



## CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

**Columbia, South Carolina**  
**800.433.3036**

The telephone number above is provided for making inquiries, obtaining information regarding coverage, and assistance in resolving complaints.

**Endorsement  
to Policy and Certificate of Insurance**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Teresa White".

Teresa White, President

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Matthew Loudermilk".

J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary



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### **Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Policy**

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

**THIS PLAN IS A SUPPLEMENT TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE. LACK OF MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE (OR OTHER MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE) MAY RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WITH YOUR TAXES.**

**This Plan provides the benefits listed in the Benefit Schedule. Please read it carefully.**

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

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

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

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

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,

Teresa White, President

J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary

### **Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Insurance Non-Participating**

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

## **Notice of Non-Insurance Benefits**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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## **SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION**

### **Eligibility**

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

When an Employee ends employment with the Employer and his coverage would otherwise terminate, that Employee may elect to continue his coverage under this Plan. Please see the **Portability Privilege** provision for further details.

**Insureds** are defined as those who might be eligible for coverage under this Plan in the following categories:

- **Employee Coverage** – We insure only the Employee.
- **Employee and Spouse Coverage** – We insure the Employee and spouse (as defined in the applicable rider).
- **Employee and Children Coverage** – We insure the Employee and any dependent children (as defined in the applicable rider).
- **Family Coverage** – We insure the Employee, spouse, and any dependent children (as defined in the applicable rider).

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

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

### **Effective Date**

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

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

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

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

### **If Employee and Spouse, Employee and Children, or Family Coverage is offered:**

- A Dependent may be added to the Plan after the Employee's Effective Date within 31 days of a Life Event or during an approved enrollment period.
- If Dependent Child Rider coverage is **already in force**, no additional notice or premium is required to add another dependent child.
- If Dependent Spouse Rider or Dependent Child Rider coverage is **not** in force, the Employee must complete an Application to add a Dependent to the Plan. The Company will assign a Dependent Rider Effective Date for a Dependent's coverage after approving the Application. For Dependent coverage to become effective, the premium for the Dependent must be included in the premium payment.
- If Dependent Child Rider coverage is not already in force, **newborn** children are automatically covered from the moment of birth for 60 days. **Newly adopted** children are automatically covered from the earlier of a) placement for adoption, b) the date of entry of an order granting custody of the child for the purposes of adoption, or c) the effective date of adoption, for 60 days. To extend coverage beyond 60 days with no gap in coverage, the Employee must contact the Company within the 60-day time period following the child's birth or adoption. No premium is due for the first 60 days of newborn/newly adopted coverage.

A day begins at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the Employee's place of residence.

## **Plan Termination**

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

- The premium is not paid before the end of the Grace Period,
- The number of participating Employees is less than the number mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Policyholder,
- The number of participating Employees changes by 25% or more,
- The Policyholder fails to perform any of the obligations that relate to this policy or that are required by applicable law,
- The Policyholder no longer offers coverage to a particular class of Employees,
- The Policyholder no longer serves a class of Employees who reside in a particular geographical area, or
- The Policyholder does not provide timely information that is reasonably required.

The Company will give the Policyholder 45 days' written notice prior to policy termination.

The **Policyholder** has the right to cancel the Plan at any time.

- To do this, the Policyholder must give the Company at least 45 days' written notice.
- The Plan will end on the date in the written notice or the date the Company receives the notice, whichever is later.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Portability Privilege**

When an Employee is no longer a member of an eligible class and his coverage would otherwise end, he may elect to continue his coverage under this Plan. He may continue the coverage he had on the date his Certificate would otherwise terminate, including any in-force Dependent Spouse Rider or Dependent Child Rider coverage, without any additional underwriting requirements.

The following conditions must be met for an Employee to keep his Certificate in force:

- Within 31 days after the date his coverage would otherwise terminate, the Employee must notify the Company. Notification may be via written notice sent to P.O. Box 427, Columbia, South Carolina, 29202; or by calling the Customer Service number at 800.433.3036; and
- The Employee must pay the required premium directly to the Company no later than 31 days after the date his coverage would otherwise terminate and on each premium due date thereafter.

Insurance will end on the earlier of these dates:

- 31 days after the premium due date (the last day of the Grace Period), if the premium has not been paid, or
- The date the Group Policy is terminated.

However, coverage may not be continued if:

- The Employee failed to pay any required premium, or
- This Group Policy terminates.

Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly to each Insured by the Company.

If the Employee qualifies for this Portability Privilege, then the Company will apply the same Benefits, Plan Provisions, and Premium Rate as shown in his previously-issued Certificate. Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly by the Company.

## **SECTION II – PREMIUM PROVISIONS**

### **Premium Payments**

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

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

### **Premium Changes**

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

- On the Group Policy Anniversary Date based on renewal underwriting. (The Group Policy Anniversary Date is shown on the Policy Schedule and falls on the same date each year thereafter.)
- Whenever the terms or conditions of the Plan are modified. The new premium rates will apply only to premiums due on or after the rate change takes effect.

