Policy, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The Policyholder has at least 50% controlling interest in the subsidiary.
- (2) An additional premium payment is required with a report to Us and the name of any newly acquired subsidiary.
- (3) Necessary underwriting information must be furnished for Us to determine the additional risks assumed.
- (4) Coverage will begin on the legal date of acquisition.

No coverage shall continue for more than 31 days after the legal acquisition date unless the required report with the necessary data is supplied and the additional premium paid. The Policyholder shall be liable for payment of premium for the period during which such coverage remains in effect.

Reinstatement

The Policy may be reinstated within 14 days of lapse if it is lapsed for nonpayment of premium, if the Policyholder submits written application to the Company, the Company accepts the application and the Policyholder makes payment of all overdue premiums.

The following conditions must be met for insurance to be reinstated:

1. the Policy remains in force;
2. the Insured Person and His or Her Dependents are eligible under the Policy;
3. a written request for reinstatement and a new enrollment form are sent to Us; and
4. the required premium is paid.

Any benefits paid during the Policy Period in which the Insured Person's and His or Her Dependents' insurance is reinstated will be applied towards the Benefit Amounts for that Policy Period.

Reinstated insurance will be effective on the later of the date the Insured Person returns to Active Service or the date the required premium and new enrollment form are received by Us. We will not pay benefits while insurance is not in force under the Policy.

DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS

The following Provisions explain the benefits available under the Policy.

Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit

We will pay the Daily Hospital Confinement Benefit shown in the Schedule of Benefits if a Covered Person is Hospital Confined as an inpatient and all of the following conditions are met:

1. the Hospital stay is Medically Necessary and the direct result, from no other causes, of Injuries or illness sustained in a Covered Accident or Sickness; and
2. Confinement is at the direction and under the care of a Physician; and
3. While the coverage is in effect.

Benefit payments will end on the first of the following dates:

1. the date the Hospital stay ends; or
2. the date the Covered Person dies; or
3. the date the Maximum Benefit for this benefit is payable; or
4. the date insurance under the Policy ends.

Daily Emergency Room Visits Benefit for Accident & Sickness

We will pay the benefit shown in the Schedule of Benefits for Emergency Room Visits if a Covered Person requires Hospital emergency room treatment for a Medical Emergency as the result of a Accident or Sickness.

“Emergency Room” means a trauma center or special area in a Hospital that is equipped and staffed to give people emergency treatment on an outpatient basis. An Emergency Room is not a clinic or Physician’s office.

EXCLUSIONS

The Policy does not cover any loss resulting in whole or part from, or contributed to by, or as a natural or probable consequence of any of the following:

1. Suicide, attempted suicide or intentional self-inflicted Injury while sane or insane.
2. War or any act of war, declared or undeclared, however acts of terrorism are not excluded.
3. while the Covered Person is on Active Duty Service in any Armed Forces, National Guard, military, naval or air service or organized reserve corps;
4. Active participation in a riot or insurrection;
5. Treatment which arises out of, or in the course of fighting, brawling, assault or battery.
6. Treatment for Mental Illness or Nervous Disorders, except as specifically provided in the Policy.
7. Treatment for Substance Abuse, except as specifically provided in the Policy.
8. Injury or Sickness caused by, contributed to or resulting from the Covered Person's use of alcohol, illegal drugs or medicines that are not taken in the dosage or for the purpose as prescribed by the Covered Person's Physician.
9. Violation or attempt to violate any duly-enacted law or regulation, or commission or attempt to commit an assault or felony, or that occurs while engaged in an illegal occupation.
10. Services or treatment rendered by a Physician, Nurse or any other person who is employed or retained by the Policyholder; or an Immediate Family Member of the Covered Person.
11. Treatment in any Veterans Administration or Federal Hospital, except if there is a legal obligation to pay.
12. Travel or activity outside the United States, except for a Medical Emergency.
13. Participation in any motorized race or speed contest.
14. Aggravation or re-injury of a prior Injury that the Covered Person suffered prior to his or her coverage Effective Date, unless We receive a written medical release from the Covered Person's Physician.
15. Injury to a Covered Person resulting from that Covered Person's willful violation of the Policyholder's rules or regulations. Willful violation includes, but is not limited to: a) working without protective clothing, helmets, gloves, etc., required by the Policyholder's rules or regulations; or b) participating in any activity that is in violation of the Policyholder's rules or regulations.
16. pregnancy, except Complications of Pregnancy or childbirth unless conception occurred while coverage was in force under the Policy.
17. Elective Abortion, including complications. "Elective Abortion" means an abortion for any reason other than to preserve the life of the female upon whom the abortion is performed.
18. Experimental or Investigational drugs, services, supplies or procedure that is Experimental or Investigational at the time the procedure is done. For the purposes of this exclusion, "Experimental or Investigational" means medical services, supplies or treatments provided or performed in a special setting for research purposes, under a treatment protocol or as part of a clinical trial (Phase I, II or III). The procedure will also be considered Experimental or Investigational if the Covered Person is required to sign a consent form that indicates the proposed treatment or procedure is part of a scientific study or medical research to determine its effectiveness or safety. Medical treatment, that is not considered standard treatment by the majority of the medical community or by Medicare, Medicaid or any other government financed programs or the National Cancer Institute regarding malignancies, will be considered Experimental or Investigational. A drug, device or biological product is considered Experimental or Investigational if it does not have FDA approval or approval under an interim step in the FDA process, i.e., an investigational device exemption or an investigational new drug exemption.
19. Treatment for being overweight, gastric bypass or stapling, intestinal bypass, and any related procedures, including complications.
20. Treatment or services provided by a private duty nurse, unless provided for in the Policy.
21. Treatment of a detached retina unless caused by an Injury suffered from a Covered Accident.
22. Damage to or loss of dentures or bridges or damage to existing orthodontic equipment, except as specifically provided in the Policy.

