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Benefits

Group Benefits

West Texas Opportunities, Inc.

Critical Illness

**CERTIFICATE OF
GROUP INSURANCE**

Union Security Insurance Company certifies that the insurance stated in this Certificate became effective on the Effective Date shown in your Benefit Information form. This Certificate is subject to the provisions of the below numbered *policy* issued by Union Security Insurance Company to the *policyholder*.

The insurance *policy* under which this certificate is issued is not a policy of Workers' Compensation insurance. You should consult your employer to determine whether your employer is a subscriber to the Workers' Compensation system.

Policyholder: West Texas Opportunities, Inc.
Group Policy Number: 5471878
Effective Date: See Benefit Information form
Type of Insurance: Group *Critical Illness Insurance*
Group *Critical Illness Insurance* for Dependents

This Certificate replaces any and all Certificates and Certificate Endorsements, if any, issued to you under the *policy*.



President and
Chief Executive Officer

IMPORTANT NOTICE**AVISO IMPORTANTE**

To obtain information, or to make a complaint:

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

You may call Union Security's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

Usted puede llamar al número de teléfono gratis de Union Security's para información o para someter una queja al:

800.733.7879

You may also write to Union Security at:

Usted también puede escribir a Union Security:

Union Security Insurance Company
Regulatory Compliance
P.O. Box 419052
Kansas City, MO 64141-6052

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

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

800.252.3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:
P.O. Box 149104
Austin TX 78714-9104

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:
P.O. Box 149104
Austin TX 78714-9104

Fax: 512.475.1771

Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>

E-mail: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

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

DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

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

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY.

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

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

SCHEDULE

Eligible Class: For employee insurance - Each *full-time* employee of the *policyholder* or an *associated company*,

- who is at *active work*, and
- who is working in the United States of America,

as identified on the *policyholder's* or our records, except any temporary or seasonal worker.

For dependent insurance - Each *eligible dependent* of a person eligible and insured for employee insurance.

Associated Companies: None

Present Service Requirement: 60 day(s)

Future Service Requirement: 60 day(s)

Entry Date: An eligible person will become insured on the first of the month occurring on or after the day all eligibility requirements are met.

Critical Illness Insurance

At the time of enrollment, you may be eligible to select a Schedule Amount.

You may change the Schedule Amount for you or your *covered dependents* according to the Plan Changes provision below.

Any limitation applies separately to you and each *covered dependent*.

Please see the Critical Illness Insurance provisions for a complete description of benefits, limitations and exclusions.

Schedule Amount

1. A *covered person* who has not reached age 70 may choose an amount of *critical illness insurance* equal to any multiple of \$5,000 up to a maximum of \$50,000.
2. For each *covered person* who has reached age 70 or more, the amount of insurance will be 50% of the amount chosen in 1 above.*
3. For each *covered person* who has reached age 70 or more and is electing coverage for the first time, the amount of insurance will be 50% of the amount they could have otherwise elected in 1 above.*

*The amount will be rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000, if not already an exact multiple. Any reduction will take effect on the policy anniversary occurring on or after the change. Any reduction will be subject to the other provisions of the *policy*.

The amount of *critical illness insurance* may be limited by the Proof of Good Health provision. Any reduction based on age will apply to the amount of insurance in force, taking into account the Proof of Good Health provision.

Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health: \$15,000

Proof of good health is required for *timely applicants* for any amount of insurance in excess of the amount shown above. All amounts of insurance are subject to the Pre-existing Conditions provision.

Schedule Amount for Dependents

1. A *covered person* may choose an amount of dependent *critical illness insurance* for the *covered dependent* spouse equal to any multiple of \$2,500, subject to a maximum of \$25,000.

SCHEDULE (continued)

2. A covered person may choose an amount of dependent *critical illness insurance* for each covered dependent child according to age as follows:

<u>Age</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Live birth but less than age 26	A covered person may choose \$2,500 or \$5,000

The amount of insurance for a dependent will not be more than 50% of the covered person's amount of insurance. This amount will be reduced if it exceeds 50% of the covered person's amount following an age reduction. Any reduction will take effect on the policy anniversary occurring on or after the change.

The amount of dependent *critical illness insurance* may be limited by the Proof of Good Health provision.

Dependent Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health: Spouse - \$7,500; Child - \$5,000

Proof of good health is required for *timely applicants* for any amount of insurance in excess of the amount shown above. All amounts of insurance are subject to the Pre-existing Conditions provision.

Benefits for Covered Critical Illnesses and Procedures

Benefits for you or your covered dependent are payable under this policy for only the *critical illnesses* and *procedures* listed in the categories below.

You or your covered dependent will not receive more than 100% of your Schedule Amount in any one category unless you are eligible for the recurrence benefit. In order for benefits to be paid in more than one category, there must be 6 or more consecutive months between the dates the *critical illness* is *diagnosed* or the *procedure* is undergone. Please see the Amount of Benefit provision for a complete description of benefits.

Category 1 Critical Illnesses and Procedures	Heart/Stroke	Percentage of Schedule Amount
	<i>Heart Attack</i>	100%
	<i>Heart Failure</i>	100%
	<i>Stroke</i>	100%
	<i>Coronary Bypass Surgery</i>	25%
	Recurrence Benefit (additional benefit for a subsequent <i>diagnosis</i> of the same <i>critical illness</i> or <i>procedure</i> in this category; recurrence <i>diagnosis</i> must occur more than 18 months after any previous <i>diagnosis</i> for the same <i>critical illness</i> or <i>procedure</i> ; recurrence <i>diagnosis</i> must follow a treatment free period of at least 18 months for the same <i>critical illness</i> or <i>procedure</i>)	25% of the previously paid benefit for the same <i>critical illness</i> or <i>procedure</i>

Category 2 Critical Illnesses and Procedures	Other Major Illnesses	Percentage of Schedule Amount
	<i>Blindness</i>	100%
	<i>Major Organ Failure (excluding heart failure)</i>	100%
	<i>End-stage Kidney Disease</i>	100%
	<i>Paralysis (excluding paralysis from stroke)</i>	100%
	<i>Coma</i>	100%

SCHEDULE (continued)

