

## IMPORTANT NOTICE CONCERNING STATE STATUTORY DISABILITY LAWS

If you have employees whose principal work location is in any of the following states, you may be required to provide those employees with non-occupational short-term disability coverage. Regular insured or self-insured STD benefit plans do not generally meet the requirements for coverage under these laws.

State	How Coverage Is Provided	Web Site
California	State Fund or Approved Self-Insurance	<a href="http://www.edd.ca.gov">www.edd.ca.gov</a>
Hawaii	Insurance Policy or Approved Self-Insurance	<a href="http://www.Hawaii.gov/labor">www.Hawaii.gov/labor</a>
New Jersey	State Fund, Approved Insurance Policy or Approved Self-Insurance	<a href="http://www.nj.gov/labor">www.nj.gov/labor</a>
New York	Insurance Policy or Approved Self-Insurance	<a href="http://www.wcb.ny.gov">www.wcb.ny.gov</a>
Puerto Rico	State Fund, Approved Insurance Policy or Approved Self-Insurance	<a href="http://www.trabajo.pr.gov">http://www.trabajo.pr.gov</a>
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Rhode Island	State Fund	<a href="http://www.dlt.ri.gov/tdi">www.dlt.ri.gov/tdi</a>

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GROUP POLICY

**POLICYHOLDER:**

Colquitt Regional Medical Center

**POLICY NUMBER:**

VDT-980245

**POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE:**

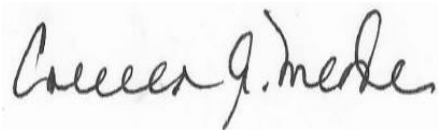
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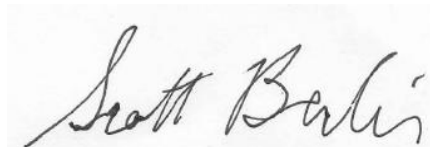
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This Policy describes the terms and conditions of coverage. It is issued in Georgia and shall be governed by its laws. The Policy goes into effect on the Policy Effective Date, 12:01 a.m. at the Policyholder's address.

In return for the required premium, the Insurance Company and the Policyholder have agreed to all the terms of this Policy.



Colleen Meade, Corporate Secretary



Scott Berlin, President

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## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

**Premium Due Date:** The last day of each month

### **Classes of Eligible Employees**

Class 1 All active, Full-time Employees of the Employer regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 30 hours per week or 60 hours in a bi-weekly pay period in the United States, who are citizens or permanent resident aliens of the United States.

## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS FOR CLASS 1**

### **Eligibility Waiting Period**

For Employees hired on or before the Policy Effective Date:	The first of the month following or coinciding with 30 days
For Employees hired after the Policy Effective Date:	The first of the month following or coinciding with 30 days

### **Definition of Disability/Disabled**

The Employee is considered Disabled if, solely because of Injury or Sickness, he or she is:

1. unable to perform the material duties of his or her Regular Occupation; and
2. unable to earn 80% or more of his or her Covered Earnings from working in his or her Regular Occupation.

The Insurance Company will require proof of earnings and continued Disability.

### **Definition of Covered Earnings**

Covered Earnings means an Employee's wage or salary as reported by the Employer for work performed for the Employer as in effect just prior to the date Disability begins. Covered Earnings are determined initially on the date an Employee applies for coverage. A change in the amount of Covered Earnings is effective on January 1 coinciding with or next following the change, if the Employer gives us written notice of the change and the required premium is paid.

It does not include amounts received as bonus, commissions, overtime pay or other extra compensation.

Any increase in an Employee's Covered Earnings will not be effective during a period of continuous Disability.

<b>Elimination Period</b>	For Accident: 14 days
	For Sickness: 14 days

<b>Gross Disability Benefit</b>	The lesser of 60% of an Employee's weekly Covered Earnings rounded to the nearest dollar or the Maximum Disability Benefit.
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<b>Maximum Disability Benefit</b>	\$2,500 per week
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<b>Minimum Disability Benefit</b>	\$25 per week
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### **Disability Benefit Calculation**

The Weekly Benefit payable to the Employee for any week the Employee is Disabled is the Gross Disability Benefit minus Other Income Benefits.

"Other Income Benefits" means any benefits listed in the Other Income Benefits provision that an Employee receives on his or her own behalf or for dependents, or which the Employee's dependents receive because of the Employee's entitlement to Other Income Benefits.

### *Return to Work Incentive*

An Employee may work for wage or profit while Disabled. In any week in which the Employee works and a Disability Benefit is payable, the Return to Work Incentive Benefit Calculation applies.

During any week the Employee has Disability Earnings, his or her benefits will be calculated as follows:

1. Add the Employee's Gross Disability Benefit and Disability Earnings.
2. Compare the sum from 1. to the Employee's Covered Earnings.
3. If the sum from 1. exceeds 100% of the Employee's Covered Earnings, then subtract the Covered Earnings from the sum in 1.
4. The Employee's Gross Disability Benefit will be reduced by the difference from 3., as well as by Other Income Benefits.
5. If the sum from 1. does not exceed 100% of the Employee's Covered Earnings, the Employee's Gross Disability Benefit will be reduced by Other Income Benefits.

No Disability Benefits will be paid, and insurance will end if the Insurance Company determines the Employee is able to work under a modified work arrangement and he or she refuses to do so without Good Cause.

### **Maximum Benefit Period**

For Accident: The 13th week from the date of disability\*  
For Sickness: The 13th week from the date of disability\*

\*The Maximum Benefit Period may be extended by the number of days the Employee returns to work in their Regular Occupation, within the same period of disability.

### **Initial Premium Rates**

The Monthly Premium for each Employee is based on the Employee's Age and amount of Weekly Benefit. The Monthly Rates per \$10 of Weekly Benefit are listed below.

