# Exhibit F

# Sample Contracts and Certificates

# The ABC Company

# Sample Group Contract

# G-12345

This is a sample Group Insurance Contract. It has not been tailored to your specifications. Provisions may vary for contracts issued in different states.

Group Life and Disability Insurance plans are insured under group policy series 83500 by The Prudential Insurance Company of America, 751 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102, 1-800-524-0542 (Life), 1-800-842-1718 (Disability).

Prudential Financial

**THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**

751 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

# Group Insurance Contract

**Contract Holder: THE ABC COMPANY**

**Group Contract No.: G-12345**

Prudential will provide or pay the benefits described in the Group Insurance Certificate(s) listed in the Schedule of Plans of the Group Contract, subject to the Group Contract's terms. This promise is based on the Contract Holder's application and payment of the required premiums.

All of the provisions of the Group Insurance Certificate(s), attached to and made a part of the Group Contract, apply to the Group Contract as if fully set forth in the Group Contract.

The Group Contract takes effect on the Contract Date, if it is duly attested under the Group Contract Schedule. It continues as long as the required premiums are paid, unless it ends as described in its General Rules.

The Group Contract is non-participating. This means that it will not share in Prudential's profits or surplus earnings, and Prudential will pay no dividends on it.

The Group Contract is delivered in and is governed by the laws of the Governing Jurisdiction.

Secretary

Chairman of the Board

# Group Contract Schedule

**Contract Date:** January 1, 2006

**Contract Anniversaries:** January 1 of each year, beginning in 2006.

**Premium Due Dates:** The Contract Date, and the first day of the month beginning with February, 2006.

**Governing Jurisdiction:** State of Alaska

**Associated Companies:** Associated Companies are employers who are the Contract Holder's subsidiaries or affiliates and are reported to Prudential in writing for inclusion under the Group Contract, provided that Prudential has approved such request.

**Minimum Participation Number:** 25

## INCLUDED EMPLOYERS

Included Employers under the Group Contract are the Contract Holder and its Associated Companies, if any.

An Employee of more than one Included Employer will be considered an Employee of only one of those employers for the purpose of the Group Contract. That Employee's service with all other Included Employers will be treated as service with that one.

On any date when an employer ceases to be an Included Employer, the Group Contract will be considered to end for Employees of that employer. This applies to all of those Employees except those who, on the next day, are still within the Covered Classes of a plan of benefits of the Group Contract as Employees of another Included Employer. The plans of benefits for Covered Classes are listed in the Group Contract's Schedule of Plans.

The Contract Holder must let Prudential know, in writing, when an employer listed as an Associated Company is no longer one of its subsidiaries or affiliates.

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**Table of Contents** (as of the Contract Date): The Group Contract includes these forms with an 83500 prefix: COV 5010, GCS 1027, SPR 1001, GR 5037, MOD 1001, SCH 1001, APP 1001.

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Attest: _____

# Schedule of Premium Rates

G-12345

**Classes of Employees to which this Schedule applies:**

All Classes

| Applicable Coverage | Monthly Rate Per Employee |
| --- | --- |
| All Coverages | The premium rates in effect on the Contract Date are those determined by Prudential. Those rates will be shown on the billing notice(s) sent to the Contract Holder (subject to any subsequent corrections). |

# General Rules

## A. PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS - GRACE PERIOD.

Premiums are to be paid by the Contract Holder to Prudential. Each may be paid at a Prudential office or to one of its authorized agents. One is due on each Premium Due Date stated in the Group Contract Schedule. The Contract Holder may pay each premium other than the first within 31 days of the Premium Due Date without being charged interest. Those days are known as the grace period. The Contract Holder is liable to pay premiums to Prudential for the time the Group Contract is in force.

## B. PREMIUM AMOUNTS.

The premium due on each Premium Due Date is the sum of the premium charges for the insurance under the Coverages. Those charges are determined from the premium rates then in effect and the Employees then insured.

The following will apply if one or more premiums paid include premium charges for an Employee whose insurance has ended before the due date of that premium. Prudential will not have to refund more than the amount of the premium charges for such Employee that were included in the premiums paid for the two month period immediately before the date Prudential receives written notice from the Contract Holder that the Employee's insurance has ended.

Premiums may be determined in another way. But it must produce about the same amounts and be agreed to by the Contract Holder and Prudential.

No premium charge will be made for an insured Employee under the Employee Long Term Disability Coverage while the Employee:

(1) is Disabled; and

(2) is entitled, after the Elimination Period, to benefits under the Coverage.

## C. PREMIUM RATE CHANGES.

The premium rates in effect on the Contract Date are shown in the Group Contract's Schedule of Premium Rates. Prudential has the right to change premium rates:

(1) As of any Premium Due Date; and

(2) As of any date the extent or nature of the risk assumed is changed for any reason, including the reasons shown below:

   (a) A change occurs in the plan design.

   (b) A division, subsidiary or associated company is added or deleted.

   (c) The number of insured persons changes by 10% or more.

   (d) A new law or a change in any existing law is enacted which applies to this plan.

But, unless the Schedule of Premium Rates or an amendment states otherwise, (1) above will not be used to change premium rates:

- for Life and Accident Coverages, within 12 months of the Contract Date.
- for Long Term Disability Coverage, within 12 months of the Contract Date.
- for Short Term Disability Coverage, within 12 months of the Contract Date.

Prudential will tell the Contract Holder when a change in the premium rates is made.

## D. END OF THE GROUP CONTRACT OR OF AN INSURANCE.

**During or at End of Grace Period - Failure to Pay Premiums:** If any premium is not paid by the end of its grace period, the Group Contract will end when the grace period ends. The Contract Holder may write to Prudential, in advance, to ask that the Group Contract be ended at the end of the period for which premiums have been paid or at any time during the grace period. Then the Group Contract will end on the date requested, but in no event will it end before the date Prudential receives the written request from the Contract Holder.

**On a Premium Due Date - Failure to Maintain Insuring Conditions:** On any Premium Due Date, Prudential may end the part of the Group Contract for Contributory or Non-contributory Employee Insurance or Dependents Insurance under a Coverage if one or more of the following conditions then exists for that part. But notice of its intent to do so must be given to the Contract Holder at least 31 days in advance.

Contributory Insurance: The insured Employees are:

(1) less than the Minimum Participation Number; or

(2) less than 75% of the Employees who are eligible to request the insurance; or

(3) contributing at a rate higher than the maximum, if any, stated in the Group Contract for the insurance.

Non-contributory Insurance: The insured Employees are:

(1) less than the Minimum Participation Number; or

(2) contributing for the insurance.

The Minimum Participation Number is shown in the Group Contract Schedule.

**On a Contract Anniversary:** Prudential may end the Group Contract on any Contract Anniversary. But notice of its intent to do so must be given to the Contract Holder at least 31 days in advance.

## E. AGE ADJUSTMENT.

If an age is used to determine the premium charge for an Employee's insurance and the age is found to be in error, the premium charge for that insurance will then be adjusted to reflect the correct age. If this adjustment results in a change in the amount of premium, any difference between the premium paid and the premium required on the basis of the correct age will be paid as follows:

(1) If the adjustment results in an increased premium, the difference will be paid by the Contract Holder when notified by Prudential.

(2) If the adjustment results in a decreased premium, the difference will be refunded by Prudential.

If the change in age affects the amount of the Employee's insurance under any Coverage, such amount will be changed on the basis of the correct age. Any premium adjustment will take this into account.

## F. EMPLOYEE'S CERTIFICATE.

Prudential will give the Contract Holder an individual certificate to give each insured Employee. It will describe the Employee's coverage under the Group Contract. It will include (1) to whom Prudential pays benefits, (2) any protection and rights when the insurance ends, and (3) claim rights and requirements.

## G. RECORDS - INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED.

Either the Contract Holder or Prudential, as they agree, will keep a record of the insured Employees. It will contain the key facts about their insurance.

At the times set by Prudential, the Contract Holder will send the data required by Prudential to perform its duties under the Group Contract, and to determine the premium rates. All records of the Contract Holder and of the Employer which bear on the insurance must be open to Prudential for its inspection at any reasonable time.

Prudential will not have to perform any duty that depends on such data before it is received in a form that satisfies Prudential. The Contract Holder may correct wrong data given to Prudential, if Prudential has not been harmed by acting on it. An Employee's insurance under a Coverage will not be made invalid by failure of the Contract Holder or the Employer, due to clerical error, to record or report the Employee for that insurance.

## H. THE CONTRACT - INCONTESTABILITY OF THE CONTRACT.

The entire Group Contract consists of: (1) the Group Insurance Certificate(s) listed in the Schedule of Plans, a copy of which is attached to the Group Contract; (2) all modifications and endorsements to such Group Insurance Certificates which are attached to and made a part of the Group Contract by amendment to the Group Contract; (3) the forms shown in the Table of Contents as of the Contract Date; (4) the Contract Holder's application, a copy of which is attached to the Group Contract; (5) any endorsements or amendments to the Group Contract; and (6) the individual applications, if any, of the persons insured.

No statement of the Contract Holder will be used in any contest of the insurance under the Group Contract.

There will be no contest of the validity of the Group Contract, except for not paying premiums, after it has been in force for one year.

## I. MODIFICATION OF THE GROUP CONTRACT.

The Group Contract may be amended, at any time, without the consent of the insured Employees or of anyone else with a beneficial interest in it. This can be done through written request made by the Contract Holder and agreed to by Prudential. But an amendment will not affect a claim incurred before the date of change.

Only an officer of Prudential has authority: to waive any conditions or restrictions of the Group Contract; or to extend the time in which a premium may be paid; or to make or change a contract; or to bind Prudential by a promise or representation or by information given or received. A Prudential agent is not an officer.

No change in the Group Contract is valid unless shown in:

(1) an endorsement on it signed by an officer of Prudential; or

(2) an amendment to it signed by the Contract Holder and by an officer of Prudential.

But, a change in the Group Contract may be made in an amendment to it that is signed only by an officer of Prudential if:

(1) The amendment reflects a change in the Group Contract that has been automatically made to satisfy the requirements of any state or federal law or regulation that applies to the Group Contract, as provided in the Conformity With Law section. This change is known as a Statutory Amendment.