	Recurrence Benefit (additional benefit for a subsequent <i>diagnosis</i> of the same <i>critical illness</i> or <i>procedure</i> in this category; recurrence <i>diagnosis</i> must occur more than 18 months after any previous <i>diagnosis</i> for the same <i>critical illness</i> or <i>procedure</i> ; recurrence <i>diagnosis</i> must follow a treatment free period of at least 18 months for the same <i>critical illness</i> or <i>procedure</i>)	25% of the previously paid benefit for the same <i>critical illness</i> or <i>procedure</i>
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Category 3 Critical Illnesses and Procedures	Cancer	Percentage of Schedule Amount
	<i>Invasive Cancer</i>	100%
	<i>Cancer in situ</i>	25%

Wellness Screening Benefit Amount: \$50

Plan Changes

For Changes at Annual Enrollment

You may choose to change your Schedule Amount, subject to any required *proof of good health*, from June 1 through June 30 of each year, the annual enrollment period agreed upon by the *policyholder* and us. You must submit *proof of good health* for any increase in excess of \$0 annually. The amount of any increase, with or without *proof of good health*, is subject to the Pre-existing Conditions provision, as described in the Critical Illness Insurance provisions of the *policy*. A pre-existing condition will be considered to have occurred in relation to the effective date of the change, not the original effective date of your coverage. Any reductions based on age will apply to any increase.

The effective date of any change made during the annual enrollment period will be the later of the policy anniversary or the first of the month occurring on or after the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your or your *covered dependent's proof of good health*, if required. Please see Exception to Effective Date if you are not at *active work* on the day the change in insurance would otherwise take effect, or if that day is not a regular work day. Please see Exception to Dependent Effective Date if your *covered dependent* is in a *hospital* or similar facility on the day the change in insurance would otherwise take effect.

Change in Family Status

You may apply for insurance or change your plan of insurance, within 31 days of a change in family status. A "change in family status" means your marriage or divorce, the death of your spouse or child, the birth or adoption of your child, the termination of employment of your spouse, the requirement of a court order or medical support order to include coverage for your child or stepchild, or any other event specified in the *policyholder's* IRC Section 125 plan. If you apply for an amount of insurance in excess of the Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health or increase your plan of insurance by more than \$0 following a change in family status, you must submit *proof of good health*. If you apply for an amount of dependent insurance in an amount exceeding the Dependent Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health, you must submit *proof of good health* for your dependent. Any amount or increase in insurance is subject to the Pre-Existing Conditions provision in the Critical Illness Insurance provisions section of the *policy*. A pre-existing condition will be considered to have occurred in relation to the effective date of the change, not the original effective date of your coverage.

If you are first applying for insurance for yourself or for your *eligible dependent* within 31 days after a change in family status, insurance will take effect on the first of the month occurring on or after the later of the date of the request or the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your or your *eligible dependent's proof of good health*, if required.

SCHEDULE (continued)

If you are changing your existing plan of insurance, the effective date of any change due to a change in family status will be the first of the month occurring on or after the later of the date of the request or the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your or your *eligible dependent's proof of good health*, if required.

Please see Exception to Effective Date if you are not at *active work* on the day the change in insurance would otherwise take effect, or if that day is not a regular work day. Please see Exception to Dependent Effective Date if your *covered dependent* is in a *hospital* or similar facility on the day the change in insurance would otherwise take effect.

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GENERAL DEFINITIONS

These terms have the meanings shown here when *italicized*. The pronouns “we”, “us”, “our”, “you”, and “your” are not *italicized*.

Active work means the expenditure of time and energy for the *policyholder* or an *associated company* at your usual place of business on a *full-time* basis.

Associated company means any company shown in the *policy* which is owned by or affiliated with the *policyholder*.

Contributory means you pay part or all of the premium.

Covered dependent means an *eligible dependent* who is insured under the *policy*.

Covered person means an eligible employee or member of the *policyholder* or *associated company* who has become insured for a coverage.

Doctor means a person acting within the scope of his or her license to practice medicine, prescribe drugs or perform surgery. Also, a person whom we are required to recognize as a *doctor* by the laws or regulations of the governing jurisdiction, or a person who is legally licensed to practice psychiatry, psychology or psychotherapy and whose primary work activities involve the care of patients, is a *doctor*. However, neither you nor a *family member* will be considered a *doctor*.

Eligible class means a class of persons eligible for insurance under the *policy*. This class is based on employment or membership in a group.

Family member means a person who is a parent, spouse, child, sibling, domestic partner, grandparent or grandchild of the *covered person*.

Full-time means working at least 20 hours per week, unless indicated otherwise in the *policy*.

Home office means our office in Kansas City, Missouri.

Noncontributory means the *policyholder* pays the premium.

Policy means the group policy issued by us to the *policyholder* that describes the benefits for which you may be eligible.

Policyholder means the entity to whom the *policy* is issued.

Proof of good health means evidence acceptable to us of the good health of a person.

We, us, and our mean Union Security Insurance Company.

You and your mean an eligible employee or member of the *policyholder* or *associated company* who has become insured for a coverage.

DEFINITIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

Applicable percentage means the percentage of the *benefit amount* that is payable for a *critical illness* or *procedure* as listed in the Schedule.

Benefit amount means the amount of insurance specified in the Schedule which you elected and that we approved.

Benefit year means a calendar year beginning on January 1 of any year and ending on December 31 of that year.

Blindness means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with an irreversible reduction in sight, lasting at least 180 days, that results in a corrected visual acuity of 20/400 or less or a visual field less than 20 degrees when testing both eyes together.

Cancer in situ means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with a cancer wherein the tumor cells still lie within the tissue of origin without having invaded neighboring tissue. *Cancer in situ* includes, but is not limited to:

- Early prostate cancer *diagnosed* as T1N0M0 or equivalent staging; and
- Melanoma not invading the dermis.

Cancer in situ does not include:

- Other skin malignancies; or
- Pre-malignant lesions (such as intraepithelial neoplasia); or
- Benign tumors or polyps; or
- *Invasive cancer*.

Cancer in situ must be supported by a pathological *diagnosis*.

Clinic means an institution, building or part of a building where *outpatients* receive *treatment* for *diagnoses*.

Coma means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with a condition from which you or your *covered dependent* cannot be aroused and which requires an external life support system, both of which have persisted continuously for at least 168 hours.

Coronary bypass surgery means a procedure to bypass one or more diseased, narrowed or blocked coronary arteries with arterial or venous grafts and is performed by a board certified cardiovascular surgeon. Other procedures such as percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (PTCA) or laser procedures are excluded.