Under Age 20	\$.909	Age 60 - 64	\$1.176
Age 20 - 24	\$.909	Age 65 - 69	\$1.29
Age 25 - 29	\$.909	Age 70 - 74	\$1.29
Age 30 - 34	\$.909	Age 75 - 79	\$1.29
Age 35 - 39	\$.909	Age 80 - 84	\$1.29
Age 40 - 44	\$.909	Age 85 - 89	\$1.29
Age 45 - 49	\$.909	Age 90 - 94	\$1.29
Age 50 - 54	\$.909	Age 95 and over	\$1.29
Age 55 - 59	\$1.009		

A change in rates due to a change in the Employee's age will become effective on the January 1 coinciding with or next following the change Employee's attainment of the age specified.

## **ENROLLING FOR INSURANCE**

### **Annual Enrollment Period**

During the Annual Enrollment Period, an Employee who is eligible to be insured under this Policy may become insured under the Voluntary Disability Insurance plan provided by this Policy by satisfying the Insurability Requirement.

### **Initial Open Enrollment**

During the Initial Open Enrollment Period, an Employee who is eligible to be insured under this Policy may become insured under the Voluntary Disability Insurance plan provided by this Policy without satisfying the Insurability Requirement. Any Employee who is not actively at work, due to Injury or Sickness, on the date his or her coverage would otherwise become effective under this Policy, may not become insured under this Policy until he or she returns to Active Service.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR INSURANCE**

An Employee in one of the Classes of Eligible Employees shown in the Schedule of Benefits is eligible to be insured on the Policy Effective Date, or the day after he or she completes the Eligibility Waiting Period, if later. The Eligibility Waiting Period is the period of time the Employee must be in Active Service to be eligible for coverage. It will be extended by the number of days the Employee is not in Active Service.

Except as noted in the Reinstatement Provision, if an Employee terminates coverage and later wishes to reapply, or if a former Employee is rehired, a new Eligibility Waiting Period must be satisfied. An Employee is not required to satisfy a new Eligibility Waiting Period if insurance ends because he or she is no longer in a Class of Eligible Employees, but continues to be employed and within one year becomes a member of an eligible class.

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## **EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE**

An Employee who is required to contribute toward the cost of this insurance may elect insurance for himself or herself only by authorizing payroll deduction in a form approved by the Employer and the Insurance Company. The effective date of this insurance depends on the date and amount of insurance elected.

If the coverage is elected within 31 days after the individual becomes eligible, within 31 days after a Life Status Change, this insurance will be effective on the latest of the following dates.

1. The Policy Effective Date.
2. The date payroll deduction is authorized for this insurance.
3. The date the Employer or Insurance Company receives the completed enrollment form.

If an Employee applies for coverage during an Annual Enrollment Period, or if an enrollment form is received more than 31 days after an individual is eligible to elect coverage, this insurance will be effective on the date the Insurance Company agrees in writing to insure that eligible person. The Insurance Company will require the eligible person to satisfy the Insurability Requirement before it agrees to insure him or her.

If an eligible person is not in Active Service on the date insurance would otherwise be effective, it will be effective on the date he or she returns to Active Service.

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## **TERMINATION OF INSURANCE**

An Employee's coverage will end on the earliest of the following dates:

1. the date the Employee is eligible for coverage under a plan intended to replace this coverage;
2. the date the Policy is terminated;
3. the date the Employee is no longer in an eligible class;
4. the day after the end of the period for which premiums are paid;
5. the date the Employee is no longer in Active Service;
6. the date benefits end for failure to comply with the terms and conditions of the Policy.

Disability Benefits will be payable to an Employee who is entitled to receive Disability Benefits when the Policy terminates, if he or she remains disabled and meets the requirements of the Policy. Any period of Disability, regardless of cause, that begins when the Employee is eligible under another group disability coverage provided by any employer, will not be covered.

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## CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE

This Continuation of Insurance provision modifies the Termination of Insurance provision to allow insurance to continue under certain circumstances if the Insured Employee is no longer in Active Service. Insurance that is continued under this provision is subject to all other terms of the Termination of Insurance provisions.

Disability Insurance continues if an Employee's Active Service ends due to a Disability for which benefits under the Policy are or may become payable. If the Employee does not return to Active Service, this insurance ends when the Disability ends or when benefits are no longer payable, whichever comes first.

If an Employee's Active Service ends due to an approved leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), insurance will continue up to the later of the period of his or her approved FMLA leave or the leave period required by law in the state in which he or she is employed. Premiums are required for this coverage.

If an Employee's Active Service ends due to any other leave of absence approved in writing by the Employer prior to the date the Employee ceases work, insurance will continue for an Employee for up to 3 months. Premiums are required for this coverage. An approved leave of absence does not include Furlough, Temporary Layoff or termination of employment.

If an Employee's Active Service ends due to any other excused short term absence from work that is reported to the Employer timely in accordance with the Employer's reporting requirements for such short term absence, insurance for an Employee will continue until the earlier of:

- a. the date the Employee's employment relationship with the Employer terminates;
- b. the date premiums are not paid when due;
- c. the end of the 30 day period that begins with the first day of such excused absence;
- d. the end of the period for which such short term absence is excused by the Employer.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this policy, if an Employee's Active Service ends due to layoff, termination of employment or any other termination of the employment relationship, insurance will terminate and Continuation of Insurance under this provision will not apply.

If an Employee's insurance is continued pursuant to this Continuation of Insurance provision, and he or she becomes Disabled during such period of continuation, Disability Benefits will not begin until the later of the date the Elimination Period is satisfied or the date he or she is scheduled to return to Active Service.

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## **TAKEOVER PROVISION**

This provision applies only to Employees eligible under this Policy who were covered for short term disability coverage on the day prior to the effective date of this Policy under the Prior Plan provided by the Policyholder or by an entity that has been acquired by the Policyholder.

