



## CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

Columbia, South Carolina  
800.433.3036

### **Endorsement to Policy and Certificate of Insurance**

This Endorsement alters the Policy and the Certificate to which it is attached. Unless specifically addressed by this Endorsement, all other Policy and Certificate provisions, definitions, and terms continue to apply.

Continental American Insurance Company's mailing addresses for claims and premium payments are changed as listed below.

**Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss** should be mailed to the Company at:

P.O. Box 84075, Columbus, Georgia, 31993-9103

**Premium Payments** should be mailed to the Company at:

P.O. Box 84069, Columbus, Georgia, 31908-4069

If applicable, references to 2801 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205 are deleted.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,

Teresa White, President

J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary





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Continental American Insurance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of  
Aflac Incorporated, is the insuring company.

Columbia, South Carolina 29202

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## Group Critical Illness Insurance Policy

**This limited Plan provides supplemental benefits only. It does not constitute comprehensive health insurance coverage and does not satisfy the requirement of minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act.**

**This Plan provides benefits for the Critical Illnesses listed in the Policy Schedule.**

**Please read it carefully.**

The Policyholder as shown on the Policy Schedule applied for coverage under this Group Critical Illness Insurance Policy (the "Plan"). This Plan is issued by Continental American Insurance Company (the "Company," "CAIC," "we," "us," or "our"). Based on the Master Application and the timely payment of premiums, the Company agrees to pay the benefits provided on the following pages. (Please note that male pronouns—such as "he," "him," and "his"—are used for both males and females, unless the context clearly shows otherwise.)

You will notice that certain words and phrases (including some medical terms and the names of Plan documents) in this document are capitalized. The capitalized words refer to terms with very specific definitions as they apply to this insurance Plan.

This Plan is a legal contract between the Company and the Policyholder. All material printed by the Company on the following pages is part of the Plan. This Plan is delivered in and governed by the laws of the jurisdiction shown on the Policy Schedule.

In witness whereof, the Company executes this Plan at its home office in Columbia, South Carolina, on the Effective Date.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,

Teresa White, President

J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary

## Group Critical Illness Insurance Non-Participating

*Continental American Insurance Company (CAIC), a proud member of the Aflac family of insurers, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aflac Incorporated and underwrites group coverage.*

## **Notice of Non-Insured Benefits**

The Company may offer or provide goods and/or services that are not related to insurance. These goods and services, which could be offered or provided to some people who apply for CAIC coverage or become insured by CAIC, may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Enrollment services
- Educational services
- Benefit statement services
- Payroll or plan administration services

The services listed above will fall under the same benefit plan that includes or is related to the applicable CAIC coverage, individual wellness programs, and related services.

In addition, CAIC may arrange for third-party service providers to provide discounted goods and services to people who apply for CAIC coverage or who become insured by CAIC.

Though CAIC has arranged these goods, services, and/or third-party provider discounts, the third-party providers—**not CAIC**—are liable to applicants/insureds for these goods and services. CAIC is not responsible for providing the goods and/or services, nor is CAIC liable to applicants/insureds for the negligent provision of these goods and/or services by third-party service providers.

**For information about this notice, call 800.433.3036.**

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## **Section I – Eligibility, Effective Date, and Termination**

### **Eligibility**

An Employee is eligible to be covered under this Plan if he is Actively at Work for his employer and included in the class that is eligible for coverage, as shown on the Master Application.

Dependents of an Employee are eligible for coverage under this Plan. A *Dependent* is:

- The Spouse of an Employee, or
- The Dependent Child of an Employee or an Employee's Spouse (details included in the **Definitions** section).

*Insured* means an Employee or eligible Dependent, if any, who is covered under the Plan in the following categories:

- **Employee Coverage** – We insure the Employee and any Dependent Children.
- **Employee and Spouse Coverage** – We insure the Employee, Spouse, and any Dependent Children.

We will not insure anyone specifically excluded from coverage by Endorsement to the Certificate or by application, even if that person would otherwise be eligible for coverage.

Details for adding Insureds to Plan coverage are outlined in the Effective Date section.

### **Effective Date**

The Plan's Effective Date is shown on the schedule page. This Plan becomes effective on the Policy Effective Date at 12:01 a.m., as determined by the Policyholder's address.

An eligible Employee must enroll in this Plan and agree to pay the required premiums for coverage to become effective. He may enroll within 31 days of the date he first becomes eligible for coverage. *The first premium must have been paid for coverage to become effective.*

We may require evidence of insurability satisfactory to us if the amount of coverage applied for exceeds the guaranteed-issue amount, if any, or if we do not receive the Application within 31 days after the Employee was first eligible for coverage. Evidence of insurability may also be required based on an agreement between the Policyholder and us.

An Employee's Effective Date is the date his insurance takes effect. After we receive and approve the Application, that date is either:

- The date shown on the Certificate Schedule if the Employee is Actively at Work on that date, or
- The date the Employee returns to an Actively-at-Work status if he was not Actively at Work on the date shown on the Certificate Schedule.

The Effective Date for a Spouse or Dependent Child is:

- The date shown on the Certificate Schedule if that Spouse or Dependent Child is not confined to a hospital and is eligible for coverage on that date, or
- The date the Spouse or Dependent Child is no longer confined to a hospital (if that Spouse or Dependent Child was confined to a hospital on the Certificate Schedule date) and is eligible for coverage on that date.

A Spouse may be added to the Plan after the Employee's Effective Date. To be added, the Employee must complete an Application to add his Spouse to the Plan. The Company will assign the Effective Date for a Spouse's coverage after approving the application. For Spouse coverage to become effective, the Spouse must be included in the premium payment.

Newborn children will be covered from the moment of birth, adopted children from the date the petition is filed for adoption, and step-children from the date of the Employee's marriage.

A day begins at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the Employee's, Spouse's, or Dependent Child's place of residence.

## **Plan Termination**

The Company has the right to cancel the Plan on any premium due date for the following reasons:

- The premium is not paid before the end of the Grace Period,
- The number of participating Employees is less than the number mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Policyholder in the signed Master Application,
- The Policyholder does not provide timely information or meet any obligations required by this Plan and applicable law, or
- The Company cancels the Plan any time after the end of the first policy year. To do this, the Company must give the Policyholder 31 days' written notice.

The Policyholder has the right to cancel the Plan on any premium due date.

- To do this, the Policyholder must give the Company at least 31 days' written notice.
- The Plan will end on the date in the written notice or the date the Company receives the notice, whichever is later.

All outstanding premiums are due upon Plan termination. If the Company accepts premium payments after the Plan terminates, this will not reinstate the Plan; we will refund any excess premium.

**The Policyholder has the sole responsibility of notifying Certificateholders in writing of the Plan's termination as soon as reasonably possible.** If the Plan terminates, it—and all Certificates and Riders issued under the Plan—will terminate on the specified termination date. The termination occurs as of 12:01 a.m. at the Policyholder's address.

## **Termination of an Employee's Insurance**

An Employee's insurance will terminate on whichever occurs first:

- The date the Company terminates the Plan.
- The 31st day after the premium due date, if the premium has not been paid.
- The date he no longer belongs to an eligible class.

Insurance for a covered Spouse or Dependent Child will terminate on the earliest of any of the bullet points listed above, or:

- The premium due date following the date the covered Spouse or Dependent Child no longer qualifies as a Dependent.
- The premium due date following the date we receive the Employee's written request to terminate coverage for his Spouse or all Dependent Children.

If an Insured's coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while his coverage was active.

## **Section II – Premium Provisions**

### **Premium Payments**

**Premiums for this Plan should be paid to the Company at its Home Office in Columbia, South Carolina.** The first premiums are due on this Plan's Effective Date. After that, premiums are due on the first day of each month that the Plan remains in effect.

Payment of any premium will not keep the Plan in force beyond the due date of the next premium, except as set forth in the Grace Period provision.

### **Premium Changes**

The Plan's first Anniversary Date appears on the Policy Schedule. Subsequent anniversaries will be the same date each following year.

Unless we have agreed in writing not to increase premiums, the premium may change:

- On the Policy Anniversary Date based on renewal underwriting.
- Whenever the terms or conditions of the Plan are modified. The new premium rates will apply only to premiums due on or after the rate change takes effect.

We will provide the Policyholder a 31-day advance written notice of any change to a premium.

### **Grace Period**

This Plan has a 31-day Grace Period. If any premium, except for the first premium, is not paid on or before its due date, the premium may be paid during the next 31 days. During the Grace Period, the Plan will stay in force, unless the Policyholder has given the Company written notice of its intention to discontinue the Plan in advance of the date of discontinuance.

## **Section III – Definitions**

When the terms below are used in this Plan, the following definitions apply:

**Accident** means an event that results in accidental bodily injury to an Insured, independent of disease or bodily infirmity. A **Covered Accident** is an Accident that occurs while coverage is in force.

**Actively at Work (Active Work)** refers to an Employee's ability to perform his regular employment duties for a full normal workday. The Employee may perform these activities either at his employer's regular place of business or at a location where he is required to travel to perform the regular duties of his employment.

**Acute Coronary Syndrome** is an obstruction of the coronary arteries that occurs as a result of Myocardial Infarction with or without ST elevation. This is determined by an electrocardiogram (ECG). Acute Coronary Syndrome includes unstable angina but does not include stable angina.

**Arteriosclerosis** means a disease of the arteries characterized by plaque deposits on the arteries' inner walls, resulting in their abnormal thickening and loss of elasticity.

**Arteriovenous Malformation** means a congenital disease of the blood vessels in the brain, brain stem, or spinal cord that is characterized by a complex, tangled web of abnormal arteries and veins and may be connected by one or more fistulas.

**Atherosclerosis** means a disease in which plaque builds up inside a person's arteries.

**Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant)** means a procedure to replace damaged or destroyed bone marrow with healthy bone marrow stem cells. For a benefit to be payable, a Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant) must be caused by at least one of the following diseases:

- Aplastic anemia
- Congenital neutropenia
- Severe immunodeficiency syndromes
- Sickle cell anemia
- Thalassemia
- Fanconi anemia
- Leukemia
- Lymphoma
- Multiple myeloma

The Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant) benefit is not payable if the Transplant results from a covered Critical Illness for which a benefit has been paid under this Plan.



**Brain Aneurysm** is a weak area in the wall of a blood vessel of the brain that causes the blood vessel to bulge, balloon out, or rupture.

**Cardiomyopathy** means a disease with measurable deterioration of the function of the myocardium, and is typically characterized by breathlessness and swelling of the legs.

**Chronic Kidney Disease** means a disease characterized by the gradual loss in renal function over time due to diabetes mellitus, Hypertension, glomerulonephritis, polycystic kidney disease, autoimmune disease, or genetic disease.

**Claimant** means a person who is authorized to make a claim under the Certificate.

**Coma** means a state of continuous, profound unconsciousness, lasting at least seven consecutive days, and characterized by the absence of:

- Spontaneous eye movements,
- Response to painful stimuli, and
- Vocalization.

Coma does not include a medically-induced coma.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, the Coma must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, the Coma must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one of the following diseases:

- **Brain Aneurysm**, which is an excessive, localized enlargement of an artery in the brain caused by a weakening of the artery wall, usually due to a defect in the vessel at birth or resulting from high blood pressure.
- **Diabetes**, which is a metabolic disease characterized by the inadequate secretion or utilization of insulin, by excessive urine production, by excessive amounts of sugar in the blood and urine, and by thirst, hunger, and loss of weight.
- **Encephalitis**, which is a disease characterized by inflammation of the brain, usually caused by a direct viral infection or a hypersensitive reaction to a virus or foreign protein.
- **Epilepsy**, which is a neurological disease characterized by sudden, recurring attacks of motor, sensory, or psychic malfunction with or without loss of consciousness or convulsive seizures.
- **Hyperglycemia**, which is a disease where an excessive amount of glucose circulates in the blood plasma.
- **Hypoglycemia**, which is a disease where blood glucose concentrations fall below the necessary level to support the body's need for energy and stability throughout its cells.
- **Meningitis**, which is a disease caused by viral or bacterial infection and characterized by inflammation of the meninges.

**Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery** means open heart surgery to correct the narrowing or blockage of one or more coronary arteries with bypass grafts and where such narrowing or blockage is attributed to Coronary Artery Disease or Acute Coronary Syndrome. This excludes any non-surgical procedure, such as, but not limited to, balloon angioplasty, laser relief, or stents.

**Coronary Artery Disease** occurs when the coronary arteries become damaged due to acute coronary occlusion, coronary atherosclerosis, aneurysm and/or dissection of the coronary arteries, or coronary atherosclerosis due to lipid rich plaque.

**Critical Illness** is a disease or a sickness as defined in the Plan that first manifests while your coverage is in force.

Any loss due to Critical Illness must begin while your coverage is in force. Critical Illness includes only the following, provided such Critical Illness meets all applicable definitions contained in the Plan and, where indicated, is caused by an underlying condition:

- Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant)
- Coma
- Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
- Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction)
- Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure)
- Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing
- Major Organ Transplant
- Paralysis
- Stroke
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest

*Date of Diagnosis* is defined as follows:

- ***Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant):*** The date the surgery occurs.
- ***Coma:*** The first day of the period for which a Doctor confirms a Coma that is due to one of the underlying diseases and that has lasted for at least seven consecutive days.
- ***Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery:*** The date the surgery occurs.
- ***Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction):*** The date the infarction (death) of a portion of the heart muscle occurs. This is based on the criteria listed under the Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction) definition.
- ***Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure):*** The date a Doctor recommends that an Insured begin renal dialysis.
- ***Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing:*** The date the loss due to one of the underlying diseases is objectively determined by a Doctor to be total and irreversible.
- ***Major Organ Transplant:*** The date the surgery occurs.
- ***Paralysis:*** The date a Doctor Diagnoses an Insured with Paralysis due to one of the underlying diseases as specified in this Plan, where such Diagnosis is based on clinical and/or laboratory findings as supported by the Insured's medical records.
- ***Stroke:*** The date the Stroke occurs (based on documented neurological deficits and neuroimaging studies).
- ***Sudden Cardiac Arrest:*** The date the pumping action of the heart fails (based on the Sudden Cardiac Arrest definition).
- ***Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA):*** The date the Transient Ischemic Attack occurs (based on documented diagnostic tests, such as a CT scan or an MRI of the brain, a Doppler ultrasound, or an echocardiogram of the heart).

***Dependent*** means an Employee's Spouse or Dependent Child. ***Spouse*** is an Employee's legal wife or husband who is listed on the Employee's Application. ***Dependent Children*** are an Employee's or an Employee's Spouse's natural children, step-children, legally adopted children, or Children Placed for Adoption, who are younger than age 26.

***Children Placed for Adoption*** are Children for whom you have entered a decree of adoption or for whom you have initiated adoption proceedings. A decree of adoption must be entered within one year from the date proceedings were initiated, unless extended by order of the court. You must continue to have custody pursuant to the decree of the court.