Critical illness or *critical illnesses* means one of the following illnesses, *diagnosed* after your coverage effective date and while you are covered under the *policy*, and does not include any other illness, disease or health related event: *heart attack, heart failure, major organ failure, stroke, invasive cancer, cancer in situ, coma, end-stage kidney disease, paralysis* (other than stroke), and *blindness*.

Critical illness insurance means the group critical illness insurance under the *policy* issued by us to the *policyholder*.

Diagnosed, diagnosis or *diagnoses* means an evaluation of your or your *covered dependent's* medical condition that is performed by a *doctor* whose specialty is appropriate for the condition being evaluated, and who is board certified in that specialty in accordance with the American Board of Medical Specialties criteria. The evaluation must include conclusions that are definite and supported by presence of symptoms, clinical signs on physical examination, and test results consistent with the most current medically accepted diagnostic standards according to *nationally recognized authorities*. In addition, the evaluation must meet one or more of the following criteria depending on the condition that is being evaluated:

DEFINITIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE (continued)

- if cognitive function is being evaluated, the conclusions must be confirmed with neuropsychological testing conducted by a clinical psychologist at the doctorate level certified through the American Board of Professional Psychology in the area of clinical neuropsychology;
- if pulmonary function is being evaluated, the conclusion must be supported by testing performed in accordance with the American Thoracic Society criteria; and
- if the condition is evaluated using the results of exercise testing, that testing must be performed in accordance with the American College of Sports Medicine or American Heart Association standards.

End-stage kidney disease means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with a renal disease that has resulted in the chronic and irreversible failure of both kidneys to function and which requires regular dialysis for a minimum of 90 days.

Heart attack means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with a current and new acute myocardial infarction due to blockage of one or more coronary arteries resulting in death of a portion of the heart muscle with loss of heart function. *Diagnosis* of the new heart attack must be based on new changes consistent with an evolving infarction on electrocardiogram (EKG) and concurrent with serial measurement of cardiac biomarkers of a pattern and level of enzymes confirming an acute infarction. Old, established or silent myocardial infarctions are excluded.

Heart failure means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with heart failure for which the only treatment option requires your or your *covered dependent's* heart to be replaced with a heart from a suitable human donor. In order for *heart failure* to be covered under this *policy*, the *covered person* or *covered dependent* must be registered with the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS).

Hospital means an institution which is primarily engaged in providing, by and under the supervision of *doctors* to *inpatients*, diagnostic and therapeutic services for medical *diagnosis*, *treatment* and care of injured, disabled, or sick persons; or rehabilitation services of injured, disabled, or sick persons. It must meet all of the following requirements:

- maintain clinical records on all patients;
- have every patient be under the care of a *doctor*;
- provide 24 hour nursing service rendered or supervised by a registered professional nurse;
- have a licensed practical or registered professional nurse on duty at all times;
- be licensed or be approved by the state or local licensing agency;
- meet other health and safety requirements found necessary by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); and
- is not primarily a clinic, nursing, rest or convalescent home.

Injury means unintentional physical damage or harm caused directly by an accident and not due to sickness, disease or any other causes.

Inpatient means a patient who is admitted to a *hospital* for an *injury* or sickness.

Invasive cancer means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with a malignant neoplasm, which is characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells and the invasion of neighboring tissue, and which is not specifically hereafter excluded. Leukemias and lymphomas are considered *invasive cancer*.

The following are not considered *invasive cancer*:

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DEFINITIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE (continued)

- pre-malignant lesions (such as intraepithelial neoplasia);
- benign tumors or polyps;
- early prostate cancer *diagnosed* as T1N0M0 or equivalent staging;
- *Cancer in situ*; and
- any skin cancer (other than invasive malignant melanoma in the dermis or deeper or skin malignancies that have become metastatic).

Invasive cancer must be supported by a pathological *diagnosis*.

Lifetime means the period of time you or your *covered dependent* is alive.

Major organ failure means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with major organ failure for which the only treatment option requires your or your *covered dependent's* malfunctioning organ(s) or tissue to be replaced with an organ(s) or tissue from a suitable human donor. The organs and tissues covered by this definition are limited to: liver, kidney, lung, small intestine, pancreas, pancreas-kidney or allogeneic bone marrow. In order for *major organ failure* to be covered under this *policy*, the *covered person* or *covered dependent* must be registered with the United Network of Organ Sharing (UNOS) or the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP).

Nationally recognized authorities means the American Medical Association (AMA) Council on Scientific Affairs, the AMA Diagnostic and Therapeutic Technology Assessment Project, the AMA Board of Medical Specialties, the American College of Physicians and Surgeons, the Food and Drug Administration, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Technology Assessment, the National Institutes of Health, the Health Care Finance Administration, the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research, the Department of Health and Human Services, the National Cancer Institute, and any additional organizations we choose which attain similar status.

Outpatient means a patient who is not admitted to a *hospital* but instead is cared for elsewhere such as a doctor's office, *clinic* or day surgery center for an *injury*.

Paralysis means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with total and irreversible loss of use of two or more limbs due to neurological *injury* or sickness of associated nerves that is continuously present for a period of at least 180 days, but shall not include any paralysis caused by a *stroke*.

Port means to convert to a group portability policy.

Procedure means the following medical procedure: *coronary bypass surgery*.

Stroke means you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with a disease, not including transient ischemic attack (TIA), that resulted in loss of motor function in an upper and lower extremity concurrently with resulting sustained disturbance of gross and dexterous movements of those limbs, gait or station with ineffective communication or speech persisting for at least 96 hours and this condition is expected to be permanent.

Timely applicant means a person whose application for insurance is made no later than 90 days after becoming eligible for insurance under the *policy*.

Treatment means any medical service, procedure, consultation, advice, tests, observation, supplies, equipment, x-rays, or surgery, including the prescription of drugs or use of prescription drugs or insulin.

SUMMARY OF GROUP CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

This summary is intended to help understand your group insurance. It does not change any of its provisions.

Critical Illness Insurance

There may be certain benefits and amounts you may elect and the coverage in force for you will depend on the elections made.

The *policy* pays a fixed benefit when you or a *covered dependent* is *diagnosed* with a covered *critical illness* or undergoes a covered *procedure*.