23. Treatment of temporomandibular joint (TMJ) disorders unless the procedure is Medically Necessary to treat a condition which prevents normal functioning of the particular bone or joint involved and the condition is caused by congenital deformity, disease, or traumatic injury. Authorized therapeutic procedures shall include splinting and use of intraoral prosthetic appliances to reposition the bones. We shall not cover orthodontic braces, crowns, bridges, dentures, treatment for periodontal disease, dental root form implants, or root canals, except as specifically provided in the Policy.
24. Treatment for blood or blood plasma;
25. Routine vision care.
26. Any Accident where the Covered Person is the operator of a motor vehicle and does not possess a current and valid motor vehicle operator's license;
27. Travel in or upon, alighting to or from, or working on or around any motorcycle or recreational vehicle including but not limiting to: two- or three-wheeled motor vehicle; four-wheeled all terrain vehicle (ATV); jet ski; ski cycle; snow mobile; or riding in a rodeo according to the Policy provisions; or any off-road motorized vehicle not requiring licensing as a motor vehicle;
28. Travel or flight in or on any vehicle for aerial navigation, including boarding or alighting from:
 - i. While riding as a passenger in any aircraft not intended or licensed for the transportation of passengers; or
 - ii. While being used for any test or experimental purpose; or
 - iii. While piloting, operating, learning to operate or serving as a member of the crew thereof; or
 - iv. while traveling in any such aircraft or device which is owned or leased by or on behalf of the Policyholder or any subsidiary or affiliate of the Policyholder, or by the Covered Person or any member of His household.
 - v. A space craft or any craft designed for navigation above or beyond the earth's atmosphere; or
 - vi. An ultra light, hang-gliding, parachuting or bungi-cord jumping;

Except as a fare paying passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial airline.
29. Rest cures or custodial care;
30. Prescription Drugs unless specifically provided for under the Policy. However, growth hormones prescribed to treat congenital defects or anomalies in newborn, newly placed or adopted Dependent Children shall be covered.
31. Elective or cosmetic surgery, except for congenital defects and anomalies or reconstructive surgery on a diseased or injured part of the body;
32. Physiotherapy services.
33. Services or supplies for the treatment of an occupational Injury or Sickness which are paid under the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act only to the extent such services or supplies are the liability of the employee, employer or Workers' Compensation insurance carrier according to a final adjudication under the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act or an order of the North Carolina Industrial Commission approving a settlement agreement under the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act.

Pre-existing Conditions Limitation

Pre-existing Conditions will not be covered for a period of the first 12 months after the Covered Person's Effective Date of coverage (applies to Hospital and Surgery benefits only).

CLAIM PROVISIONS

NOTICE OF CLAIM:

Written notice of claim must be given to Us within 30 days after the occurrence or commencement of any Covered Loss, or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible. Notice given by or on behalf of the Covered Person or the beneficiary to Us at Our administrative office as shown on the cover page or to Our authorized licensed agent, with information sufficient to identify the Covered Person, shall be deemed notice to Us.