(2) The amendment reflects a change in Prudential's administration of its group insurance benefits and is intended to apply to all group insurance contracts which are affected by the change. This change is known as a Portfolio Amendment. Prudential will give the Contract Holder written notice of its intent to make a Portfolio Amendment in the Group Contract at least 31 days in advance of the effective date of the Amendment. When the Group Contract is so amended, payment by the Contract Holder of the next premium due under the Group Contract will constitute acceptance of the Portfolio Amendment, unless the Contract Holder has rejected the Amendment, in writing, prior to its effective date.

## J. OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES.

From time to time, Prudential may offer or provide Covered Persons or their Beneficiaries certain goods and services in addition to the insurance coverage. Prudential also may arrange for third party vendors to provide goods and services at a discount (including without limitation beneficiary financial counseling services, employee assistance programs and travel assistance related services) to Covered Persons or their Beneficiaries. Though Prudential may make the arrangements, the third party vendors are solely liable for providing the goods and services. Prudential shall not be responsible for providing or failing to provide the goods and services to Covered Persons or their Beneficiaries. Further, Prudential shall not be liable to Covered Persons or their Beneficiaries for the negligent provision of the goods and services by third party vendors.

## K. CONFORMITY WITH LAW.

If the provisions of the Group Contract do not conform to the requirements of any state or federal law or regulation that applies to the Group Contract, the Group Contract is automatically changed to conform with Prudential's interpretation of the requirements of that law or regulation.

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# Modification of the Group Contract

With respect to any coverage other than disability coverage, the Group Contract is modified to include the following section:

## END OF EMPLOYMENT

An Employee's employment ends when the Employee is no longer actively at work on a full-time basis for the Employer. But, for insurance purposes, the Contract Holder may consider the Employee as still employed and in the Covered Classes for the insurance during certain types of absences from full-time work. The Contract Holder decides which Employees with those types of absences are to be considered as still employed, and for how long. In doing this, the Contract Holder must not discriminate among persons in like situations.

An Employee may be considered as still employed up to any time limit for the Employee's type of absence. When so considered, the Employee's insurance under a Coverage will be continued only while the Employee is paying contributions for it at the time and in the amounts, if any, required by the Contract Holder (whether or not that insurance would otherwise be Non-contributory Insurance). But it will not be continued after it would end for a reason other than end of employment. The types of absences and the time limits are shown below, subject to any exceptions.

**TYPES OF ABSENCES AND TIME LIMITS:**

For absence due to part-time employment or retirement, there is no time limit.

For absence due to disability, there is no time limit.

For absence due to temporary layoff the time limit is the end of the contract month following the contract month in which the absence from full-time work starts.

For absence due to leave of absence, there is no time limit.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

Employee Term Life Coverage

An Employee will not be continued as a member of the Covered Classes beyond the date the Employee gives Prudential written proof of Total Disability. This proof must be given according to the rules of the Extended Death Benefit During Total Disability section of the Coverage.

Retirement is not an eligible type of absence.

Dependents Term Life Coverage

The types of absences and limits for the Employee Term Life Coverage under the Group Contract apply.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

Retirement is not an eligible type of absence.

# Schedule of Plans

**Effective Date:** January 1, 2006

**Group Contract No.:** G-12345

This Schedule of Plans sets forth the Plan of Benefits that applies to each Covered Class under the Group Contract listed below as of the Effective Date. The Plan of Benefits for a Covered Class is determined by: (1) the Group Insurance Certificates that apply to the Covered Class; and (2) any modification to those Certificates, provided the modification is listed below or included in an amendment to the Group Contract. A copy of each Certificate and any modification to it are attached to the Group Contract and made a part of it.

**Covered Class:**

All Employees included in the Covered Classes of the Group Insurance Certificate(s) listed below.

**Plan of Benefits that Applies to this Covered Class:**

(1) The Coverage(s) described in the Group Insurance Certificate prepared for the Group Contract shown above:

   (a) With the Program Date of January 1, 2006; and

   (b) Bearing the code "12345, LIFE-ADD-DEP LIFE, All Employees, Ed. 05-2005, 106".

(2) The Coverage(s) described in the Group Insurance Certificate prepared for the Group Contract shown above:

   (a) With the Program Date of January 1, 2006; and

   (b) Bearing the code "12345, STD-LTD, All Employees, Ed. 05-2005, 107".

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# Application to

**The Prudential Insurance Company of America (Prudential)**

**For Group Contract No.** G-12345

**Applicant:** THE ABC COMPANY

**Address:** 1 Any Street
Anytown, Alaska 12345-6789

The Group Contract is approved and its terms are accepted.

This Application is made in duplicate. One is attached to the Group Contract. The other is to be returned to Prudential.

It is agreed that this Application replaces any prior Application for the Group Contract.

-THE ABC COMPANY-
(Full or Corporate Name of Applicant)

Dated at _____

By _____
(Signature and Title)

On _____, 20_____

Witness _____
(To be signed by Resident Agent where required by law)

# The ABC Company

## *Sample Booklet/certificate*

Employee Term Life Coverage

Basic and Optional Plans

Dependents Term Life Coverage

Basic and Optional Plans

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

Basic and Optional Plans

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Prudential Financial

# Disclosure Notice

## FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS

The benefits of the policy providing your coverage are governed by the law of a state other than Florida.

## FOR MARYLAND RESIDENTS

**The Group Insurance Contract providing coverage under this Certificate was issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.**

## THIS NOTICE IS FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS ONLY

### IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at

**1-800-252-3439**

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance

P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
FAX No. (512) 475-1771

### PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact the PRUDENTIAL first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

### ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

### AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información acerca de compañías, coberturas, derechos o quejas al

**1-800-252-3439**

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas

P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
FAX No. (512) 475-1771

### DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con LA PRUDENTIAL primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (DST).

### UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:

Este aviso es sólo para propósito de información y no se convierte en parte o condición del documento adjunto.

# Foreword

*We are pleased to present you with this Booklet. It describes the Program of benefits we have arranged for you and what you have to do to be covered for these benefits.*

*We believe this Program provides worthwhile protection for you and your family.*

*Please read this Booklet carefully. If you have any questions about the Program, we will be happy to answer them.*

***IMPORTANT NOTICE:*** *This Booklet is an important document and should be kept in a safe place. This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage made a part of this Booklet together form your Group Insurance Certificate.*

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# Schedule of Benefits

**Covered Classes:** The "Covered Classes" are these Employees of the Contract Holder (and its Associated Companies): All Full-time Employees.

**Program Date:** January 1, 2006. This Booklet describes the benefits under the Group Program as of the Program Date.

- This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage together form your Group Insurance Certificate. The Coverages in this Booklet are insured under a Group Contract issued by Prudential. All benefits are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes the Group Insurance Certificate. It alone forms the agreement under which payment of insurance is made.

## BASIC EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE COVERAGE

**BENEFIT AMOUNTS:**

**Amount For Each Benefit Class:**

| Benefit Classes | Amount of Insurance |
|---|---|
| All Employees | $50,000 |

**Amount Limit Due to Age:** When you are age 65 or more but less than age 70, your amount of insurance is limited. It is 65% of the amount for which you would then be insured if there were no limitation.

When you are age 70 or more, your amount of insurance is further limited. It is 50% of the amount for which you would then be insured if there were no limitation.

If you reach age 65 or 70 while insured, this Limit will not apply until the January 1 following your attainment of that age.

The Delay of Effective Date section does not apply to this provision.

**Effect of Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits:** Your amount of insurance (as determined in the absence of this provision) will be reduced by the amount of any Terminal Illness Proceeds paid under the Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits.

**Burial Expenses:** If it appears to Prudential that a person incurs expenses in connection with your burial, that person may receive part of your insurance under the Basic Employee Term Life Coverage. Prudential, at its option, may pay that person up to $250.00. If an amount is so paid, Prudential will not have to pay that part of your insurance again.

## OPTIONAL EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE COVERAGE

You may enroll for one of the options below. The option for which you enroll will be recorded by your Employer and reported to Prudential.

**BENEFIT AMOUNTS:**

**Amount For Each Benefit Class:**

| **Benefit Classes** | **Amount of Insurance** |
|---|---|
| All Employees | |
| Option 1 | 100% of your annual Earnings.* |
| Option 2 | 200% of your annual Earnings.* |
| Option 3 | 300% of your annual Earnings.* |
| Option 4 | 400% of your annual Earnings.* |
| Option 5 | 500% of your annual Earnings.* |

*If this amount is not a multiple of $1,000, it will be rounded to the next higher multiple of $1,000.

Maximum Amount: $1,000,000.

The Definitions section explains what "Earnings" means.

**Non-medical Limit on Amount of Insurance:** There is a limit on the amount for which you may be insured without submitting evidence of insurability. This is called the Non-medical Limit.

If the amount of insurance for your Class and age at any time is more than the Non-medical Limit, you must give evidence of insurability satisfactory to Prudential before the part over the Limit can become effective.

This requirement applies: when you first become insured; when your Class changes; if you request an increase in your Amount of Insurance; or if the amount for your Class is changed by an amendment to the Group Contract. Even if you are insured for an amount over the Limit, you will still have to meet this evidence requirement before any increase in your amount of insurance can become effective. The amount of your insurance will be increased to the amount for your Class and age when Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory and you meet the Active Work Requirement.

Non-medical Limit: $500,000. If the Amount Limit for this Coverage applies at any time to your amount of insurance, that Limit will also apply to the Non-medical Limit as if it were an amount of insurance.

The Delay of Effective Date section does not apply to this provision.

Note: The Non-medical Limit does not apply to any amount of insurance for which you have provided evidence prior to the Program Date.

**Increases and Decreases:** You may elect to have your amount of insurance under the Coverage changed. You must do this on a form approved by Prudential and agree to make any required contributions.

If you request an increase of more than one option, you must give evidence of insurability. The amount of your insurance will be increased when Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory and you meet the Active Work Requirement.

If you request an increase of one option, the amount of your insurance will be increased on the date of your written request or, if later, when you meet the Active Work Requirement. But, if your amount

of insurance at any time is over the Non-Medical Limit, you must give evidence of insurability satisfactory to Prudential before the part over the limit can become effective. (See the Non-Medical Limit on Amount of Insurance provision above.)