We will provide the Policyholder a 45-day advance written notice of any change in premiums.

### **Grace Period**

This Plan has a 31-day Grace Period. If a premium is not paid on or before its due date, the premium may be paid during the next 31 days. During the Grace Period, the Plan will stay in force, unless the Policyholder has given the Company written notice of its intention to discontinue the Plan. If the Plan is discontinued, the Plan's termination date will be the latest date for which premium has been paid.

## **SECTION III – DEFINITIONS**

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

**Accidental Injury** means accidental bodily damage to an Insured. This must be the direct result of an accident and not the result of disease or bodily infirmity. A **Covered Accidental Injury** is an Accidental Injury that occurs while coverage is in force. A **Covered Accident** is an accident that occurs on or after an Insured's Effective Date while coverage is in force, and that is not specifically excluded by the Plan.

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

**Calendar Year** means the period beginning on the policy Effective Date and ending on December 31 of the same year. Thereafter, it is the period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of each following year.

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

**Dependent** means an Employee's spouse or dependent children, as defined in the applicable rider, who have been accepted for coverage.

**Doctor** is a person who is duly qualified as a practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of his license, and:

- Is licensed to practice medicine; prescribe and administer drugs; or to perform surgery, or
- Is a duly qualified medical practitioner according to the laws and regulations in the state in which Treatment is made.

A Doctor **does not** include the Insured or an Insured's Family Member.

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

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| • Son.      | • Mother. | • Sister.  |
| • Daughter. | • Father. | • Brother. |

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

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

**Hospital** means a place that meets all of the following criteria:

- Is legally licensed and operated as a Hospital,
- Provides overnight care of injured and sick people,
- Is supervised by a Doctor,
- Has full-time nurses supervised by a registered nurse, and
- Has on-site use of X-ray equipment, laboratory, and surgical facilities.

The term *Hospital* specifically excludes any facility not meeting the definition of Hospital as defined in this Plan, including but not limited to:

- A nursing home,
- An extended-care facility,
- A skilled nursing facility,
- A rest home or home for the aged,
- A Rehabilitation Facility,
- A facility for the Treatment of alcoholism or drug addiction, or
- An assisted living facility.

**Hospital Intensive Care Unit** means a place that meets all of the following criteria:

- Is a specifically designated area of the Hospital called a Hospital Intensive Care Unit;
- Provides the highest level of medical care;
- Is restricted to patients who are critically ill or injured and who require intensive comprehensive observation and care;
- Is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds, and wards customarily used for patient confinement;
- Is permanently equipped with special life-saving equipment for the care of the critically ill or injured;
- Is under close observation by a specially trained nursing staff assigned exclusively to the Hospital Intensive Care Unit 24 hours a day; and
- Has a Doctor assigned to the Hospital Intensive Care Unit on a full-time basis.

The term *Hospital Intensive Care Unit* specifically excludes any type of facility not meeting the definition of Hospital Intensive Care Unit as defined in this Plan, including but not limited to private monitored rooms, surgical recovery rooms, observation units, and the following step-down units:

- A progressive care unit,
- A sub-acute intensive care unit, or
- An intermediate care unit.

**Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit** means any of the following:

- A progressive care unit,
- A sub-acute intensive care unit,
- An intermediate care unit, or
- A pre- or post-intensive care unit.

An Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit is **not** a Hospital Intensive Care Unit as defined in this Plan.

**Life Event** means an event that qualifies an Employee to make changes to benefits at times other than his enrollment period. Events qualifying as Life Events are established solely by the Policyholder.

**Rehabilitation Facility** is a unit or facility providing coordinated multidisciplinary physical restorative services. These services must be provided to inpatients under a Doctor's direction. The Doctor must be knowledgeable and experienced in rehabilitative medicine. Beds must be set up in a unit or facility specifically designated and staffed for this service. This is not a facility for the Treatment of alcoholism or drug addiction.

**Related** – a Related Accidental Injury or Sickness is one that is in correlation to, or occurs as a result of, the initial Accidental Injury or Sickness, and would not otherwise have been sustained if that initial condition had not occurred.

**Sickness** means an illness, infection, disease, or any other abnormal physical condition or pregnancy that is not caused solely by, or the result of, any injury. A **Covered Sickness** is one that is not excluded by name, specific description, or any other provision in this Plan. For a benefit to be payable, loss arising from the Covered Sickness must occur while the applicable Insured's coverage is in force.

**Spouse** is an Employee's legal wife or husband.

**Telemedicine Service** means a medical inquiry with a Doctor via audio or video communication that assists with a patient's assessment, diagnosis, and consultation.