The *critical illness* must be *diagnosed* or the *procedure* undergone while you or your *covered dependent* is insured under this *policy* and is subject to the limitations and exclusions described in this *policy*. We will not pay benefits for any *critical illness* or *procedure* if you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with that *critical illness* or has undergone that *procedure* at any time prior to the effective date of your or your *covered dependent's* coverage under the *policy*.

The *policy* explains the situations in which you or a *covered dependent* will receive limited or no benefits. In addition, pre-existing exclusions may apply to some situations.

The *policy* includes a portability provision. If your *critical illness insurance* ends under certain circumstances, it may be possible to *port* your *critical illness insurance* and your dependent's *critical illness insurance*, if any.

Premiums must continue to be paid, either under the *policy* or under the group portability policy, if eligible, for benefits to be paid.

In the following pages, the provisions that describe a particular coverage were designed to be used in both the *policy* and the certificate. Therefore the terms "you" and "your" are used to refer to the *covered person*.

IMPORTANT:

The benefits of this certificate are provided under a limited *policy*.

This is a *critical illness insurance* certificate.

This is NOT a medical insurance certificate, a Medicare Supplement certificate or a high deductible health plan.

**Please read
your certificate
carefully.**

ELIGIBILITY AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

Eligible Persons

To be eligible for insurance, a person must:

- be a member of an *eligible class*; and
- complete any Service Requirement shown in the Schedule by continuous service with the employer, the *policyholder*, or an *associated company*; and
- give us *proof of good health*, if required.

The Present Service Requirement applies to persons in an *eligible class* on the Effective Date of the *policy*. The Future Service Requirement applies to persons who become members of an *eligible class* after that.

Effective Date for an Eligible Person

Proof of good health is required for any amount in excess of the Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health. Any *noncontributory* insurance will take effect on the Entry Date shown in the Schedule unless *proof of good health* is required. If *proof of good health* is required, and the proof is acceptable to us, any *noncontributory* insurance will take effect on the later of the Entry Date shown in the Schedule in the *policy* or the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your *proof of good health*.

For any *contributory* insurance, a person must apply for insurance on a form acceptable to us, and agree to pay part or all of the premium. Insurance will take effect on the following:

- If a person applies before becoming eligible, *proof of good health* is required for any amount in excess of the Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health. Insurance will take effect on the Entry Date shown in the Schedule in the *policy* unless *proof of good health* is required. If *proof of good health* is required, and the proof is acceptable to us, insurance will take effect on the later of the Entry Date shown in the Schedule in the *policy* or the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your *proof of good health*.
- If the application is made on the date the person becomes eligible, or within 90 days after that, *proof of good health* is required for any amount in excess of the Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health. Insurance will take effect on the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of the application unless *proof of good health* is required. If *proof of good health* is required, and the proof is acceptable to us, insurance will take effect on the later of the Entry Date shown in the Schedule in the *policy* or the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your *proof of good health*.
- If application is made more than 90 days after the day the person becomes eligible, or after insurance ended because the premium was not paid, *proof of good health* is required for all amounts of coverage and application must be made during an annual enrollment period. Insurance will take effect on the later of the policy anniversary occurring on or after the date of the application or the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your *proof of good health*.

In no event will a person's insurance take effect before the *policyholder's* effective date.

Exception to Effective Date

If an eligible person is not at *active work* on the day insurance would otherwise take effect, insurance will not take effect until the person returns to *active work*. If the day insurance would normally take effect is not a regular work day for a person, insurance will take effect on that day if the person is able to do his or her regular job.

ELIGIBILITY AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE (continued)

When a Person's Insurance Ends

A *covered person's* insurance will end on the date:

- the *policy* ends;
- the *policy* is changed to end the insurance for a person's *eligible class*;
- a person is no longer in an *eligible class*;
- a person stops *active work*;
- a required contribution was not paid; or
- all benefits paid or payable for you under this *policy* reach the maximum amount payable as described in the Schedule.

If your insurance ends, you may be eligible to *port* your insurance and continue your benefits. Please see the Porting to a Group Portability Policy provision.

Continuance of Insurance

If a person is unable to perform *active work* for a reason shown below, the *policyholder* may continue the person's insurance and the person's dependent insurance, if any, on a premium-paying basis provided the person remains in other respects a member of the *eligible class*. The continuance cannot be more than the maximum continuance shown below. Continuance must be based on a uniform policy, and not individual selection.

The maximum continuance for *critical illness insurance* is the longest applicable period described below:

- 12 months* for *injury*, sickness, or pregnancy;
- 3 months* for lay-off, leave of absence (other than a family or medical leave of absence described below), or change to part-time; or
- the end of the period the *policyholder* is required to allow* for a family or medical leave of absence under:
 - the federal Family and Medical Leave Act; or
 - any similar state law.

* after the last day of *active work*.

Any leave of absence, including a family or medical leave of absence described above, must be approved in advance in writing by the *policyholder* if the person's insurance is to be continued.

Reinstatement

If a person re-enters an Eligible Class within 12 months after insurance ends, the person will not have to complete the Service Requirement again. Any Pre-Existing Conditions provision will be applied as if insurance never ended if a person re-enters an Eligible Class immediately after the end of a family or medical leave of absence under the federal Family and Medical Leave Act or any similar state law. All other provisions of the *policy* will apply as if the person were newly eligible.

DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

Eligible Dependents

Your *eligible dependents* are:

- your lawful spouse, and
- your children from live birth but less than age 26.

"Children" include any adopted children. A child will be considered adopted on the date of placement in your home. Stepchildren and foster children are also included if they depend on you for support and maintenance. "Children" include your grandchildren if at the time of application for insurance the grandchild is your dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes. "Children" include your child or stepchild for whom a court order or medical support order requires you to provide coverage. "Children" also include any children for whom you are the legal guardian, who reside with you on a permanent basis and depend on you for support and maintenance.

An *eligible dependent* will not include any person who is a member of an *eligible class*. An *eligible dependent* may not be covered by more than 1 *covered person*.

Dependent Effective Date

Proof of good health is required for any amount in excess of the Dependent Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health. Any *noncontributory* dependent insurance will take effect on the Entry Date shown in the Schedule unless *proof of good health* is required. If *proof of good health* is required, and the proof is acceptable to us, any *noncontributory* dependent insurance will take effect on the later of the Entry Date shown in the Schedule in the *policy* or the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your dependent's *proof of good health*.