If you request a decrease, the amount of your insurance will be decreased on the date of your written request.

**Amount Limit Due to Age:** When you are age 65 or more but less than age 70, your amount of insurance is limited. It is 65% of the amount for which you would then be insured if there were no limitation.

When you are age 70 or more, your amount of insurance is further limited. It is 50% of the amount for which you would then be insured if there were no limitation.

If you reach age 65 or 70 while insured, this Limit will not apply until the January 1 following your attainment of that age.

The Delay of Effective Date section does not apply to this provision.

**Effect of Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits:** Your amount of insurance (as determined in the absence of this provision) will be reduced by the amount of any Terminal Illness Proceeds paid under the Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits.

## BASIC DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE COVERAGE

The amount of insurance is the amount for your Benefit Class. Your Benefit Class is determined by the classification of your dependents as shown in this table.

| Qualified Dependents Classification | Amount of Insurance* |
|---|---|
| Your spouse | $5,000 |
| Your children | $1,000 |

*The amount of insurance on a dependent will not exceed 50% of the amount for which you are insured under the Basic Employee Term Life Coverage.

## OPTIONAL DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE COVERAGE

The amount of insurance is the amount for your Benefit Class. You may enroll your Qualified Dependents for the plan shown below. If you may choose the amount of insurance or if there are options from which to select, the amount for which you enroll will be recorded by your Employer and reported to Prudential. Your Benefit Class is determined by the classification of your dependents and the amount for which you enroll as shown in this table.

| Qualified Dependents Classification | Amount of Insurance* |
|---|---|
| Your spouse | Any multiple of $20,000.<br>Maximum Amount: $60,000. |
| Your children | Any multiple of $5,000. |

Maximum Amount: $15,000.

*The amount of insurance on a dependent will not exceed 50% of the amount for which you are insured under the Basic and Optional Employee Term Life Coverages.

**Non-medical Limit on Amount of Insurance for Your Spouse:** There is a limit on the amount for which your spouse may be insured without submitting evidence of insurability. This is called the Non-medical Limit.

If you elect an amount of Dependents Term Life Coverage for your spouse above the Non-medical Limit, you must give evidence of insurability for your spouse satisfactory to Prudential before the part over the Limit can become effective. The amount of your spouse's insurance will be increased when Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory and your spouse is not home or hospital confined for medical care or treatment. This requirement applies: when your spouse first becomes insured, or if you elect to have your spouse's amount of Dependents Term Life Coverage increased.

Non-medical Limit: $40,000. If the Amount Limit for this Coverage applies at any time to your spouse's amount of insurance, that Limit will also apply to the Non-medical Limit as if it were an amount of insurance.

The Delay of Effective Date section does not apply to this provision.

**Increases and Decreases:** You may elect to have the amount of insurance on your dependents changed. You must do this on a form approved by Prudential and agree to make any required contributions.

If you request an increase in the amount of insurance on your spouse, you must give evidence of insurability for your spouse. The amount of insurance on your spouse will be increased when Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory and your spouse is not home or hospital confined for medical care or treatment.

If you request an increase in the amount of insurance on a dependent child, the amount of insurance on that child will be increased on the date of your written request or, if later, when that child is not home or hospital confined for medical care or treatment. Evidence of insurability is not required for an increase in the amount of insurance on a child.

If you request a decrease in the amount of insurance on a dependent, the amount of insurance on that dependent will be decreased on the date of your written request.

**Amount Limit Due to Age:** When you are age 70 or more but less than age 75, your spouse's amount of insurance is limited. It is 65% of the amount for which your spouse would then be insured if there were no limitation.

When you are age 75 or more, your spouse's amount of insurance is further limited. It is 50% of the amount for which your spouse would then be insured if there were no limitation.

If you reach age 70 or 75 while insured, this Limit will not apply until the January 1 following your attainment of that age.

The Delay of Effective Date section does not apply to this provision.

## ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGE

**BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER BASIC EMPLOYEE ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE:**

**Amount For Each Benefit Class:** An amount equal to the amount for which you are insured under the Basic Employee Term Life Coverage. For this purpose only, that amount will be the amount as determined above, except that if your Basic Employee Term Life Coverage is reduced by any amount paid under the Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits, that reduction will not apply to this Coverage.

**BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER OPTIONAL EMPLOYEE ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE:**

**Amount For Each Benefit Class:** An amount equal to the amount for which you are insured under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage. For this purpose only, that amount will be the amount as determined above, except that if your Optional Employee Term Life Coverage is reduced by any amount paid under the Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits, that reduction will not apply to this Coverage.

**ADDITIONAL BENEFITS UNDER BASIC AND OPTIONAL EMPLOYEE ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE:**

For the purposes of determining benefits under the Coverage; Amount of Insurance does not include any additional amount payable as shown below.

**Additional Amount Payable for a Person's Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in a Four Wheel Vehicle While Using a Seat Belt:** An amount equal to the lesser of:

(1) 10% of the Amount of Insurance on the person; and

(2) $10,000.

**Additional Amount Payable for a Person's Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in a Four Wheel Vehicle Equipped with a Supplemental Restraint System:** An amount equal to the lesser of:

(1) 10% of the Amount of Insurance on the person; and

(2) $10,000.

**Additional Amount Payable for Return of Remains:** An amount equal to the lesser of:

(1) the amount of Covered Expenses; and

(2) $5000.

**Additional Amount Payable for Your Loss as a Result of Felonious Assault:** An amount equal to 10% of the amount payable under the Coverage for the Loss that results from a Felonious Assault.

**Additional Amount Payable for Tuition Reimbursement for Your Spouse:** An amount equal to the least of:

(1) the actual tuition charged for the program;

(2) 5% of your Amount of Insurance; and

(3) $5000.

**Additional Annual Amount Payable for Tuition Reimbursement for Your Dependent Child:** An amount equal to the least of:

(1) the actual annual tuition, exclusive of room and board, charged by the School;

(2) 5% of your Amount of Insurance; and

(3) $5000.

This benefit is payable annually for up to four consecutive years, but not beyond the date the child reaches age 23.

If there is no dependent child eligible for this benefit, a benefit of $1,000 will be paid.

**Additional Annual Amount Payable for Day Care Expenses for Your Dependent Child:** An amount equal to the lesser of:

(1) the actual cost charged by such Day Care Center per year;

(2) 5% of your Amount of Insurance, and

(3) $5000.

This benefit is payable annually for up to four consecutive years, but not beyond the date the child reaches age seven.

If there is no dependent child eligible for this benefit, a benefit of $1,000 will be paid.

**Additional Monthly Amount Payable for Total Disability:** An amount equal to 1% of the amount payable under the Coverage for the Loss.

This benefit will be paid monthly until the first of these occurs:

(1) You are no longer Totally Disabled.

(2) The benefit has been paid for twelve consecutive months.

**Additional Monthly Amount Payable for a Person's Hospital Inpatient Stay:** An amount equal to 5% of the person's Amount of Insurance, up to $2,000, for each month of a Hospital Inpatient Stay, up to the Maximum Benefit Duration for a Hospital Inpatient Stay. But, if the total number of days in that Stay is not evenly divisible by 30, the benefit amount payable for any day that represents only a part of a month will be 1/30 of the full monthly benefit amount.

No benefit is payable for the first three days of a Hospital Inpatient Stay.

**Maximum Benefit Duration for a Hospital Inpatient Stay:** 12 months.

**TO WHOM PAYABLE:**

Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits are payable to you with these exceptions:

(1) Benefits for tuition reimbursement or day care expenses payable on account of your Loss of life will be paid to:

   (a) your spouse, if living; or

(b) your spouse's estate, if your spouse is not living but survived your dependent children; or

(c) the person or institution appearing to Prudential to have assumed the main support of your dependent children, if neither (a) nor (b) applies.

(2) Benefits for any other of your Losses that are unpaid at your death or become payable on account of your death will be paid to your Beneficiary or Beneficiaries. (See Beneficiary Rules.)

## OTHER INFORMATION

**Contract Holder:** THE ABC COMPANY

**Group Contract No.:** G-12345

**Associated Companies:** Associated Companies are employers who are the Contract Holder's subsidiaries or affiliates and are reported to Prudential in writing for inclusion under the Group Contract, provided that Prudential has approved such request.

**Cost of Insurance:** Insurance under the Coverage(s) listed below is Non-Contributory Insurance.

Basic Employee Term Life Coverage

Basic Dependents Term Life Coverage

Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

Insurance under the other Coverage(s) in this Booklet is Contributory Insurance. You will be informed of the amount of your contribution when you enroll. Any contribution due but unpaid at your death will be deducted from the death benefit.

**Prudential's Address:**

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
290 West Mount Pleasant Avenue
Livingston, New Jersey 07039

## WHEN YOU HAVE A CLAIM

Each time a claim is made, it should be made without delay. Use a claim form, and follow the instructions on the form.

If you do not have a claim form, contact your Employer.

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# Who is Eligible to Become Insured

## FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

**You are eligible for Employee Insurance while:**

- You are a full-time Employee of the Employer; and
- You are in a Covered Class; and
- You have completed the Employment Waiting Period, if any. You may need to work for the Employer for a continuous full-time period before you become eligible for the Coverage. The period must be agreed upon by the Employer and Prudential. Your Employer will inform you of any such Employment Waiting Period for your class.

**You are full-time** if you are regularly working for the Employer at least the number of hours in the Employer's normal full-time work week for your class, but not less than 30 hours per week. If you are a partner or proprietor of the Employer, that work must be in the conduct of the Employer's business.

**Your class** is determined by the Contract Holder. This will be done under its rules, on dates it sets. The Contract Holder must not discriminate among persons in like situations. You cannot belong to more than one class for insurance on each basis, Contributory or Non-contributory Insurance, under a Coverage. "Class" means Covered Class, Benefit Class or anything related to work, such as position or Earnings, which affects the insurance available.

**This applies if you are an Employee of more than one subsidiary or affiliate of an employer included under the Group Contract:** For the insurance, you will be considered an Employee of only one of those subsidiaries or affiliates. Your service with the others will be treated as service with that one.

The rules for obtaining Employee Insurance are in the When You Become Insured section.

## FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

**You are eligible for Dependents Insurance while:**

- You are eligible for Employee Insurance; and
- You have a Qualified Dependent.

**Qualified Dependents:**

**These are the persons for whom you may obtain Dependents Insurance:**

- Your spouse.
- Your unmarried children 14 days to 19 years old.

Your children include your legally adopted children, children placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption, and each of your stepchildren and foster children who depends on you for support and

maintenance. A child placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption is considered your Qualified Dependent from the date of placement for adoption, and is treated as though the child were a newborn child born to you.

**Exceptions:**

(1) The age 19 limit does not apply to a child who:

(a) wholly depends on you for support and maintenance;

(b) is enrolled as a full-time student in a school; and

(c) is less than the Student Age Limit.

Student Age Limit: 23.

(2) Your spouse or child is not your Qualified Dependent while:

(a) on active duty in the armed forces of any country; or

(b) insured under any Employee Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract; or

(c) the spouse or child has protection under any Employee Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract after the spouse's or child's insurance under that Coverage ends.

**A child will not be considered the Qualified Dependent of more than one Employee.** If this would otherwise be the case, the child will be considered the Qualified Dependent of the Employee named in a written agreement of all such Employees filed with the Contract Holder. If there is no written agreement, the child will be considered the Qualified Dependent of:

(1) the Employee who became insured under the Group Contract with respect to the child, while the child was a Qualified Dependent of only that Employee; and otherwise

(2) the Employee who has the longest continuous service with the Employer, based on the Contract Holder's records.

The rules for obtaining Dependents Insurance are in the When You Become Insured section.

# When You Become Insured

## FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

Your Employee Insurance under a Coverage will begin the first day on which:

- You have enrolled, if the Coverage is Contributory; and
- You are eligible for Employee Insurance; and
- You are in a Covered Class for that insurance; and

- You have met any evidence requirement for Employee Insurance; and
- Your insurance is not being delayed under the Delay of Effective Date section below; and
- That Coverage is part of the Group Contract.

For Contributory Insurance, you must enroll on a form approved by Prudential and agree to pay the required contributions. Your Employer will tell you whether contributions are required and the amount of any contribution when you enroll.

At any time, the benefits for which you are insured are those for your class, unless otherwise stated.

**When evidence is required:** In any of these situations, you must give evidence of insurability. This requirement will be met when Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory.

(1) For Contributory Insurance, you enroll more than 31 days after you could first be covered.

(2) You enroll after any of your insurance under the Group Contract ends because you did not pay a required contribution.

(3) You wish to become insured for life insurance and have an individual life insurance contract which you obtained by converting your insurance under a Coverage of the Group Contract.

(4) You have not met a previous evidence requirement to become insured under any Prudential group contract covering Employees of the Employer.

## FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

Your Dependents Insurance under a Coverage for a person will begin the first day on which all of these conditions are met:

- You have enrolled for Dependents Insurance under the Coverage, if the Coverage is Contributory.
- The person is your Qualified Dependent.
- You are in a Covered Class for that insurance.
- You are insured for the Employee Insurance, if any, under that Coverage. To be insured for a Qualified Dependent under the Dependents Term Life Coverage, you must be insured under an Employee Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract.
- You have met any evidence requirement for that Qualified Dependent.
- Your insurance for that Qualified Dependent is not being delayed under the Delay of Effective Date section below.
- Dependents Insurance under that Coverage is part of the Group Contract.

For Contributory Insurance, you must enroll on a form approved by Prudential and agree to pay the required contributions. Your Employer will tell you whether contributions are required and the amount of any contribution when you enroll.

At any time, the Dependents Insurance benefits for which you are insured are those for your class, unless otherwise stated.

**When evidence is required:** In any of these situations, you must give evidence of insurability for a Qualified Dependent spouse. This requirement will be met when Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory. Evidence is not required for a Qualified Dependent child.

(1) For Contributory Insurance, you enroll for Dependents Insurance under a Coverage more than 31 days after you are first eligible for Dependents Insurance.

(2) You enroll for Dependents Insurance after any insurance under the Group Contract ends because you did not pay a required contribution.

(3) The Qualified Dependent is a person for whom a previous requirement for evidence of insurability has not been met. The evidence was required for that person to become covered for an insurance, as a dependent or an Employee. That insurance is or was under any Prudential group contract for Employees of the Employer.

While you are insured for Dependents Insurance under a Coverage, the evidence requirement will not apply to a new dependent.

**Change in Family Status:** It is important that you inform the Employer promptly when you first acquire a Qualified Dependent. You should also inform the Employer if your Dependents Insurance status changes from one to another of these categories:

- No Qualified Dependents.
- Qualified Dependent spouse only.
- Qualified Dependent spouse and children.
- Qualified Dependent children only.

If you are insured under a Coverage for one or more children, you need not report additional children.

Forms are available for reporting these changes.

# Delay of Effective Date

## FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

Your Employee Insurance under a Coverage will be delayed if you do not meet the Active Work Requirement on the day your insurance would otherwise begin. Instead, it will begin on the first day you meet the Active Work Requirement and the other requirements for the insurance. The same delay rule will apply to any change in your insurance that is subject to this section. If you do not meet the Active Work Requirement on the day that change would take effect, it will take effect on the first day you meet that requirement.

## FOR DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE COVERAGE

A Qualified Dependent may be confined for medical care or treatment, at home or elsewhere. If a Qualified Dependent is so confined on the day that your Dependents Insurance under a Coverage for that Qualified Dependent, or any change in that insurance that is subject to this section, would take effect, it will not then take effect. The insurance or change will take effect upon the Qualified Dependent's final medical release from all such confinement. The other requirements for the insurance or change must also be met.

Newborn Child Exception: This section does not apply to a child of yours if the child is born to you, becomes your Qualified Dependent when the child is 14 days old, and either:

(1) is your first Qualified Dependent; or

(2) becomes a Qualified Dependent while you are insured for Dependents Insurance under that Coverage for any other Qualified Dependent.

Also, this section does not apply to any age increase in the amount of insurance for a child under the Dependents Term Life Coverage.

# Employee Term Life Coverage

## FOR YOU ONLY

### A. DEATH BENEFIT WHILE A COVERED PERSON.

If you die while a Covered Person, the amount of your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death.

### B. DEATH BENEFIT DURING CONVERSION PERIOD.

A death benefit is payable under this Section B if you die:

(1) within 31 days after you cease to be a Covered Person; and

(2) while entitled (under Section D) to convert your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage to an individual contract.

The amount of the benefit is equal to the amount of Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage you were entitled to convert. It is payable even if you did not apply for conversion. It is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death.

### C. EXTENDED DEATH BENEFIT AND WAIVER OF PREMIUMS DURING TOTAL DISABILITY.

If you meet the conditions below, your death benefit protection will be extended while you are Totally Disabled, and from the date Prudential receives proof as described below, premiums for your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage will be waived while your death benefit protection is extended. The "Extended Death Benefit" is the benefit described in this Section C.

The conditions referred to above are:

(1) You become Totally Disabled while you are a Covered Person.

(2) You are less than age 60 when your Total Disability starts.

Total Disability: You are "Totally Disabled" when:

(1) You are not working at any job for wage or profit; and

(2) Due to Sickness, Injury or both, you are not able to perform for wage or profit, the material and substantial duties of any job for which you are reasonably fitted by your education, training or experience.

The extension ends one year after your Total Disability started, unless, within that year, you give Prudential written proof that:

(1) You have met the above conditions; and

(2) You are still Totally Disabled; and

(3) Your Total Disability has continued for at least 9 months.

Prudential will then further extend your death benefit protection for successive one year periods. The first of these periods will start on the date Prudential receives this proof. After that first period, you must give written proof when and as required by Prudential once each year that your Total Disability continues.

If you die while your death benefit protection is being extended, the Extended Death Benefit is payable when Prudential receives written proof that:

(1) Your Total Disability continued until your death; and

(2) All of the above conditions have been met.

If you die within one year after your Total Disability started and before you give Prudential proof of Total Disability, written notice of your death must be given to Prudential within one year after your death.

Your extension protection ends if and when:

(1) Your Total Disability ends; or

(2) You reach age 65; or

(3) You fail to furnish any required proof that your Total Disability continues; or

(4) You fail to submit to a medical exam by Doctors named by Prudential when and as often as Prudential requires. After two full years of this protection, Prudential will not require an exam more than once a year.

If your extension protection ends after you have given the first proof of continued Total Disability, you have the same rights and benefits under Sections B and D as if you ceased to be a member of the Covered Classes for the insurance. But this does not apply if you become a Covered Person within 31 days after this protection ends.

**Amount of Extended Death Benefit:** This amount is determined as if you had remained a Covered Person until death. But it is reduced by any amount payable under Sections A or B above or any Prudential group life insurance that replaces this Coverage for a class of Employees.

**Effect of Conversion:** An individual contract issued under Section D will be in place of all rights under this Section C. But if you have met all the requirements of this Section C, you can obtain these rights in exchange for all benefits of the individual contract. Premiums paid under the individual contract will be refunded. Your choice of Beneficiary in the individual contract, if different than for this Coverage, will be considered notice of change of Beneficiary for any claim under this Section C.

## D. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

If you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance of the Group Contract for one of the reasons stated below, you may convert all or part of your insurance under this Coverage, which then ends, to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. The reasons are:

(1) Your employment ends or you transfer out of a Covered Class.

(2) All term life insurance of the Group Contract for your class ends by amendment or otherwise. But, on the date it ends, you must have been insured for five years for that insurance (or for that insurance and any Prudential rider or group contract replaced by that insurance).

Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section D.

**Availability:** You must apply for the individual contract and pay the first premium by the later of:

(1) the thirty-first day after you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance; and

(2) the fifteenth day after you have been given written notice of the conversion privilege. But, in no event may you convert the insurance to an individual contract if you do not apply for the contract and pay the first premium prior to the ninety-second day after you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance.

**Individual Contract Rules:** The individual contract must conform to the following:

Amount: Not more than your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage when your insurance ends. But, if it ends because all term life insurance of the Group Contract for your class ends, the total amount of individual insurance which you may get in place of all your life insurance then ending under the Group Contract will not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The total amount of all your life insurance then ending under the Group Contract reduced by the amount of group life insurance from any carrier for which you are or become eligible within the next 31 days.