CLAIM FORMS:

When We receive the notice of claim, We will send forms for filing proof of loss. If claim forms are not provided within 15 days after receipt of such notice, the Proof of Loss requirements stated below will be deemed to have been met by submitting, within the time required under PROOF OF LOSS, written proof of the nature and extent of the loss.

PROOF OF LOSS:

Written proof of loss must be furnished to Us in the case of a claim for Covered Loss for which the Policy provides periodic payment contingent upon continuing loss within 180 days after the end of the period for which We are liable. Written proof that the loss continues must be furnished to us at intervals required by Us.

In case of claim for any other Covered Loss, proof must be furnished within 180 days after the date of such loss.

If the proof of loss is not submitted within 180 days, the claim may be reduced or invalidated. However, the claim will not be reduced or invalidated if:

- 1) it can be shown that it was not possible within reason to submit notice within the 180 day period; and
- 2) it is further shown that notice was given as soon as possible, and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity, later than one year from the time proof is otherwise required.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CLAIMS:

We shall acknowledge a claim within 30 days after receiving written notice of the claim, if the notice contains sufficient information for Us to identify the specific coverage involved. An acknowledgment of the claim must be one of the following:

1. a statement made to the claimant or the claimant's legal representative advising that the claim is being investigated;
2. payment of the claim;
3. a bona fide written offer of settlement; or
4. a written denial of the claim.

TIME OF PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

Benefits due under the Policy for a Covered Loss, other than a loss for which the Policy provides installments, will be paid within 30 days of Our receipt of due written proof of such loss.

Subject to written proof of loss, all accrued benefits for a Covered Loss for which the Policy provides installments will be paid monthly; any balance remaining unpaid upon the termination of liability will be paid immediately upon receipt of a written proof of loss.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS:

All benefits will be paid in United States currency. Loss of life benefits will be paid to the beneficiary as described in the Designation or Change of Beneficiary provision of the Policy.

All other benefits will be paid to the Covered Person suffering the loss. If the Covered Person dies before all payments due have been made, the amount still payable will be paid to his/her beneficiary as described in the Designation or Change of Beneficiary provision of the Policy.

If We are to pay benefits to the estate or to a person who is incapable of giving a valid release, We may pay up to \$1,000 to a relative by blood or marriage whom We believe is equitably entitled. This good faith payment satisfies Our legal duty to the extent of that payment.

Any other accrued benefits which are unpaid at a Covered Person's death may, at Our option, be paid either to his beneficiary or to his estate. All other benefits, unless specifically stated otherwise, will be paid to a Covered Person.

DESIGNATION OR CHANGE OF BENEFICIARY:

Each Covered Person may designate a beneficiary to whom loss of life benefits are payable. The designation shall be as follows in descending order:

- 1) Beneficiaries designated in writing by the Covered Person for the Policy on file with the Policyholder, if any, otherwise;
- 2) Beneficiaries as designated in writing for any group life insurance plan or its renewals in force for the Policyholder, if any, otherwise;
- 3) In equal shares to the members of the first surviving class of those that follow, if any:
 - a) a Covered Person's lawful spouse, if not legally separated or divorced, or Domestic Partner or Civil Union Partner;
 - b) a Covered Person's natural Child, adopted Child, foster Child, stepchild, or other Child for whom the Covered Person has or had legal guardianship (proof will be required); or
 - c) a Covered Person's parents, whether natural, step or adoptive; or
 - d) a Covered person's Sisters or Brothers, otherwise.
- 4) The estate of the Covered Person.

A Covered Person may change his/her beneficiary designation from time to time without the consent of the designated beneficiary by giving notice, in writing, to the Policyholder. When a request for designation or change is received by the Policyholder, it will take effect on the date of its execution, whether or not the Covered Person is living on the date it is received by the Policyholder. Any interest created by the request will be subject to any payment made or action taken before its receipt.

A Dependent's beneficiary is the Covered Person. If no beneficiary is living on the date of a Dependent's death, the beneficiary is the Covered Person's estate.

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION AND AUTOPSY:

We have the right to have a Physician of Our choice examine the Covered Person as often as is reasonably necessary. This section applies when a claim is pending or while benefits are being paid. We also have the right to request an autopsy in the case of death, unless the law forbids it. We will pay the cost of the examination or autopsy. Autopsies are not permitted to be required in Massachusetts, Mississippi and South Carolina.