For any *contributory* dependent insurance, a person must apply for insurance on a form acceptable to us, and agree to pay part or all of the premium. Insurance will take effect on the following:

- If a person applies before the dependent becomes eligible, *proof of good health* is required for any amount in excess of the Dependent Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health. Insurance will take effect on the Entry Date shown in the Schedule in the *policy* unless *proof of good health* is required. If *proof of good health* is required, and the proof is acceptable to us, insurance will take effect on the later of the Entry Date shown in the Schedule in the *policy* or the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your dependent's *proof of good health*.
- If the application is made on the date the dependent becomes eligible, or within 90 days after that, *proof of good health* is required for any amount in excess of the Dependent Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health. Insurance will take effect on the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of the application unless *proof of good health* is required. If *proof of good health* is required, and the proof is acceptable to us, insurance will take effect on the later of the Entry Date shown in the Schedule in the *policy* or the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your dependent's *proof of good health*.
- If application is made more than 90 days after the day the dependent becomes eligible, or after insurance ended because the premium was not paid, *proof of good health* is required for all amounts of coverage and application must be made during an annual enrollment period. Insurance will take effect on the later of the policy anniversary occurring on or after the date of the application or the Entry Date occurring on or after the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your dependent's *proof of good health*.

DEPENDENT ELIGIBILITY AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE (continued)

Exception to Dependent Effective Date

Dependent insurance will not take effect until your insurance for the same coverage under the *policy* takes effect.

If an *eligible dependent* is in a *hospital* or similar facility on the day insurance would otherwise take effect, it will not take effect until the day after the *eligible dependent* leaves the *hospital* or similar facility. This exception does not apply to a child born while dependent insurance is in effect. Dependent insurance for a newborn dependent child, including an adopted newborn dependent child, will automatically take effect at birth. Insurance will continue for 31 days. If you want insurance to continue for a newborn beyond 31 days, you must notify us (if you do not already have dependent child insurance) and make the required premium payment within the 31-day period.

When Dependent Insurance Ends

A dependent's insurance will end on the date:

- the *policy* ends;
- the *policy* is changed to end dependent insurance;
- that dependent is no longer eligible;
- your insurance for the same coverage under the *policy* ends;
- a required contribution for dependent insurance was not paid;
- all benefits paid or payable for you under this *policy* reach the maximum amount payable as described in the Schedule; or
- all benefits paid or payable for a *covered dependent* under this *policy* reach the maximum amount payable as described in the Schedule. *Critical Illness insurance* for *covered dependents* who have not reached the maximum amount payable will continue as long as all other *policy* provisions apply.

If your and your dependent insurance ends, you may be eligible to *port* your insurance and continue your benefits. Please see the Porting to a Group Portability Policy provision.

SPECIAL DEPENDENT INSURANCE CONTINUANCE PROVISIONS

As specified below, dependent *critical illness insurance* may continue, subject to the provisions that describe when insurance ends, and all other terms and conditions of the *policy*. Premiums are required for any coverage continued.

Physically or Mentally Handicapped Dependent Children

Dependent *critical illness insurance* for an *eligible dependent* child will continue beyond the date a child attains an age limit, if, on that date, he or she:

- is unable to earn a living because of physical or mental handicap; and
- is chiefly dependent upon you for support and maintenance.

We must receive proof of the above within 120 days after the child attains the age limit and each year after that, beginning 2 years after the child attains the age limit. There will be no increase in premium for this continued coverage.

Dependent *critical illness insurance* will end when the child is able to earn a living or is no longer dependent on you for support and maintenance.

SPECIAL FEDERAL CONTINUANCE PROVISIONS

Under the provisions of the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (COBRA), you and your *covered dependents* may have the right to continue *critical illness insurance* coverage beyond the date insurance would otherwise terminate. You should contact the *policyholder* concerning your right to continue coverage.

CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

Insurance Provided

Benefits may be payable under this *policy*. If you or your *covered dependent* is *diagnosed* with a *critical illness* or undergoes a *procedure* while insured under the *policy*, we will pay the benefits shown in the Schedule. Some of the benefits described in the *policy* may not apply depending on the level of benefits selected.

The *critical illness* must be *diagnosed* or the *procedure* undergone while you or your *covered dependent* is insured under this *policy* and is subject to the limitations and exclusions described in this *policy*.

We will not pay benefits for any *critical illness* or *procedure* if you or your *covered dependent* has been *diagnosed* with that *critical illness* or has undergone that *procedure* at any time prior to the effective date of your or your *covered dependent's* coverage under the *policy*.

Any benefits are subject to the provisions of the *policy*.

Any required premiums must continue to be paid, either under the *policy* or under the group portability policy, if eligible, for benefits to be paid.

Proof of Good Health

If you are eligible for more than the Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health or your *eligible dependent* is eligible for more than the Dependent Maximum Amount Without Proof of Good Health shown in the Schedule, you or your *eligible dependent* will be limited to that Maximum until you give us *proof of good health* for yourself or your *eligible dependent*. If the proof is accepted, the additional amount of insurance will take effect on the first of the month occurring on or after the later of the date of the request or the date of our correspondence notifying you of our approval of your or your *eligible dependent's proof of good health*, if required.

Amount of Benefit

We will pay the *applicable percentage* of the *benefit amount*.

After we pay benefits for a particular *critical illness* or *procedure*, we will not pay any additional benefits if you or your *covered dependent* is ever *diagnosed* with that *critical illness* or undergoes that *procedure* again except as described in the Recurrence Benefit provision.

Each *critical illness* and *procedure* is included in a specific category in the Schedule. We will pay up to 100% of the *benefit amount* in each of the categories shown in the Schedule. We will not pay more than 100% of your or your *covered dependent's benefit amount* in any category. After we pay 100% of the benefit in a specific category, we will not pay any additional benefits for any *critical illness* or *procedure* listed in that category except as described in the Recurrence Benefit provision.

We will pay a *benefit amount* in more than one category, if:

- benefits have been paid under this *policy* because you or your *covered dependent* was *diagnosed* with a *critical illness* or has undergone a *procedure* in a specific category; and
- you or your *covered dependent* is *diagnosed* with a *critical illness* or undergoes a *procedure* from a different category more than 6 consecutive months later.