There is an exception to the age-26 limit listed above. This limit will not apply to any Dependent Child who is incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical handicap and is dependent on a parent for support. The Employee or the Employee's Spouse must furnish proof of this incapacity and dependency to the Company within 31 days following the Dependent Child's 26th birthday.

***Diagnosis (Diagnosed)*** refers to the definitive and certain identification of an illness or disease that:

- Is made by a Doctor and
- Is based on clinical or laboratory investigations, as supported by the Insured's medical records.

The illness must meet the requirements outlined in this Plan for the particular Critical Illness being Diagnosed.

Diagnosis must be made and Treatment must be received in the United States or its territories.

**Doctor** is a person who is:

- Legally qualified to practice medicine,
- Licensed as a Doctor by the state where Treatment is received, and
- Licensed to treat the type of condition for which a claim is made.

A Doctor does not include the Insured or any of the Insured's Family Members.

For the purposes of this definition, **Family Member** includes the Employee's Spouse as well as the following members of the Employee's immediate family:

- Son
- Daughter
- Mother
- Father
- Sister
- Brother

This includes step-Family Members and Family-Members-in-law.

**Employee** is a person who meets eligibility requirements under **Section I – Eligibility, Effective Date, and Termination** and who is covered under this Plan. The Employee is the primary Insured under this Plan.

**Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction)** is the death of a portion of the heart muscle (myocardium) caused by a blockage of one or more coronary arteries due to Coronary Artery Disease or Acute Coronary Syndrome.

Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction) does not include:

- Any other disease or injury involving the cardiovascular system.
- Cardiac Arrest not caused by a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction).

Diagnosis of a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction) must include the following:

- New and serial electrocardiographic (ECG) findings consistent with Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction), and
- Elevation of cardiac enzymes above generally accepted laboratory levels of normal. (In the case of creatine phosphokinase (CPK) a CPK-MB measurement must be used.)

Confirmatory imaging studies, such as thallium scans, MUGA scans, or stress echocardiograms may also be used.

**Hypertension** means a disease that is characterized by elevated blood pressure in the arteries with a systolic reading of at least 140 mmHg and a diastolic reading of at least 90 mmHg.

**Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure)** means end-stage renal failure caused by End-Stage Renal Disease, which results in the chronic, irreversible failure of both kidneys to function.

Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure) is covered only under the following conditions:

- A Doctor advises that regular renal dialysis, hemo-dialysis, or peritoneal dialysis (at least weekly) is necessary to treat the Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure); or
- The Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure) results in kidney transplantation.

### **Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing**

**Loss of Sight** means the total and irreversible loss of all sight in both eyes.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, Loss of Sight must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, Loss of Sight must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one of the following diseases:

- **Retinal Disease**, which is a disease that affects the retina of the eye;
- **Optic Nerve Disease**, which is a disease that affects the optic nerve of the eye; or
- **Hypoxia**, which is a disease characterized by a deficiency in the amount of oxygen reaching the tissues of the eyes.

**Loss of Speech** means the total and permanent loss of the ability to speak.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, Loss of Speech must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, Loss of Speech must be caused solely by or be solely attributable to one of the following diseases:

- **Alzheimer's Disease**, which is a progressive mental deterioration due to generalized degeneration of the brain; or
- **Arteriovenous Malformation**, which is a congenital disease of blood vessels in the brain, brain stem, or spinal cord that is characterized by a complex, tangled web of abnormal arteries and veins connected by one or more fistulas.

**Loss of Hearing** means the total and irreversible loss of hearing in both ears. Loss of Hearing does not include hearing loss that can be corrected by the use of a hearing aid or device.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, Loss of Hearing must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, Loss of Hearing must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one of the following diseases:

- **Alport Syndrome**, which is an inherited disease of the kidney caused by a genetic mutation and can be characterized by hearing loss;
- **Autoimmune Inner Ear Disease**, which is an inflammatory condition of the inner ear occurring when the body's immune system attacks cells in the inner ear that are mistaken for bacteria or a virus;
- **Chicken Pox**, which is an acute contagious disease that is caused by the varicella-zoster virus and is characterized by skin eruptions, slight fever, and malaise;
- **Diabetes**, which is a metabolic disease characterized by the inadequate secretion or utilization of insulin, by excessive urine production, by excessive amounts of sugar in the blood and urine, and by thirst, hunger, and loss of weight;
- **Goldenhar Syndrome**, which is rare congenital disease that causes abnormalities in the face and head and can cause hearing loss;
- **Meniere's Disease**, which is a disorder of the inner ear that causes spontaneous episodes of vertigo, hearing loss, ear ringing, and a feeling of fullness or pressure in the ear;
- **Meningitis**, which is a disease characterized by inflammation of the meninges caused by viral or bacterial infection; or
- **Mumps**, which is an infectious disease caused by paramyxovirus, and characterized by inflammatory swelling of the parotid and/or other salivary glands.

**Major Organ Transplant** means undergoing surgery as a recipient of a covered transplant of a human heart, lung, liver, kidney, or pancreas. A transplant must be caused by one or more of the following diseases:

- Bronchiectasis, which is a lung disease state defined by localized, irreversible dilation of the bronchial tree caused by destruction of the muscle and elastic tissue.
- Cardiomyopathy, which is a heart disease characterized by the measurable deterioration of the function of the heart muscle, where the heart muscle becomes enlarged, thick, or rigid.

- Cirrhosis, which is a liver disease characterized by replacement of liver tissue by fibrosis, scar tissue, and regenerative nodules, leading to loss of liver function.
- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which is a lung disease characterized by persistently poor airflow as a result of breakdown of lung tissue and dysfunction of the small airways.
- Congenital Heart Disease, which is heart disease characterized by abnormalities in cardiovascular structures that occur before birth.
- Coronary Artery Disease
- Cystic fibrosis, which is a hereditary disease of the exocrine glands affecting the pancreas, respiratory system, and sweat glands. It is characterized by the production of abnormally viscous mucus by the affected glands.
- Hepatitis, which is a disease caused by the hepatitis A, B, or C virus and is characterized by the inflammation of the liver.
- Interstitial lung disease, which is a lung disease that affects the interstitium of the lungs.
- Lymphangiomyomatosis, which is a lung disease characterized by an indolent, progressive growth of smooth muscle cells throughout the lungs, pulmonary blood vessels, lymphatics, and pleurae.
- Polycystic liver disease, which is characterized by multiple variable-sized cysts lined by cuboidal epithelium.
- Pulmonary fibrosis, which is a lung disease where the lung tissue becomes thickened, stiff, and scarred due to chronic inflammation.
- Pulmonary hypertension, which is a disease characterized by increased pressure in the pulmonary artery and results in the thickening of the pulmonary arteries and the narrowing of these blood vessels, which causes the right side of the heart to become enlarged.
- Sarcoidosis, which is a disease characterized by the growth of granulomatous lesions that appear in the body.
- Valvular heart disease, which is a disease of the heart valves.

A Major Organ Transplant benefit is not payable if the Major Organ Transplant results from a covered Critical Illness for which a benefit has been paid.

***Malignant Hypertension*** is blood pressure that is so high that it actually causes damage to organs, particularly in the nervous system, the cardiovascular system, and/or the kidneys. One type of such damage is called papilledema, a condition in which the optic nerve leading to the eye becomes dangerously swollen, threatening vision.

***Paralysis or Paralyzed*** means the permanent, total, and irreversible loss of muscle function to the whole of at least two limbs.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, the Paralysis must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, Paralysis must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one or more of the following diseases:

- **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis**, which is a progressive degeneration of the motor neurons of the central nervous system, leading to wasting of the muscles and paralysis;
- **Cerebral Palsy**, which is a disorder of movement, muscle tone, or posture that is caused by injury or abnormal development in the immature brain. Cerebral Palsy can be characterized by stiffness and movement difficulties, or by involuntary and uncontrolled movements;
- **Parkinson's disease**, which is a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement; or
- **Polio**, which is an acute infectious disease caused by the poliovirus and characterized by fever, motor paralysis, and atrophy of skeletal muscles. This often results in permanent disability and deformity, and is marked by inflammation of nerve cells in the anterior gray matter in each lateral half of the spinal cord.

The Diagnosis of Paralysis must be supported by neurological evidence.

**Pathologist** is a Doctor who is licensed:

- To practice medicine, and
- By the American Board of Pathology to practice pathologic anatomy.

A Pathologist also includes an Osteopathic Pathologist who is certified by the Osteopathic Board of Pathology.

**Severe Burn** or **Severely Burned** means a burn resulting from fire, heat, caustics, electricity, or radiation. The burn must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a full-thickness or third-degree burn, as determined by a Doctor. A **Full-Thickness Burn** or **Third-Degree Burn** is the destruction of the skin through the entire thickness or depth of the dermis (or possibly into underlying tissues). This results in loss of fluid and sometimes shock.
- Cause cosmetic disfigurement to the body's surface area of at least 35 square inches.
- Be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

**Signs and/or Symptoms** are the evidence of disease or physical disturbance observed by a Doctor or other medical professional. The Doctor (or other medical professional) must observe these Signs while acting within the scope of his license.

**Stroke** means apoplexy due to rupture or acute occlusion of a cerebral artery. The apoplexy must cause complete or partial loss of function involving the motion or sensation of a part of the body and must last more than 24 hours. Stroke must be either:

- **Ischemic:** Due to advanced Arteriosclerosis or Arteriosclerosis of the arteries of the neck or brain, or vascular embolism, or
- **Hemorrhagic:** Due to uncontrolled Hypertension, Malignant Hypertension, Brain Aneurysm, or Arteriovenous Malformation.

The Stroke must be positively Diagnosed by a Doctor based upon documented neurological deficits and confirmatory neuroimaging studies.

Stroke does not include:

- Transient Ischemic Attacks (TIAs)
- Head injury
- Chronic cerebrovascular insufficiency
- Reversible ischemic neurological deficits unless brain tissue damage is confirmed by neurological imaging

Stroke will be covered only if the Insured submits evidence of the neurological damage by providing:

- Computed Axial Tomography (CAT scan) images, or
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

**Sudden Cardiac Arrest** is the sudden, unexpected loss of heart function in which the heart, abruptly and without warning, stops working as a result of an internal electrical system heart malfunction due to Coronary Artery Disease, Cardiomyopathy, or Hypertension.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is not a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction). A Sudden Cardiac Arrest benefit is not payable if the Sudden Cardiac Arrest is caused by or contributed to by a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction).

**Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)** occurs when blood flow to part of the brain is temporarily blocked or reduced. For a benefit to be payable, the TIA must be caused by one or more of the following diseases:

- Advanced Arteriosclerosis
- Arteriosclerosis of the arteries of the neck or brain
- Vascular embolism
- Hypertension

- Malignant Hypertension
- Brain Aneurysm
- Arteriovenous Malformation.

The TIA must be positively Diagnosed by a Doctor based upon documented neurological deficits and confirmatory neuroimaging studies.

*Treatment* or *Medical Treatment* is the consultation, care, or services provided by a Doctor. This includes receiving any diagnostic measures and taking prescribed drugs and medicines.

## **Section IV – Benefit Provisions**

The benefit amounts payable under this section are shown in the Policy Schedule. The Company will pay benefits for a Critical Illness in the order the events occur.

### **Critical Illness Benefit**

#### **Initial Diagnosis**

We will pay the Critical Illness benefit when an Insured is Diagnosed with one of the Critical Illnesses shown in the Certificate Schedule, and when such Diagnosis is caused by or solely attributed to an underlying disease as identified herein. We will pay this benefit if:

- The Date of Diagnosis is while his coverage is in force, and
- The Certificate does not exclude the illness or condition by name or by specific description.

Benefits will be based on the Face Amount in effect on the Critical Illness Date of Diagnosis.

#### **Additional Diagnosis**

Once benefits have been paid for a Critical Illness, the Company will pay benefits for each different Critical Illness when:

- The Date of Diagnosis for the new Critical Illness is separated from the prior, different Critical Illness by at least six consecutive months, and
- The new Critical Illness is not caused or contributed to by a Critical Illness for which benefits have been paid.

#### **Reoccurrence**

Once benefits have been paid for a Critical Illness, benefits are payable for that same Critical Illness when:

- The Date of Diagnosis for the Reoccurrence of that Critical Illness is separated from the prior occurrence of that Critical Illness by at least 6 consecutive months, and
- The Critical Illness is not caused or contributed to by a Critical Illness for which benefits have been paid.

### **Partial Benefits**

Partial Benefits are payable if the Date of Diagnosis is while the Insured's coverage is in force, and the Certificate does not exclude the illness or condition by name or by specific description.

#### **Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery**

We will pay the amount shown in the Policy Schedule for Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery. This benefit is payable in addition to all other applicable benefits.

### **Additional Benefits**

Additional Benefits are payable if the Date of Diagnosis is while the Insured's coverage is in force, and the Certificate does not exclude the illness or condition by name or by specific description.

### **Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)**

We will pay the amount shown in the Certificate Schedule for the Diagnosis of a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA). This benefit is payable in addition to all other applicable benefits. Only one TIA benefit is payable under this Plan. This benefit is payable once per calendar year.

### **Health Screening Benefit**

We will pay the amount shown in the Policy Schedule for Health Screening Tests performed while an Insured's coverage is in force. This benefit is payable once per calendar year, per Insured. Benefits are not payable for Covered Dependent Children.

This benefit is only payable for Health Screening Tests performed as the result of preventive care, including tests and diagnostic procedures ordered in connection with routine examinations.

Health Screening Tests include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Blood test for triglycerides
- Bone marrow testing
- Breast ultrasound
- CA 15-3 (blood test for breast cancer)
- CA 125 (blood test for ovarian cancer)
- CEA (blood test for colon cancer)
- Chest X-ray
- Colonoscopy
- DNA stool analysis
- Fasting blood glucose test
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- Hemocult stool analysis
- Mammography
- Pap smear
- PSA (blood test for prostate cancer)
- Serum cholesterol test to determine level of HDL and LDL
- Serum protein electrophoresis (blood test for myeloma)
- Spiral CT screening for lung cancer
- Stress test on a bicycle or treadmill
- Thermography

### **Accident Benefit**

We will pay the amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if an Insured sustains a Covered Accident and suffers any of the following, which is solely due to, caused by, and attributed to, the Covered Accident:

- Coma
- Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing
- Severe Burn
- Paralysis.

### **Waiver of Premium Benefit**

If an Employee becomes Totally Disabled as defined in this Plan due to a covered Critical Illness, we will waive premiums for the Employee and any currently covered Dependents (this includes any Riders that are in force).

**Total Disability** or **Totally Disabled** means the Employee is:

- Not working at any job for pay or benefits,
- Under the care of a Doctor for the Treatment of a covered Critical Illness, and
- **Unable to Work**, which means either:
  - During the first 365 days of Total Disability, the Employee is unable to work at the occupation he was performing when his Total Disability began; or
  - After the first 365 days of Total Disability, the Employee is unable to work at any gainful occupation for which he is suited by education, training, or experience.