RECOVERY OF OVERPAYMENT:

If benefits are overpaid or paid in error, We have the right to recover the amount overpaid or paid in error by any of the following methods.

- 1) A request for lump sum payment of the amount overpaid or paid in error; or
- 2) Reduction of any proceeds payable under the Policy by the amount overpaid or paid in error.

LEGAL ACTIONS:

All Policy terms will be interpreted under the laws of the state in which the Policy was issued. No legal action may be brought to recover on the Policy within 60 days after written Proof of Loss has been furnished. No legal action may be brought after three (3) years from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be furnished.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

ENTIRE CONTRACT; CHANGES:

The Policy, the Application of the Policyholder (a copy of which is attached to the Policy), endorsements, riders, and attached papers constitute the entire contract between the parties. If an application of a Covered Person is required, We may also make it a part of this contract.

All statements made by the Policyholder or by a Covered Person are deemed representations and not warranties. No such statement will cause Us to deny or reduce benefits or be used as a defense to a claim unless a copy of the instrument containing the statement is or has been furnished to such person; or, in the event of His death or incapacity, His beneficiary or representative. After two years from the Covered Person's effective date of coverage, no such statement, except with respect to eligibility for coverage, will cause such coverage to be contested.

No change in the Policy will be valid until approved by one of Our executive officers. This approval must be endorsed on or attached to the Policy. No agent may change the Policy or waive any of its provisions.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE:

The Policy is not in lieu of and does not affect any requirement for coverage under any Workers' Compensation Insurance.

POLICY TERMINATION:

We may terminate coverage on or after the anniversary of any premium due date. The Policyholder may terminate its coverage on any premium due date. If either party terminates, written notice must be given to the other party at least 45 days prior to such premium due date.

CONFORMITY WITH STATE STATUTES:

Any provision of the Policy in conflict on its effective date with the laws of the State of Issue indicated on the front page of the Policy is amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such laws.

OTHER COVERAGE WITH US:

At any one time each Covered Person may have only one Certificate issued by Us having coverage similar to that described in the Policy. If we find a Covered Person has more than one such Certificate, coverage will be provided under the plan that has been in force for the longer period of time and any other coverage will be terminated effective immediately. If concurrent coverage is identified, We will refund premiums paid for all other Certificates for concurrent periods of coverage and provide 30 days written notice of termination to the Insured for the most recently acquired coverage.

CLERICAL ERROR:

Clerical error in keeping any records pertaining to the coverage, whether by the Policyholder or by the Company, will not invalidate coverage otherwise validly in force nor continue coverage otherwise validly terminated, provided such clerical error is not prejudicial to the Company and is rectified promptly upon discovery.

ASSIGNMENT:

No assignment of interest in loss of life benefits shall be binding on the Company until the original or duplicate thereof is received by the Company. The Company assumes no responsibility for the validity of such assignment.

INSOLVENCY:

The insolvency, bankruptcy, financial impairment, receivership, voluntary plan of arrangement with creditors, or dissolution of the Policyholder will not impose upon the Company any liability other than the liability defined in the Policy. The insolvency of the Policyholder will not make the Company liable to the creditors of the Policyholder, including Covered Persons under the Policy.

NON-PARTICIPATING:

The Policy is non-participating. It does not share in the Company's profits or surplus earnings.

WAIVER:

Failure of the Company to strictly enforce its rights under the Policy at any time or under any circumstance shall not constitute a waiver of such rights by the Company at any time under the same or different circumstances.

**NOTICE CONCERNING COVERAGE
LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS UNDER THE NORTH CAROLINA
LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT**

Residents of this state who purchase life insurance, annuities or health insurance should know that the insurance companies licensed in this state to write these types of insurance are members of the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. The purpose of this association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the guaranty association will assess its other member insurance companies for the money to pay the claims of the insured persons who live in this state and, in some cases, to keep coverage in force. The valuable extra protection provided by these insurers through the guaranty association is not unlimited, however. And, as noted *in the box below*, this protection is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting companies that are well-managed and financially stable.

The North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association may not provide coverage for this policy. If coverage is provided, it may be subject to substantial limitations or exclusions, and require continued residency in North Carolina. You should not rely on coverage by the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.