**Treatment** is the consultation, care, or services provided by a Doctor. This includes receiving any diagnostic measures and taking prescribed drugs and medicines. Treatment does **not** include Telemedicine Services.

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## **SECTION IV – BENEFIT PROVISIONS**

### **Hospitalization Benefits**

#### **Hospital Admission Benefit**

We will pay this benefit when an Insured is admitted to a Hospital and confined as an inpatient because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, an Insured must be admitted to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay the Hospital Admission Benefit amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will not pay benefits for confinement to an observation unit, or for emergency room Treatment or outpatient Treatment.

We will pay this benefit once per period of Hospital Confinement. This benefit is limited to the maximum shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will only pay this benefit once for each Covered Accident or Covered Sickness per Calendar Year. If an Insured is confined to the Hospital because of the same or Related Accidental Injury or Sickness, we will not pay this benefit again in the same Calendar Year.

#### **Hospital Confinement Benefit**

We will pay the amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day that an Insured is confined to a Hospital as an inpatient as the result of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, the Insured must be confined to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

The length of time shown for Hospital Confinement in the Benefit Schedule is the maximum period for which an Insured can collect benefits for Hospital Confinements resulting from Covered Sickness or from Covered Accidental Injuries received in the same Covered Accident.

If we pay benefits for confinement and the Insured becomes confined again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable for only one Hospital Confinement at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

#### **Hospital Intensive Care Benefit**

If an Insured is confined in a Hospital Intensive Care Unit because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, we will pay the daily benefit amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, an Insured must be admitted to a Hospital Intensive Care Unit within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay this amount for each day of such confinement, but not to exceed the maximum benefit period shown on the Benefit Schedule during any one period of confinement.

We will pay benefits for only one confinement in a Hospital Intensive Care Unit at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

If we pay benefits for confinement in a Hospital Intensive Care Unit and an Insured becomes confined to a Hospital Intensive Care Unit again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable in addition to the Hospital Confinement Benefit.

### **Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit Benefit**

If an Insured is confined in an Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, we will pay the daily benefit amount shown on the Benefit Schedule. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, the Insured must be admitted to an Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay this amount for each day of such confinement, not to exceed the maximum benefit period shown in the Benefit Schedule during any one period of confinement.

We will pay benefits for only one confinement in an Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

If we pay benefits for confinement in a Hospital's Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit and the Insured becomes confined to a Hospital's Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable in addition to the Hospital Confinement Benefit.

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## **SECTION V – EXCLUSIONS**

### **Exclusions**

We will not pay for loss due to:

- War – voluntarily participating in war, any act of war, or military conflicts, declared or undeclared, or voluntarily participating or serving in the military, armed forces, or an auxiliary unit thereto, or contracting with any country or international authority. (We will return the prorated premium for any period not covered by the certificate when the Insured is in such service.) War also includes voluntary participation in an insurrection, riot, civil commotion or civil state of belligerence. War does not include acts of terrorism.
- Suicide – committing or attempting to commit suicide, while sane or insane.
- Self-Inflicted Injuries – injuring or attempting to injure oneself intentionally.
- Racing – riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test in a professional or semi-professional capacity.
- Illegal Occupation – voluntarily participating in, committing, or attempting to commit a felony or illegal act or activity, or voluntarily working at, or being engaged in, an illegal occupation or job.
- Sports – participating in any organized sport in a professional or semi-professional capacity.
- Custodial Care – this is non-medical care that helps individuals with the basic tasks of everyday life, the preparation of special diets, and the self-administration of medication which does not require the constant attention of medical personnel.
- Treatment for being overweight, gastric bypass or stapling, intestinal bypass, and any related procedures, including any resulting complications.
- Services performed by a Family Member.
- Services related to sex or gender change, sterilization, in vitro fertilization, vasectomy or reversal of a vasectomy, or tubal ligation.
- Elective Abortion – an abortion for any reason other than to preserve the life of the person upon whom the abortion is performed.
- Dental Services or Treatment.
- Cosmetic surgery, except when due to:
  - Reconstructive surgery, when the service is related to or follows surgery resulting from a Covered Accidental Injury or a Covered Sickness, or is related to or results from a congenital disease or anomaly of a covered dependent child.
  - Congenital defects in newborns.

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## **SECTION VI – CLAIM PROVISIONS**

### **Notice of Claim**

Written Notice of Claim must be given to us:

- Within 60 days after the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, or
- As soon as reasonably possible.

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

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

### **Proof of Loss**

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

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

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

Proof of Loss must be given to us within 90 days of the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. Failure to give Proof of Loss within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if such Proof of Loss is given as soon as reasonably possible. The Company will not accept Proof of Loss any later than one year after the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness unless the Claimant was legally incapacitated.