After 90 days of Total Disability, all Plan premiums will be waived if:

- The Employee's Total Disability began before the age of 65;
- The Employee's Total Disability has continued without interruption for at least 90 days, during which time the Employee and/or the Policyholder have paid premiums; and



- The Employee provides proof of Total Disability as required by us. Satisfactory Proof of Loss for Total Disability must be provided at least once every 12 months.

Pending our approval of a claim for the Waiver of Premium Benefit, premiums should be paid as they are due. Premiums that were paid for the first 90 days of Total Disability will be refunded after the claim for this benefit is approved.

Waiver of Premium will continue until the earliest of the following:

- The premium due date following the Employee’s 65<sup>th</sup> birthday,
- The date the Company has waived premiums for a total of 24 months of Total Disability,
- The date the Employee refuses to provide proof of continuing Total Disability,
- The date the Employee’s Total Disability ends, or
- The date coverage ends according to the Termination provisions in **Section I – Eligibility, Effective Date, and Termination.**

If the Employee is still eligible for coverage when he returns to Active Work, coverage for any Insured may be continued if premium payments are resumed.

## **Section V – Limitations and Exclusions**

### **Exclusions**

We will not pay for loss due to any of the following:

- **Self-Inflicted Injuries** – injuring or attempting to injure oneself intentionally or taking action that causes oneself to become injured
- **Suicide** – committing or attempting to commit suicide, while sane or insane
- **Illegal Acts** – participating or attempting to participate in an illegal activity, or working at an illegal job
- **Participation in Aggressive Conflict** of any kind, including:
  - War (declared or undeclared) or military conflicts
  - Insurrection or riot
  - Civil commotion or civil state of belligerence
- **Illegal substance abuse, which includes the following:**
  - Abuse of legally-obtained prescription medication
  - Illegal use of non-prescription drugs

## **Section VI – Claim Provisions**

If the Policyholder requests a complete record of their claims experience under the group policy, the Company will provide it. We will provide this record within 30 days before the premiums or contractual terms of the Policy are amended. If coverage is being terminated because of unpaid premiums, we will send a written letter to the Policyholder notifying them of the termination date. We will send notice no less than 15 days before the termination date.

### **Notice of Claim**

Written notice of claim must be given to us:

- Within 60 days after the Date of Diagnosis, or
- As soon as reasonably possible.

When we receive written Notice of Claim, we will send a claim form. If the Claimant does not receive the claim form within 15 days after the notice is sent, written Proof of Loss can be sent to us without waiting for the form. Notice must include the Employee’s name and the Certificate number. Notice can be mailed to the Company at:

**P.O. Box 427, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202**

Failure to provide notice within 60 days will not invalidate or reduce any claim if the Insured can show that notice was given as soon as reasonably possible.

### **Proof of Loss**

*Proof of Loss* refers to documentation that supports a claim. (This information is often found in standardized medical documents, such as hospital bills and operative reports. It includes a statement by the treating Doctor.) Proof of Loss establishes the nature and extent of the loss, the Company's obligation to pay the claim, and the Claimant's right to receive payment.

The Claimant must provide Proof of Loss to the Company at:

**P.O. Box 427, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202**

Proof of Loss must be given to us within 90 days of the Date of Diagnosis. Failure to give Proof of Loss within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if such Proof of Loss is given as soon as reasonably possible. The Company will not accept Proof of Loss any later than one year and three months after the Date of Diagnosis, except in the absence of the Employee's legal mental capacity.

The Claimant will be responsible for the cost of obtaining a completed claim form. We may request additional Proof of Loss, such as records from hospitals or Doctors. We will be responsible for the cost of obtaining these records.

We may require authorizations to obtain medical and psychiatric information as well as non-medical information, including personal financial information.

When we receive the claim and due Proof of Loss, we will review the Proof of Loss. If we approve the claim, we will pay the benefits subject to the terms of the Certificate.

### **Physical Examination and Autopsy**

The Company may have an Insured examined as often as reasonably necessary while a claim is pending. In the case of death, the Company may also require an autopsy, unless prohibited by law. The Company will cover all costs for exams or autopsy.

### **Time of Payment of Claims**

Benefits payable under the Certificate will be paid after we receive due Proof of Loss acceptable to us. We will pay, deny, or settle all clean claims\* within 30 calendar days after receiving the appropriate information.

\*Clean claims contain all information and/or documentation needed for processing. These claims do not require further information from the provider, the Employee, or the employer.

### **Payment of Claims**

We will pay all benefits to the Employee unless otherwise assigned. For any benefits that remain unpaid at the time of death, we will pay those benefits in the following order:

- To any approved assignee,
- To the Employee's beneficiary,
- To the Employee's surviving Spouse,
- To the Employee's estate.

### **Unpaid Premium**

When a claim is paid, we may deduct any premium due and unpaid from the claim payment.

## **Changing of Beneficiary**

A change in beneficiary must be submitted in writing to our Home Office in a form acceptable to us and signed by the Employee. Unless otherwise specified by the Employee, a change in beneficiary will take effect on the date the notice of change is signed. We will not be liable for any action taken before notice is received and recorded at the Home Office.

## **Claim Review**

If a claim is denied, the Employee will be given written notice of:

- The reason for the denial,
- The Plan provision that supports the denial, and
- His right to ask for a review of the claim.

## **Appeals Procedure**

Before filing any lawsuit—and no later than 60 days after notice of denial of a claim—the Employee, the Claimant, or an authorized representative of either must appeal any denial of benefits under the Plan by sending a written request for review of the denial to our Home Office.

## **Legal Action**

The Employee cannot take legal action against us for benefits under this Plan:

- Within 60 days after he has sent us written Proof of Loss, or
- More than three years from the time written proof is required to be given.

## **Section VII – General Provisions**

### **Entire Contract Changes**

This insurance is provided under a contract of Group Critical Illness insurance with the Policyholder. The entire Contract of Insurance is made up of:

- The Policy;
- The Certificates of insurance;
- The Application of the Policyholder, a copy of which is attached to and made part of the Policy when issued; and
- Any Riders, Endorsements, or Amendments to the Policy or Certificate.

All statements that the Policyholder or an Insured has made in the Application will be considered representations, not warranties. No written statement by an insured person will be used in any contest unless a copy of the statement is furnished to the person, his beneficiary, or his personal representative.

The Company will not void insurance or reduce benefits as a result of statements made on the Application without sending Application copies.

Changes to this Plan:

- Will not be valid unless approved in writing by an officer of the Company,
- Must be noted on or attached to the Contract, and
- May not be made by any insurance agent (nor can an agent waive any Plan provisions).

### **Misstatement of Age**

If an age has been misstated on the Application, the benefits will be those that the paid premium would have purchased at the correct age.

### **Successor Insured**

If an Employee dies while covered under his Certificate and his Spouse is also insured under this Plan at the time of his death, then his surviving Spouse may elect to become the primary Insured at the current Spouse Face Amount. This would include continuation of any Dependent Child coverage that is in force at that time.

To become the primary Insured and keep coverage in force, the surviving Spouse must:

- Notify the Company in writing within 31 days after the date of the Employee's death; and
- Pay the required premium to the Company no later than 31 days after the date of the Employee's death, and on each premium due date thereafter.

If the Certificate does not cover a surviving Spouse, the Certificate will terminate on the next premium due date following the Employee's death.

### **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

After two years from the Employee's Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on the Employee's Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

No statement made by any person insured under the policy relating to his insurability or the insurability of his insured dependents shall be used in contesting the validity of the insurance with respect to which such statement was made: (1) after the insurance has been in force prior to the contest for a period of two years during the lifetime of the person about whom the statement was made; and (2) unless the statement is contained in a written instrument signed by him.

### **Clerical Error**

Clerical error by the Policyholder will not end coverage or continue terminated coverage. In the event of a clerical error, the Company will make a premium adjustment.

### **Individual Certificates**

The Company will give the Policyholder a Certificate for each Employee. The Certificate will set forth:

- The coverage (including any limitations, reductions, and exclusions),
- Any family member or dependent coverage,
- To whom benefits will be paid, **and**
- The rights and privileges under the Plan.

### **Required Information**

The Policyholder will be responsible for furnishing all information and proofs that the Company may reasonably require with regard to the Plan.

### **Conformity with State Statutes**

This Plan was issued on its Effective Date in the state noted on the Master Application. Any Plan provision that conflicts with that state's statutes is amended to conform to the minimum requirements of those statutes.

### **Important Information Regarding Your Insurance**

In the event you need to contact someone about this insurance for any reason please contact your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this insurance, or if you have additional questions, you may contact the insurance company issuing this insurance at the following address and telephone number: P.O. Box 427, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202, 800.433.3036 (toll free).

If you have been unable to contact or obtain satisfaction from the company or the agent, you may contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance at: P.O. Box 1157, Richmond, VA 23218, 804-371-9691, (toll free) 1-877-310-6560 or TDD 804-371-9206, fax 804-371-9944.

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of your inquiry is maintained. When contacting your agent, company or the Bureau of Insurance, have your policy number available.

## **Section VIII – Incorporation of Rider Provisions**

The attached listed Certificate Riders are made a part of this Plan.

### **Rider Name**

Portability Privilege Amendment  
Heart Event Rider  
Optional Benefits Rider

### **Form Number**

CAICCLASSPORT  
C21304VA  
C21301VA

## Policy Schedule

**Policyholder:** Montgomery County Government

**Jurisdiction:** Virginia

**Policy Number:** 23680

**Policy Effective Date:** 10/01/2017

**Policy Anniversary Date:** 10/01/2018

**Face Amount:**

**Spouse Amount:**

See Certificates

**Covered Dependent Children:**

See Certificates

**Partial Benefits Percentage:**

50% of applicable Face Amount

**Additional Benefits:**

25% of applicable Face Amount

**Health Screening Benefit Amount:**

\$100 per Insured per calendar year.

**Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA):**

\$250

TIA for Covered Dependent Children:

50% of TIA Benefit Amount

**Accident Benefits:**

100% of applicable Face Amount

**Waiver of Premium:**

Yes

This Plan is delivered in and governed by the laws of the jurisdiction shown above.

## **Benefit Schedule**

### **Critical Illness Benefits**

The applicable benefit amount (Face Amount) is payable for the following Critical Illnesses, provided such Critical Illness meets all applicable definitions contained in the Plan and is caused by an underlying disease as set forth herein:

- Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant)
- Coma
- Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
- Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction)
- Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure)
- Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing
- Major Organ Transplant
- Non-Invasive Cancer
- Paralysis
- Stroke
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest

### **Partial Benefits**

Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery

### **Additional Benefits**

Health Screening Benefit

Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)

Waiver of Premium

### **Accident Benefits**

Coma

Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing

Severe Burn

Paralysis



## **Classifications and Schedule of Premiums**

Benefit-eligible employees are classified as such in the Master Application as being **Actively at Work** and **working full-time, a minimum of 30 hours per week**.

## Group Critical Illness Advantage

### Mark III Accounts (over 1,000) - Semimonthly (24pp/yr) Rates

NONTOBACCO - Employee										
Issue Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
18-29	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.71	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.88	\$ 4.47	\$ 5.06	\$ 5.65	\$ 6.24	\$ 6.83	\$ 7.41
30-39	\$ 2.44	\$ 3.35	\$ 4.27	\$ 5.18	\$ 6.09	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.92	\$ 8.83	\$ 9.74	\$ 10.65
40-49	\$ 3.63	\$ 5.72	\$ 7.82	\$ 9.92	\$ 12.01	\$ 14.11	\$ 16.21	\$ 18.31	\$ 20.40	\$ 22.50
50-59	\$ 4.97	\$ 8.42	\$ 11.86	\$ 15.31	\$ 18.75	\$ 22.19	\$ 25.64	\$ 29.08	\$ 32.53	\$ 35.97
60+	\$ 7.16	\$ 12.80	\$ 18.43	\$ 24.07	\$ 29.70	\$ 35.34	\$ 40.97	\$ 46.61	\$ 52.24	\$ 57.88

NONTOBACCO - Spouse						
Issue Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
18-29	\$ 2.12	\$ 2.71	\$ 3.30	\$ 3.88	\$ 4.47	\$ 5.06
30-39	\$ 2.44	\$ 3.35	\$ 4.27	\$ 5.18	\$ 6.09	\$ 7.00
40-49	\$ 3.63	\$ 5.72	\$ 7.82	\$ 9.92	\$ 12.01	\$ 14.11
50-59	\$ 4.97	\$ 8.42	\$ 11.86	\$ 15.31	\$ 18.75	\$ 22.19
60+	\$ 7.16	\$ 12.80	\$ 18.43	\$ 24.07	\$ 29.70	\$ 35.34

TOBACCO - Employee										
Issue Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$45,000	\$50,000
18-29	\$ 2.64	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.86	\$ 5.97	\$ 7.08	\$ 8.19	\$ 9.30	\$ 10.42	\$ 11.53	\$ 12.64
30-39	\$ 3.69	\$ 5.85	\$ 8.01	\$ 10.17	\$ 12.33	\$ 14.49	\$ 16.65	\$ 18.81	\$ 20.97	\$ 23.13
40-49	\$ 6.09	\$ 10.66	\$ 15.22	\$ 19.79	\$ 24.35	\$ 28.92	\$ 33.48	\$ 38.05	\$ 42.61	\$ 47.18
50-59	\$ 8.70	\$ 15.87	\$ 23.03	\$ 30.20	\$ 37.37	\$ 44.54	\$ 51.70	\$ 58.87	\$ 66.04	\$ 73.21
60+	\$ 13.70	\$ 25.87	\$ 38.03	\$ 50.20	\$ 62.37	\$ 74.54	\$ 86.71	\$ 98.88	\$ 111.04	\$ 123.21

TOBACCO - Spouse						
Issue Age	\$5,000	\$10,000	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$30,000
18-29	\$ 2.64	\$ 3.75	\$ 4.86	\$ 5.97	\$ 7.08	\$ 8.19
30-39	\$ 3.69	\$ 5.85	\$ 8.01	\$ 10.17	\$ 12.33	\$ 14.49
40-49	\$ 6.09	\$ 10.66	\$ 15.22	\$ 19.79	\$ 24.35	\$ 28.92
50-59	\$ 8.70	\$ 15.87	\$ 23.03	\$ 30.20	\$ 37.37	\$ 44.54
60+	\$ 13.70	\$ 25.87	\$ 38.03	\$ 50.20	\$ 62.37	\$ 74.54

**Base Plan:**

- Without Cancer Benefit
- \$100 Health Screening Benefit
- Without Skin Cancer Benefit
- With Additional Benefits  
(Loss of Sight, Speech, Hearing)  
(Coma, Burns, Paralysis)

**Riders:**

- Optional Benefits Rider (BTAP)
- Heart Rider
- \$250 TIA (mini-stroke) Rider

**Provisions:**

- No Pre-Existing Condition Limitation
- Add'l Separation Waiting Period: 6 Months
- Re-Separation Waiting Period: 6 Months
- Class I/II Portability
- Rate Guarantee: 3 Years

**Group Attributes:**

- Situs State: VA
- Eligible Lives: 1200

Please Note: Premiums shown are accurate as of publication. They are subject to change.



# CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

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Columbia, South Carolina 29202  
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## **Portability Privilege Amendment**

This Amendment is part of the form to which it is attached. Unless amended by this document, all definitions, exclusions, limitations, terms, and other provisions apply. For the purpose of this Amendment, “you” (including “your” and “yours”) refers to the Insured named in the Certificate Schedule.

### **Effective Date**

This Amendment becomes effective on the Effective Date of the form to which it is attached.

### **Portability Privilege**

The following language replaces the ELIGIBILITY provision found under SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION of the Master Policy and the Certificate of Insurance:

#### **ELIGIBILITY — CLASSES OF COVERAGE**

##### **Class I**

All full-time and part-time benefit-eligible Employees are eligible for Class I coverage. That eligibility extends to their spouses and children under age 26.

##### **Class II**

A Class I primary insured is eligible for Class II coverage if he:

- was previously insured under Class I; and
- is no longer employed by the Policyholder.

The Employee must elect Class II coverage under the Portability Privilege within 31 days after the date for which his class I eligibility would otherwise terminate.

Only Dependents covered under Class I coverage are eligible for continued coverage under Class II.

Class II insureds cannot continue coverage through the employer’s payroll deduction process. They must remit premiums directly to the Company.

The following language replaces the TERMINATION OF THE PLAN provision found under SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION of the Master Policy.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PLAN**

The Plan will cease if the premium is not paid before the end of the Grace Period.

After the end of the first Plan year, the Company has the right to cancel the Plan. To do so, the Company must give 31 days written notice that the plan will end on the date before the next premium due date.

The Policyholder has the right to cancel the Plan on the date before any premium due date by giving 31 days written notice.

Upon such termination, Class I and Class II coverage will be affected as follows:

**Class I**

If terminated, this Plan and all certificates issued under this class will terminate on such date at 12:01 a.m. Standard Time at the Policyholder's address. This will be without prejudice to the rights of any Insured regarding any claim arising while the Plan is in force.

The Policyholder has the sole responsibility to notify Class I Employees of such termination. When notice of termination is received by the Company, the Portability Privilege under Class I coverage is no longer available.

**Class II**

The group policy will remain active, and coverage under Class II will continue as long as premiums are paid, subject to the premium grace period. Notification of any changes in the plan will be provided directly to each insured by the Company. The Policyholder will lose any rights and obligations under the Plan.

The following language replaces the TERMINATION OF AN EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE provision found under SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION of the Master Policy and the Certificate of Insurance.

**TERMINATION OF AN EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE**

An Employee's insurance will terminate on the earliest of the following:

1. the date the Plan is terminated, for Class I insureds;
2. the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the premium due date if the required premium has not been paid;
3. the date he ceases to meet the definition of an Employee as defined in the Plan, for Class I insureds; or
4. the date he is no longer a member of the Class eligible for coverage.

Insurance for Dependents will terminate on the earliest of the following:

1. the date the Plan is terminated, for Dependents of Class I insureds;
2. the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the premium due date, if the required premium has not been paid;
3. the date the Spouse or Dependent Child ceases to be a dependent; or
4. the premium due date following the date we receive the Employee's written request to terminate coverage for his Spouse and/or all Dependent Children.

Termination of the insurance on any Insured will not prejudice his rights regarding any claim arising prior to termination.

The following language replaces the PORTABILITY PRIVILEGE provision found under SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION of the Master Policy and the Certificate of Insurance.

**PORTABILITY PRIVILEGE**

Under the Portability Privilege provision, when coverage would otherwise terminate because an Employee ends his employment, coverage may be continued. He may exercise the Portability Privilege when there is a change to his coverage class. The Employee — and any covered dependents — will continue the coverage that is in-force on the date employment ends. The continued coverage will be provided under Class II.

The premium rate for portability coverage may change for the class of covered persons on portability on any premium due date. Written notice will be given at least 31 days before any change is to take effect.

The Employee may continue the coverage until the earlier of:

- the date he fails to pay the required premium; or
- the date the class of coverage is terminated.

Coverage may not be continued:

- if the Employee fails to pay any required premium; or
- if the Company receives notice of Class I plan termination.

## **General Provisions**

### **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

After two years from the Insured's Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on the Insured's Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

### **Contract**

This Amendment is part of the form to which it is attached. It will terminate when that form terminates.

This Amendment is subject to all of the terms of the form to which it is attached unless those terms are inconsistent with this Amendment.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Teresa White, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary



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## **Optional Benefits Rider To Certificate of Insurance for Group Critical Illness**

This Rider is part of the Certificate to which it is attached. We have issued this Rider because:

- You paid the additional premium for this Rider, and
- We have accepted your Application.

This Rider is subject to all the definitions, exclusions, limitations, terms, and other provisions of the Certificate to which it is attached, unless those terms are inconsistent with this Rider.

The benefits are available to those Insureds designated in the Certificate Schedule. Diagnosis must occur while this Rider is in force.

### **Effective Date**

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Rider becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Rider will have a later Effective Date.

### **Definitions**

When the terms below are used in this Rider, the following definitions will apply (other applicable terms and definitions are included in the **Definitions** section of your Certificate):

*Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)* are activities used in measuring levels of personal functioning capacity. These activities are normally performed without assistance, allowing personal independence in everyday living. For the purposes of this Plan, ADLs include the following:

- **Bathing** – the ability to wash oneself in a tub, shower, or by sponge bath. This includes the ability to get into and out of the tub or shower with or without the assistance of equipment;
- **Dressing** – the ability to put on, take off, and secure all necessary and appropriate items of clothing and any necessary braces or artificial limbs;
- **Toileting** – the ability to get to and from the toilet, get on and off the toilet, and perform associated personal hygiene with or without the assistance of equipment;
- **Transferring** – the ability to move in and out of a bed, chair, or wheelchair with or without the assistance of equipment;
- **Mobility** – the ability to walk or wheel on a level surface from one room to another with or without the assistance of equipment;
- **Eating** – the ability to get nourishment into the body by any means once it has been prepared and made available with or without the assistance of equipment; and
- **Continence** – the ability to voluntarily maintain control of bowel and/or bladder function. In the event of incontinence, the ability to maintain a reasonable level of personal hygiene.

*Date of Diagnosis* is defined as follows:

- **Advanced Alzheimer's Disease:** The date a Doctor Diagnoses the Insured as incapacitated due to Alzheimer's disease.
- **Advanced Parkinson's Disease:** The date a Doctor Diagnoses the Insured as incapacitated due to Parkinson's disease.
- **Benign Brain Tumor:** The date a Doctor determines a Benign Brain Tumor is present based on examination of tissue (biopsy or surgical excision) or specific neuroradiological examination.

*Advanced Alzheimer's Disease* means Alzheimer's Disease that causes the Insured to be incapacitated. Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain that is Diagnosed by a psychiatrist or neurologist as Alzheimer's Disease. To be incapacitated due to Alzheimer's Disease, the Insured must:

- Exhibit the loss of intellectual capacity involving impairment of memory and judgment, resulting in a significant reduction in mental and social functioning; and
- Require substantial physical assistance from another adult to perform at least three ADLs.

*Advanced Parkinson's Disease* means Parkinson's Disease that causes the Insured to be incapacitated. Parkinson's Disease is a brain disorder that is Diagnosed by a psychiatrist or neurologist as Parkinson's Disease. To be incapacitated due to Parkinson's Disease, the Insured must:

- Exhibit at least two of the following clinical manifestations:
  - Muscle rigidity
  - Tremor
  - Bradykinesia (abnormal slowness of movement, sluggishness of physical and mental responses); and
- Require substantial physical assistance from another adult to perform at least three ADLs.

*Benign Brain Tumor* is a mass or growth of abnormal, noncancerous cells in the brain. The tumor is composed of similar cells that do not follow normal cell division and growth patterns and develop into a mass of cells that microscopically do not have the characteristic appearance of a Cancer. Benign Brain Tumor must be caused by Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia, Neurofibromatosis, or Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome.

*Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia* is a genetic disease in which one or more of the endocrine glands are overactive or form a tumor.

*Neurofibromatosis* is a genetic disease in which the nerve tissue grows tumors that may be benign and may cause serious damage by compressing nerves and other tissue.

*Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome* is a genetic disease that predisposes a person to have benign or malignant tumors.

## **Benefit Provisions**

We will pay the benefit shown if an Insured is Diagnosed with one of the conditions listed in the Rider Schedule if the Date of Diagnosis is while this Rider is in force.

**Payment of benefits contained in this Rider is subject to the Critical Illness Benefit provisions in your Certificate.** The benefits contained in this Rider are considered to be Critical Illnesses as defined in your Certificate.

## **General Provisions**

### **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

After two years from the Insured's Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on the Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

## **Contract**

This Rider is part of the Critical Illness Certificate. It will terminate when:

- That Certificate terminates, or
- Premiums are no longer paid for this Rider.

This Rider is subject to all of the terms of the Certificate to which it is attached unless any such terms are inconsistent with the terms of this Rider.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Teresa White, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary





# CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

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Aflac Incorporated, is the insuring company.

Columbia, South Carolina 29202

800.433.3036

## **Heart Event Rider To Certificate of Insurance for Group Critical Illness**

This Rider is part of the Certificate to which it is attached. We have issued this Rider because:

- You paid the additional premium for this Rider, and
- We have accepted your Application.

This Rider is subject to all the definitions, exclusions, limitations, terms, and other provisions of the Certificate to which it is attached, unless those terms are inconsistent with this Rider.

The benefits are available to those Insureds designated in the Certificate Schedule. Treatment must occur while this Rider is in force.

### **Effective Date**

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Rider becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Rider will have a later Effective Date.

### **Definitions**

When the terms below are used in this Rider, the following definitions will apply (other applicable terms and definitions are included in the **Definitions** section of your Certificate):

**Covered Heart Procedure** is one of the Category I or Category II procedures defined below:

#### **Category I – Specified Surgeries of the Heart**

**Specified Surgeries of the Heart (Open Heart Surgery)** refers to open chest surgery, where the heart is exposed and/or manipulated for open cardiothoracic situations. We will pay benefits for the following Open Heart Surgery procedures when they are performed as a direct result of one of the following: Acute Coronary Syndrome, Atherosclerosis, Coronary Artery Disease, Cardiomyopathy, or Valvular Heart Disease.

- **Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery** (also **Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery** or **Bypass Surgery**) is a surgical procedure performed to relieve angina and reduce the risk of death from Coronary Artery Disease.
  - **Off-Pump Coronary Artery Bypass (OPCAB)** is a form of bypass surgery that does not stop the heart or use the heart-lung machine.
  - **Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG)** is used to treat a narrowing of the coronary arteries. A blood vessel is grafted onto the blocked artery, creating a bypass around the blockage. **If more than one artery is blocked, a bypass can be done on each, but only one benefit is payable under this Rider.**
- **Mitral Valve Replacement** or **Repair** is a surgical procedure in which a patient's mitral valve is repaired or replaced by a different valve.

- **Aortic Valve Replacement** or **Repair** is a surgical procedure in which a patient's aortic valve is repaired or replaced by a different valve.
- **Surgical Treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** involves opening the abdomen and repairing or removing an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

### **Category II – Invasive Procedures and Techniques of the Heart**

We will pay Category II benefits for the following Invasive Procedures and Techniques of the Heart when they are performed as a result of one of the following: Acute Coronary Syndrome, Atherosclerosis, Coronary Artery Disease, Cardiomyopathy, or Valvular Heart Disease.

- **AngioJet Clot Busting** clears blood clots from coronary arteries before angioplasty and stenting. The device delivers a high-pressure saline solution through the artery to the clot, breaking it up and simultaneously drawing it out.
- **Balloon Angioplasty** (or **Balloon Valvuloplasty**) opens a clogged blood vessel. A thin tube is threaded through an artery to the narrowed heart vessel, where a small balloon at its tip is inflated. A balloon opens the narrowing by compressing atherosclerotic plaque against the vessel wall. The balloon is then deflated and removed.
- **Laser Angioplasty** uses a laser tip to burn/break down plaque in the clogged blood vessel.
- **Atherectomy** opens blocked coronary arteries or clears bypass grafts by using a device on the end of a catheter to cut or shave away atherosclerotic plaque.
- **Stent Implantation** is the implantation of a stainless steel mesh coil in a narrowed part of an artery to keep it propped open.
- **Cardiac Catheterization** (also **Heart Catheterization**) is a diagnostic and occasionally therapeutic procedure that allows a comprehensive examination of the heart and surrounding blood vessels.
- **Automatic Implantable** (or **Internal**) **Cardioverter Defibrillator (AICD)** refers to the initial placement of the AICD. AICDs are used for treating irregular heartbeats. The defibrillator is surgically placed inside the patient's chest where it monitors the heart's rhythm. When it identifies a serious arrhythmia, it produces an electrical shock to disrupt the arrhythmia.
- **Pacemaker Placement** refers to the initial placement/implantation of a pacemaker, which sends electrical signals to make the heart beat when a person's natural pacemaker is not working properly. This electrical device is placed under the skin. A lead extends from the device to the right side of the heart. Most pacemakers are used to correct a slow heart rate.

**Valvular Heart Disease** is a disease characterized by damage to or a defect in one of the four heart valves.

### **Benefit Provisions**

We will pay the applicable Category I or Category II benefit shown if an Insured is treated with one of the Covered Heart Procedures listed on the Rider Schedule which is caused by a defined underlying disease, and:

- Treatment is incurred while this Rider is in force,
- Treatment is recommended by a Doctor, and
- It is not excluded by name or specific description in this Rider.

We will only pay for procedures specifically listed in this Rider.

### **Category I – Specified Surgeries of the Heart**

You are eligible to receive one payment per calendar year for Category I procedures. We will pay a Category I benefit when an Insured has one of the Specified Surgeries of the Heart listed in the Rider Schedule that is a result of a defined underlying disease. Only one benefit will be payable under Category I when multiple Category I procedures are performed at the same time.

### **Category II – Invasive Procedures and Techniques of the Heart**

You are eligible to receive one payment per calendar year for Category II procedures. We will pay a Category II benefit when an Insured has one of the Invasive Procedures and Techniques of the Heart listed in this Rider that is a result of a defined underlying disease. Only one benefit will be payable under Category II when multiple Category II procedures are performed at the same time.

If Category I and Category II procedures are performed at the same time, benefits will be payable only at the highest benefit level and will not exceed the applicable face amount shown on the Rider Schedule.

## **General Provisions**

### **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

After two years from the Insured's Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on the Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

## **Contract**

This Rider is part of the Critical Illness Certificate. It will terminate when:

- That Certificate terminates, or
- Premiums are no longer paid for this Rider.

This Rider is subject to all of the terms of the Critical Illness Certificate to which it is attached unless those terms are inconsistent with this Rider.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Teresa White, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary

  
**CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY**

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**NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY VIRGINIA LIFE, ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE  
GUARANTY ASSOCIATION**

This notice provides a **brief summary** of the Virginia Life, Accident and Sickness Insurance Guaranty Association (“the Association”) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Virginia law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that a life, annuity or health insurance company licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its Insurance Department. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Virginia law, with funding from assessments paid by other life and health insurance companies licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
  - o \$300,000 in death benefits
  - o \$100,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values
  
- Health Insurance
  - o \$500,000 in hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits
  - o \$300,000 in disability [income] insurance benefits
  - o \$300,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
  - o \$100,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
  
- Annuities
  - o \$250,000 in withdrawal and cash values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$350,000, except for hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits, for which the limit is increased to \$500,000.

**Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered.** For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements and other limitations under Virginia law.

To learn more about the above protections, please visit the Association’s website at [www.valifega.org](http://www.valifega.org) or contact:

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INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION  
c/o APM Management Services, Inc.  
1503 Santa Rosa Road, Suite 101  
Henrico, VA 23229-5105  
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STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

Bureau of Insurance

P. O. Box 1157

Richmond, VA 23218-1157

804-371-9741

Toll Free Virginia only: 1-800-552-7945

<http://www.scc.virginia.gov/division/boi/index.htm>

**Insurance companies and agents are not allowed by Virginia law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to encourage you to purchase any form of insurance. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and Virginia law, then Virginia law will control.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE

In the event you need to contact someone about this insurance for any reason, please contact your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this insurance, or if you have additional questions, you may contact the insurance company issuing this insurance at the following address and telephone number: 2801 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205 - 800.433.3036.

If you have been unable to contact or obtain satisfaction from the company or the agent, you may contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance at: the national toll free number 1-877-310-6560, the Virginia-only toll free number 800-552-7945, and the local number 804-371-9691.

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of your inquiry is maintained. When contacting your agent, company or the Bureau of Insurance, have your policy number available.



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### **Endorsement to Policy and Certificate of Insurance**

This Endorsement alters the Policy and the Certificate to which it is attached. Unless specifically addressed by this Endorsement, all other Policy and Certificate provisions, definitions, and terms continue to apply.

Continental American Insurance Company's mailing addresses for claims and premium payments are changed as listed below.

**Notice of Claim and Proof of Loss** should be mailed to the Company at:

P.O. Box 84075, Columbus, Georgia, 31993-9103

**Premium Payments** should be mailed to the Company at:

P.O. Box 84069, Columbus, Georgia, 31908-4069

If applicable, references to 2801 Devine Street, Columbia, SC 29205 are deleted.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,

Teresa White, President

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### **Certificate of Insurance For Group Critical Illness Insurance Policy**

**This limited Plan provides supplemental benefits only. It does not constitute comprehensive health insurance coverage and does not satisfy the requirement of minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act.**

**This Plan provides benefits for the Critical Illnesses listed in the Benefit Schedule.**

**Please read it carefully.**

**Your Employer** (the “Policyholder”) applied for coverage under this Group Critical Illness Insurance Policy (the “Plan”). This Plan is issued by Continental American Insurance Company (the “Company,” “CAIC,” “we,” “us,” or “our”). For the purposes of this Plan, “you” (including “your” and “yours”) refers to you. Based on the Application and the timely payment of premiums, the Company agrees to pay the benefits provided on the following pages. (Please note that male pronouns— such as “he,” “him,” and “his”—are used for both males and females, unless the context clearly shows otherwise.)

You will notice that certain words and phrases (including some medical terms and the names of Plan documents) in this document are capitalized. The capitalized words refer to terms with very specific definitions as they apply to this insurance Plan.

We certify that you are insured under the Group Critical Illness Policy (the “Plan”). The Plan was issued to the Policyholder. This coverage provides benefits for loss resulting from Critical Illness. The Certificate is subject to the definitions, exclusions, and other provisions of the Plan.

Certain provisions of the Plan are summarized in this Certificate. All provisions of the Plan, whether contained in your Certificate or not, apply to the insurance referred to by the Certificate.

This Certificate, on its Effective Date, automatically replaces any Certificate or Certificates previously issued to you under the Plan.

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## **Section I – Eligibility, Effective Date, and Termination**

### **Eligibility**

You are eligible to be covered under this Plan if you are Actively at Work for your employer and included in the class that is eligible for coverage, as shown on the Master Application.

Dependents of an Employee are eligible for coverage under this Plan. A *Dependent* is:

- Your Spouse, or
- The Dependent Child of you or your Spouse (details included in the **Definitions** section).

*Insured* means you or your eligible Dependent, if any, who is covered under the Plan in the following categories:

- **Employee Coverage** – We insure the Employee and any Dependent Children.
- **Employee and Spouse Coverage** – We insure the Employee, Spouse, and any Dependent Children.

We will not insure anyone specifically excluded from coverage by Endorsement to the Certificate or by application, even if that person would otherwise be eligible for coverage.

Details for adding Insureds to your coverage are outlined in the Effective Date section.

### **Effective Date**

Your Certificate Effective Date is shown on the Certificate Schedule.

Your Certificate Effective Date is the date your insurance takes effect. After we receive and approve the Application, that date is either:

- The date shown on the Certificate Schedule if you are Actively at Work on that date, or
- The date you return to an Actively-at-Work status if you were not Actively at Work on the date shown on the Certificate Schedule.

The Effective Date for a Spouse or Dependent Child is:

- The date shown on the Certificate Schedule if that Spouse or Dependent Child is not confined to a hospital and is eligible for coverage on that date, or
- The date the Spouse or Dependent Child is no longer confined to a hospital (if that Spouse or Dependent Child was confined to a hospital on the Certificate Schedule date) and is eligible for coverage on that date.

A Spouse may be added to the Plan after the Employee's Effective Date. To be added, the Employee must complete an Application to add his Spouse to the Plan. The Company will assign the Effective Date for a Spouse's coverage after approving the application. For Spouse coverage to become effective, the Spouse must be included in the premium payment.

Newborn children will be covered from the moment of birth, adopted children from the date the petition is filed for adoption, and step-children from the date of the Employee's marriage.

A day begins at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the Employee's, Spouse's, or Dependent Child's place of residence.

### **Plan Termination**

The Company has the right to cancel the Plan on any premium due date for the following reasons:

- The premium is not paid before the end of the Grace Period,
- The number of participating Employees is less than the number mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Policyholder in the signed Master Application,
- The Policyholder does not provide timely information or meet any obligations required by this Plan and applicable law, or

- The Company cancels the Plan any time after the end of the first policy year. To do this, the Company must give the Policyholder 31 days' written notice.

The Policyholder has the right to cancel the Plan on any premium due date.

- To do this, the Policyholder must give the Company at least 31 days' written notice.
- The Plan will end on the date in the written notice or the date the Company receives the notice, whichever is later.

All outstanding premiums are due upon Plan termination. If the Company accepts premium payments after the Plan terminates, this will not reinstate the Plan; we will refund any excess premium.

**The Policyholder has the sole responsibility of notifying Certificateholders in writing of the Plan's termination as soon as reasonably possible.** If the Plan terminates, it—and all Certificates and Riders issued under the Plan—will terminate on the specified termination date. The termination occurs as of 12:01 a.m. at the Policyholder's address.

### **Termination of Your Insurance**

Your insurance will terminate on whichever occurs first:

- The date the Company terminates the Plan.
- The 31st day after the premium due date, if the premium has not been paid.
- The date you no longer belong to an eligible class.

Insurance for a covered Spouse or Dependent Child will terminate on the earliest of any of the bullet points listed above, or:

- The premium due date following the date the covered Spouse or Dependent Child no longer qualifies as a Dependent.
- The premium due date following the date we receive your written request to terminate coverage for your Spouse or all Dependent Children.

If your coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while your coverage was active.

## **Section II – Premium Provisions**

### **Premium Payments**

**Premiums for this Plan should be paid to the Company at its Home Office in Columbia, South Carolina.** The first premiums are due on this Plan's Effective Date. After that, premiums are due on the first day of each month that the Plan remains in effect.

Payment of any premium will not keep the Plan in force beyond the due date of the next premium, except as set forth in the Grace Period provision.

### **Premium Changes**

The Plan's first Anniversary Date appears on the Policy Schedule. Subsequent anniversaries will be the same date each following year.

Unless we have agreed in writing not to increase premiums, the premium may change:

- On the Policy Anniversary Date based on renewal underwriting.
- Whenever the terms or conditions of the Plan are modified. The new premium rates will apply only to premiums due on or after the rate change takes effect.

We will provide the Policyholder a 31-day advance written notice of any change to a premium.

## **Grace Period**

This Plan has a 31-day Grace Period. If any premium, except for the first premium, is not paid on or before its due date, the premium may be paid during the next 31 days. During the Grace Period, the Plan will stay in force, unless the Policyholder has given the Company written notice of its intention to discontinue the Plan in advance of the date of discontinuance.

## **Section III – Definitions**

When the terms below are used in this Plan, the following definitions apply:

**Accident** means an event that results in accidental bodily injury to an Insured, independent of disease or bodily infirmity. A **Covered Accident** is an Accident that occurs while coverage is in force.

**Actively at Work (Active Work)** refers to your ability to perform your regular employment duties for a full normal workday. You may perform these activities either at your employer's regular place of business or at a location where you are required to travel to perform the regular duties of your employment.

**Acute Coronary Syndrome** is an obstruction of the coronary arteries that occurs as a result of Myocardial Infarction with or without ST elevation. This is determined by an electrocardiogram (ECG). Acute Coronary Syndrome includes unstable angina but does not include stable angina.

**Arteriosclerosis** means a disease of the arteries characterized by plaque deposits on the arteries' inner walls, resulting in their abnormal thickening and loss of elasticity.

**Arteriovenous Malformation** means a congenital disease of the blood vessels in the brain, brain stem, or spinal cord that is characterized by a complex, tangled web of abnormal arteries and veins and may be connected by one or more fistulas.

**Atherosclerosis** means a disease in which plaque builds up inside a person's arteries.

**Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant)** means a procedure to replace damaged or destroyed bone marrow with healthy bone marrow stem cells. For a benefit to be payable, a Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant) must be caused by at least one of the following diseases:

- Aplastic anemia
- Congenital neutropenia
- Severe immunodeficiency syndromes
- Sickle cell anemia
- Thalassemia
- Fanconi anemia
- Leukemia
- Lymphoma
- Multiple myeloma

The Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant) benefit is not payable if the Transplant results from a covered Critical Illness for which a benefit has been paid under this Plan.

**Brain Aneurysm** is a weak area in the wall of a blood vessel of the brain that causes the blood vessel to bulge, balloon out, or rupture.

**Cardiomyopathy** means a disease with measurable deterioration of the function of the myocardium, and is typically characterized by breathlessness and swelling of the legs.

**Chronic Kidney Disease** means a disease characterized by the gradual loss in renal function over time due to diabetes mellitus, Hypertension, glomerulonephritis, polycystic kidney disease, autoimmune disease, or genetic disease.

**Claimant** means a person who is authorized to make a claim under the Certificate.

**Coma** means a state of continuous, profound unconsciousness, lasting at least seven consecutive days, and characterized by the absence of:

- Spontaneous eye movements,
- Response to painful stimuli, and
- Vocalization.

Coma does not include a medically-induced coma.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, the Coma must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, the Coma must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one of the following diseases:

- **Brain Aneurysm**, which is an excessive, localized enlargement of an artery in the brain caused by a weakening of the artery wall, usually due to a defect in the vessel at birth or resulting from high blood pressure.
- **Diabetes**, which is a metabolic disease characterized by the inadequate secretion or utilization of insulin, by excessive urine production, by excessive amounts of sugar in the blood and urine, and by thirst, hunger, and loss of weight.
- **Encephalitis**, which is a disease characterized by inflammation of the brain, usually caused by a direct viral infection or a hypersensitive reaction to a virus or foreign protein.
- **Epilepsy**, which is a neurological disease characterized by sudden, recurring attacks of motor, sensory, or psychic malfunction with or without loss of consciousness or convulsive seizures.
- **Hyperglycemia**, which is a disease where an excessive amount of glucose circulates in the blood plasma.
- **Hypoglycemia**, which is a disease where blood glucose concentrations fall below the necessary level to support the body's need for energy and stability throughout its cells.
- **Meningitis**, which is a disease caused by viral or bacterial infection and characterized by inflammation of the meninges.

**Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery** means open heart surgery to correct the narrowing or blockage of one or more coronary arteries with bypass grafts and where such narrowing or blockage is attributed to Coronary Artery Disease or Acute Coronary Syndrome. This excludes any non-surgical procedure, such as, but not limited to, balloon angioplasty, laser relief, or stents.

**Coronary Artery Disease** occurs when the coronary arteries become damaged due to acute coronary occlusion, coronary atherosclerosis, aneurysm and/or dissection of the coronary arteries, or coronary atherosclerosis due to lipid rich plaque.

**Critical Illness** is a disease or a sickness as defined in the Plan that first manifests while your coverage is in force.

Any loss due to Critical Illness must begin while your coverage is in force. Critical Illness includes only the following, provided such Critical Illness meets all applicable definitions contained in the Plan and, where indicated, is caused by an underlying condition:

- Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant)
- Coma
- Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery
- Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction)
- Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure)
- Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing

- Major Organ Transplant
- Paralysis
- Stroke
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest

**Date of Diagnosis** is defined as follows:

- **Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant):** The date the surgery occurs.
- **Coma:** The first day of the period for which a Doctor confirms a Coma that is due to one of the underlying diseases and that has lasted for at least seven consecutive days.
- **Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery:** The date the surgery occurs.
- **Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction):** The date the infarction (death) of a portion of the heart muscle occurs. This is based on the criteria listed under the Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction) definition.
- **Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure):** The date a Doctor recommends that an Insured begin renal dialysis.
- **Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing:** The date the loss due to one of the underlying diseases is objectively determined by a Doctor to be total and irreversible.
- **Major Organ Transplant:** The date the surgery occurs.
- **Paralysis:** The date a Doctor Diagnoses an Insured with Paralysis due to one of the underlying diseases as specified in this Plan, where such Diagnosis is based on clinical and/or laboratory findings as supported by the Insured's medical records.
- **Stroke:** The date the Stroke occurs (based on documented neurological deficits and neuroimaging studies).
- **Sudden Cardiac Arrest:** The date the pumping action of the heart fails (based on the Sudden Cardiac Arrest definition).
- **Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA):** The date the Transient Ischemic Attack occurs (based on documented diagnostic tests, such as a CT scan or an MRI of the brain, a Doppler ultrasound, or an echocardiogram of the heart).

**Dependent** means your Spouse or your Dependent Child. **Spouse** is your legal wife or husband who is listed on your Application. **Dependent Children** are your or your Spouse's natural children, step-children, legally adopted children, or Children Placed for Adoption, who are younger than age 26.

**Children Placed for Adoption** are Children for whom you have entered a decree of adoption or for whom you have initiated adoption proceedings. A decree of adoption must be entered within one year from the date proceedings were initiated, unless extended by order of the court. You must continue to have custody pursuant to the decree of the court.

There is an exception to the age-26 limit listed above. This limit will not apply to any Dependent Child who is incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical handicap and is dependent on a parent for support. The Employee or the Employee's Spouse must furnish proof of this incapacity and dependency to the Company within 31 days following the Dependent Child's 26th birthday.