- A. This section A applies to Employees who are not in Active Service on the day prior to the effective date of this Policy due to a reason for which the Prior Plan and this Policy both provide for continuation of insurance. If required premium is paid when due, the Insurance Company will insure an Employee to which this section applies against a disability that occurs after the effective date of this Policy for the affected employee group. This coverage will be provided until the earlier of the date: (a) the employee returns to Active Service, (b) continuation of insurance under the Prior Plan would end but for termination of that plan; or (c) the date continuation of insurance under this Policy would end if computed from the first day the employee was not in Active Service. The Policy will provide this coverage as follows:
  - 1. If benefits for a disability are covered under the Prior Plan, no benefits are payable under this Plan.
  - 2. If the disability is not a covered disability under the Prior Plan solely because the plan terminated, benefits payable under this Policy for that disability will be the lesser of: (a) the disability benefits that would have been payable under the Prior Plan; and (b) those provided by this Policy. Credit will be given for partial completion under the Prior Plan of Elimination Periods and partial satisfaction of pre-existing condition limitations.
- B. The Elimination Period under this Policy will be waived for a Disability which begins while the Employee is insured under this Policy if all of the following conditions are met:
  - 1. The Disability results from the same or related causes as a Disability for which weekly benefits were payable under the Prior Plan;
  - 2. Benefits are not payable for the Disability under the Prior Plan solely because it is not in effect;
  - 3. An Elimination Period would not apply to the Disability if the Prior Plan had not ended;
  - 4. The Disability begins within 14 days of the Employee's return to Active Service and the Employee's insurance under this Policy is continuous from this Policy's Effective Date.
- C. Except for any amount of benefit in excess of a Prior Plan's benefits, the Pre-existing Condition Limitation will not apply to an Employee covered under a Prior Plan who satisfied the pre-existing condition limitation, if any, under that plan. If an Employee, covered under a Prior Plan, did not fully satisfy the pre-existing condition limitation of that plan, credit will be given for any time that was satisfied under the Prior Plan's pre-existing condition limitation.

Benefits will be determined based on the lesser of: (1) the amount of the gross disability benefit under the Prior Plan and any applicable maximums; and (2) those provided by this Policy.

If benefits are payable under the Prior Plan for the Disability, no benefits are payable under this Policy.

## **DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS**

The following provisions explain the benefits available under the Policy. Please see the Schedule of Benefits for the applicability of these benefits to each class of Insureds.

### **Disability Benefits**

The Insurance Company will pay Disability Benefits if an Employee becomes Disabled while covered under this Policy. The Employee must satisfy the Elimination Period, be under the Appropriate Care of a Physician, and meet all the other terms and conditions of the Policy. He or she must provide the Insurance Company, at his or her own expense, satisfactory proof of Disability before benefits will be paid. The Disability Benefit is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

The Insurance Company will require continued proof of the Employee's Disability for benefits to continue.

### **Elimination Period**

The Elimination Period is the period of time an Employee must be continuously Disabled before Disability Benefits are payable. The Elimination Period is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

A period of Disability is not continuous if separate periods of Disability result from unrelated causes.

### **Disability Benefit Calculation**

The Disability Benefit Calculation is shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Weekly Disability Benefits are based on the number of days in a normally scheduled work week for the Employee immediately before the onset of Disability. They will be prorated if payable for any period less than a week. If an Employee is working while Disabled, the Disability Benefit Calculation will be the Return to Work Incentive.

### **Return to Work Incentive**

The Return to Work Incentive is shown in the Schedule of Benefits. An Employee may work for wage or profit while Disabled. In any week in which the Employee works and a Disability Benefit is payable, the Return to Work Incentive applies.

The Insurance Company will, from time to time, review the Employee's status and will require satisfactory proof of earnings and continued Disability.

### **Minimum Benefit**

The Insurance Company will pay the Minimum Benefit shown in the Schedule of Benefits despite any reductions made for Other Income Benefits. The Minimum Benefit will not apply if benefits are being withheld to recover an overpayment of benefits.

## **Other Income Benefits**

An Employee for whom Disability Benefits are payable under this Policy may be eligible for benefits from Other Income Benefits. If so, the Insurance Company may reduce the Disability Benefits by the amount of such Other Income Benefits.

Other Income Benefits include:

1. any amounts received (or assumed to be received\*) by the Employee or his or her dependents under:
  - the Canada and Quebec Pension Plans;
  - the Railroad Retirement Act;
  - any local, state, provincial or federal government disability, paid leave or retirement plan or law provided as a result of employment with the Employer, which are payable for an absence from work for which Disability Benefits are payable under this Policy;
  - any salary continuation, plan of the Employer;
  - any work loss provision in mandatory "No-Fault" auto insurance.
2. any Social Security disability or retirement benefits the Employee or any third party receives (or is assumed to receive\*) on his or her own behalf or for his or her dependents; or which his or her dependents receive (or are assumed to receive\*) because of his or her entitlement to such benefits.
3. any Retirement Plan benefits funded by the Employer, including any income available under a State Teacher Retirement System and union sponsored retirement plans. "Retirement Plan" means any defined benefit or defined contribution plan sponsored or funded by the Employer. It does not include an individual deferred compensation agreement; a profit sharing or any other retirement or savings plan maintained in addition to a defined benefit or other defined contribution pension plan, or any employee savings plan including a thrift, stock option or stock bonus plan, individual retirement account or 401(k) plan.
4. any proceeds payable under any franchise or group insurance or similar plan. If other insurance applies to the same claim for Disability, and contains the same or similar provision for reduction because of other insurance, the Insurance Company will pay for its pro rata share of the total claim. "Pro rata share" means the proportion of the total benefit that the amount payable under one policy, without other insurance, bears to the total benefits under all such policies.
5. any amounts paid because of loss of earnings or earning capacity through settlement, judgment, arbitration or otherwise, where a third party may be liable, regardless of whether liability is determined. If the Employee notifies us before filing suit or settling a claim against such third party, the amount deducted as Other Income will be reduced by a pro rata share of the Employee's costs of recovery, including reasonable attorney fees.