(2) $10,000.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

(1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and

(2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for.

This does not include term insurance or a contract with disability or supplementary benefits.

Premium: Based on Prudential's rate as it applies to the form and amount, and to your class of risk and age at the time.

Effective Date: The end of the 31 day period after you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance.

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Any death benefit provided under a section of this Coverage is payable according to that section and the Beneficiary and Mode of Settlement Rules.

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## OPTION TO ACCELERATE PAYMENT OF DEATH BENEFITS.

The following is added to the Employee Term Life Coverage provision:

**Definitions**

- Terminally Ill Employee: An employee whose life expectancy is 6 months or less.
- Terminal Illness Proceeds: The amount of Employee Term Life Insurance that you may elect to place under this option. The Terminal Illness Proceeds are equal to 75% of the amount in force on your life on the date Prudential receives the proof that you are a Terminally Ill Employee, but not more than $250,000. However, the Terminal Illness Proceeds may be reduced if, within 6 months after the date Prudential receives such proof, a reduction on account of age would have applied to the amount of your Employee Term Life Insurance. In that case, the amount of the Terminal Illness Proceeds may not exceed the amount of such Insurance after applying the reduction.

**Option:** If you become a Terminally Ill Employee while insured under the Employee Term Life Insurance provision or while your death benefit protection is being extended under the Employee Term Life Coverage provision, you may elect to have the Terminal Illness Proceeds placed under this option. That election is subject to the conditions set forth below.

**Payment of Terminal Illness Proceeds:** If you elect this option, Prudential will pay the Terminal Illness Proceeds you place under this option in one sum when it receives proof that you are a Terminally Ill Employee.

If you do not want the Terminal Illness Proceeds in one sum, you may elect to have them paid in 6 equal monthly installments. The first monthly payment will be due when Prudential receives proof that you are a Terminally Ill Employee. The other payments are due on the same day of each later month.

**To Whom Payable:** The benefits under this provision are payable to you.

**Amount Due But Unpaid at Your Death:** If you elect monthly installments and you die before all payments have been made, Prudential will pay your Beneficiary or Beneficiaries determined under the Beneficiary Rules in one sum. That sum will be the total of the payments that remain.

**Conditions:** Your right to be paid under this option is subject to these terms:

(1) You must choose this option in writing in a form that satisfies Prudential.

(2) You must furnish proof that satisfies Prudential that your life expectancy is 6 months or less, including certification by a Doctor.

(3) Your Employee Term Life Insurance must not be assigned.

(4) Terminal Illness Proceeds will be made available to you on a voluntary basis only. Therefore:

   (a) If you are required by law to use this option to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise, you are not eligible for this benefit.

   (b) If you are required by a government agency to use this option in order to apply for, get or keep a government benefit or entitlement, you are not eligible for this benefit.

**Effect on Insurance:** This benefit is in lieu of the benefits that would have been paid on your death with respect to the Terminal Illness Proceeds. When you elect this option, the total amount of Employee Term Life Insurance otherwise payable on your death, including any amount under an extended death benefit, will be reduced by the Terminal Illness Proceeds. Also, any amount you could otherwise have converted to an individual contract will be reduced by the Terminal Illness Proceeds.

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# Dependents Term Life Coverage

## FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ONLY

### A. DEATH BENEFIT WHILE A COVERED PERSON.

If a dependent dies while a Covered Person, the amount of insurance on that dependent under this Coverage is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death.

### B. DEATH BENEFIT DURING A CONVERSION PERIOD.

A death benefit is payable under this Section B if a dependent dies:

(1) within 31 days after ceasing to be a Covered Person; and

(2) while entitled (under Section C) to a conversion of the insurance under this Coverage to an individual contract.

The amount of the benefit is equal to the amount of Dependents Term Life Coverage which could have been converted. It is payable even if conversion was not applied for. It is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death.

### C. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

This privilege applies if you cease to be insured for the Dependents Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract with respect to a dependent. That dependent may have your insurance on the dependent under this Coverage, which then ends, converted to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. However, conversion is not available if the insurance ends for one of these reasons:

(1) You fail to make any required contribution for insurance under the Group Contract.

(2) All Dependents Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract for your class ends by amendment or otherwise. This (2) does not apply if, on the date it ends, you have been insured with respect to the dependent for five years for that insurance (or for that insurance and any Prudential rider or group contract replaced by that insurance).

Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section C.

**Availability:** The individual contract must be applied for and the first premium must be paid by the later of:

(1) the thirty-first day after you cease to be insured for Dependents Term Life Coverage with respect to the dependent; and

(2) the fifteenth day after you have been given written notice of the conversion privilege. But, in no event may you convert the insurance to an individual contract if you do not apply for the contract and pay the first premium prior to the ninety-second day after you cease to be insured for Dependents Term Life Coverage with respect to the dependent.

**Individual Contract Rules:** The individual contract must conform to the following:

Amount: Not more than the amount of Dependents Term Life Coverage on the dependent ending under this Coverage. But, if it ends because all the Dependents Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract for your class ends, the total amount of individual insurance which may be obtained in place of all the Dependents Term Life Coverage on the dependent then ending under the Group Contract will not exceed the lesser of the following:

(1) The total amount of all your Dependents Term Life Coverage on the dependent then ending under the Group Contract reduced by the amount of group life insurance from any carrier for which you are or become eligible with respect to the dependent within the next 31 days.

(2) $10,000.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

(1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and

(2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for.

This does not include term insurance or a contract with disability or supplementary benefits.

Premium: Based on Prudential's rate as it applies to the form and amount, and to the dependent's class of risk and age at the time.

Effective Date: The end of the 31 day period after you cease to be insured for Dependents Term Life Coverage with respect to the dependent.

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Any death benefit provided under a section of this Coverage is payable to you. If you are not living at the death of a dependent, the death benefit is payable to the dependent's estate or, at Prudential's option, to any one or more of these surviving relatives of the dependent: wife; husband; mother; father; children; brothers; sisters.

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# Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

## FOR YOU

This Coverage pays benefits for accidental Loss.

Loss means the person's:

(1) loss of life;

(2) total and permanent loss of sight;

(3) loss of hand or foot by severance at or above the wrist or ankle;

(4) total and permanent loss of speech;

(5) total and permanent loss of hearing in both ears;

(6) loss of thumb and index finger of the same hand by severance at or above the metacarpophalangeal joint;

(7) loss due to Quadriplegia, Paraplegia, or Hemiplegia; or

(8) loss due to Coma.

Quadriplegia means the complete and irreversible paralysis of both upper and both lower limbs.

Paraplegia means the complete and irreversible paralysis of both lower limbs.

Hemiplegia means the complete and irreversible paralysis of the upper and lower limbs on one side of the body.

Coma means a profound state of unconsciousness from which the person cannot be aroused, even by powerful stimulation, as determined by the person's physician.

## A. BENEFITS.

Benefits for accidental Loss are payable only if all of these conditions are met:

(1) The person sustains an accidental bodily Injury while a Covered Person.

(2) The Loss results directly from that Injury and from no other cause.

(3) The person suffers the Loss within 365 days after the accident. But, if the Loss is due to Coma, that Loss:

(a) begins within 365 days after the accident; and

(b) continues for six consecutive months; and

(c) is total, continuous and permanent at the end of that six month period.

Any benefit for a Loss due to Coma will not begin until the end of the six-month period in (c) above.

For the purposes of the Coverage:

(1) Exposure to the elements will be considered an accidental Injury.

(2) It will be presumed that the person has suffered a Loss of life if the person's body has not been found within one year of disappearance, stranding, sinking or wrecking of any vehicle in which the person was an occupant.

Not all such Losses are covered. See Losses Not Covered below.

**Benefit Amount Payable:** The amount payable depends on the type of Loss as shown below. All benefits are subject to the Limitation Per Accident below.

| Loss of or by Reason of: | Percent of the Person's Amount of Insurance |
|---|---|
| Life | 100 |
| Both Hands | 100 |
| Both Feet | 100 |
| Sight of Both Eyes | 100 |
| One Hand and One Foot | 100 |
| One Hand and Sight of One Eye | 100 |
| One Foot and Sight of One Eye | 100 |
| Speech and Hearing | 100 |
| Quadriplegia | 100 |
| Paraplegia | 75 |
| One Hand | 50 |
| One Foot | 50 |
| Sight of One Eye | 50 |
| Speech | 50 |
| Hearing | 50 |
| Hemiplegia | 50 |
| Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand | 25 |
| Coma | 1% per month, up to 11 months |

**Limitation Per Accident:** No more than the Amount of Insurance on a person at the time of the accident will be paid for all Losses resulting from Injuries sustained in that accident.

## B. LOSSES NOT COVERED.

A Loss is not covered if it results from any of these:

(1) Suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane.

(2) Intentionally self-inflicted Injuries, or any attempt to inflict such Injuries.

(3) Sickness, whether the Loss results directly or indirectly from the Sickness.

(4) Medical or surgical treatment of Sickness, whether the Loss results directly or indirectly from the treatment.

(5) Any infection. But, this does not include:

(a) a pyogenic infection resulting from an accidental cut or wound; or

(b) a bacterial infection resulting from accidental ingestion of a contaminated substance.

(6) War, or any act of war. "War" means declared or undeclared war and includes resistance to armed aggression.

(7) An accident that occurs while the person is serving on full-time active duty for more than 30 days in any armed forces. But this does not include Reserve or National Guard active duty for training.

(8) Travel or flight in any vehicle used for aerial navigation. This includes getting in, out, on or off any such vehicle. This (8) applies only if:

(a) the person is riding as a passenger in any aircraft not intended or licensed for the transportation of passengers;

(b) the person is performing as a pilot or a crew member of any aircraft; or

(c) you are riding as a passenger in an aircraft owned, leased or operated by your Employer.

(9) Commission of or attempt to commit a felony.

(10) Being legally intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic unless administered or consumed on the advice of a Doctor.

(11) Participation in these hazardous sports: scuba diving; bungee jumping; skydiving; parachuting; hang gliding; or ballooning.