**Diagnosis (Diagnosed)** refers to the definitive and certain identification of an illness or disease that:

- Is made by a Doctor and
- Is based on clinical or laboratory investigations, as supported by your medical records.

The illness must meet the requirements outlined in this Plan for the particular Critical Illness being Diagnosed.

Diagnosis must be made and Treatment must be received in the United States or its territories.

**Doctor** is a person who is:

- Legally qualified to practice medicine,
- Licensed as a Doctor by the state where Treatment is received, and
- Licensed to treat the type of condition for which a claim is made.

A Doctor does not include you or any of your Family Members.

For the purposes of this definition, **Family Member** includes your Spouse as well as the following members of your immediate family:

- Son
- Daughter
- Mother
- Father
- Sister
- Brother

This includes step-Family Members and Family-Members-in-law.

**Employee** is a person who meets eligibility requirements under **Section I – Eligibility, Effective Date, and Termination**, and who is covered under this Plan. The Employee is the primary Insured under this Plan.

**Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction)** is the death of a portion of the heart muscle (myocardium) caused by a blockage of one or more coronary arteries due to Coronary Artery Disease or Acute Coronary Syndrome.

Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction) does not include:

- Any other disease or injury involving the cardiovascular system.
- Cardiac Arrest not caused by a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction).

Diagnosis of a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction) must include the following:

- New and serial electrocardiographic (ECG) findings consistent with Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction), and
- Elevation of cardiac enzymes above generally accepted laboratory levels of normal. (In the case of creatine phosphokinase (CPK) a CPK-MB measurement must be used.)

Confirmatory imaging studies, such as thallium scans, MUGA scans, or stress echocardiograms may also be used.

**Hypertension** means a disease that is characterized by elevated blood pressure in the arteries with a systolic reading of at least 140 mmHg and a diastolic reading of at least 90 mmHg.

**Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure)** means end-stage renal failure caused by End-Stage Renal Disease, which results in the chronic, irreversible failure of both kidneys to function.

Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure) is covered only under the following conditions:

- A Doctor advises that regular renal dialysis, hemo-dialysis, or peritoneal dialysis (at least weekly) is necessary to treat the Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure); or
- The Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure) results in kidney transplantation.

### **Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing**

**Loss of Sight** means the total and irreversible loss of all sight in both eyes.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, Loss of Sight must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, Loss of Sight must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one of the following diseases:



- **Retinal Disease**, which is a disease that affects the retina of the eye;
- **Optic Nerve Disease**, which is a disease that affects the optic nerve of the eye; or
- **Hypoxia**, which is a disease characterized by a deficiency in the amount of oxygen reaching the tissues of the eyes.

**Loss of Speech** means the total and permanent loss of the ability to speak.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, Loss of Speech must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, Loss of Speech must be caused solely by or be solely attributable to one of the following diseases:

- **Alzheimer's Disease**, which is a progressive mental deterioration due to generalized degeneration of the brain; or
- **Arteriovenous Malformation**, which is a congenital disease of blood vessels in the brain, brain stem, or spinal cord that is characterized by a complex, tangled web of abnormal arteries and veins connected by one or more fistulas.

**Loss of Hearing** means the total and irreversible loss of hearing in both ears. Loss of Hearing does not include hearing loss that can be corrected by the use of a hearing aid or device.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, Loss of Hearing must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, Loss of Hearing must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one of the following diseases:

- **Alport Syndrome**, which is an inherited disease of the kidney caused by a genetic mutation and can be characterized by hearing loss;
- **Autoimmune Inner Ear Disease**, which is an inflammatory condition of the inner ear occurring when the body's immune system attacks cells in the inner ear that are mistaken for bacteria or a virus;
- **Chicken Pox**, which is an acute contagious disease that is caused by the varicella-zoster virus and is characterized by skin eruptions, slight fever, and malaise;
- **Diabetes**, which is a metabolic disease characterized by the inadequate secretion or utilization of insulin, by excessive urine production, by excessive amounts of sugar in the blood and urine, and by thirst, hunger, and loss of weight;
- **Goldenhar Syndrome**, which is rare congenital disease that causes abnormalities in the face and head and can cause hearing loss;
- **Meniere's Disease**, which is a disorder of the inner ear that causes spontaneous episodes of vertigo, hearing loss, ear ringing, and a feeling of fullness or pressure in the ear;
- **Meningitis**, which is a disease characterized by inflammation of the meninges caused by viral or bacterial infection; or
- **Mumps**, which is an infectious disease caused by paramyxovirus, and characterized by inflammatory swelling of the parotid and/or other salivary glands.

**Major Organ Transplant** means undergoing surgery as a recipient of a covered transplant of a human heart, lung, liver, kidney, or pancreas. A transplant must be caused by one or more of the following diseases:

- Bronchiectasis, which is a lung disease state defined by localized, irreversible dilation of the bronchial tree caused by destruction of the muscle and elastic tissue.
- Cardiomyopathy, which is a heart disease characterized by the measurable deterioration of the function of the heart muscle, where the heart muscle becomes enlarged, thick, or rigid.
- Cirrhosis, which is a liver disease characterized by replacement of liver tissue by fibrosis, scar tissue, and regenerative nodules, leading to loss of liver function.

- Chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, which is a lung disease characterized by persistently poor airflow as a result of breakdown of lung tissue and dysfunction of the small airways.
- Congenital Heart Disease, which is heart disease characterized by abnormalities in cardiovascular structures that occur before birth.
- Coronary Artery Disease
- Cystic fibrosis, which is a hereditary disease of the exocrine glands affecting the pancreas, respiratory system, and sweat glands. It is characterized by the production of abnormally viscous mucus by the affected glands.
- Hepatitis, which is a disease caused by the hepatitis A, B, or C virus and is characterized by the inflammation of the liver.
- Interstitial lung disease, which is a lung disease that affects the interstitium of the lungs.
- Lymphangiomyomatosis, which is a lung disease characterized by an indolent, progressive growth of smooth muscle cells throughout the lungs, pulmonary blood vessels, lymphatics, and pleurae.
- Polycystic liver disease, which is characterized by multiple variable-sized cysts lined by cuboidal epithelium.
- Pulmonary fibrosis, which is a lung disease where the lung tissue becomes thickened, stiff, and scarred due to chronic inflammation.
- Pulmonary hypertension, which is a disease characterized by increased pressure in the pulmonary artery and results in the thickening of the pulmonary arteries and the narrowing of these blood vessels, which causes the right side of the heart to become enlarged.
- Sarcoidosis, which is a disease characterized by the growth of granulomatous lesions that appear in the body.
- Valvular heart disease, which is a disease of the heart valves.

A Major Organ Transplant benefit is not payable if the Major Organ Transplant results from a covered Critical Illness for which a benefit has been paid.

***Malignant Hypertension*** is blood pressure that is so high that it actually causes damage to organs, particularly in the nervous system, the cardiovascular system, and/or the kidneys. One type of such damage is called papilledema, a condition in which the optic nerve leading to the eye becomes dangerously swollen, threatening vision.

***Paralysis or Paralyzed*** means the permanent, total, and irreversible loss of muscle function to the whole of at least two limbs.

To be payable as an Accident benefit, the Paralysis must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

To be considered a Critical Illness, Paralysis must be caused solely by or be solely attributed to one or more of the following diseases:

- **Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis**, which is a progressive degeneration of the motor neurons of the central nervous system, leading to wasting of the muscles and paralysis;
- **Cerebral Palsy**, which is a disorder of movement, muscle tone, or posture that is caused by injury or abnormal development in the immature brain. Cerebral Palsy can be characterized by stiffness and movement difficulties, or by involuntary and uncontrolled movements;
- **Parkinson's disease**, which is a progressive disease of the nervous system marked by tremor, muscular rigidity, and slow, imprecise movement; or
- **Polio**, which is an acute infectious disease caused by the poliovirus and characterized by fever, motor paralysis, and atrophy of skeletal muscles. This often results in permanent disability and deformity, and is marked by inflammation of nerve cells in the anterior gray matter in each lateral half of the spinal cord.

The Diagnosis of Paralysis must be supported by neurological evidence.

***Pathologist*** is a Doctor who is licensed:

- To practice medicine, and
- By the American Board of Pathology to practice pathologic anatomy.

A Pathologist also includes an Osteopathic Pathologist who is certified by the Osteopathic Board of Pathology.

**Severe Burn** or **Severely Burned** means a burn resulting from fire, heat, caustics, electricity, or radiation. The burn must meet all of the following criteria:

- Be a full-thickness or third-degree burn, as determined by a Doctor. A **Full-Thickness Burn** or **Third-Degree Burn** is the destruction of the skin through the entire thickness or depth of the dermis (or possibly into underlying tissues). This results in loss of fluid and sometimes shock.
- Cause cosmetic disfigurement to the body's surface area of at least 35 square inches.
- Be caused solely by or be solely attributed to a Covered Accident.

**Signs and/or Symptoms** are the evidence of disease or physical disturbance observed by a Doctor or other medical professional. The Doctor (or other medical professional) must observe these Signs while acting within the scope of his license.

**Stroke** means apoplexy due to rupture or acute occlusion of a cerebral artery. The apoplexy must cause complete or partial loss of function involving the motion or sensation of a part of the body and must last more than 24 hours. Stroke must be either:

- **Ischemic:** Due to advanced Arteriosclerosis or Arteriosclerosis of the arteries of the neck or brain, or vascular embolism, or
- **Hemorrhagic:** Due to uncontrolled Hypertension, Malignant Hypertension, Brain Aneurysm, or Arteriovenous Malformation.

The Stroke must be positively Diagnosed by a Doctor based upon documented neurological deficits and confirmatory neuroimaging studies.

Stroke does not include:

- Transient Ischemic Attacks (TIAs)
- Head injury
- Chronic cerebrovascular insufficiency
- Reversible ischemic neurological deficits unless brain tissue damage is confirmed by neurological imaging

Stroke will be covered only if the Insured submits evidence of the neurological damage by providing:

- Computed Axial Tomography (CAT scan) images, or
- Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI).

**Sudden Cardiac Arrest** is the sudden, unexpected loss of heart function in which the heart, abruptly and without warning, stops working as a result of an internal electrical system heart malfunction due to Coronary Artery Disease, Cardiomyopathy, or Hypertension.

Sudden Cardiac Arrest is not a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction). A Sudden Cardiac Arrest benefit is not payable if the Sudden Cardiac Arrest is caused by or contributed to by a Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction).

**Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)** occurs when blood flow to part of the brain is temporarily blocked or reduced. For a benefit to be payable, the TIA must be caused by one or more of the following diseases:

- Advanced Arteriosclerosis
- Arteriosclerosis of the arteries of the neck or brain
- Vascular embolism
- Hypertension
- Malignant Hypertension
- Brain Aneurysm
- Arteriovenous Malformation.

The TIA must be positively Diagnosed by a Doctor based upon documented neurological deficits and confirmatory neuroimaging studies.

*Treatment* or *Medical Treatment* is the consultation, care, or services provided by a Doctor. This includes receiving any diagnostic measures and taking prescribed drugs and medicines.

## **Section IV – Benefit Provisions**

The benefit amounts payable under this section are shown in the Benefit Schedule. The Company will pay benefits for a Critical Illness in the order the events occur.

### **Critical Illness Benefit**

#### **Initial Diagnosis**

We will pay the Critical Illness benefit when an Insured is Diagnosed with one of the Critical Illnesses shown in the Certificate Schedule, and when such Diagnosis is caused by or solely attributed to an underlying disease as identified herein. We will pay this benefit if:

- The Date of Diagnosis is while his coverage is in force, and
- The Certificate does not exclude the illness or condition by name or by specific description.

Benefits will be based on the Face Amount in effect on the Critical Illness Date of Diagnosis.

#### **Additional Diagnosis**

Once benefits have been paid for a Critical Illness, the Company will pay benefits for each different Critical Illness when:

- The Date of Diagnosis for the new Critical Illness is separated from the prior, different Critical Illness by at least six consecutive months, and
- The new Critical Illness is not caused or contributed to by a Critical Illness for which benefits have been paid.

#### **Reoccurrence**

Once benefits have been paid for a Critical Illness, benefits are payable for that same Critical Illness when:

- The Date of Diagnosis for the Reoccurrence of that Critical Illness is separated from the prior occurrence of that Critical Illness by at least 6 consecutive months, and
- The Critical Illness is not caused or contributed to by a Critical Illness for which benefits have been paid.

### **Partial Benefits**

Partial Benefits are payable if the Date of Diagnosis is while the Insured's coverage is in force, and the Certificate does not exclude the illness or condition by name or by specific description.

#### **Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery**

We will pay the amount shown in the Certificate Schedule for Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery. This benefit is payable in addition to all other applicable benefits.

### **Additional Benefits**

Additional Benefits are payable if the Date of Diagnosis is while the Insured's coverage is in force, and the Certificate does not exclude the illness or condition by name or by specific description.

#### **Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA)**

We will pay the amount shown in the Certificate Schedule for the Diagnosis of a Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA). This benefit is payable in addition to all other applicable benefits. Only one TIA benefit is payable under this Plan. This benefit is payable once per calendar year.

## Health Screening Benefit

We will pay the amount shown in the Policy Schedule for Health Screening Tests performed while an Insured's coverage is in force. This benefit is payable once per calendar year, per Insured. Benefits are not payable for Covered Dependent Children.

This benefit is only payable for Health Screening Tests performed as the result of preventive care, including tests and diagnostic procedures ordered in connection with routine examinations.

Health Screening Tests include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Blood test for triglycerides
- Bone marrow testing
- Breast ultrasound
- CA 15-3 (blood test for breast cancer)
- CA 125 (blood test for ovarian cancer)
- CEA (blood test for colon cancer)
- Chest X-ray
- Colonoscopy
- DNA stool analysis
- Fasting blood glucose test
- Flexible sigmoidoscopy
- Hemocult stool analysis
- Mammography
- Pap smear
- PSA (blood test for prostate cancer)
- Serum cholesterol test to determine level of HDL and LDL
- Serum protein electrophoresis (blood test for myeloma)
- Spiral CT screening for lung cancer
- Stress test on a bicycle or treadmill
- Thermography

## Accident Benefit

We will pay the amount shown in the Benefit Schedule if an Insured sustains a Covered Accident and suffers any of the following, which is solely due to, caused by, and attributed to, the Covered Accident:

- Coma
- Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing
- Severe Burn
- Paralysis.

## Waiver of Premium Benefit

If you become Totally Disabled as defined in this Plan due to a covered Critical Illness, we will waive premiums for you and any currently covered Dependents (this includes any Riders that are in force).

**Total Disability** or **Totally Disabled** means you are:

- Not working at any job for pay or benefits,
- Under the care of a Doctor for the Treatment of a covered Critical Illness, and
- **Unable to Work**, which means either:
  - During the first 365 days of Total Disability, you are unable to work at the occupation you were performing when your Total Disability began; or
  - After the first 365 days of Total Disability, you are unable to work at any gainful occupation for which you are suited by education, training, or experience.