Coverage is NOT provided for your policy or any portion of it that is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which you have assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus.

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. However, insurance companies and their agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the guaranty association to induce you to purchase any kind of insurance policy.

The North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
Post Office Box 10218
Raleigh, North Carolina 27605-0218

North Carolina Department of Insurance, Consumer Services Division
1201 Mail Service Center
Raleigh, North Carolina 27699-1201

The state law that provides for this safety-net coverage is called the North Carolina Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. *On the back of this page* is a brief summary of this law's coverages, exclusions and limits. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone's rights or obligations under the act or the rights or obligations of the guaranty association.

COVERAGE

Generally, individuals will be protected by the life and health guaranty association if they live in this state and hold a life or health insurance

contract, or an annuity, or if they are insured under a group insurance contract, issued by a member insurer. The beneficiaries, payees or assignees of insured persons are protected as well, even if they live in another state.

EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

However, persons holding such policies are not protected by this association if:

- They are eligible for protection under the laws of another state (this may occur when the insolvent insurer was incorporated in another state whose guaranty association protects insureds who live outside that state);
- The insurer was not authorized to do business in this state;
- Their policy was issued by an HMO, a fraternal benefit society, a mandatory state pooling plan, a mutual assessment company or similar plan in which the policyholder is subject to future assessments, or by an insurance exchange.

The association also does not provide coverage for:

- Any policy or portion of a policy which is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus;
- Any policy of reinsurance (unless an assumption certificate was issued);
- Interest rate yields that exceed the average rate specified in the law;
- Dividends;
- Experience or other credits given in connection with the administration of a policy by a group contractholder;
- Employers' plans to the extent they are self-funded (that is, not insured by an insurance company, even if an insurance company administers them);
- Unallocated annuity contracts (which give rights to group contractholders, not individuals), unless they fund a government lottery or a benefit plan of an employer, association or union, except that unallocated annuities issued to employee benefit plans protected by the Federal Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation are not covered.
- A policy or contract commonly known as Medicare Part C or Part D or any regulations issued pursuant thereto.

LIMITS ON AMOUNT OF COVERAGE

The act also limits the amount the association is obligated to pay out as follows:

- (1) The guaranty association cannot pay out more than the insurance company would owe under the policy or contract.
- (2) Except as provided in (3) (4) and (5) below, the guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$300,000 per individual, per insolvency, no matter how many policies or types of policies issued by the insolvent company.
- (3) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$500,000 with respect to basic hospital, medical and surgical insurance and major medical insurance.
- (4) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$1,000,000 with respect to the payee of a structured settlement annuity.
- (5) The guaranty association will pay a maximum of \$5,000,000 to any one unallocated annuity contract holder.

When used throughout this document “Company”, “Our”, “We”, or “Us” means:

United States Fire Insurance Company

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

When you submit a claim and that claim is denied, we will provide a written statement containing the reasons for the Adverse Determination. You have the right to request a review of any Company decision or action pertaining to our contractual relationship and to appeal any adverse claim determination we've made by filing a Grievance. These procedures have been developed to ensure a full investigation of a Grievance through a formal process.

DEFINITIONS

A “**Grievance**” is a written complaint requesting a change to a previous claim decision, claims payment, the handling or reimbursement of health care services, or other matters pertaining to your coverage and our contractual relationship.

An “**Adverse Determination**” is a determination by the Company or its designated utilization review organization that (i) a service, treatment, drug, or device, is experimental, investigational, specifically limited or excluded by your coverage; or (ii) a facility admission, the availability of care, continued stay or other health care services proposed or furnished have been reviewed and, based upon the information provided, does not meet the contractual requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness and therefore, the benefit coverage is denied, reduced or terminated in whole or in part.

INFORMAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

You, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf may submit an oral complaint to us within 60-days after an event that causes a dispute. Telephoning allows you to discuss your complaint or concerns and gives us the opportunity to immediately resolve the problem.

If we don't have all the information necessary to review your complaint, we will request any additional information within 5 business days of receiving your complaint. After we receive all the necessary information, we will provide you, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf with our written decision within 30-days after receiving the complaint and all necessary information.

If the problem cannot be resolved in this manner, you still have the right to submit a written request for the complaint to be reviewed through the Formal Grievance Procedure, as outlined below.

FORMAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

A formal Grievance may be submitted by you, your authorized representative, or in the event of an Adverse Determination, by a provider acting on your behalf.