## C. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

An additional benefit may be payable for a Loss for which a benefit is payable under the other terms of this Coverage or would be payable except for the Limitation Per Accident of those terms. Any such benefit is payable in addition to any other benefit payable under this Coverage. Any additional conditions that apply to an additional benefit are shown below. An additional benefit is payable only if those conditions are met.

(1) **Additional Benefit for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in a Four Wheel Vehicle While Using a Seat Belt:**

This additional benefit for the person's Loss of life is payable only if this test is met.

The person sustains an accidental bodily Injury resulting in the Loss while:

(a) the person is a driver or passenger in a Four Wheel Vehicle; and

(b) the person is wearing a Seat Belt in the manner prescribed by the vehicle's manufacturer; and

(c) the actual use of a Seat Belt at the time of the Injury is verified in an official report of the accident, or is certified in writing by the investigating official(s).

Four Wheel Vehicle means a vehicle that is:

(a) duly licensed for passenger use;

(b) designated primarily for use on public streets and highways; and

(c) in the list below:

  (i) a private passenger automobile;

  (ii) a station wagon;

  (iii) a van, jeep or truck-type vehicle which has a manufacturer's rated load capacity of 2,000 pounds or less; or

  (iv) a self-propelled motor home.

Seat Belt means an unaltered lap restraint or lap and shoulder restraint.

**Losses Not Covered under this Additional Benefit:** A Loss is not covered under this additional benefit if it results from driving or riding in any Four Wheel Vehicle used in a race or a speed or endurance test, or for acrobatic or stunt driving.

**Benefit Amount Payable for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in a Four Wheel Vehicle While Using a Seat Belt:** The additional amount payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

(2) **Additional Benefit for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in a Four Wheel Vehicle Equipped with a Supplemental Restraint System:**

This additional benefit for the person's Loss of life is payable only if this test is met.

The person sustains an accidental bodily Injury resulting in the Loss while:

(a) the person is a driver or passenger in a Four Wheel Vehicle equipped with a factory-installed Supplemental Restraint System; and

(b) the person is in a seat designed to be protected by an air bag; and

(c) the person is wearing a Seat Belt in the manner prescribed by the vehicle's manufacturer; and

(d) the actual use of a Seat Belt at the time of the Injury is verified in an official report of the accident, or is certified in writing by the investigating official(s).

Four Wheel Vehicle means a vehicle that is:

(a) duly licensed for passenger use;

(b) designated primarily for use on public streets and highways; and

(c) in the list below:

(i) a private passenger automobile;

(ii) a station wagon;

(iii) a van, jeep or truck-type vehicle which has a manufacturer's rated load capacity of 2,000 pounds or less; or

(iv) a self-propelled motor home.

Seat Belt means an unaltered lap restraint or lap and shoulder restraint.

Supplemental Restraint System means an air bag system intended to add protection to the head and chest areas.

**Losses Not Covered under this Additional Benefit:** A Loss is not covered under this additional benefit if it results from driving or riding in any Four Wheel Vehicle used in a race or a speed or endurance test, or for acrobatic or stunt driving.

**Benefit Amount Payable for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in a Four Wheel Vehicle Equipped with a Supplemental Restraint System:** The additional amount payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

(3) **Additional Benefit for Return of Remains:**

This additional benefit for return of remains only applies if the person suffers a Loss of life and such Loss occurs outside a 150-mile radius of the person's home. It is payable for Covered Expenses incurred to return the person's body home to the United States or Canada.

Covered Expenses includes expenses for: (a) embalming; (b) cremation; (c) a coffin; and (d) transportation of the remains.

**Benefit Amount Payable for Return of Remains:** The additional amount payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

(4) **Additional Benefit for Your Loss as a Result of Felonious Assault:**

This additional benefit for Felonious Assault only applies if you suffer a Loss that is the result of a Felonious Assault.

Felonious Assault means a Physical Attack by another person resulting in bodily harm to you. But, a Felonious Assault is not a moving violation as defined under the applicable state motor vehicle laws.

Physical Attack means any willful or unlawful use of force or violence upon you with the intent to cause bodily injury to you. The Physical Attack must be considered a felony or misdemeanor in the jurisdiction in which it occurs.

**Benefit Amount Payable for Your Loss as a Result of Felonious Assault:** The additional amount payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

(5) **Additional Benefit for Tuition Reimbursement for Your Spouse:**

This additional benefit for tuition reimbursement for your spouse only applies if you suffer a Loss of life.

An additional benefit for tuition reimbursement is payable for the person who:

(a) is your spouse on the date of your death; and

(b) enrolls in any professional or trades program within 30 months after the date of your death for the purposes of obtaining an independent source of support or enriching that spouse's ability to earn a living. Proof of enrollment must be given to Prudential.

**Benefit Amount Payable for Tuition Reimbursement for Your Spouse:** The additional benefit payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

(6) **Additional Benefit for Tuition Reimbursement for Your Dependent Child:**

This additional benefit for tuition reimbursement for your dependent child only applies if you suffer a Loss of life.

An additional benefit for tuition reimbursement is payable for each dependent child less than age 23 who, on the date of death, is:

(a) your child who wholly depends on you for support and maintenance; and

(b) enrolled as a full-time student in a School; or

(c) in the 12th grade and becomes a full-time student in a School within 365 days after that date.

Proof of enrollment must be given to Prudential.

School means an institution of higher learning. This includes, but is not limited to, a university, college or trade school.

**Benefit Amount Payable for Tuition Reimbursement for Your Dependent Child:** The additional amount payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

(7) **Additional Benefit for Day Care Expenses for Your Dependent Child:**

This additional benefit for day care expenses for your dependent child only applies if you suffer a Loss of life.

This additional benefit is payable for each dependent child less than age 7 who:

(a) is your child who is wholly dependent on you for support and maintenance on the date of death; and

(b) is enrolled at a Day Care Center on the date of death; or

(c) becomes enrolled at a Day Care Center within 90 days after the date of death.

Proof of enrollment must be given to Prudential.

A Day Care Center is a facility which:

(a) is duly licensed, certified or accredited to provide child care by the jurisdiction in which it is located; and

(b) is operating in compliance with applicable laws and regulation of that jurisdiction.

**Benefit Amount Payable for Day Care Expenses for Your Dependent Child:** The additional amount payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

## D. ADDITIONAL BENEFIT FOR TOTAL DISABILITY.

This additional benefit pays benefits for your Total Disability only if these tests are met:

(1) The person sustains an accidental bodily Injury while a Covered Person under the Coverage.

(2) Benefits under the Coverage would be payable if the person suffered a Loss of life:

(a) as a result of that Injury; and

(b) within one year after the person sustains the Injury.

(3) Within 30 days after the person sustains that Injury, that person becomes Totally Disabled as a direct result of that Injury and from no other cause.

(4) The person remains continuously so disabled during the rest of the one year period after the person sustains the Injury.

Benefits for Total Disability are payable on a monthly basis. Benefits will not begin until twelve months from the date the person becomes Totally Disabled.

More than one Injury: For the purpose of this additional benefit:

(1) All of a person's Injuries sustained in one accident will be considered one Injury.

(2) If, while the person qualifies for the monthly benefits as the result of an Injury sustained in an accident, the person would qualify for the monthly benefits as the result of an Injury sustained in a later accident, the following will apply. The Injuries sustained in all those accidents will be considered to be one Injury sustained in the first of those accidents.

Total Disability exists when Prudential determines that all of these conditions are met:

(1) The person is not working at any job for wage or profit.

(2) Due to that Injury:

(a) the person is not able to perform, for wage or profit, the material and substantial duties of that person's occupation; and

(b) beyond one year after the person sustains the Injury, the person is not able to perform, for wage or profit, the material and substantial duties of any job for which the person is reasonably fitted by the person's education, training or experience.

**Benefit Amount Payable for Total Disability:** The additional amount payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

## E. ADDITIONAL MONTHLY BENEFIT FOR A HOSPITAL INPATIENT STAY.

An additional benefit for a Hospital Inpatient Stay is payable only if all of these tests are met:

(1) The person sustains an accidental bodily injury while a Covered Person.

(2) Treatment for any such injury requires a Hospital Inpatient Stay of more than eight consecutive days.

(3) The Hospital Inpatient Stay begins within 3 days of the accident.

(4) The provisions of Section B. Losses Not Covered apply to the cause of the injury as if it were a Loss.

Hospital Inpatient Stay means a Hospital stay for which a room and board charge is made by the Hospital. All of the person's Hospital Inpatient Stays for treatment of bodily injury sustained in one accident will be considered one Stay unless separated by 90 days.

Hospital means an institution that meets either of these tests:

(1) It is accredited as a hospital under the Hospital Accreditation Program of the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations.

(2) It is legally operated, has 24 hour a day supervision by a staff of Doctors, has 24 hour a day nursing service by registered graduate nurses, and complies with (a) or (b):

   (a) It mainly provides general inpatient medical care and treatment of sick and injured persons by the use of medical, diagnostic and major surgical facilities. All such facilities are in it or under its control.

   (b) It mainly provides specialized inpatient medical care and treatment of sick or injured persons by the use of medical and diagnostic facilities (including X-ray and laboratory). All such facilities are in it, under its control, or available to it under a written agreement with a Hospital (as defined above) or with a specialized provider of those facilities.

But Hospital does not include a nursing home. Neither does it include an institution, or part of one, which: (a) is used mainly as a place for convalescence, rest, nursing care or for the aged; or (b) furnishes mainly homelike or Custodial Care, or training in the routines of daily living; or (c) is mainly a school.

**Additional Monthly Benefit Amount Payable for a Hospital Inpatient Stay:** The additional amount payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Maximum Benefit Duration:** The additional benefit time limit is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

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The Claim Rules and the "To Whom Payable" part of the Schedule of Benefits apply to the payment of the benefits.

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# General Information

## BENEFICIARY RULES

The rules in this section apply to insurance payable on account of your death, when the Coverage states that they do. But these rules are modified by any burial expenses rule in the Schedule of Benefits and, if there is an assignment, by the following sections: Limits on Assignments; and Effect of Gift Assignment of Rights of Group Life Insurance Under Another Group Contract.