After 90 days of Total Disability, all Plan premiums will be waived if:

- Your Total Disability began before your age of 65;
- Your Total Disability has continued without interruption for at least 90 days, during which time you and/or the Policyholder have paid premiums; and
- You provide proof of Total Disability as required by us. Satisfactory Proof of Loss for Total Disability must be provided at least once every 12 months.

Pending our approval of a claim for the Waiver of Premium Benefit, premiums should be paid as they are due. Premiums that were paid for the first 90 days of Total Disability will be refunded after your claim for this benefit is approved.

Waiver of Premium will continue until the earliest of the following:

- The premium due date following your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday,
- The date the Company has waived premiums for a total of 24 months of Total Disability,
- The date you refuse to provide proof of continuing Total Disability,
- The date your Total Disability ends, or
- The date coverage ends according to the Termination provisions in **Section I – Eligibility, Effective Date, and Termination.**

If you are still eligible for coverage when you return to Active Work, coverage for any Insured may be continued if premium payments are resumed.

## **Section V – Limitations and Exclusions**

### **Exclusions**

We will not pay for loss due to any of the following:

- **Self-Inflicted Injuries** – injuring or attempting to injure oneself intentionally or taking action that causes oneself to become injured
- **Suicide** – committing or attempting to commit suicide, while sane or insane
- **Illegal Acts** – participating or attempting to participate in an illegal activity, or working at an illegal job
- **Participation in Aggressive Conflict** of any kind, including:
  - War (declared or undeclared) or military conflicts
  - Insurrection or riot
  - Civil commotion or civil state of belligerence
- **Illegal substance abuse, which includes the following:**
  - Abuse of legally-obtained prescription medication
  - Illegal use of non-prescription drugs

## **Section VI – Claim Provisions**

If the Policyholder requests a complete record of their claims experience under the group policy, the Company will provide it. We will provide this record within 30 days before the premiums or contractual terms of the Policy are amended. If coverage is being terminated because of unpaid premiums, we will send a written letter to the Policyholder notifying them of the termination date. We will send notice no less than 15 days before the termination date.

### **Notice of Claim**

Written notice of claim must be given to us:

- Within 60 days after the Date of Diagnosis, or
- As soon as reasonably possible.

When we receive written Notice of Claim, we will send a claim form. If the Claimant does not receive the claim form within 15 days after the notice is sent, written Proof of Loss can be sent to us without waiting for the form. Notice must include your name and Certificate number. Notice can be mailed to the Company at:

**P.O. Box 427, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202**

Failure to provide notice within 60 days will not invalidate or reduce any claim if the Insured can show that notice was given as soon as reasonably possible.

## **Proof of Loss**

*Proof of Loss* refers to documentation that supports a claim. (This information is often found in standardized medical documents, such as hospital bills and operative reports. It includes a statement by the treating Doctor.) Proof of Loss establishes the nature and extent of the loss, the Company's obligation to pay the claim, and the Claimant's right to receive payment.

The Claimant must provide Proof of Loss to the Company at:

**P.O. Box 427, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202**

Proof of Loss must be given to us within 90 days of the Date of Diagnosis. Failure to give Proof of Loss within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if such Proof of Loss is given as soon as reasonably possible. The Company will not accept Proof of Loss any later than one year and three months after the Date of Diagnosis, except in the absence of your legal mental capacity.

The Claimant will be responsible for the cost of obtaining a completed claim form. We may request additional Proof of Loss, such as records from hospitals or Doctors. We will be responsible for the cost of obtaining these records.

We may require authorizations to obtain medical and psychiatric information as well as non-medical information, including personal financial information.

When we receive the claim and due Proof of Loss, we will review the Proof of Loss. If we approve the claim, we will pay the benefits subject to the terms of the Certificate.

## **Physical Examination and Autopsy**

The Company may have an Insured examined as often as reasonably necessary while a claim is pending. In the case of death, the Company may also require an autopsy, unless prohibited by law. The Company will cover all costs for exams or autopsy.

## **Time of Payment of Claims**

Benefits payable under the Certificate will be paid after we receive due Proof of Loss acceptable to us. We will pay, deny, or settle all clean claims\* within 30 calendar days after receiving the appropriate information.

\*Clean claims contain all information and/or documentation needed for processing. These claims do not require further information from the provider, you, or your employer.

## **Payment of Claims**

We will pay all benefits to you unless otherwise assigned. For any benefits that remain unpaid at the time of death, we will pay those benefits in the following order:

- To any approved assignee,
- To your beneficiary,
- To your surviving Spouse,
- To your estate.

## **Unpaid Premium**

When a claim is paid, we may deduct any premium due and unpaid from the claim payment.

## **Changing of Beneficiary**

A change in beneficiary must be submitted in writing to our Home Office in a form acceptable to us and signed by you. Unless otherwise specified by you, a change in beneficiary will take effect on the date the notice of change is signed. We will not be liable for any action taken before notice is received and recorded at the Home Office.

## **Claim Review**

If a claim is denied, you will be given written notice of:

- The reason for the denial,
- The Plan provision that supports the denial, and
- His right to ask for a review of the claim.

## **Appeals Procedure**

Before filing any lawsuit—and no later than 60 days after notice of denial of a claim—you, the Claimant, or an authorized representative of either must appeal any denial of benefits under the Plan by sending a written request for review of the denial to our Home Office.

## **Legal Action**

You cannot take legal action against us for benefits under this Plan:

- Within 60 days after he has sent us written Proof of Loss, or
- More than three years from the time written proof is required to be given.

## **Section VII – General Provisions**

### **Entire Contract Changes**

Your insurance is provided under a contract of Group Critical Illness insurance with the Policyholder. The entire Contract of Insurance is made up of:

- The Policy;
- The Certificate of insurance;
- The Application of the Policyholder, a copy of which is attached to and made part of the Policy when issued; and
- Any Riders, Endorsements, or Amendments to the Policy or Certificate.

All statements that the Policyholder or an Insured has made in the Application will be considered representations, not warranties. No written statement by an insured person will be used in any contest unless a copy of the statement is furnished to the person, his beneficiary, or his personal representative.

The Company will not void insurance or reduce benefits as a result of statements made on the Application without sending Application copies.

Changes to this Plan:

- Will not be valid unless approved in writing by an officer of the Company,
- Must be noted on or attached to the Contract, and
- May not be made by any insurance agent (nor can an agent waive any Plan provisions).

### **Misstatement of Age**

If an age has been misstated on the Application, the benefits will be those that the paid premium would have purchased at the correct age.

### **Successor Insured**

If you die while covered under this Certificate and your Spouse is also insured under this Plan at the time of your death, then your surviving Spouse may elect to become the primary Insured at the current Spouse Face Amount. This would include continuation of any Dependent Child coverage that is in force at that time.



To become the primary Insured and keep coverage in force, your surviving Spouse must:

- Notify the Company in writing within 31 days after the date of your death; and
- Pay the required premium to the Company no later than 31 days after the date of your death, and on each premium due date thereafter.

If the Certificate does not cover a surviving Spouse, the Certificate will terminate on the next premium due date following your death.

### **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

After two years from your Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on your Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

No statement made by any person insured under the policy relating to his insurability or the insurability of his insured dependents shall be used in contesting the validity of the insurance with respect to which such statement was made: (1) after the insurance has been in force prior to the contest for a period of two years during the lifetime of the person about whom the statement was made; and (2) unless the statement is contained in a written instrument signed by him.

### **Clerical Error**

Clerical error by the Policyholder will not end coverage or continue terminated coverage. In the event of a clerical error, the Company will make a premium adjustment.

### **Individual Certificates**

The Company will give the Policyholder a Certificate for each Employee. The Certificate will set forth:

- The coverage (including any limitations, reductions, and exclusions),
- Any family member or dependent coverage,
- To whom benefits will be paid, **and**
- The rights and privileges under the Plan.

### **Required Information**

The Policyholder will be responsible for furnishing all information and proofs that the Company may reasonably require with regard to the Plan.

### **Conformity with State Statutes**

This Plan was issued on its Effective Date in the state noted on the Master Application. Any Plan provision that conflicts with that state's statutes is amended to conform to the minimum requirements of those statutes.

### **Important Information Regarding Your Insurance**

In the event you need to contact someone about this insurance for any reason please contact your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this insurance, or if you have additional questions, you may contact the insurance company issuing this insurance at the following address and telephone number: P.O. Box 427, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202, 800.433.3036 (toll free).

If you have been unable to contact or obtain satisfaction from the company or the agent, you may contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance at: P.O. Box 1157, Richmond, VA 23218, 804-371-9691, (toll free) 1-877-310-6560 or TDD 804-371-9206, fax 804-371-9944.

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of your inquiry is maintained. When contacting your agent, company or the Bureau of Insurance, have your policy number available.



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## **Portability Privilege Amendment**

This Amendment is part of the form to which it is attached. Unless amended by this document, all definitions, exclusions, limitations, terms, and other provisions apply. For the purpose of this Amendment, “you” (including “your” and “yours”) refers to the Insured named in the Certificate Schedule.

### **Effective Date**

This Amendment becomes effective on the Effective Date of the form to which it is attached.

### **Portability Privilege**

The following language replaces the ELIGIBILITY provision found under SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION of the Master Policy and the Certificate of Insurance:

#### **ELIGIBILITY — CLASSES OF COVERAGE**

##### **Class I**

All full-time and part-time benefit-eligible Employees are eligible for Class I coverage. That eligibility extends to their spouses and children under age 26.

##### **Class II**

A Class I primary insured is eligible for Class II coverage if he:

- was previously insured under Class I; and
- is no longer employed by the Policyholder.

The Employee must elect Class II coverage under the Portability Privilege within 31 days after the date for which his class I eligibility would otherwise terminate.

Only Dependents covered under Class I coverage are eligible for continued coverage under Class II.

Class II insureds cannot continue coverage through the employer’s payroll deduction process. They must remit premiums directly to the Company.

The following language replaces the TERMINATION OF THE PLAN provision found under SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION of the Master Policy.

#### **TERMINATION OF THE PLAN**

The Plan will cease if the premium is not paid before the end of the Grace Period.

After the end of the first Plan year, the Company has the right to cancel the Plan. To do so, the Company must give 31 days written notice that the plan will end on the date before the next premium due date.

The Policyholder has the right to cancel the Plan on the date before any premium due date by giving 31 days written notice.

Upon such termination, Class I and Class II coverage will be affected as follows:

**Class I**

If terminated, this Plan and all certificates issued under this class will terminate on such date at 12:01 a.m. Standard Time at the Policyholder's address. This will be without prejudice to the rights of any Insured regarding any claim arising while the Plan is in force.

The Policyholder has the sole responsibility to notify Class I Employees of such termination. When notice of termination is received by the Company, the Portability Privilege under Class I coverage is no longer available.

**Class II**

The group policy will remain active, and coverage under Class II will continue as long as premiums are paid, subject to the premium grace period. Notification of any changes in the plan will be provided directly to each insured by the Company. The Policyholder will lose any rights and obligations under the Plan.

The following language replaces the TERMINATION OF AN EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE provision found under SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION of the Master Policy and the Certificate of Insurance.

**TERMINATION OF AN EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE**

An Employee's insurance will terminate on the earliest of the following:

1. the date the Plan is terminated, for Class I insureds;
2. the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the premium due date if the required premium has not been paid;
3. the date he ceases to meet the definition of an Employee as defined in the Plan, for Class I insureds; or
4. the date he is no longer a member of the Class eligible for coverage.

Insurance for Dependents will terminate on the earliest of the following:

1. the date the Plan is terminated, for Dependents of Class I insureds;
2. the 31<sup>st</sup> day after the premium due date, if the required premium has not been paid;
3. the date the Spouse or Dependent Child ceases to be a dependent; or
4. the premium due date following the date we receive the Employee's written request to terminate coverage for his Spouse and/or all Dependent Children.

Termination of the insurance on any Insured will not prejudice his rights regarding any claim arising prior to termination.

The following language replaces the PORTABILITY PRIVILEGE provision found under SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION of the Master Policy and the Certificate of Insurance.

**PORTABILITY PRIVILEGE**

Under the Portability Privilege provision, when coverage would otherwise terminate because an Employee ends his employment, coverage may be continued. He may exercise the Portability Privilege when there is a change to his coverage class. The Employee — and any covered dependents — will continue the coverage that is in-force on the date employment ends. The continued coverage will be provided under Class II.

The premium rate for portability coverage may change for the class of covered persons on portability on any premium due date. Written notice will be given at least 31 days before any change is to take effect.

The Employee may continue the coverage until the earlier of:

- the date he fails to pay the required premium; or
- the date the class of coverage is terminated.

Coverage may not be continued:

- if the Employee fails to pay any required premium; or
- if the Company receives notice of Class I plan termination.

## **General Provisions**

### **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

After two years from the Insured's Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on the Insured's Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

### **Contract**

This Amendment is part of the form to which it is attached. It will terminate when that form terminates.

This Amendment is subject to all of the terms of the form to which it is attached unless those terms are inconsistent with this Amendment.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Teresa White, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary



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## **Optional Benefits Rider To Certificate of Insurance for Group Critical Illness**

This Rider is part of the Certificate to which it is attached. We have issued this Rider because:

- You paid the additional premium for this Rider, and
- We have accepted your Application.

This Rider is subject to all the definitions, exclusions, limitations, terms, and other provisions of the Certificate to which it is attached, unless those terms are inconsistent with this Rider.

The benefits are available to those Insureds designated in the Certificate Schedule. Diagnosis must occur while this Rider is in force.

### **Effective Date**

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Rider becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Rider will have a later Effective Date.

### **Definitions**

When the terms below are used in this Rider, the following definitions will apply (other applicable terms and definitions are included in the **Definitions** section of your Certificate):

*Activities of Daily Living (ADLs)* are activities used in measuring levels of personal functioning capacity. These activities are normally performed without assistance, allowing personal independence in everyday living. For the purposes of this Plan, ADLs include the following:

- **Bathing** – the ability to wash oneself in a tub, shower, or by sponge bath. This includes the ability to get into and out of the tub or shower with or without the assistance of equipment;
- **Dressing** – the ability to put on, take off, and secure all necessary and appropriate items of clothing and any necessary braces or artificial limbs;
- **Toileting** – the ability to get to and from the toilet, get on and off the toilet, and perform associated personal hygiene with or without the assistance of equipment;
- **Transferring** – the ability to move in and out of a bed, chair, or wheelchair with or without the assistance of equipment;
- **Mobility** – the ability to walk or wheel on a level surface from one room to another with or without the assistance of equipment;
- **Eating** – the ability to get nourishment into the body by any means once it has been prepared and made available with or without the assistance of equipment; and
- **Continence** – the ability to voluntarily maintain control of bowel and/or bladder function. In the event of incontinence, the ability to maintain a reasonable level of personal hygiene.