Dependents include any person who receives (or is assumed to receive\*) benefits under any applicable law because of an Employee's entitlement to benefits.

\*See the Assumed Receipt of Benefits provision.

### *Increases in Other Income Benefits*

Any increase in Other Income Benefits during a period of Disability due to a cost of living adjustment will not be considered in calculating the Employee's Disability Benefits after the first reduction is made for any Other Income Benefits. This section does not apply to any cost of living adjustment for Disability Earnings.

### *Lump Sum Payments*

Other Income Benefits or earnings paid in a lump sum will be prorated over the period for which the sum is given. If no time is stated, the lump sum will be prorated over five years.

If no specific allocation of a lump sum payment is made, then the total payment will be an Other Income Benefit.

### *Assumed Receipt of Benefits*

The Insurance Company will assume the Employee (and his or her dependents, if applicable) are receiving benefits for which they are eligible from Other Income Benefits. The Insurance Company will reduce the Employee's Disability Benefits by the amount from Other Income Benefits it estimates are payable to the Employee and his or her dependents.

The Insurance Company will waive Assumed Receipt of Benefits, except for Disability Earnings for work the Employee performs while Disability Benefits are payable, if the Employee:

1. provides satisfactory proof of application for Other Income Benefits;
2. signs a Reimbursement Agreement;
3. provides satisfactory proof that all appeals for Other Income Benefits have been made unless the Insurance Company determines that further appeals are not likely to succeed; and
4. submits satisfactory proof that Other Income Benefits were denied.

The Insurance Company will not assume receipt of any pension or retirement benefits that are actuarially reduced according to applicable law, until the Employee actually receives them.

### *Social Security Assistance*

The Insurance Company may help the Employee in applying for Social Security Disability Income (SSDI) Benefits, and may require the Employee to file an appeal if it believes a reversal of a prior decision is possible.

The Insurance Company will reduce Disability Benefits by the amount it estimates the Employee will receive, if the Employee refuses to cooperate with or participate in the Social Security Assistance Program.

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### **Recovery of Overpayment**

The Insurance Company has the right to recover any benefits it has overpaid. The Insurance Company may use any or all of the following to recover an overpayment:

1. request a lump sum payment of the overpaid amount;
2. reduce any amounts payable under this Policy; and/or
3. take any appropriate collection activity available to it.

The Minimum Disability Benefit amount will not apply when Disability Benefits are reduced in order to recover any overpayment.

If an overpayment is due when the Employee dies, any benefits payable under the Policy will be reduced to recover the overpayment.

### **Successive Periods of Disability**

A separate period of Disability will be considered continuous:

1. if it results from the same or related causes as a prior Disability for which benefits were payable; and
2. if, after receiving Disability Benefits, the Employee returns to work in his or her Regular Occupation for less than 14 days; and
3. if the Employee earns less than the percentage of Covered Earnings that would still qualify him or her to meet the definition of Disability/Disabled during at least one week.

Any later period of Disability, regardless of cause, that begins when the Employee is eligible for coverage under another group disability plan provided by any employer will not be considered a continuous period of Disability.

For any separate period of disability which is not considered continuous, the Employee must satisfy a new Elimination Period.

## **LIMITATIONS**

### **Pre-Existing Condition Limitation**

The Insurance Company will not pay benefits for any period of Disability caused or contributed to by, or resulting from, a Pre-existing Condition. A "Pre-existing Condition" means any Injury or Sickness for which the Employee incurred expenses, received medical treatment, care or services including diagnostic measures, took prescribed drugs or medicines, or for which a reasonable person would have consulted a Physician within 3 months before his or her most recent effective date of insurance.

The Pre-existing Condition Limitation will apply to any added benefits or increases in benefits. This limitation will not apply to a period of Disability that begins after an Employee is covered for at least 12 months after his or her most recent effective date of insurance, or the effective date of any added or increased benefits.

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## **ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

### **Rehabilitation During a Period of Disability**

#### **Employee Benefit**

A Disabled Insured may be eligible to participate in a Rehabilitation Plan or may be participating in a program that he or she desires to have approved by the Insurance Company as a Rehabilitation Plan. If an Insured desires to participate in rehabilitation efforts or to have his or her program approved by the Insurance Company as a Rehabilitation Plan, he or she may request approval from the Insurance Company. The Insurance Company has the sole discretion to approve the Insured's participation in a Rehabilitation Plan and to approve a program as a Rehabilitation Plan.

If, while an Insured is Disabled, the Insurance Company determines that he is a suitable candidate for rehabilitation he may participate in a Rehabilitation Plan. The terms and conditions of the Rehabilitation Plan must be mutually agreed upon by the Insured and the Insurance Company.

The Rehabilitation Plan may, at the Insurance Company's discretion, allow for payment of the Insured's medical expense, education expense, moving expense, accommodation expense or family care expense while he participates in the program.

A "Rehabilitation Plan" is a written agreement between the Insured and the Insurance Company in which we agree to provide, arrange or authorize vocational or physical rehabilitation services.

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### **TERMINATION OF DISABILITY BENEFITS**

Benefits will end on the earliest of the following dates:

1. the date the Employee earns from any occupation, more than the percentage of Covered Earnings set forth in the definition of Disability;
2. the date the Insurance Company determines he or she is not Disabled;
3. the end of the Maximum Benefit Period;
4. the date the Employee dies;
5. the date the Employee is no longer receiving Appropriate Care;
6. the date the Employee fails to cooperate with the Insurance Company in the administration of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documents needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due.