If you file a formal Grievance, you will have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information you feel are relevant to the Grievance, regardless of whether those materials were considered in the initial Adverse Determination.

First Level Review

Within 3 working business days after receiving the Grievance, we must acknowledge the Grievance and provide you, your authorized representative or a provider with the name, address, and telephone number of the coordinator handling the Grievance and information on how to submit written material. The person(s) who reviews the Grievance will not be the same person(s) who made the initial Adverse Determination. During the review, all information, documents, and other materials submitted relating to the claim will be considered, regardless of whether they were considered in making the previous claim decision. The Insured will not be allowed to attend, or have a representative attend, a First Level Review. The Insured may, however, submit written material for consideration by the reviewer(s).

When the Grievance is based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, the review will be conducted by, or in consultation with, a medical doctor with appropriate training and expertise to evaluate the matter.

Following our review of your Grievance, we must issue a written decision to you and, if applicable, to your representative or provider, within 20-days after receiving the Grievance. The written decision must include:

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- (1) The name(s), title(s) and professional qualifications of any person(s) participating in the First Level Review process.
- (2) A statement of the reviewer's understanding of the Grievance.
- (3) The specific reason(s) for the reviewer's decision in clear terms and the contractual basis or medical rationale used as the basis for the decision in sufficient detail for the Insured to respond further to our position.
- (4) A reference to the evidence or documentation used as the basis for the decision.
- (5) If the claim denial is based on medical necessity, experimental treatment or similar exclusion, instructions for requesting an explanation of the scientific or clinical rationale used to make the determination.
- (6) A statement advising you of your right to request a Second Level Review, if applicable, and a description of the procedure and timeframes for requesting a Second Level Review.

Second Level Review

The Second Level Review process is available if you are not satisfied with the outcome of the First level Review for an Adverse Determination. Within ten business days after receiving a request for a Second Level Review, we will advise you of the following:

- (1) the name, address, and telephone number of a person designated to coordinate the Grievance review for the Company;
- (2) a statement of your rights, including the right to:
 - attend the Second Level Review
 - present his/her case to the review panel;
 - submit supporting materials before and at the review meeting;
 - ask questions of any member of the review panel;
 - be assisted or represented by a person of his/her choice, including a provider, family member, employer representative, or attorney.
 - request and receive from us free of charge, copies of all relevant documents, records and other information that is not confidential or privileged that were considered in making the Adverse Determination.

We must convene a review panel and hold a review meeting within 45-days after receiving a request for a Second Level Review. We will notify you in writing of the meeting date at least 15-days prior to the date. The review meeting will be held during regular business hours at a location reasonable accessible to you. In cases where a face-to-face meeting is not practical for geographic reasons, we will offer you the opportunity to communicate with the review panel at our expense by conference call or other appropriate technology. Your right to a full review may not be conditioned on whether or not you appear at the meeting.

If you choose to be represented by an attorney, we may also be represented by an attorney. If we choose to have an attorney present to represent our interests, we will notify you at least 15 working days in advance of the review that an attorney will be present and that you may wish to obtain legal representation of your own.

The panel must be comprised of persons who:

- (1) were not previously involved in any matter giving rise to the Second Level Review;
- (2) are not employees of the Company or Utilization Review Organization; and
- (3) do not have a financial interest in the outcome of the review.

A person previously involved in the Grievance may appear before the panel to present information or answer questions.

All persons reviewing a Second Level Grievance involving a Utilization Review non-certification or a clinical issue will be providers who have appropriate expertise, including at least one clinical peer. If we use a clinical peer on an appeal of a Utilization Review non-certification or on a First Level Review, we may use one of our employees on the Second Level Review panel if the panel is comprised of 3 or more persons.

We must issue a written decision to you and, if applicable, to your representative or provider, within 10 business days after completing the review meeting. The decision must include:

- (1) the name(s), title(s) and qualifying credentials of the members of the review panel;
- (2) a statement of the review panel's understanding of the nature of the Grievance and all pertinent facts;
- (3) the review panel's recommendation to the Company and the rationale behind the recommendation;

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- (4) a description of, or reference to, the evidence or documentation considered by the review panel in making the recommendation;
- (5) in the review of a Utilization Review non-certification or other clinical matter, a written statement of the clinical rationale, including the clinical review criteria, that was used by the review panel to make the determination;
- (6) the rationale for the Company's decision if it differs from the review panel's recommendation;
- (7) a statement that the decision is the Company's final determination in the matter;
- (8) notice of the availability of the Commissioner's office for assistance, including the telephone number and address of the Commissioner's office.