*Date of Diagnosis* is defined as follows:

- **Advanced Alzheimer's Disease:** The date a Doctor Diagnoses the Insured as incapacitated due to Alzheimer's disease.
- **Advanced Parkinson's Disease:** The date a Doctor Diagnoses the Insured as incapacitated due to Parkinson's disease.
- **Benign Brain Tumor:** The date a Doctor determines a Benign Brain Tumor is present based on examination of tissue (biopsy or surgical excision) or specific neuroradiological examination.

*Advanced Alzheimer's Disease* means Alzheimer's Disease that causes the Insured to be incapacitated. Alzheimer's Disease is a progressive degenerative disease of the brain that is Diagnosed by a psychiatrist or neurologist as Alzheimer's Disease. To be incapacitated due to Alzheimer's Disease, the Insured must:

- Exhibit the loss of intellectual capacity involving impairment of memory and judgment, resulting in a significant reduction in mental and social functioning; and
- Require substantial physical assistance from another adult to perform at least three ADLs.

*Advanced Parkinson's Disease* means Parkinson's Disease that causes the Insured to be incapacitated. Parkinson's Disease is a brain disorder that is Diagnosed by a psychiatrist or neurologist as Parkinson's Disease. To be incapacitated due to Parkinson's Disease, the Insured must:

- Exhibit at least two of the following clinical manifestations:
  - Muscle rigidity
  - Tremor
  - Bradykinesia (abnormal slowness of movement, sluggishness of physical and mental responses); and
- Require substantial physical assistance from another adult to perform at least three ADLs.

*Benign Brain Tumor* is a mass or growth of abnormal, noncancerous cells in the brain. The tumor is composed of similar cells that do not follow normal cell division and growth patterns and develop into a mass of cells that microscopically do not have the characteristic appearance of a Cancer. Benign Brain Tumor must be caused by Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia, Neurofibromatosis, or Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome.

*Multiple Endocrine Neoplasia* is a genetic disease in which one or more of the endocrine glands are overactive or form a tumor.

*Neurofibromatosis* is a genetic disease in which the nerve tissue grows tumors that may be benign and may cause serious damage by compressing nerves and other tissue.

*Von Hippel-Lindau Syndrome* is a genetic disease that predisposes a person to have benign or malignant tumors.

## **Benefit Provisions**

We will pay the benefit shown if an Insured is Diagnosed with one of the conditions listed in the Rider Schedule if the Date of Diagnosis is while this Rider is in force.

**Payment of benefits contained in this Rider is subject to the Critical Illness Benefit provisions in your Certificate.** The benefits contained in this Rider are considered to be Critical Illnesses as defined in your Certificate.

## **General Provisions**

### **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

After two years from the Insured's Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on the Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

## **Contract**

This Rider is part of the Critical Illness Certificate. It will terminate when:

- That Certificate terminates, or
- Premiums are no longer paid for this Rider.

This Rider is subject to all of the terms of the Certificate to which it is attached unless any such terms are inconsistent with the terms of this Rider.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Teresa White, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary



# CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

Continental American Insurance Company, a wholly-owned subsidiary of  
Aflac Incorporated, is the insuring company.

Columbia, South Carolina 29202

800.433.3036

## Heart Event Rider To Certificate of Insurance for Group Critical Illness

This Rider is part of the Certificate to which it is attached. We have issued this Rider because:

- You paid the additional premium for this Rider, and
- We have accepted your Application.

This Rider is subject to all the definitions, exclusions, limitations, terms, and other provisions of the Certificate to which it is attached, unless those terms are inconsistent with this Rider.

The benefits are available to those Insureds designated in the Certificate Schedule. Treatment must occur while this Rider is in force.

### **Effective Date**

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Rider becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Rider will have a later Effective Date.

### **Definitions**

When the terms below are used in this Rider, the following definitions will apply (other applicable terms and definitions are included in the **Definitions** section of your Certificate):

**Covered Heart Procedure** is one of the Category I or Category II procedures defined below:

#### **Category I – Specified Surgeries of the Heart**

**Specified Surgeries of the Heart (Open Heart Surgery)** refers to open chest surgery, where the heart is exposed and/or manipulated for open cardiothoracic situations. We will pay benefits for the following Open Heart Surgery procedures when they are performed as a direct result of one of the following: Acute Coronary Syndrome, Atherosclerosis, Coronary Artery Disease, Cardiomyopathy, or Valvular Heart Disease.

- **Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery** (also **Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery** or **Bypass Surgery**) is a surgical procedure performed to relieve angina and reduce the risk of death from Coronary Artery Disease.
  - **Off-Pump Coronary Artery Bypass (OPCAB)** is a form of bypass surgery that does not stop the heart or use the heart-lung machine.
  - **Coronary Artery Bypass Grafting (CABG)** is used to treat a narrowing of the coronary arteries. A blood vessel is grafted onto the blocked artery, creating a bypass around the blockage. **If more than one artery is blocked, a bypass can be done on each, but only one benefit is payable under this Rider.**
- **Mitral Valve Replacement** or **Repair** is a surgical procedure in which a patient's mitral valve is repaired or replaced by a different valve.



- **Aortic Valve Replacement** or **Repair** is a surgical procedure in which a patient's aortic valve is repaired or replaced by a different valve.
- **Surgical Treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm** involves opening the abdomen and repairing or removing an abdominal aortic aneurysm.

### **Category II – Invasive Procedures and Techniques of the Heart**

We will pay Category II benefits for the following Invasive Procedures and Techniques of the Heart when they are performed as a result of one of the following: Acute Coronary Syndrome, Atherosclerosis, Coronary Artery Disease, Cardiomyopathy, or Valvular Heart Disease.

- **AngioJet Clot Busting** clears blood clots from coronary arteries before angioplasty and stenting. The device delivers a high-pressure saline solution through the artery to the clot, breaking it up and simultaneously drawing it out.
- **Balloon Angioplasty** (or **Balloon Valvuloplasty**) opens a clogged blood vessel. A thin tube is threaded through an artery to the narrowed heart vessel, where a small balloon at its tip is inflated. A balloon opens the narrowing by compressing atherosclerotic plaque against the vessel wall. The balloon is then deflated and removed.
- **Laser Angioplasty** uses a laser tip to burn/break down plaque in the clogged blood vessel.
- **Atherectomy** opens blocked coronary arteries or clears bypass grafts by using a device on the end of a catheter to cut or shave away atherosclerotic plaque.
- **Stent Implantation** is the implantation of a stainless steel mesh coil in a narrowed part of an artery to keep it propped open.
- **Cardiac Catheterization** (also **Heart Catheterization**) is a diagnostic and occasionally therapeutic procedure that allows a comprehensive examination of the heart and surrounding blood vessels.
- **Automatic Implantable** (or **Internal**) **Cardioverter Defibrillator (AICD)** refers to the initial placement of the AICD. AICDs are used for treating irregular heartbeats. The defibrillator is surgically placed inside the patient's chest where it monitors the heart's rhythm. When it identifies a serious arrhythmia, it produces an electrical shock to disrupt the arrhythmia.
- **Pacemaker Placement** refers to the initial placement/implantation of a pacemaker, which sends electrical signals to make the heart beat when a person's natural pacemaker is not working properly. This electrical device is placed under the skin. A lead extends from the device to the right side of the heart. Most pacemakers are used to correct a slow heart rate.

**Valvular Heart Disease** is a disease characterized by damage to or a defect in one of the four heart valves.

### **Benefit Provisions**

We will pay the applicable Category I or Category II benefit shown if an Insured is treated with one of the Covered Heart Procedures listed on the Rider Schedule which is caused by a defined underlying disease, and:

- Treatment is incurred while this Rider is in force,
- Treatment is recommended by a Doctor, and
- It is not excluded by name or specific description in this Rider.

We will only pay for procedures specifically listed in this Rider.

### **Category I – Specified Surgeries of the Heart**

You are eligible to receive one payment per calendar year for Category I procedures. We will pay a Category I benefit when an Insured has one of the Specified Surgeries of the Heart listed in the Rider Schedule that is a result of a defined underlying disease. Only one benefit will be payable under Category I when multiple Category I procedures are performed at the same time.

### **Category II – Invasive Procedures and Techniques of the Heart**

You are eligible to receive one payment per calendar year for Category II procedures. We will pay a Category II benefit when an Insured has one of the Invasive Procedures and Techniques of the Heart listed in this Rider that is a result of a defined underlying disease. Only one benefit will be payable under Category II when multiple Category II procedures are performed at the same time.

If Category I and Category II procedures are performed at the same time, benefits will be payable only at the highest benefit level and will not exceed the applicable face amount shown on the Rider Schedule.

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Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



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**CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY**

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**NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY VIRGINIA LIFE, ACCIDENT AND SICKNESS INSURANCE  
GUARANTY ASSOCIATION**

This notice provides a **brief summary** of the Virginia Life, Accident and Sickness Insurance Guaranty Association (“the Association”) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Virginia law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that a life, annuity or health insurance company licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its Insurance Department. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Virginia law, with funding from assessments paid by other life and health insurance companies licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
  - o \$300,000 in death benefits
  - o \$100,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values
  
- Health Insurance
  - o \$500,000 in hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits
  - o \$300,000 in disability [income] insurance benefits
  - o \$300,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
  - o \$100,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
  
- Annuities
  - o \$250,000 in withdrawal and cash values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$350,000, except for hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits, for which the limit is increased to \$500,000.

**Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered.** For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements and other limitations under Virginia law.

To learn more about the above protections, please visit the Association’s website at [www.valifega.org](http://www.valifega.org) or contact:

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Bureau of Insurance

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Richmond, VA 23218-1157

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Toll Free Virginia only: 1-800-552-7945

<http://www.scc.virginia.gov/division/boi/index.htm>

**Insurance companies and agents are not allowed by Virginia law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to encourage you to purchase any form of insurance. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and Virginia law, then Virginia law will control.**

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE

In the event you need to contact someone about this insurance for any reason, please contact your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this insurance, or if you have additional questions, you may contact the insurance company issuing this insurance at the following address and telephone number: 2801 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205 - 800.433.3036.

If you have been unable to contact or obtain satisfaction from the company or the agent, you may contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance at: the national toll free number 1-877-310-6560, the Virginia-only toll free number 800-552-7945, and the local number 804-371-9691.

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of your inquiry is maintained. When contacting your agent, company or the Bureau of Insurance, have your policy number available.

## Critical Illness Certificate Schedule

<b>EMPLOYEE</b> «ISNAMF» «ISNAML»	<b>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</b> «ISCERT»
<b>GROUP POLICYHOLDER</b> «ISGRPN»	<b>GROUP POLICY NUMBER</b> «ISGRP»
<b>EMPLOYEE EFFECTIVE DATE</b> «ISPHEF»	<b>GROUP POLICY ANNIVERSARY DATE</b> October 1,2018
<b>TOTAL INITIAL PREMIUM*</b> \$«ISPREM_»0	<b>EMPLOYEE AGE AT ISSUE</b> «ISAGE»
<b>PREMIUM MODE</b> «ISBLMD»	<b>JURISDICTION</b> «ISTXST»
<b>EMPLOYEE FACE AMOUNT</b> \$«ISBNFT_»	<b>SPOUSE FACE AMOUNT</b> «ISBNFTS_»
<b>COVERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN</b> 50% of Employee's Face Amount	

### Critical Illness Benefits

100% of the Employee's Face Amount is payable for the following critical illnesses, provided such critical illness meets all applicable definitions contained in your plan and is caused by an underlying disease as set forth herein:

- Bone Marrow Transplant (Stem Cell Transplant)
- Coma
- Heart Attack (Myocardial Infarction)
- Kidney Failure (End-Stage Renal Failure)
- Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing
- Major Organ Transplant
- Paralysis
- Stroke
- Sudden Cardiac Arrest

### Accident Benefits

- Coma 100% of applicable Face Amount
- Loss of Sight, Speech, or Hearing 100% of applicable Face Amount
- Severe Burn 100% of applicable Face Amount
- Paralysis 100% of applicable Face Amount

### Partial Benefits

- Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery 25% of applicable Face Amount

### Additional Benefits

- Health Screening Benefit Amount: \$100 per Insured per calendar year.
- Transient Ischemic Attack (TIA): \$250
- TIA for Covered Dependent Children: 50% of TIA Benefit Amount

*\*Initial premium includes the premium for any Riders purchased at the same time as the coverage provided by your Certificate.*

*This Plan is delivered in and governed by the laws of the jurisdiction shown above.*

**OPTIONAL BENEFITS RIDER SCHEDULE**

<b>EMPLOYEE</b> «ISNAMF» «ISNAML»	<b>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</b> «ISCERT»
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<b>EMPLOYEE FACE AMOUNT</b> \$«ISBNFT_»	<b>SPOUSE FACE AMOUNT</b> «ISBNFTS_»
<b>COVERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN</b> 50% of Employee’s Face Amount	

**Benefits**

<b>Advanced Alzheimer’s Disease</b>	25% of applicable Face Amount
<b>Advanced Parkinson’s Disease</b>	25% of applicable Face Amount
<b>Benign Brain Tumor</b>	100% of applicable Face Amount

## HEART EVENT RIDER SCHEDULE

<b>EMPLOYEE</b> «ISNAMF» «ISNAML»	<b>CERTIFICATE NUMBER</b> «ISCERT»
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<b>EMPLOYEE RIDER EFFECTIVE DATE</b> «ISPHEF»	<b>GROUP POLICY ANNIVERSARY DATE</b> October 1,2018
<b>EMPLOYEE FACE AMOUNT</b> \$«ISBNFT_»	<b>SPOUSE FACE AMOUNT</b> «ISBNFTS_»
<b>COVERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN</b> 50% of Employee's Face Amount	

### Benefits

#### **Category I – Specified Surgeries of the Heart:**

Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery (also Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery or Bypass Surgery)	75%* of Applicable Face Amount*
Mitral Valve Replacement or Repair	100% of Applicable Face Amount
Aortic Valve Replacement or Repair	100% of Applicable Face Amount
Surgical Treatment of Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm	100% of Applicable Face Amount

#### **Category II – Invasive Procedures and Techniques of the Heart:**

10% of Applicable Face Amount

*\*NOTE: The 75% benefit available in this Rider, combined with the partial benefit available in the Certificate, equals a 100% benefit for **Coronary Artery Bypass Surgery** (also **Coronary Artery Bypass Graft Surgery** or **Bypass Surgery**).*



**OPTIONAL BENEFITS RIDER SCHEDULE**

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<b>EMPLOYEE RIDER EFFECTIVE DATE</b> «ISPHEF»	<b>GROUP POLICY ANNIVERSARY DATE</b> «ISFCD2D»
<b>EMPLOYEE FACE AMOUNT</b> «BENEFIT»	<b>SPOUSE FACE AMOUNT</b> «SPOUSE_»
<b>COVERED DEPENDENT CHILDREN</b> 50% of Employee's Face Amount	

**Benefits**

<b>Advanced Alzheimer's Disease</b>	25% of applicable Face Amount
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**HEART EVENT RIDER SCHEDULE**

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<b>EMPLOYEE FACE AMOUNT</b> «BENEFIT»	<b>SPOUSE FACE AMOUNT</b> «SPOUSE_»
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