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### **EXCLUSIONS**

The Insurance Company will not pay any Disability Benefits for a Disability that results, directly or indirectly, from:

1. suicide, attempted suicide, or self-inflicted injury while sane or insane.
2. war or any act of war, whether or not declared.
3. active participation in a riot.
4. commission of a felony.
5. the revocation, restriction or non-renewal of an Employee's license, permit or certification necessary to perform the duties of his or her occupation unless due solely to Injury or Sickness otherwise covered by the Policy.
6. any cosmetic surgery or surgical procedure that is not Medically Necessary; "Medically Necessary" means the surgical procedure is: (a) prescribed by a Physician as required treatment of the Injury or Sickness; and (b) appropriate according to conventional medical practice for the Injury or Sickness in the locality in which the surgery is performed. (The Insurance Company will pay benefits if the Disability is caused by the Employee donating an organ in a non-experimental organ transplant procedure.)
7. an Injury or Sickness for which the Employee is entitled to benefits from Workers' Compensation or occupational disease law.
8. an Injury or Sickness that is work related.

In addition, the Insurance Company will not pay Disability Benefits for any period of Disability during which the Employee is incarcerated in a penal or correctional institution.

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## **CLAIM PROVISIONS**

### **Notice of Claim**

Written notice, or notice by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, must be given to the Insurance Company within 31 days after a covered loss occurs or begins or as soon as reasonably possible. If written notice, or notice by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, is not given in that time, the claim will not be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. Notice can be given at our home office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or to our agent. Notice should include the Employer's Name, the Policy Number and the claimant's name and address.

### **Claim Forms**

When the Insurance Company receives notice of claim, the Insurance Company will send claim forms for filing proof of loss. If claim forms are not sent within 15 days after notice is received by the Insurance Company, the proof requirements will be met by submitting, within the time required under the "Proof of Loss" section, written proof, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, of the nature and extent of the loss.

### **Claimant Cooperation Provision**

Failure of a claimant to cooperate with the Insurance Company in the administration of the claim may result in termination of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documents needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due.

### **Insurance Data**

The Employer is required to cooperate with the Insurance Company in the review of claims and applications for coverage. Any information the Insurance Company provides in these areas is confidential and may not be used or released by the Employer if not permitted by applicable privacy laws.

### **Proof of Loss**

Written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, must be given to the Insurance Company within 90 days after the date of the loss for which a claim is made. If written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, is not given in that 90 day period, the claim will not be invalidated nor reduced if it is shown that it was given as soon as was reasonably possible. In any case, written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, must be given not more than one year after that 90 day period. If written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, is provided outside of these time limits, the claim will be denied. These time limits will not apply while the person making the claim lacks legal capacity.

Written proof, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, that the loss continues must be furnished to the Insurance Company at intervals required by us. Within 30 days of a request, written proof of continued Disability and Appropriate Care by a Physician must be given to the Insurance Company.

### **Time of Payment**

Disability Benefits will be paid at regular intervals of not less frequently than once a month. Any balance, unpaid at the end of any period for which the Insurance Company is liable, will be paid at that time.



**To Whom Payable**

Disability Benefits will be paid to the Employee. If any person to whom benefits are payable is a minor or, in the opinion of the Insurance Company, is not able to give a valid receipt, such payment will be made to his or her legal guardian. However, if no request for payment has been made by the legal guardian, the Insurance Company may, at its option, make payment to the person or institution appearing to have assumed custody and support.

If an Employee dies while any Disability Benefits remain unpaid, the Insurance Company may, at its option, make direct payment to any of the following living relatives of the Employee: spouse, mother, father, children, brothers or sisters; or to the executors or administrators of the Employee's estate. The Insurance Company may reduce the amount payable by any indebtedness due.

Payment in the manner described above will release the Insurance Company from all liability for any payment made.

**Physical Examination and Autopsy**

The Insurance Company, at its expense, will have the right to examine any person for whom a claim is pending as often as it may reasonably require. The Insurance Company may, at its expense, require an autopsy unless prohibited by law.

**Legal Actions**

No action at law or in equity may be brought to recover benefits under the Policy less than 60 days after written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by the Insurance Company, has been furnished as required by the Policy. No such action shall be brought more than 3 years after the time satisfactory proof of loss is required to be furnished.

**Time Limitations**

If any time limit stated in the Policy for giving notice of claim or proof of loss, or for bringing any action at law or in equity, is less than that permitted by the law of the state in which the Employee lives when the Policy is issued, then the time limit provided in the Policy is extended to agree with the minimum permitted by the law of that state.

**Physician/Patient Relationship**

The Insured will have the right to choose any Physician who is practicing legally. The Insurance Company will in no way disturb the Physician/patient relationship.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

### **Premiums**

The premiums for this Policy will be based on the rates currently in force, the plan and the amount of insurance in effect.

### **Changes in Premium Rates**

The premium rates may be changed by the Insurance Company from time to time with at least 31 days advance written notice. No change in rates will be made until 12 months after the Effective Date. An increase in rates will not be made more often than once in a 12 month period. However, the Insurance Company reserves the right to change the rates even during a period for which the rate is guaranteed, if any of the following events take place.

1. The Policy terms change.
2. A division, subsidiary, eligible company, or class is added or deleted.
3. There is a change of more than 10% in the number of Insureds.
4. Federal or state laws or regulation affecting benefit obligations change.
5. Other changes occur in the nature of the risk that would affect the Insurance Company's original risk assessment.
6. The Insurance Company determines the Employer fails to furnish necessary information.

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

### **Reporting Requirements**

The Employer must, upon request, give the Insurance Company any information required to determine who is insured, the amount of insurance in force and any other information needed to administer the plan of insurance.

### **Payment of Premium**

The first premium is due on the Policy Effective Date. After that, premiums will be due monthly unless the Employer and the Insurance Company agree on some other method of premium payment.

If any premium is not paid when due, the plan will be canceled as of the Premium Due Date, except as provided in the Policy Grace Period section.