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

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

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

### **Physical Examination and Autopsy**

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

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

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

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

### **Payment of Claims**

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

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

### **Unpaid Premium**

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

### **Changing of Beneficiary**

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

### **Claim Review**

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

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

### **Appeals Procedure**

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

### **Legal Action**

The Employee may not take Legal Action against us for benefits under this Plan:

- Within 60 days after he has sent us written Proof of Loss, or
- After expiration of the applicable statute of limitations from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

## **SECTION VII – GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Addition of New Employees**

Employees hired after the initial enrollment date can apply for coverage annually during open enrollment if the Employee meets the following criteria:

- The Employee has worked for the Policyholder for 90 continuous days.
- The Employee is working at least 20 hours per week.

### **Entire Contract Changes**

This insurance is provided under a contract of Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity insurance with the Policyholder. The Entire Contract of Insurance is made up of:

- The Policy;
- The Certificates of insurance;
- The Application of the Policyholder; and
- Any Riders, Endorsements, or Amendments to the Policy or Certificate.

All statements (excluding fraudulent ones) that the Policyholder or an Insured has made in the Application will be considered representations, not warranties. The Company will not void insurance or reduce benefits as a result of statements made on the Application without sending Application copies.

### **Changes to the Plan:**

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

### **Misstatement of Age**

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

### **Successor Insured**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Clerical Error**

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

### **Individual Certificates**

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

- The coverage,
- To whom benefits will be paid, and
- The rights and privileges under the Plan.

### **Required Information**

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

### **Conformity with State Statutes**

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

## **POLICY SCHEDULE**

**Group Policyholder:** City of Fort Lauderdale

**Group Policy Number:** 24781

**Group Policy Effective Date:** 01/01/2019

**Group Policy Anniversary Date:** 01/01/2020

**Jurisdiction:** FL

## **BENEFIT SCHEDULE**

### **Hospitalization Category**

<b>Hospital Admission Benefit</b>	\$1000 per admission
Payable once per admission	
Maximum per Insured per each Covered Sickness	1 time per Calendar Year
Maximum per Insured per each Covered Accident	1 time per Calendar Year
<b>Hospital Confinement Benefit</b>	\$100 per day
Maximum confinement period	31 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident
<b>Hospital Intensive Care Benefit</b>	\$100 per day
Maximum confinement period	10 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident
<b>Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit Benefit</b>	\$75 per day
Maximum confinement period	10 days per Calendar Year

## **INCORPORATION OF RIDER PROVISIONS**

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

### **Rider Name**

Dependent Spouse Benefit Rider  
Dependent Children Benefit Rider  
Portability Privilege Amendment

### **Form Number**

C80301FL  
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## **SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS**

**RATES TABLE FOR: CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE - GP-5899 / GROUP HOSPITAL INDEMNITY - PLAN-47913**

**DEDUCTION FREQUENCY:** Monthly (12pp / yr)

Deduction Frequency

**Monthly (12pp / yr)**

Employee Periodic Cost

**\$17.88**

Employee And Spouse Periodic Cost

**\$34.08**

Employee And Child Periodic Cost

**\$27.18**

Family Periodic Cost

**\$43.38**

**RATES TABLE FOR MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS: CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE - GP-5899 /**

**GROUP HOSPITAL INDEMNITY - PLAN-47913**

**DEDUCTION FREQUENCY:** Monthly (12pp / yr)

Deduction Frequency

**Monthly (12pp / yr)**

Employee Periodic Cost

**\$17.88**

Employee And Spouse Periodic Cost

**\$34.08**

Employee And Child Periodic Cost

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Family Periodic Cost

**\$43.38**



# CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

**Columbia, South Carolina  
800.433.3036**

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## **Portability Privilege Amendment**

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

### **Effective Date**

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

### **Portability Privilege**

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

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

##### **Class I**

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

##### **Class II**

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

- Was previously insured under Class I; **and**
- Is no longer employed by the Policyholder.

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

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

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

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

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

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

After the end of the first Plan year, the Company has the right to cancel the Plan. To do so, the Company must give 45 days written notice that the plan will end on the date before the next premium due date.

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

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

#### **Class I**

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

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

#### **Class II**

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

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

### **TERMINATION OF AN EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **PORATABILITY PRIVILEGE**

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

The premium rate for portability coverage may change for the class of covered persons on portability on any premium due date. Written notice will be given at least 45 days before any change is to take effect.

The Employee may continue the coverage until the earlier of:

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

Coverage may not be continued:

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

## **General Provisions**

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

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

### **Contract**

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

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

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Teresa White, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary



## CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

**2801 Devine Street, Columbia, South Carolina 29205  
800.433.3036**

The telephone number above is provided for making inquiries, obtaining information regarding coverage, and assistance in resolving complaints.

### **Dependent Spouse Benefit Rider To Certificate of Insurance for Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Policy**

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

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

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

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Rider becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Rider will have a later Effective Date. Dependent Spouse coverage will become effective on the Effective Date of the Rider if the Dependent Spouse is Active on that date. Otherwise, the Effective Date will be deferred until the day following the date he becomes Active.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

**Active** refers to a Dependent Spouse who is not confined in a Hospital and who is able to carry on regular activities customary of a person in good health of the same age and gender.