If the date of the *diagnosis* of a *critical illness* or date of a *procedure* is the same for *critical illnesses* or *procedures* listed in different categories, we will pay only the benefit for the *critical illness* or *procedure* with the largest *applicable percentage*.

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Recurrence Benefit

We will pay a recurrence benefit, if

- benefits have been paid under this *policy* because you or your *covered dependent* was *diagnosed* with a *critical illness* or has undergone a *procedure*,
- you or your *covered dependent* is *diagnosed* with the same *critical illness* or undergoes the same *procedure* more than 18 months later, and
- you or your *covered dependent* has not received *treatment* for the same *critical illness* or condition that led to the *procedure* for 18 consecutive months after the *diagnosis* for the *critical illness* or after the *procedure*. For the purposes of this provision, we will not consider follow-up visits to your *doctor* or prescription medications other than cytotoxic medications (cancer chemotherapy) to be *treatment*.

The amount of the recurrence benefit is 25% of the benefit previously paid because of that *critical illness* or *procedure*.

The recurrence benefit will only be paid once in each category.

Wellness Screening Benefit

We will pay the Wellness Screening Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule if you provide proof satisfactory to us that you or your *covered dependent* had a wellness screening test performed while covered under the *policy*. This benefit is limited to the wellness screening tests listed below and is limited to one test per *benefit year* for you or your *covered dependent*.

- cardiac exercise stress test
- fasting blood glucose test
- blood test for lipids including total cholesterol, LDL, HDL and triglycerides
- breast ultrasound or mammography
- CA15-3 (blood test for breast cancer)
- CA 125 (blood test for ovarian cancer)
- CEA (blood test for colon cancer)
- chest x-ray
- colonoscopy
- flexible sigmoidoscopy
- hemocult stool analysis
- pap smear
- PSA (blood test for prostate cancer)
- serum protein electrophoresis
- carotid doppler
- electrocardiogram

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- echocardiogram.

This benefit will be paid as long as the *policy* is in force and you or your *covered dependent* remains covered under the *policy*. The benefit will be paid regardless of the results of the test. The wellness screening benefit is paid in addition to any other benefits payable under the *policy*. In order to receive this benefit, you must submit proof that the wellness screening test was performed by providing us with documentation from your *doctor*.

Pre-Existing Conditions

We will not pay benefits for claims resulting, directly or indirectly, from a pre-existing condition (defined below) unless you or your *covered dependent* is initially *diagnosed* with a *critical illness* or undergoes a *procedure* after the earlier of:

- 12 consecutive months, ending on or after the day you or your *covered dependent* became insured under the *critical illness insurance policy*, during which you or your *covered dependent* does not consult with or receive advice from a licensed medical or dental practitioner or receive medical or dental care, *treatment* or services, including taking drugs, medicine, insulin, or similar substances, for that condition; or
- 12 consecutive months during which you or your *covered dependent* is continuously insured under the *critical illness insurance policy*.

A "pre-existing condition" means an *injury*, sickness, symptom or physical finding, or any related *injury*, sickness, symptom or physical finding, for which you or your *covered dependent*:

- consulted with or received advice from a licensed medical or dental practitioner; or
- received medical or dental care, *treatment*, or services, including taking drugs, medicine, insulin, or similar substances

during the 12 months that end on the day before you or your *covered dependent* became insured under the *critical illness insurance policy*.

General Exclusions

We will not pay benefits for you or your *covered dependent* if the *critical illness* or *procedure* is related to or resulting directly or indirectly from:

- services or *treatment* not included in the Schedule;
- services or *treatment* for which you or your *covered dependent* is not charged, unless there is no charge because the facility is a United States government facility;
- services or *treatment* provided by a *family member*;
- any *critical illness* that is *diagnosed* outside of the United States;
- services or *treatment* rendered outside the United States;
- services or *treatment* provided primarily for cosmetic purposes;
- *treatment* or complications of *treatment* not related to a *critical illness* or *procedure*;
- an autologous bone marrow transplant, one in which your own bone marrow is used;

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- service in the armed forces or related auxiliaries such as the National Guard or Army Reserve of any country, combination of countries, or international organization at war, whether declared or not;
- war or any act of war, whether declared or not;
- taking part in a riot or insurrection, or taking part in an act of riot or insurrection;
- committing or attempting to commit an assault or felony;
- incarceration in a penal institution of any kind;
- intoxication (intoxication means your or your *covered dependent's* blood alcohol level exceeds the legal limit for operating a motor vehicle in the jurisdiction in which the *injury* occurs);
- use of any drugs, unless the drugs were used as prescribed or directed by a *doctor*;
- intentionally self-inflicted injury, while sane or insane; or
- suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane.

Porting to a Group Portability Policy

If all of your *critical illness insurance* ends for a reason other than you did not pay your share of the premium, you may be eligible to port your insurance and your dependent insurance currently in force. You must *port* your *critical illness insurance* in order to *port* your *covered dependent's critical illness insurance*. A *covered dependent* may not *port* his or her *critical illness insurance*. Your insurance under the group portability policy will be a continuation of your insurance and your dependent insurance, if any, under this *policy* and all benefits, limitations and exclusions under this *policy* will continue to apply to your insurance and your dependent insurance, if any, under the group portability policy.

You are not eligible to *port* if the *critical illness insurance* ends because you did not pay your share of the premium.

You must apply and pay the premium within 31 days after your coverage ends. No *proof of good health* is required.

If you or your *covered dependent* is *diagnosed* with a covered *critical illness* or undergoes a *procedure* within 31 days after your *critical illness insurance* ends, but before you have applied to *port*, we will pay any benefits as if you had *ported*. However, you must pay any premium due. The insurance can be continued under the group portability policy until the later of the day before your 65th birthday or 12 months from the date your coverage under the *policy* ends.

We will notify you of the amount of premium due, the frequency of premium payments and the premium due dates. If any premium is not paid when due, you will have a 31 day grace period. Insurance will end at the end of the grace period if you fail to make the required premium payment within that time. We will not change the premium rate more than once in any period of 6 consecutive months and we will give you 31 days advance written notice of any change in rates.

Assignment

Neither you nor your *covered dependent* can assign any of the *critical illness insurance* benefits.

CLAIM PROVISIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE

Payment of Benefits

We will pay benefits when we receive all the required proof of covered loss.