### **Notice Of Cancellation**

The Employer or the Insurance Company may cancel the policy as of any Premium Due Date by giving 31 days advance written notice. If a premium is not paid when due, the Policy will automatically be canceled as of the Premium Due Date, except as provided in the Policy Grace Period section.

### **Policy Grace Period**

A Policy Grace Period of 31 days will be granted for the payment of the required premiums under this Policy. This Policy will be in force during the Policy Grace Period. The Employer is liable to the Insurance Company for any unpaid premium for the time this Policy was in force.

### **Grace Period for the Insured**

If the required premium is not paid on the Premium Due Date, there is a 31 day grace period after each premium due date after the first. If the required premium is not paid during the grace period, insurance will end on the last day for which premium was paid.

**Reinstatement of Insurance**

An Employee's insurance may be reinstated if it ends because he or she is on an unpaid leave of absence. If an Employee's Active Service ended due to an approved leave pursuant to the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and Continuation of Insurance is not applicable, an Employee's insurance may be reinstated at the conclusion of the FMLA leave.

If an Employee's Active Service ends due to an Employer approved unpaid leave of absence, other than an approved FMLA leave, insurance may be reinstated only:

1. If the reinstatement occurs within 12 weeks from the date insurance ends, or
2. When returning from military service pursuant to the Uniformed Services Employment Act of 1994 (USERRA).

For insurance to be reinstated the following conditions must be met:

1. An Employee must be in a Class of Eligible Employees.
2. The required premium must be paid.
3. The Insurance Company must receive a written request for reinstatement within 31 days from the date an Employee returns to Active Service.

Reinstated insurance will be effective on the date the Employee returns to Active Service. If an Employee did not fully satisfy the Eligibility Waiting Period or the Pre-Existing Condition Limitation (if any) before insurance ended due to an unpaid leave of absence, credit will be given for any time that was satisfied.

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**GENERAL PROVISIONS****Entire Contract**

The entire contract will be made up of the Policy, the application of the Employer, a copy of which is attached to the Policy, and the applications, if any, of the Insureds.

**Incontestability**

All statements made by the Employer or by an Insured are representations not warranties. No statement will be used to deny or reduce benefits or as a defense to a claim, unless a copy of the instrument containing the statement has been furnished to the claimant. In the event of death or legal incapacity, the beneficiary or representative must receive the copy.

After two years from an Insured's effective date of insurance, or from the effective date of any added or increased benefits, no such statement will cause insurance to be contested except for fraud or eligibility for coverage.

**Misstatement of Age**

If an Insured's age has been misstated, the Insurance Company will adjust all benefits to the amounts that would have been purchased for the correct age.

**Policy Changes**

No change in the Policy will be valid until approved by an executive officer of the Insurance Company. This approval must be endorsed on, or attached to, the Policy. No agent may change the Policy or waive any of its provisions.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance**

The Policy is not in lieu of and does not affect any requirements for insurance under any Workers' Compensation Insurance Law.

**Certificates**

A certificate of insurance will be delivered to the Employer for delivery to Insureds. Each certificate will list the benefits, conditions and limits of the Policy. It will state to whom benefits will be paid.

**Assignment of Benefits**

The Insurance Company will not be affected by the assignment of an Insured's certificate until the original assignment or a certified copy of the assignment is filed with the Insurance Company. The Insurance Company will not be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of an assignment. An assignment of benefits will operate so long as the assignment remains in force provided insurance under the Policy is in effect. This insurance may not be levied on, attached, garnisheed, or otherwise taken for a person's debts. This prohibition does not apply where contrary to law.

**Clerical Error**

A person's insurance will not be affected by error or delay in keeping records of insurance under the Policy. If such an error is found, the premium will be adjusted fairly.

**Agency**

The Employer and Plan Administrator are agents of the Employee for transactions relating to insurance under the Policy. The Insurance Company is not liable for any of their acts or omissions.

**Ownership of Records**

All records maintained by the Insurance Company are, and shall remain, the property of the Insurance Company.

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**DEFINITIONS**

Please note, certain words used in this document have specific meanings. These terms will be capitalized throughout this document. The definition of any word, if not defined in the text where it is used, may be found either in this Definitions section or in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Accident**

An Accident is a sudden, unforeseeable external event that causes bodily Injury to an Insured while coverage is in force under the Policy.

**Active Service**

An Employee is in Active Service on a day which is one of the Employer's scheduled work days if either of the following conditions are met.

1. The Employee is performing his or her regular occupation for the Employer on a Full-time basis.
2. The day is a scheduled holiday or vacation day and the Employee was performing his or her regular occupation on the preceding scheduled work day.

An Employee is in Active Service on a day which is not one of the Employer's scheduled work days only if he or she was in Active Service on the preceding scheduled work day.

**Annual Enrollment Period**

The period in each calendar year when an eligible Employee may enroll for or change benefit elections under the Policy. This period must be agreed upon by the Employer and the Insurance Company.

**Appropriate Care**

Appropriate Care means the Employee:

1. Has received treatment, care and advice from a Physician who is qualified and experienced in the diagnosis and treatment of the conditions causing Disability. If the condition is of a nature or severity that it is customarily treated by a recognized medical specialty, the Physician is a practitioner in that specialty.
2. Continues to receive such treatment, care or advice as often as is required for treatment of the conditions causing Disability.
3. Adheres to the treatment plan prescribed by the Physician, including the taking of medications.

**Disability Earnings**

Any wage or salary for any work performed for any employer during the Employee's Disability, including commissions, bonus, overtime pay or other extra compensation.

**Employee**

For eligibility purposes, an Employee is an employee of the Employer in one of the "Classes of Eligible Employees." Otherwise, Employee means an employee of the Employer who is insured under the Policy.

**Employer**

The Policyholder and any affiliates or subsidiaries covered under the Policy. The Employer is acting as an agent of the Insured for transactions relating to this insurance. The actions of the Employer shall not be considered the actions of the Insurance Company.