**Dependent Spouse** is your legal wife or husband who is at least age 18 and is listed on your Application.

#### **BENEFITS**

If a Dependent Spouse qualifies for benefits under the Certificate to which this Rider is attached because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, we will provide the benefits shown in the Certificate under the **Benefit Provisions** section.

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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

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

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

## **CONTRACT**

This Rider is part of the Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Certificate. It will terminate:

- When the Certificate terminates,
- On the premium due date following the date the covered Spouse no longer qualifies as a Dependent,
- On the premium due date following the date we receive your written request to terminate coverage for your Spouse, or
- When premiums are no longer paid for this Rider.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Teresa White, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary



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### **Dependent Children Benefit Rider To Certificate of Insurance for Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Policy**

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

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

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

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Rider becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Rider will have a later Effective Date. Dependent Child coverage will become effective on the Effective Date of the Rider if the Dependent Child is Active on that date. Otherwise, the Effective Date will be deferred until the day following the date he becomes Active.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

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

**Active** refers to a Dependent Child who is not confined in a Hospital and who is able to carry on regular activities customary of a person in good health of the same age and gender.

**Dependent Child or Dependent Children** means your or your Spouse's natural children, step-children, grandchildren who are in your legal custody and residing with you, foster children, children subject to legal guardianship, legally adopted children or Children Placed for Adoption. Dependent Children must be younger than age 26.

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

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

Your natural Dependent Children born after the Effective Date of this Rider will be covered from the moment of live birth. No notice or additional premium is required.

## **BENEFITS**

If a Dependent Child qualifies for benefits under the Certificate to which this Rider is attached because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, we will provide the benefits shown in the Certificate under the **Benefit Provisions** section.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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

## **Time Limit on Certain Defenses**

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

## **CONTRACT**

This Rider is part of the Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Certificate. It will terminate:

- When the Certificate terminates,
- On the premium due date following the date the covered Child no longer qualifies as a Dependent,
- When the covered Dependent Child reaches age 26 (details in the **Definitions** section of this Rider),
- On the premium due date following the date we receive your written request to terminate coverage for your Child, or
- When premiums are no longer paid for this Rider.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Teresa White, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary

## **AFLAC CUSTOMER PRIVACY POLICY**

Protecting the privacy and confidentiality of information about our customers is very important to American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus, American Family Life Assurance Company of New York, and Continental American Insurance Company (collectively, "Aflac"). Accordingly, Aflac has developed and adopted this "Customer Privacy Policy" which is designed to ensure that our collection and use of customer information complies with the following commitments:

- **Aflac does not sell, rent, lease or otherwise disclose nonpublic personal information (NPI) of its customers for purposes unrelated to Aflac products and services.** Our customers' NPI is of paramount importance to us. Therefore, we provide your NPI only to our affiliates, employees, agents and third parties as necessary to facilitate the development and delivery of our insurance and employee benefit products and services. Aflac may also provide your NPI to its affiliates for marketing purposes consistent with the terms disclosed herein (see *Sharing Information*, below).
- **Aflac works to ensure information integrity and security.** We use technology tools and design our business practices to help ensure that our customers' NPI is properly gathered, stored and processed. We also work to maintain the security of our customers' NPI through the use of technology and our business practices.
- **Aflac expects its agents and employees to respect customer NPI.** Aflac has adopted internal policies and procedures designed to ensure that employees and agents adhere to Aflac's privacy policies and otherwise protect our customers' NPI. Both employees and agents are subject to censure, dismissal, or termination for violation of these policies.

This Customer Privacy Policy applies to those individuals who receive our products and services, as well as to individuals who provide us with NPI in the course of submitting an application to us for our products and services. .

### **PRIVACY NOTICE**

Aflac provides this notice to let you know about our current privacy practices with respect to the collection, sharing and protection of your NPI. **You do not need to do anything in response to this notice, unless you would like to prohibit the use of your NPI by our affiliates to market products and services to you, as described below.**

### **Collecting Information**

As part of Aflac's normal underwriting and operating procedures, Aflac (and our agents acting on our behalf) needs to obtain information to determine an individual's eligibility for our products and services, and to perform our insurance functions. Aflac and our agents may collect NPI about Aflac's customers, including:

- Information from our customers (including names, addresses, and financial and health information).
- Information about our customers' transactions with Aflac or our agents (including claims and payment information).
- Information from or about your transactions with nonaffiliated third parties (including, but not limited to, accident reports, claims, health and insurance application histories, health history, and salary data).