To Whom Payable

We will pay all benefits to you. However, if medical evidence indicates that a legal guardian should be appointed, we will hold further benefits due until such time as a guardian of your estate is appointed and we will pay benefits to such guardian at that time. If any amount remains unpaid when you die, we will pay your estate.

However, we will pay the Texas Department of Human Services for critical illness claims submitted on behalf of your *covered dependent* children, that are paid by them under financial and medical assistance service programs administered under the Human Resources Code, if the following conditions exist:

- you have possession or access of the child under a court order; or
- you are not entitled to access or possession of the child and are required by the court to pay child support.

We must receive written notice attached to the claim when it is submitted, which states that all benefits paid must be paid directly to the Texas Department of Human Services.

Any amount we pay in good faith releases us from further liability for that amount.

Filing a Claim

You must send us notice of the claim. We must have written notice of any insured loss within 30 days after it occurs, or as soon as reasonably possible. You can send the notice to our *home office*, to one of our regional group claims offices, or to one of our agents or administrators. We need enough information to identify you as a *covered person*.

Within 15 days after the date of your notice, we will send you certain claim forms. The forms must be completed and sent to our *home office* or to one of our regional group claims offices. If you do not receive the claim forms within 15 days, we will accept a written description of the exact nature and extent of the loss.

The time limit for filing a claim is 90 days after the date of the loss, *treatment* or service.

Proof of Loss

Written proof of loss must be furnished to our *home office*, to one of our regional group claims offices, or to one of our agents or administrators within 90 days after the occurrence or commencement of any covered loss.

In the case of claims for loss for which this *policy* provides any periodic payment contingent upon continuing loss, proof of loss must be furnished within 90 days after the termination of the period for which we are liable. Failure to furnish such proof within the time required shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to give proof within such time, provided such proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible.

You must provide us with all of the information we specify as necessary to determine proof of loss and decide our liability. This may include but is not limited to medical records, *hospital* records, pharmacy records, test results, therapy and office notes, mental health progress notes, medical exams and consultations, tax returns, business records, payroll and attendance records, billing records, invoices, receipts, police reports and investigative reports.

You must provide us with a written authorization allowing the sources of medical, vocational, occupational, financial, and governmental information to release documents to us which enables us to decide our liability. If you do not provide us with the items and authorization necessary to allow us to determine our liability, we will not pay benefits.

CLAIM PROVISIONS FOR CRITICAL ILLNESS INSURANCE (continued)

Right to Examine or Interview

We may ask you or your *covered dependent* to be examined as often as we require at any time we choose. We may require you or your *covered dependent* to be interviewed by our authorized representative. We will pay third party charges for any independent medical exam or interview which we require. If you or your *covered dependent* fails to attend or fully participate we will not pay benefits.

Limit on Legal Action

No action at law or in equity may be brought against the *policy* until at least 60 days after you file proof of loss. No action can be brought after the applicable statute of limitations has expired, but, in any case, not after 3 years from the date of loss.

Review Procedure

You must request, in writing, a review of a denial of your claim within 180 days after you receive notice of denial.

You have the right to review, upon request and free of charge, copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim for benefits, and you may submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to your claim for benefits.

We will review your claim after receiving your request and send you a notice of our decision within 30 days after we receive your request or within 60 days if special circumstances require an extension. We will state the reasons for our decision and refer you to the relevant provisions of the *policy*. We will also advise of further appeal rights, if any.

Incontestability

The validity of the *policy* cannot be contested after it has been in force for 2 years, except if premiums are not paid.

Any statement made by the *policyholder* or a *covered person* will be considered a representation. It is not considered a warranty or guarantee. A statement will not be used in a dispute unless it is written and signed, and a copy is given to the *covered person*.

No statement, except fraudulent misstatement, made by a *covered person* about insurability will be used to deny a claim for a loss incurred after coverage has been in effect for 2 years.

No claim for loss starting 2 or more years after the *covered person's* effective date may be reduced or denied because a disease or physical condition existed before the person's effective date, unless the condition was specifically excluded by a provision in effect on the date of loss.

Overpayment

We have the right to recover any overpayments due to:

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

You must reimburse us in full. We will determine the method by which the repayment is to be made.

We will not recover more money than the amount we paid you. However, we reserve the right to recover any prior or current overpayment from a claim under the *policy*.

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Entire Contract

The *policy* and the *policyholder's* application attached to it are the entire contract. Any statement made by you or the *policyholder* is considered a representation. It is not considered a warranty or guarantee. A statement will not be used in a dispute unless it is written and signed, and a copy is given to you.

Errors

An error in keeping records will not cancel insurance that should continue; nor will it continue insurance that should end. We will adjust the premium, if necessary, but not beyond 3 years before the date the error was found. If the premium was overpaid, we will refund the difference. If the premium was underpaid, the difference must be paid to us.

Misstatements

If any information about you or the *policyholder's* plan is misstated or altered after the application is submitted, including information with respect to participation or who pays the premium and under what circumstances, the facts will determine whether insurance is in effect and in what amount. We will retroactively adjust the premium.

Certificates

We will send certificates to the *policyholder* to give to each *covered person*. The certificate will state the insurance to which the person is entitled. It does not change the provisions of the *policy*.

Workers' Compensation

The *policy* is not in place of, and does not affect any state's requirements for coverage by Workers' Compensation insurance.

Agency

Neither the *policyholder*, any employer, any *associated company*, nor any administrator appointed by the foregoing is our agent. We are not liable for any of their acts or omissions.

Fraud

It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading facts or information with the intent of defrauding us. An application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false or misleading information may lead to reduction, denial or termination of benefits or coverage under the *policy* and recovery of any amounts we have paid.

HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices

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

This Notice applies to our HIPAA covered healthcare plans, including dental, vision, cancer only, and critical illness.

I. Our Commitment

Union Security Insurance Company and its affiliated prepaid companies* are committed to protecting the personal information entrusted to us by our customers. The trust you place in us when you share your personal information is a responsibility we take very seriously and is the cornerstone of how we conduct our business.

We use the brand name "Assurant Employee Benefits" to associate our products and services and to connect us with the brand of our parent company, Assurant, Inc.