**Full-time**

Full-time means the number of hours set by the Employer as a regular work day for Employees in the Employee's eligibility class.

**Furlough**

Furlough means a temporary suspension or alteration of Active Service initiated by the Employer, for a period of time specified in advance not to exceed 30 days at a time.

**Good Cause**

A medical reason preventing participation in the Rehabilitation Plan. Satisfactory proof of Good Cause must be provided to the Insurance Company.

**Injury**

Any accidental loss or bodily harm which results directly and independently of all other causes from an Accident.

**Initial Open Enrollment Period**

The period in the calendar year when an eligible Employee who was hired on or before the Policy Effective Date may enroll for the first time for Insurance Benefits under this Policy. This period must be agreed upon by the Employer and the Insurance Company. Refer to Initial Open Enrollment under the Enrolling for Insurance section of the Policy shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Insurability Requirement**

An eligible person will satisfy the Insurability Requirement for an amount of coverage on the day the Insurance Company agrees in writing to accept him or her as insured for that amount. To determine a person's acceptability for coverage, the Insurance Company will require evidence of good health and may require it be provided at the Employee's expense.

**Insurance Company**

The Insurance Company underwriting the Policy is named on the Policy cover page.

**Insured**

A person who is eligible for insurance under the Policy, for whom insurance is elected, the required premium is paid and coverage is in force under the Policy.

**Life Status Change**

A Life Status Change is an event recognized by the Employer's Flexible Benefits Plan as qualifying an Employee to make changes in benefit selections at a time other than an Annual Enrollment Period.

If there is no Employer sponsored Flexible Benefits Plan, or if it is no longer in effect, the following events are Life Status Changes.

1. Marriage
2. Divorce, annulment or legal separation
3. Birth or adoption of a child
4. Death of a spouse
5. Termination of a spouse's employment
6. A change in the benefit plan available to the Employee's spouse
7. A change in the Employee's or spouse's employment status that affects either's eligibility for benefits

**Physician**

Physician means a licensed doctor practicing within the scope of his or her license and rendering care and treatment to an Insured that is appropriate for the condition and locality. The term does not include an Employee, an Employee's spouse, the immediate family (including parents, children, siblings or spouses of any of the foregoing, whether the relationship derives from blood or marriage), of an Employee or spouse, or a person living in an Employee's household.

**Prior Plan**

The Prior Plan refers to the plan of insurance providing similar benefits sponsored by the Employer in effect directly prior to the Policy Effective Date. A Prior Plan will include the plan of an employer in effect on the day prior to:

1. That employer's addition to this policy; or
2. With the approval of the Insurance Company, the addition of all employees, or all of a defined group of employees, of an employer, as a result of an agreement to which that employer (or a parent or shareholder of that employer) is a party.

To be covered under the Policy, required premium must be paid for all covered Employees.

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**Regular Occupation**

The occupation the Employee routinely performs at the time the Disability begins. In evaluating the Disability, the Insurance Company will consider the duties of the occupation as it is normally performed in the general labor market in the national economy. It is not work tasks that are performed for a specific employer or at a specific location.

**Sickness**

Any physical or mental illness.

**Temporary Layoff**

Temporary Layoff means a temporary suspension of Active Service for a period of time determined in advance by the Employer, other than a Furlough as defined. Temporary Layoff does not include the permanent termination of Active Service (including but not limited to a job elimination), which shall be treated as termination of employment.

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**AMENDATORY RIDER**

Policyholder: Colquitt Regional Medical Center

Policy No : VDT-980245

Effective Date : January 1, 2025

Applicable to Class(es): All Classes

This Amendatory Rider is attached to and made part of the Policy specified above.

The Company and the Policyholder hereby agree that the Policy is amended to include the following provision:

The Insurance Company may provide, or arrange for third parties to provide Eligible Participants services that are related to the benefits provided by the Policy, including services that would help to mitigate losses for which claims are paid, or their effects on Eligible Participants. These programs may be extended, modified or terminated at our discretion. The Insurance Company will provide the Policyholder with detailed information regarding these services and notice of any changes to these services. Services are the responsibility of the service providers the Insurance Company has retained. Some services may include discounts on additional services for which a charge may be made. Participation and use of services is voluntary and does not affect benefits under the Policy.

These services include but are not limited to the following:

**Health Care Support Services**

The Insurance Company has arranged for a third party provider to provide or arrange access for Eligible Participants to receive information and assistance to assist them in utilizing the benefits of their health care programs, which shall include (i) information concerning medical terms, tests, medications and treatments; (ii) identification of in-network and other primary health care providers, specialists, sources for second opinions, and ancillary services such as hospice, home care, medical equipment, and elder care facilities; (iii) assistance with pre-authorizations, referrals, and transfer of records; and (iv) assistance with understanding and resolving benefit claim issues. These services are not and do not include insurance benefits, medical, health care or legal services.

“Eligible Participants” mean an insured Employee and their family members.

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## **Employee Assistance Program**

The Insurance Company has arranged for a third party provider to provide access to an Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to Eligible Participants. This program includes confidential consultation and referral services for issues involving mental health, substance abuse, and other problems of daily living, by telephone, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. In an emergency, trained clinicians will be available to address the situation and make a referral to a local counselor or crisis intervention center.

Eligible Participants may receive up to three in-person or virtual visits per issue per calendar year. Fees for clinical services other than assessment, referral and clinical visits in excess of three visits per person per issue per year will be the Eligible Participant's responsibility.

"Eligible Participants" mean an insured Employee and their family members.