### **Sharing Information**

- Aflac shares the NPI it collects about you, as described above, among Aflac and its affiliates so that Aflac and its affiliates may perform their everyday business functions, such as processing your transactions and claims, or otherwise maintaining your policies. Aflac also reserves the right to share your NPI with its affiliates to enable Aflac affiliates to market their products and services directly to you. You can prevent the use of your NPI for this purpose by following the "opt-out" procedure described below, "*Opting Out of Information Sharing*."
- Aflac does not share, and does not reserve the right to share, customer NPI with nonaffiliated third parties except as permitted or required by applicable law.
- Aflac agents will share your NPI only while acting on Aflac's behalf and, furthermore, will share your NPI only to the extent Aflac itself is permitted to do so.
- Neither Aflac nor its agents will disclose the NPI of former customers unless the disclosure is authorized by or at the request of the former customer, or is otherwise permitted or required by law.

### **Opting Out of Information Sharing**

As described above, Aflac shares your NPI when permitted or required by law. You are not able to limit Aflac's ability to share your NPI for these purposes.

#### **Affiliate Marketing Opt Out**

If you would prefer not to receive marketing materials from Aflac's affiliates about their products or services, you can opt out of such affiliate marketing by either (1) calling 1.800.433.3036; or (2) visiting [www.aflacgroupinsurance.com](http://www.aflacgroupinsurance.com) and downloading, completing, and returning the Affiliate Marketing Opt-Out Form to Aflac at the referenced address. If you opt-out and later change your mind, please let Aflac know and we will change your choice. Your opt out does not prevent Aflac

from sending you information about products or services offered by Aflac or its affiliates. Similarly, your opt out will not prevent an Aflac affiliate from using NPI received from Aflac to market affiliate products and services to you if (a) you have a pre-existing relationship with such affiliate, or (b) you contact such affiliate directly and request information about such affiliate's products or services.

### **Confidentiality and Security**

Aflac and its agents safeguard customer (and former customer) NPI by maintaining administrative, technical, and physical safeguards to ensure the security and confidentiality of such NPI. This includes having security practices in place to protect against anticipated threats or hazards, and to protect against unauthorized access to or use of customer and former customer NPI.

Aflac limits access to NPI to only those employees who need access to such information to perform their job functions. Employees who misuse NPI are subject to disciplinary actions. Aflac provides privacy training and awareness to all of its employees.

### **NOTICE OF INFORMATION PRACTICES**

California, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Kansas, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, and Virginia require insurers and agents to describe their information practices in addition to providing a Privacy Notice. There is significant overlap between the two notices, but in general our Information Practices include the following: Aflac may obtain information about you and any other persons proposed for insurance. Some of this information will come from you and some may come from other sources. That information and any other subsequent information collected by Aflac may in some circumstances be disclosed to third parties without your specific consent. Residents of these states have the right to access and correct the information collected about them except information that relates to a claim or to a civil or criminal proceeding. They also have the right to receive the specific reason for an adverse underwriting decision in writing. If you wish to have a more detailed explanation of our information practices required by your state, please submit a written request to Aflac, ATTN: Privacy Office, P.O. Box 427, Columbia, SC 29202.

### **STATE SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES**

Customer NPI shall be collected, used and stored in accordance with applicable federal privacy laws. To the extent that the privacy laws of a Customer's state of residence are more protective of the Customer's NPI than federal privacy laws, Aflac will protect the Customer's NPI in accordance with such state law.

***Attention Washington Residents:*** You have the right to limit disclosures of your nonpublic personal information under the circumstances described in WAC 284-04-510. For instance, you may request in writing that Aflac limit the disclosure of nonpublic personal information to specified individuals if the disclosure of the information to those individuals could jeopardize your safety. In addition, you may also request, in writing, that Aflac limit certain disclosures of information regarding reproductive health, sexually transmitted diseases, chemical dependency and mental health. For more information or if you wish to submit a request, please write to: Aflac, ATTN: Privacy Office, P.O. Box 427, Columbia, SC 29202.

### **NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES - PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

If you would like a copy of Aflac's *Notice of Privacy Practices - Protected Health Information*, issued pursuant to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA), copies are available by visiting Aflac's website, [www.aflacgroupinsurance.com](http://www.aflacgroupinsurance.com), or sending a written request to: Aflac, ATTN: Privacy Office, P.O. Box 427, Columbia, SC 29202.

## **NOTICE OF PRIVACY PRACTICES – PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

**THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.** The terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices – Protected Health Information (“Notice”) apply to Protected Health Information (defined below) associated with Health Plans (defined below) issued by American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus, American Family Life Assurance Company of New York, Continental American Insurance Company and Continental American Life Insurance Company (collectively, “we,” “our,” or “Aflac”) <sup>1</sup>. This Notice describes how Aflac may use and disclose Protected Health Information to carry out payment and health care operations, and for other purposes that are permitted or required by law.