"Beneficiary" means a person chosen, on a form approved by Prudential, to receive the insurance benefits.

You have the right to choose a Beneficiary for each Coverage under this Prudential Group Contract.

If there is a Beneficiary for the insurance under a Coverage, it is payable to that Beneficiary. Any amount of insurance under a Coverage for which there is no Beneficiary at your death will be payable to the first of the following: Your (a) surviving spouse; (b) surviving child(ren) in equal shares; (c) surviving parents in equal shares; (d) surviving siblings in equal shares; (e) estate. This order will apply unless otherwise provided in the Limits on Assignments.

You may change the Beneficiary at any time without the consent of the present Beneficiary. The Beneficiary change form must be filed through the Contract Holder. The change will take effect on the date the form is signed. But it will not apply to any amount paid by Prudential before it receives the form.

If there is more than one Beneficiary but the Beneficiary form does not specify their shares, they will share equally. If a Beneficiary dies before you, that Beneficiary's interest will end. It will be shared equally by any remaining Beneficiaries, unless the Beneficiary form states otherwise.

## MODE OF SETTLEMENT RULES

The rules in this section apply to Employee Life Insurance payable on account of your death. But these rules are subject to the Limits on Assignments section.

"Mode of Settlement" means payment other than in one sum.

Employee Life Insurance is normally paid to the Beneficiary in one sum. But a Mode of Settlement may be arranged with Prudential for all or part of the insurance, as stated below.

Arrangements for Mode of Settlement: You may arrange a Mode of Settlement by proper written request to Prudential. If, at your death, no Mode of Settlement has been arranged for an amount of your Employee Life Insurance, the Beneficiary and Prudential may then mutually agree on a Mode of Settlement for that amount.

Conditions for Mode of Settlement: The Beneficiary must be a natural person taking in the Beneficiary's own right. A Mode of Settlement will apply to secondary Beneficiaries only if Prudential agrees in writing. Each installment to a person must not be less than $20.00. A change of Beneficiary will void any Mode of Settlement arranged before the change.

Choice by Beneficiary: A Beneficiary being paid under a Mode of Settlement may, if Prudential agrees, choose (or change the Beneficiary's choice of) a payee or payees to receive, in one sum, any amount which would otherwise be payable to the Beneficiary's estate.

Prudential has prepared information about the modes of settlement available. Ask the Contract Holder for this.

## INCONTESTABILITY OF LIFE INSURANCE

This limits Prudential's use of your statements in contesting an amount of Life Insurance for which you are insured. These are statements made to persuade Prudential to accept you for insurance. They will be considered to be made to the best of your knowledge and belief. These rules apply to each statement:

(1) It will not be used in the contest unless:

(a) It is in a written instrument signed by you; and

(b) A copy of that instrument is or has been furnished to you or to your Beneficiary.

(2) If it relates to your insurability, it will not be used to contest the validity of insurance which has been in force, before the contest, for at least two years during your lifetime.

## LIMITS ON ASSIGNMENTS

You may assign your insurance under a Coverage. Unless the Schedule of Benefits states otherwise, the following rules apply to assignments: (1) Insurance under any Coverage providing either death benefits or periodic benefits on account of disability may be assigned only as a gift assignment; (2) Insurance under any other Coverage may be assigned without restriction. Any rights, benefits or privileges that you have as an Employee may be assigned. This includes any right you have to choose a Beneficiary or to convert to another contract of insurance. Prudential will not decide if an assignment does what it is intended to do. Prudential will not be held to know that one has been made unless it or a copy is filed with Prudential through the Contract Holder.

This paragraph applies only to insurance for which you have the right to choose a Beneficiary, when that right has been assigned. If an assigned amount of insurance becomes payable on account of your death and, at your death, there is no Beneficiary chosen by the assignee, it will be payable to:

(1) the assignee, if living; or

(2) the estate of the assignee, if the assignee is not living.

It will not be payable as stated in the Beneficiary Rules.

## EFFECT OF GIFT ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE UNDER ANOTHER GROUP CONTRACT

This Section applies to all Coverages providing Employee death benefits.

If you are eligible for insurance under the Group Contract on the Group Contract's effective date you will have no rights, benefits or privileges under any such Coverage if, on the day before that date, all the following were true:

(1) You were insured for group life insurance under another group contract. That contract was issued by Prudential or another insurance carrier to cover Employees of the Employer.

(2) Your group life insurance under the other group contract ended.

(3) An irrevocable and absolute gift assignment made by you was in effect. It was made before the other contract ended. That assignment was of all your rights, benefits and privileges of the group life insurance under the other group contract. Those rights were owned by the assignee or the assignee's successor.

The owner of those rights of the group life insurance under the other group contract on the day before this Group Contract's effective date will be the owner of the rights, benefits, and privileges you would have had under a Coverage if this section did not apply. This includes, but is not limited to, any right of assignment you would have had under the Limits on Assignments section above. The term "assignee" as used in that section includes such an owner.

The term "group life insurance", as used above, means only group life insurance provided under a group contract in effect on the day before the date the Employer became included under the Group Contract.

## DEFINITIONS

**Active Work Requirement:** A requirement that you be actively at work on full time at the Employer's place of business, or at any other place that the Employer's business requires you to go. You are considered actively at work during normal vacation if you were actively at work on your last regular scheduled workday.

**Calendar Year:** A year starting January 1.

**Contributory Insurance, Non-contributory Insurance:** Contributory Insurance is insurance for which the Contract Holder has the right to require your contributions. Non-contributory Insurance is insurance for which the Contract Holder does not have the right to require your contributions. The Schedule of Benefits shows whether insurance under a Coverage is Contributory Insurance or Non-contributory Insurance.

**Coverage:** A part of the Booklet consisting of:

(1) A benefit page labeled as a Coverage in its title.

(2) Any page or pages that continue the same kind of benefits.

(3) A Schedule of Benefits entry and other benefit pages or forms that by their terms apply to that kind of benefits.

**Covered Person under a Coverage:** An Employee who is insured for Employee Insurance under that Coverage; a Qualified Dependent for whom an Employee is insured for Dependents Insurance, if any, under that Coverage.

**Dependents Insurance:** Insurance on the person of a dependent.

**Doctor:** A licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of the license.

**Earnings:** This is the gross amount of money paid to you by the Employer in cash for performing the duties required of your job. Bonuses, overtime pay, Earnings for more than 40 hours per week, and all other benefits are not included.

**Employee:** A person employed by the Employer; a proprietor or partner of the Employer. The term also applies to that person for any rights after insurance ends.

**Employee Insurance:** Insurance on the person of an Employee.

**The Employer:** Collectively, all employers included under the Group Contract.

**Injury:** Injury to the body of a Covered Person.

**Prudential:** The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

**Sickness:** Any disorder of the body or mind of a Covered Person, but not an Injury; pregnancy of a Covered Person, including abortion, miscarriage or childbirth.

**You:** An Employee.

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## CLAIM RULES

These rules apply to payment of benefits under all accident Coverages.

**Proof of Loss:** Prudential must be given written proof of the loss for which claim is made under the Coverage. This proof must cover the occurrence, character and extent of that loss. It must be furnished within 90 days after the date of the loss. But, if any Coverage provides for periodic payment of benefits at monthly or shorter intervals, the proof of loss for each such period must be furnished within 90 days after its end.

A claim will not be considered valid unless the proof is furnished within these time limits. However, it may not be reasonably possible to do so. In that case, the claim will still be considered valid if the proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible.

**When Benefits are Paid:** Benefits are paid when Prudential receives written proof of the loss. But, if a Coverage provides that benefits are payable at equal intervals of a month or less, Prudential will not have to pay those benefits more often.

**Physical Exam and Autopsy:** Prudential, at its own expense, has the right to examine the person whose loss is the basis of claim. Prudential may do this when and as often as is reasonable while the claim is pending. Prudential also has the right to arrange for an autopsy in case of accidental death, if it is not forbidden by law.

**Legal Action:** No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the Group.Contract until 60 days after the written proof described above is furnished. No such action shall be brought more than three years after the end of the time within which proof of loss is required.

## INCONTESTABILITY OF INSURANCE TO WHICH THE CLAIM RULES APPLY

This limits Prudential's use of your statements in contesting an amount of that insurance for which you are insured. These are statements made to persuade Prudential to effect an amount of that insurance. They will be considered to be made to the best of your knowledge and belief. These rules apply to each statement:

(1) It will not be used in a contest to avoid or reduce that amount of insurance unless:

   (a) It is in a written instrument signed by you; and

   (b) A copy of that instrument is or has been furnished to you.

(2) It will not be used in the contest after that amount of insurance has been in force, before the contest, for at least two years during your lifetime.

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# When Your Insurance Ends

## EMPLOYEE AND DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

Your Employee Insurance under a Coverage or your Dependents Insurance under a Coverage will end when the first of these occurs:

- Your membership in the Covered Classes for the insurance ends because your employment ends (see below) or for any other reason.
- The part of the Group Contract providing the insurance ends.
- For Contributory Insurance under a Coverage of the Group Contract, you fail to pay, when due, any contribution required. But, if Employee Insurance is Contributory, failure to contribute for Dependents Insurance will not cause your Employee Insurance to end.
- The Insurance is Dependents Insurance under the Dependents Term Life Coverage and your Employee Insurance under the Employee Term Life Coverage ends.

Your Dependents Insurance for a Qualified Dependent under a Coverage will end when that person ceases to be a Qualified Dependent for that Coverage. (See Continued Coverage for an Incapacitated Child below.)

**End of Employment:** For insurance purposes, your employment will end when you are no longer a full-time Employee actively at work for the Employer. But, under the terms of the Group Contract, the Contract Holder may consider you as still employed in the Covered Classes during certain types of absences from full-time work. This is subject to any time limits or other conditions stated in the Group Contract.

If you stop active full-time work for any reason, you should contact the Employer at once to determine what arrangements, if any, have been made to continue any of your insurance.

**Continued Coverage for an Incapacitated Child:** This applies to the Dependents Insurance you have for a child. The insurance for the child will not end on the date the age limit in the definition of Qualified Dependent is reached if both of these are true:

(1) The child is then mentally or physically incapable of earning a living. Prudential must receive proof of this within the next 31 days.