## **Money Coaching Services**

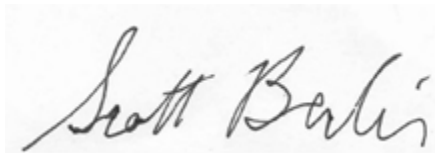
The Insurance Company will provide or will arrange for a third party provider to make available a 30 day money coaching program to Eligible Participants. This program will consist of (1) performing a financial needs analysis and creating a short-term plan to address the most severe financial needs; (2) working with the Eligible Participants to develop mid-term and longer-term financial goals; and (3) helping the Eligible Participants develop good money management habits. No financial products or services will be offered or sold to Eligible Participants in connection with this money coaching program.

In addition, we will make available web-based educational resources, including resources to assist Eligible Participants with the preparation of wills and similar legal documents, and discounted tax preparation services by a third party provider.

"Eligible Participants" mean an insured Employee and their household members.

Except as provided above, this Rider does not amend the terms of the Policy.

## **LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA**

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Scott Berlin, President

**STATE MODIFYING PROVISIONS AMENDMENT RIDER**  
**Group Disability**

Policyholder Name: Colquitt Regional Medical Center

Policy No.: VDT-980245

Amendment Effective Date: January 1, 2025

This amendment is attached to and made part of the Policy/Certificate specified above. Its provisions are intended to conform this Policy/Certificate to the laws of the state in which the insured resides.

The Policy delivered under the Group Policy is amended as follows:

**IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR STATE REQUIREMENTS**

If an Employee resides in one of the following states, the provisions of the certificate are modified for residents of the following states. The modifications listed apply only to residents of that state.

**Louisiana residents:**

The percentage of Covered Earnings, if any, that qualifies an insured to meet the definition of Disability/Disabled may not be less than 80%.

**Massachusetts residents:**

**Continuation of Insurance after leaving the group**

If an Employee leaves the group covered under the Policy, insurance for such Employee will be continued until the earliest of the following dates:

1. 31 days from the date the Employee leaves the group;
2. The date the Employee becomes eligible for similar benefits.

**Continuation of Insurance due to a Plant Closing or Partial Closing**

If an Employee leaves the group due to termination of employment resulting from a Plant Closing or Partial Closing, insurance for such Employee will be continued until the earliest of the following dates:

1. 90 days from the date of the Plant Closing or Partial Closing;
2. The date the Employee becomes eligible for similar benefits.

**Definitions:** For purposes of this provision:

**Plant Closing** means a permanent cessation or reduction of business at a facility which results or will result as determined by the director in the permanent separation of at least 90% of the employees of said facility within a period of six months prior to the date of certification or with such other period as the director shall prescribe, provided that such period shall fall within the six month period prior to the date of certification.

**Partial Closing** means a permanent cessation of a major discrete portion of the business conducted at a facility which results in the termination of a significant number of the employees of said facility and which affects workers and communities in a manner similar to that of Plant Closings.

**Minnesota residents:**

The Pre-existing Condition Limitation, if any, may not be longer than 24 months from the insured's most recent effective date of insurance.

**Oregon residents:****NOTICE: MUST PROVIDE DOMESTIC PARTNER COVERAGE FOR OREGON RESIDENTS**

If the Policy provides coverage/benefits to a Spouse, a *Domestic Partner* will be afforded the same coverage/benefits provided to a Spouse.

1. Domestic Partner means any of the following:

A person with whom the Employee has a registered domestic partnership under Oregon law which imposes legal obligations on the parties substantially similar to marriage. Such person will continue to be recognized as a Domestic Partner unless and until: (1) the domestic partnership is dissolved under applicable law; or (2) either the Employee or the Domestic Partner marries another person.

2. The Spouse Rehabilitation Benefit and Survivor Benefit (if any) are modified in the Policy and Certificate as follows:

All references to the term "Spouse" are replaced by "Spouse or Domestic Partner" except for the following references:

- a. The first reference to "Spouse" in the Survivor Benefit text is changed to "Spouse or Domestic Partner" if there is no Spouse".
- b. The text pertaining to the definition of "Spouse" remains unchanged.

3. Survivor benefits (if any) will be payable as follows: (1) to the Employee's spouse or Domestic Partner; (2) if there is none, in equal shares to the Employee's surviving Children; or (3) if there is none, to the Employee's estate.

4. A child of a Domestic Partner may only be eligible for benefits if:

- a. the child is primarily dependent on the Employee for financial support; or
- b. the Employee has a legal obligation of support of the child; or
- c. the Employee is the child's legal guardian.

**Texas residents:**

Any provision offsetting or otherwise reducing any benefit by an amount payable under an individual or franchise policy will not apply.

**Vermont Residents:**

To the extent the Policy provides insurance coverage to a spouse, the identical consideration must be applied to same sex marriages and civil unions. The language is as follows:

1. Civil Union Partner means:
  - a. A person with whom the Employee has a registered civil union under Vermont law which imposes obligations on the parties substantially similar to marriage. Such person will continue to be recognized as a Civil Union Partner unless and until:
    - (1) the civil union is dissolved under applicable law; or
    - (2) either the Employee or the Civil Union Partner marries another person.
2. Spouse means:
  - a. "Lawful spouse" and includes a lawful spouse of the same sex.
  - b. This also includes a partner to a civil union recognized under Vermont Law.

**Washington residents:**

NOTICE: Any domestic partner of an employee who is registered as a domestic partner under Washington state law, will be deemed to be eligible on the same basis as a Spouse.

PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE WHICH DESCRIBES THE BENEFIT PROVISIONS AND LIMITATIONS APPLICABLE TO YOU AS A RESIDENT OF THIS STATE.

**Life Insurance Company of North America**

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Scott Berlin, President

**RECEIPT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FORM**  
**LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA**  
**PHILADELPHIA, PA 19192-2235**

We, Colquitt Regional Medical Center, whose main office address is Moultrie, GA, hereby approve and accept the terms of Group Policy Number VDT-980245 issued by the LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA. We acknowledge that benefits will be provided in accordance with the terms and provisions of the policy, which will be the sole contract under which benefits are paid.

This application is to be signed.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Colquitt Regional Medical Center