We are required by the privacy regulations issued under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (“HIPAA”) to maintain the privacy of Protected Health Information and to provide our policyholders and certificateholders with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices concerning Protected Health Information. In the event applicable law, other than HIPAA, prohibits or materially limits our uses and disclosures of Protected Health Information, as set forth below, we will restrict our uses or disclosure of your Protected Health Information in accordance with the more stringent standard. We are required to abide by the terms of this Notice so long as it remains in effect. We reserve the right to change the terms of this Notice of Privacy Practices as necessary and to make the new Notice effective for all Protected Health Information maintained by us. If we make material changes to our privacy practices, we will mail copies of revised notices to all policyholders and certificateholders then covered by a Health Plan. Copies of our current Notice may be obtained by contacting Aflac at the telephone number or address below, or on our Web site at [www.aflacgroupinsurance.com](http://www.aflacgroupinsurance.com).

### **DEFINITIONS**

**Health Plan** means, for purposes of this Notice, the following plans issued by Aflac: dental, specified disease (e.g., cancer), hospital indemnity and other coverages that meet the definition of Health Plan contained in HIPAA. The following products are not considered Health Plans: coverage only for accident, or disability income insurance, or any combination thereof, life insurance, and other coverages that do not meet the definition of Health Plan contained in HIPAA.

**Protected Health Information (“PHI”)** means individually identifiable health information, as defined by HIPAA, that is created or received by Aflac and that relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental health or condition of an individual; the provision of health care to an individual; or the past, present, or future payment for the provision of health care to an individual; and that identifies the individual or for which there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the individual. PHI includes information of persons living or deceased, unless the person has been deceased more than 50 years.

### **USES AND DISCLOSURES OF YOUR PROTECTED HEALTH INFORMATION**

The following categories describe different ways that we use and disclose PHI. For each category of uses and disclosures we will explain what we mean and, where appropriate, provide examples for illustrative purposes. Not every use or disclosure in a category will be listed. However, all of the ways we are permitted or required to use and disclose PHI will fall within one of the categories.

**Uses and Disclosures for Payment** – We may make requests, uses, and disclosures of your PHI as necessary for payment purposes. For example, we may use information regarding your medical procedures and treatment to process and pay claims. We may also disclose your PHI for the payment purposes of a health care provider or another Health Plan.

**Uses and Disclosures for Health Care Operations** – We may use and disclose your PHI as necessary for our health care operations. Examples of health care operations include underwriting, premium rating, or other activities relating to the creation, renewal, or replacement of a Health Plan, reinsurance, compliance, auditing, rating, business management, quality improvement and assurance, and other functions related to your Health Plan. Although underwriting falls within the definition of health care operations, we will not use or disclose genetic information for purposes of underwriting. Genetic information is defined under the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA).

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<sup>1</sup> With respect to its Health Plans, American Family Life Assurance Company of Columbus, American Family Life Assurance Company of New York and Continental American Insurance Company are affiliated covered entities (see 45 CFR 164.105).

**Family and Friends Involved in Your Care** – If you are available and do not object, we may disclose your PHI to your family, friends, and others who are involved in your care or payment of a claim. If you are unavailable or incapacitated and we determine that a limited disclosure is in your best interest, we may share limited PHI with such individuals. For example, we may use our professional judgment to disclose PHI to your spouse concerning the processing of a claim. If you do not wish Aflac to share PHI with your spouse or others, you may exercise your right to request a restriction on Aflac's disclosures of your PHI (see below).

**Business Associates** – Certain aspects and components of our services are performed through contracts with outside persons or organizations. Examples of these outside persons and organizations include our duly-appointed insurance agents and vendors that help us process your claims. At times it may be necessary for us to provide certain of your PHI to one or more of these outside persons or organizations.

**Other Products and Services** – We may contact you to provide information about other health-related products and services that may be of interest to you. For example, we may use and disclose your PHI for the purpose of communicating to you about our health insurance products that could enhance or substitute for existing Health Plan coverage, and about health-related products and services that may add value to your Health Plan.

**Other Uses and Disclosures** – We may make certain other uses and disclosures of your PHI without your authorization:

- We may use or disclose your PHI for any purpose required by law. For example, Aflac may be required by law to use or disclose your PHI to respond to a court order.
- We may disclose your PHI for public health activities, such as reporting of disease, injury, birth and death, and for public health investigations.
- We may disclose your PHI to the proper authorities if we suspect child abuse or neglect; we may also disclose your PHI if we believe you to be a victim of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence.
- We may disclose your PHI if authorized by law to a government oversight agency (e.g., a state insurance department) conducting audits, investigations, or civil or criminal proceedings.
- We may disclose your PHI in the course of a judicial or administrative proceeding (e.g., to respond to a subpoena or discovery request).
- We may disclose your PHI to the proper authorities for law enforcement purposes.
- We may disclose your PHI to coroners, medical examiners, and/or funeral directors consistent with law.
- We may use or disclose your PHI for cadaveric organ, eye or tissue donation.
- We may use or disclose your PHI for research purposes, but only as permitted by law.
- We may use or disclose PHI to avert a serious threat to health or safety.
- We may use or disclose your PHI if you are a member of the military as required by armed forces services, and we may also disclose your PHI for other specialized government functions such as national security or intelligence activities.
- We may disclose your PHI to workers' compensation agencies for your workers' compensation benefit determination.
- We will, if required by law, release your PHI to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services for enforcement of HIPAA.