EXPEDITED REVIEW

You are eligible for an expedited review when the timeframes for an Informal, formal First Level review or Second Level review would reasonably appear to seriously jeopardize your life or health, or your ability to regain maximum function. An expedited review is also available for all Grievances concerning an admission, availability of care, continued stay or health care service for a person who has received emergency services, but who has not been discharged from a facility.

A request for an expedited review may be submitted orally or in writing. An expedited review must be evaluated by an appropriate clinical peer in the same or similar specialty as would typically manage the case being reviewed. If we don't have the information necessary to decide an appeal, we will send you notification of precisely what is required within 24-hours of our receipt of your Grievance. All necessary information, including our decision, will be transmitted by telephone, facsimile, or the most expeditious method available. Provided we have enough information to make a decision, you, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf will be notified of the determination as expeditiously as the medical condition requires, but in no event more than 72-hours after the review has commenced. Written confirmation of our decision will be provided within 2 working business days of the decision and will contain the same items described in the written decision requirements for First Level reviews.

If the expedited review does not resolve the situation, you, your representative or a provider acting on your behalf may submit a written Grievance.

We will not provide an expedited review for retrospective reviews of Adverse Determinations.

PRIVACY NOTICE

United States Fire Insurance Company, The North River Insurance Company and affiliates within Crum & Forster (collectively, “The Company”) values your business and your trust. In order to administer insurance policies and provide you with effective customer service, we must collect certain information including nonpublic personal information about our customers and claimants. Nonpublic personal information means information that allows someone to identify or contact you (“Information”). We are committed to protecting such Information and we will comply with all applicable federal and state laws and regulations. This notice describes how we collect, use and share your Information, your rights with respect to insurance products issued by The Company and our legal duties and privacy practices. State laws require that we provide this notice. Please review this Notice and keep a copy of it with your records.

Your privacy is our concern

When you apply to The Company for insurance or make a claim against a policy written by The Company, you disclose information about yourself to us. The Company limits the collection, use, and disclosure of such information to only what is needed to properly produce, underwrite and service its insurance products and/or fulfill legal or regulatory requirements. The Company maintains administrative, technical and physical safeguards that comply with state and federal regulations to protect your Information. We also limit employee access to Information to those with a business reason for knowing such Information and we take measures to enforce employee privacy responsibilities.

What kind of information do we collect about you and from whom?

We obtain most of our Information from you. The application or claim form you complete, as well as any additional information you provide, generally gives us most of the information we need to know. Sometimes we may contact you by phone or mail to obtain additional information. We may use information about you from other transactions with us, our affiliates, or others. Depending on the nature of your insurance transaction, we may need additional information about you or other individuals proposed for coverage. We may obtain the additional information we need from third parties, such as other insurance companies or agents, government agencies, medical providers, insurance support organizations, the state motor vehicle department, information clearinghouses, credit reporting agencies, courts, or public records. A report from a consumer reporting agency may contain information as to creditworthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, hobbies, occupation, personal characteristics, or mode of living.

What do we do with the information collected about you?

The Company collects nonpublic information to conduct its business of producing, underwriting, servicing and administering its insurance products. If coverage is declined or the charge for coverage is increased because of information contained in a consumer report we obtained, we will inform you, as required by state law or the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. We will also give you the name and address of the consumer reporting agency making the report. We may retain information about our former customers and may disclose that information to affiliates and non-affiliates only as described in this notice.

To whom do we disclose information about you?

Access to non-public personal information is limited to those employees, and authorized representatives, attorneys and service providers who specifically need such information to conduct their business responsibilities. In addition, we may disclose all the information that we collect about you to affiliated companies and nonaffiliated third parties (as permitted by law), such as:

- Insurance companies;
- Insurance agencies;
- Loss adjusters;
- Medical providers;
- Third party non-insurance service providers;
- Third party administrators;
- Medical bill review companies;
- Reinsurance companies; and
- Similar service providers.