(2) The child otherwise meets the definition of Qualified Dependent.

If these conditions are met, the age limit will not cause the child to stop being a Qualified Dependent under that Coverage. This will apply as long as the child remains so incapacitated.

# Vermont Life Insurance
# Mandatory Civil Union Endorsement

## PURPOSE

This endorsement is part of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements to which it is attached and is intended to provide benefits for parties to a civil union. Vermont law requires that insurance contracts and policies offered to married persons and their families be made available to parties to a civil union and their families. In order to receive benefits in accordance with this endorsement, the civil union must have been established in the state of Vermont according to Vermont law.

## GENERAL DEFINITIONS, TERMS CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS

The general definitions, terms, conditions or any other provisions of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements to which this mandatory endorsement is attached are hereby amended and superseded as follows:

Terms that mean or refer to a marital relationship or that may be construed to mean or refer to a marital relationship: such as "marriage", "spouse", "husband", "wife", "dependent", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor", "immediate family" and any other such terms include the relationship created by a civil union.

Terms that mean or refer to a family relationship arising from a marriage such as "family", "immediate family", "dependent", "children", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor" and any other such terms include the family relationship created by a civil union.

Terms that mean or refer to the inception or dissolution of a marriage, such as "date of marriage", "divorce decree", "termination of marriage" and any other such terms include the inception or dissolution of a civil union.

"Dependent" means a spouse, a party to a civil union, and/or a child or children (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union.

"Child or covered child" means a child (natural, step-child, legally adopted or a minor who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union.

## CAUTIONARY DISCLOSURE

**THIS ENDORSEMENT IS ISSUED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF VERMONT LAW AS EXPLAINED IN THE "PURPOSE" PARAGRAPH OF THE ENDORSEMENT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANOTHER STATE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THE BENEFITS GRANTED UNDER THIS ENDORSEMENT. YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK EXPERT ADVICE TO DETERMINE YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THIS CONTRACT.**

## ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR MINNESOTA RESIDENTS

**For Minnesota residents, there are additional provisions about your right to continue or convert coverage after your insurance ends.**

### A. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE

**The following provision replaces the conversion provisions in the Employee and Dependents Term Life Coverage sections of your booklet. But the provisions of this section A do not apply if section B applies.**

If you cease to be insured for the Employee and Dependents Term Life Insurance of the Group Contract for one of the reasons stated below, you may convert all or part of your insurance under this Coverage, which then ends, to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. The reasons are:

(1) Your employment or membership ends or you transfer out of a Covered Class.

(2) All term life insurance of the Group Contract for your class ends by amendment or otherwise.

Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section.

**Availability:** You must apply for the individual contract and pay the first premium within 31 days after you cease to be insured for the Employee and Dependents Term Life Insurance.

**Individual Contract Rules:** The individual contract must conform to the following:

**Amount:** Not more than your Employee and Dependents Term Life Insurance under this Coverage when your insurance ends.

**Form:** Any form of a life insurance contract that:

(1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and

(2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for.

This does not include term insurance or a contract with disability or supplementary benefits.

**Premium:** Based on Prudential's rate as it applies to the form and amount, and to your class of risk and age at the time.

**Effective Date:** The end of the 31 day period during which you may apply for it.

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### B. CONTINUED LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE AT YOUR OPTION

**The following provision is added to the When Your Insurance Ends section of your booklet. When this section B applies, section A above does not.**

You have the right to continue your Employee and Dependents Insurance under the life Coverages of the Group Contract if your insurance ends: (1) because you are voluntarily or involuntarily terminated or laid off from your employment (other than for gross misconduct) or (2) because your work hours are reduced.

The Contract Holder will give a written notice of the right to elect to continue the insurance. Such notice will state the amount of the payments, if any, required for the continued insurance and the manner in which any payments must be made. The amount of the contributions required to keep the insurance in force may be different from the amount you have been contributing. But, in no event will the amount exceed 102% of the cost for other Employees in like circumstance whose employment is not ending or whose work hours have not been reduced.

If you want to continue the insurance, the election notice must be completed and returned to the Contract Holder, along with any required first payment, within 60 days of the later of: (1) the date the insurance would otherwise have ended; or (2) the date you receive the notice informing you of the right to continue. If this is done, the insurance will be continued from the date it would have ended until the first of these occurs:

(1) The day 18 months from the date employment ended or work hours were reduced.

(2) If you fail to make any payment required by the Contract Holder for the continued insurance, the end of the period for which you have made required payments.

(3) The day you become covered under any other group life plan.

(4) The part of the Group Contract providing the insurance ends.

While Employee and Dependents Insurance is continued under this part, all other terms of the Group Contract will apply, except that the For Employee Insurance part of the Delay of Effective Date section will not apply.

When continued insurance under this provision ends, you may elect to convert your coverage. See the Conversion section below.

**CONVERSION AFTER CONTINUATION**

At the expiration of the Continuation coverage in this section B, you may convert all or part of your insurance under this Coverage, which then ends, to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section.

**Availability:** You must apply for the individual contract and pay the first premium within 31 days after the expiration of your continued coverage.

**Individual Contract Rules:** The individual contract must conform to the following:

**Amount:** Not more than your Employee and Dependents Term Life Insurance under this Coverage when your continued coverage ends.

**Form:** Any form of a life insurance contract that:

(1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and

(2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for; and

(3) provides the same or substantially similar benefits.

**Premium:** Based on Prudential's rate as it applies to the form and amount, and to your class of risk and age at the time.

**Effective Date:** The end of the 31 day period during which you may apply for it.

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**THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA**

# Certificate of Coverage

**Prudential** certifies that insurance is provided according to the Group Contract(s) for each Insured Employee. Your Booklet's Schedule of Benefits shows the Contract Holder and the Group Contract Number(s).

Insured Employee: You are eligible to become insured under the Group Contract if you are in the Covered Classes of the Booklet's Schedule of Benefits and meet the requirements in the Booklet's Who is Eligible section. The When You Become Insured section of the Booklet states how and when you may become insured for each Coverage. Your insurance will end when the rules in the When Your Insurance Ends section so provide. Your Booklet and this Certificate of Coverage together form your Group Insurance Certificate.

Beneficiary for Employee Death Benefits: See the Booklet's Beneficiary Rules.

Coverages and Amounts: The available Coverages and the amounts of insurance are described in the Booklet.

If you are insured, your Booklet and this Certificate of Coverage form your Group Insurance Certificate. Together they replace any older booklets and certificates issued to you for the Coverages in the Booklet's Schedule of Benefits. All Benefits are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes the Group Insurance Certificate.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
751 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

**This ERISA Statement**

**is not part of the**

**Group Insurance Certificate.**

# ERISA STATEMENT

**Plan Benefits Provided by**

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
751 Broad Street
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This Group Contract underwritten by The Prudential Insurance Company of America provides insured benefits under your Employer's ERISA plan(s). For all purposes of this Group Contract, the Employer/Policyholder acts on its own behalf or as an agent of its employees. Under no circumstances will the Employer/Policyholder be deemed the agent of The Prudential Insurance Company of America, absent a written authorization of such status executed between the Employer/Policyholder and The Prudential Insurance Company of America. Nothing in these documents shall, of themselves, be deemed to be such written execution.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America as Claims Administrator has the sole discretion to interpret the terms of the Group Contract, to make factual findings, and to determine eligibility for benefits. The decision of the Claims Administrator shall not be overturned unless arbitrary and capricious.

**Claim Procedures**

1. **Determination of Benefits**

Prudential shall notify you of the claim determination within 45 days of the receipt of your claim. This period may be extended by 30 days if such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide your claim, shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. This period may be extended for an additional 30 days beyond the original 30-day extension if necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the additional extension, the reason for the additional extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide on your claim, shall be furnished to you within the first 30-day extension period if an additional extension of time is needed. However, if a period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the period for making the benefit determination by Prudential will be tolled (i.e., suspended) from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If your claim for benefits is denied, in whole or in part, you or your authorized representative will receive a written notice from Prudential of your denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by you and shall include:

(a) the specific reason(s) for the denial,

(b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the benefit determination was based,

(c) a description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect a claim and an explanation of why such information is necessary,

(d) a description of Prudential's appeals procedures and applicable time limits, including a statement of your right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following your appeals, and

(e) if an adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination will be provided free of charge upon request.

**2. Appeals of Adverse Determination**

If your claim for benefits is denied or if you do not receive a response to your claim within the appropriate time frame (in which case the claim for benefits is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may appeal your denied claim in writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

A full review of the information in the claim file and any new information submitted to support the appeal will be conducted by Prudential, utilizing individuals not involved in the initial benefit determination. This review will not afford any deference to the initial benefit determination.

Prudential shall make a determination on your claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to an additional 45 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date that Prudential expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled (i.e., suspended) from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include:

(a) the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination,

(b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the determination was based,

(c) a statement that you are entitled to receive upon request and free of charge reasonable access to, and make copies of, all records, documents and other information relevant to your benefit claim upon request,

(d) a description of Prudential's review procedures and applicable time limits,

(e) a statement that you have the right to obtain upon request and free of charge, a copy of internal rules or guidelines relied upon in making this determination, and

(f) a statement describing any appeals procedures offered by the plan, and your right to bring a civil suit under ERISA.

If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

If the appeal of your benefit claim is denied or if you do not receive a response to your appeal within the appropriate time frame (in which case the appeal is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may make a second, voluntary appeal of your denial in writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your second appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

Prudential shall make a determination on your second claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to an additional 45 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which Prudential expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

Your decision to submit a benefit dispute to this voluntary second level of appeal has no effect on your right to any other benefits under this plan. If you elect to initiate a lawsuit without submitting to a second level of appeal, the plan waives any right to assert that you failed to exhaust administrative remedies. If you elect to submit the dispute to the second level of appeal, the plan agrees that any statute of limitations or other defense based on timeliness is tolled during the time that the appeal is pending.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part for a second time, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include the same information that was included in the first adverse determination letter. If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

**Rights and Protections**

As a participant in this plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

**Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits**

- Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

- Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The plan administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

- Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

**Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

**Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to $110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

**Assistance with Your Questions**

If you have any questions about your plan, you should contact the plan administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.