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) provides us and our affiliates with guidelines and standards to follow when we use or disclose your Protected Health Information (PHI). This new law also gives you, our customer, numerous rights regarding your ability to see, inspect, and copy your PHI. Because our commitment to privacy means complying with all privacy laws, we are providing you this notice outlining our privacy practices. The following information is intended to help you understand what we can and cannot do with your PHI and what your rights are under HIPAA.

II. Our Use and Disclosure of Your PHI

HIPAA allows us to use and disclose your PHI for treatment, payment, and healthcare operations without asking your permission. For instance, we may disclose information to a healthcare provider to assist the provider in properly treating you or a dependent (Treatment). We may disclose certain information to the healthcare provider in order to properly pay a claim or to your employer in order to collect the correct premium amount (Payment). We may disclose your information in order to help us make the correct underwriting decision or to determine your eligibility (Operations).

Other examples of possible disclosures for purposes of healthcare operations include:

- Underwriting our risk and determining rates and premiums for your healthcare plan;
- Determining your eligibility for benefits;
- Reviewing the competence and qualifications of healthcare providers;
- Conducting or arranging for review, legal services, and auditing functions, including fraud and abuse detection and compliance;
- Business planning and development;
- Business management and general administrative duties such as cost-management, customer service, and resolution of internal grievances;
- Other administrative purposes.

We can also make disclosures under the following circumstances without your permission:

- As required by law, including response to court and administrative orders, or to report information about suspected criminal activity;

- To report abuse, neglect, or domestic violence;
- To authorities that monitor our compliance with these privacy requirements;
- To coroners, medical examiners, and funeral directors;
- For research and public health activities, such as disease and vital statistic reporting;
- To avert a serious threat to health or safety;
- To the military, certain federal officials for national security activities, and to correctional institutions;
- To the entity sponsoring your group healthcare plan but only for purposes of enrollment, disenrollment, eligibility or for the purpose of giving the plan sponsor summary information when necessary to help make decisions regarding changes to the plan. If the plan sponsor has certified that its plan documents have been amended to include certain privacy provisions, we may also disclose protected health information to the plan sponsor to carry out plan administration functions that the plan sponsor performs on behalf of the plan;
- To a spouse, family member, or other personal representative if they can show they are assisting in your care or payment of your care and then, without an authorization, only basic information about the status or payment of a claim.

Unless you give us written authorization, we cannot use or disclose your PHI for any reason except as otherwise described in this notice, including uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes, uses and disclosures of protected health information for marketing purposes, and disclosures that constitute the sale of protected health information. We are prohibited from using or disclosing your protected health information that is genetic information for underwriting purposes. You may revoke your written authorization at any time by writing us at the address indicated at the end of this notice.

III. Your Individual Rights

You have the following rights with regard to your Protected Health Information:

- **To Restrict our Use or Disclosure.** You have the right to ask us to limit our use or disclosure of your PHI. While we will consider your request, we are not legally required to agree to the additional restrictions. If we do agree to all or part of your request, we will inform you in writing. We cannot agree to limit any use and disclosure of your PHI if the use or disclosure is required by law.
- **To Access your PHI.** You have the right to view and/or copy your PHI at any time by contacting us. If you want copies of your PHI, or want your PHI in a special format, we may charge you a fee. You have a right to choose what portions of your PHI you want copied and to have prior notice of copying costs. If for some reason we deny your request for access to your PHI, we will provide a written explanation of why your request was denied and explain how you can appeal the denial.
- **To Amend your PHI.** You have the right to amend your PHI, if you believe it is incomplete or inaccurate. Your request must be in writing, with an explanation of why you feel the information should be amended. If we approve your request to amend your PHI, we will make reasonable efforts to inform others, including people you name, about the amendment to your PHI. We may deny your request for various reasons, for example, if we determine that the information is correct and complete, or if we did not create the information. If we deny your request, we will provide you a written explanation of our decision. We also will explain your

rights regarding having your request and our response included with all future disclosures of your PHI.

- **To Obtain an Accounting of our Disclosures.** You have the right to receive a listing from us of all instances in the past six years which we or our business associates have disclosed your PHI for purposes other than treatment, payment, health care operations, or as authorized by you. The accounting will tell you the date we made the disclosure, the name of the person or entity to whom the disclosure was made, a description of the PHI that was disclosed, and the reason for the disclosure. There may be a charge for accounting disclosures if requested more than once a year.
- **To Request Alternative Communications.** You have the right to ask us to communicate with you about your confidential information by a different method or at another location. We will accommodate all reasonable requests.
- **To Be Notified of a Breach.** You will be notified in the event that your unsecured protected health information is compromised.
- **To Receive Notice.** You are entitled to receive a copy of this notice that outlines our HIPAA privacy practices. We reserve the right to change these practices and the terms of this notice at any time. We will not make any material changes to our privacy practices without first sending you a revised notice. If you receive this notice on our web site or by electronic mail, you may request a paper copy.

IV. Who to Contact for Questions and Complaints

If you want more information about our privacy practices, wish to exercise any of your rights with regard to your PHI, or have any questions about the information in this notice, please use the contact information below. If you believe we may have violated your privacy rights, or if you disagree with a decision that we made in connection with your PHI, you may file a complaint using the contact information below. You may also submit a written complaint to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Civil Rights. You may locate the regional office nearest to you by visiting their web site, <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/privacy>. We fully support your right to the privacy of your PHI, and will not retaliate in any way if you choose to file a complaint.

Mailing Address:	Assurant Employee Benefits Privacy Officer P.O. Box 419052 Kansas City, MO 64141-6052
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V. Organizations Covered by This Notice

This notice applies to the privacy practices of the organizations referenced below. These organizations may share your PHI with each other as needed for payment activities or health care operations relating to the healthcare plans that we provide.

VI. Created Date of This Notice: April 14, 2003. Revised: September 23, 2013

*** In this notice, "we," "us," and "our" refer to Union Security Insurance Company and the following prepaid dental companies:** DentiCare of Alabama, Inc., Union Security DentalCare of Georgia, Inc., UDC Dental California, Inc., UDC Ohio, Inc., United Dental Care of Arizona, Inc., United Dental Care of Colorado, Inc., United Dental Care of Michigan, Inc., United Dental Care of Missouri, Inc., United Dental Care of New Mexico, Inc., United Dental Care of Texas, Inc., United Dental Care of Utah, Inc., Union Security DentalCare of New Jersey, Inc.



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