Crum & Forster requires its service providers to abide by privacy laws in handling non-public personal information obtained through its business relationship with Crum & Forster. Additionally, Crum & Forster may disclose non-public Privacy Notice – A&H

personal information to third parties as allowed or required by law. For example, Crum & Forster may release your Information to comply with reporting requirements, to comply with a subpoena, warrant, legal process or other order or inquiry of a court, governmental agency or state or federal regulator, or to fulfill C&F's obligations to its insurers and reinsurers. We may also share your personal information in order to establish or exercise our rights, to defend against a legal claim, to investigate, prevent, or take action regarding possible illegal activities, suspected fraud, safety of person or property, or a violation of our policies.

If you conclude your relationship with the Company, the Company will continue to safeguard your privacy in accordance with the standards described in this notice. The Company maintains physical, electronic and procedural safeguards to protect non-public personal information.

About Our Websites

We may collect information via technology about how you use our website, including the elements you have interacted with, metadata, and other details about these elements, clicks, change states, and other user actions. This information is used primarily to provide, maintain, protect, and improve our current products and to develop new ones.

We may use cookies on certain pages of our site. Cookies are stored on your computer, not on our site. Most cookies are "session cookies" which means that they are automatically deleted at the end of each session. A cookie itself does not have the ability to automatically collect personal information about you. A cookie can store certain information that identifies your computer to us so that you do not need to re-enter that information as frequently when you use our site. The cookie does not contain your password.

We reserve the right to change our policy regarding cookies and the collection of information from visitors at any time without advance notice. Should any new policy be put into effect, we will post it on this website, and the new policy will apply only to information collected thereafter. You may opt out of receiving cookies or delete any prior cookies by changing your specific internet browser settings. The privacy of communication over the internet cannot be guaranteed. If you are concerned about the security of your communication, we encourage you to send your correspondence through the postal service or use the telephone to speak directly to us. We do not represent or warrant that the site, in whole or in part, is appropriate or available for use in any particular jurisdiction. Those who choose to access the site, do so on their own initiative and at their own risk, and are responsible for complying with all local laws, rules and regulations. We do not assume any responsibility for any loss or damage you may experience or incur by the sending of personal information over the internet by or to us. This Usage Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the United States and of the State of New Jersey, without giving effect to its conflict of laws provisions.

Please know that The Company has not and will not sell any consumers' personal information. We do not sell your nonpublic personal information to any third parties nor do we use it for marketing purposes.

How to contact us

If you have any questions about this Privacy Notice or about how we use the information we collect, please contact us at:

Crum & Forster Legal Department
305 Madison Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07960
privacyinformation@cfins.com

Changes to this Privacy Notice

We may revise this notice at any time. If we make material changes, we will notify you as required by law.

For California Residents Only:

If you are a California resident, you may be entitled to additional rights over your Information. We do not, and will not, sell Information collected from you. The California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) provides California residents, upon a verifiable consumer request, certain rights that include:

The right to request that we disclose (1) The categories of personal information that we have collected about you; and (2) The categories of personal information that we have disclosed about you for a business purpose

The right to request that we delete the personal information it has collected from you, subject to certain legal exceptions, for example, when such personal information is necessary to fulfill or comply with our legal obligations.

The right to be protected from discrimination for exercising your CCPA rights. If you choose to exercise your privacy rights, we will not charge you different prices or provide different quality of services unless those differences are related to your information.

You may designate an authorized agent to act on your behalf and make a request of us under the CCPA.

To exercise your rights under the CCPA or to seek assistance, please do one of the following:

- If you would like to make a Request to Know, go to <http://www.cfins.com/request-to-know-california-residents/> or call 1.844.254.5754
- If you would like to make a Request to Delete, <http://www.cfins.com/request-to-delete-california-residents/> or call 1.844.254.5754
- Fill out and send back to us the Request to Know / Request to Delete form to:
Crum & Forster Legal Department
PO Box 1973
305 Madison Avenue
Morristown, NJ 07962
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We will attempt, where practical, to respond to your requests and to provide you with additional privacy-related information. We will confirm receipt of verifiable consumer requests within ten (10) days of receipt. You may only make a verifiable consumer request for personal information twice within a twelve (12) month period. We cannot respond to your request if we cannot verify your identity or authority to make the request and confirm the personal information relates to you. Any consumer with a disability may access this notice by contacting us at the address, email or toll free number listed above.

We may change this California Privacy Notice and our privacy practices over time. Our most current Privacy Policy and California Privacy Notice can be found on our website at <http://www.cfins.com/terms/>.

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