**Your Authorization** – Except as outlined above, we will not use or disclose your PHI unless you have signed a form authorizing the use or disclosure. Specifically, most uses and disclosures of psychotherapy notes, uses or disclosures for marketing purposes and disclosures that constitute a sale of PHI require an authorization. You have the right to revoke that authorization in writing except to the extent that we have taken action in reliance upon the authorization or that the authorization was obtained as a condition of obtaining insurance, and we have the right, under other law, to contest a claim under the plan itself.

- The following are examples of when your authorization would be required prior to use and disclosure:
  - Most uses and disclosures of your psychotherapy notes.
  - Uses and disclosures of your PHI for marketing purposes.
  - Uses and disclosures that constitute a sale of PHI.

**Breach of Unsecured PHI** – If Aflac or a Business Associate of Aflac causes a breach to occur that involved your unsecured PHI, we are required by law to notify you of the incident.

## **RIGHTS THAT YOU HAVE**

**Access to Your PHI** – You have the right to copy and/or inspect certain PHI that we maintain about you. Certain requests for access to your PHI must be in writing, must state that you want access to your PHI and must be signed by you or your representative (e.g., requests for medical records provided to us directly from your health care provider). We must provide you with access to your PHI in the form or format requested by you, if it is readily producible in such form or format, or, if not, in a form or format agreed upon by you and Aflac. Access request forms are available from Aflac at the address below. We may charge you a fee for copying and postage. We may deny your request for access in certain very limited circumstances, such as request to access psychotherapy notes.

**Amendments to Your PHI** – You have the right to request that PHI that we maintain about you be amended or corrected. We are not obligated to make all requested amendments but will give each request careful consideration. To be considered, your amendment request must be in writing, must be signed by you or your representative, and must state the reasons for the amendment/correction request. Amendment request forms are available from Aflac at the address below.

**Accounting for Disclosures of Your PHI** – You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures made by us of your PHI. Examples of disclosures that we are required to account for include those to state insurance departments, pursuant to valid legal process, or for law enforcement purposes. To be considered, your accounting requests must be in writing and signed by you or your representative. Accounting request forms are available from Aflac at the address below. The first accounting in any 12-month period is free; however, we may charge you a fee for each subsequent accounting you request within the same 12-month period.

**Restrictions on Use and Disclosure of Your PHI** – You have the right to request restrictions on certain of our uses and disclosures of your PHI for insurance payment or health care operations, disclosures made to persons involved in your care, and disclosures for disaster relief purposes. For example, you may request that we not disclose your PHI to your spouse. Your request must describe in detail the restriction you are requesting. HIPAA does not require us to agree to your request but we will accommodate reasonable requests when appropriate. We retain the right to terminate an agreed-to restriction if we believe such termination is appropriate. In the event of a termination by us, we will notify you of such termination. You also have the right to terminate, in writing or orally, any agreed-to restriction. Requests for a restriction (or termination of an existing restriction) may be made by contacting Aflac at the telephone number or address below.

However, we are authorized by law to refuse to honor any request to restrict disclosures for treatment, payment or health care operations. Nonetheless, we will comply with a restriction request if (i) the disclosure is to the Health Plan for purposes of carrying out payment or healthcare operations, except as otherwise required by law, (ii) the PHI relates solely to a health care item or service for which the healthcare provider involved has been paid out-of-pocket in full.

**Request for Confidential Communications** – You have the right to request that communications regarding your PHI be made by alternative means or at alternative locations. For example, you may request that messages not be left on voice mail or sent to a particular address. We are required to accommodate reasonable requests if you inform us that disclosure of all or part of your information could place you in danger. Requests for confidential communications must be in writing, signed by you or your representative, and sent to Aflac at the address below.

**Right to a Copy of the Notice** – You have the right to a paper copy of this Notice upon request by contacting Aflac at the telephone number or address below.

**Complaints** – If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can file a complaint with Aflac in writing at the address below. You may also file a complaint in writing with the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington, D.C., within 180 days of a violation of your rights. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint.

## **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

If you have questions or need further assistance regarding this Notice, you may contact Aflac's Privacy Office by writing to: Aflac, Attn: Privacy Office, P.O. Box 427, Columbia, SC 29202, or by calling 1-800-433-3036.

## **EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Notice is effective January 6, 2017.