## Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**Employee Term Life Coverage Dependents Term Life Coverage** 



## **Disclosure Notice**

#### FOR ARKANSAS RESIDENTS

Prudential's Customer Service Office:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America Prudential Group Life Claim Division P.O. Box 8517 Philadelphia, PA 19176 1-800-524-0542

If Prudential fails to provide you with reasonable and adequate service, you may contact:

Arkansas Insurance Department Consumer Services Division 1200 West Third Street Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1904 1-800-852-5494

#### FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS

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

#### FOR INDIANA RESIDENTS

Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America (800) 524-0542

If you (a) need the assistance of the governmental agency that regulates insurance; or (b) have a complaint you have been unable to resolve with your insurer you may contact the Department of Insurance by mail, telephone or e-mail:

State of Indiana Department of Insurance Consumer Services Division 311 West Washington Street, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Consumer Hotline: (800) 622-4461; (317) 232-2395

Complaints can be filed electronically at www.in.gov/idoi.

#### FOR MARYLAND RESIDENTS

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

#### FOR VERMONT RESIDENTS

The coverage provided in this certificate is not subject to regulation by the State of Vermont.

#### FOR WISCONSIN RESIDENTS

#### KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS

Problems with Your Insurance? – If you are having problems with your insurance company or agent, do not hesitate to contact the insurance company or agent to resolve your problem.

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You can also contact the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, a state agency which enforces Wisconsin's insurance laws, and file a complaint. You can contact the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance by contacting:

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance Complaints Department P.O. Box 7873 Madison, WI 53707-7873 1-800-236-8517 608-266-0103

#### THIS NOTICE IS FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS ONLY

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### AVISO IMPORTANTE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

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

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

#### 1-800-252-3439

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You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:

P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 Fax: (512) 475-1771 P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 Fax: (512) 475-1771

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

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

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

#### PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

## DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

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

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

## ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

#### **UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:**

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

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

### **Disclosure Notice**

#### NOTE:

IF YOU EXERCISE THIS OPTION, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT:

- ANY PAYMENT MADE UNDER THIS OPTION MAY BE TAXABLE.
- YOUR ABILITY TO RECEIVE CERTAIN GOVERNMENT BENEFITS OR ENTITLEMENTS MAY BE AFFECTED.

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK THE HELP OF A PROFESSIONAL TAX AND/OR LEGAL ADVISOR FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits For a Terminally III or Injured Employee: Your Group Life plan includes an option to give you flexibility in how your group life insurance benefits will be paid. If you become terminally ill or injured, this option may allow you to have part of your life insurance benefits, which would otherwise be paid at your death, to be paid in advance to you while you are alive.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to elect this option, you must furnish proof satisfactory to Prudential that your life expectancy is 6 months or less, including certification by a qualified doctor. Election of this option is also subject to the Rules below.

**Amount of Benefit:** The amount to be paid under this option is 75% of the amount of your life insurance benefits, but not more than \$250,000. You may elect to have the money in one sum or 6 equal monthly payments.

**Effect of Option:** If you elect this option, the amount of your life insurance benefits payable to your beneficiary on your death will be reduced by the advanced payment. Also, if you are contributing for your life insurance benefits, the amount of your contribution will be adjusted based on the amount of insurance remaining in force.

**Rules:** You cannot elect this option if your life insurance benefits are assigned. This option is available to you on a voluntary basis only. You are not eligible for it if: (1) you are required to use it to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise; or (2) you are required by a government agency to use it in order to apply for, get or keep a government benefit or entitlement. You can elect this option only once.

**Termination of the Group Contract or your Life Insurance Benefits:** This option is available only while your life insurance benefits are in force under the group contract or while your life insurance protection is being continued under an extension of benefits. If your life insurance benefits end for any reason, including termination of the group contract, and the insurance is not being continued under an extended benefit, this option will also terminate.

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#### THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

Employee: The Employee whose signature appears on the Foreword.

## Certificate of Coverage

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Foreword**

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

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

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This Booklet is an important document and should be kept in a safe place. This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage made a part of this Booklet together form your Group Insurance Certificate. Sign your name in the space below when you receive this Booklet.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN

STATES: There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions under the Coverage(s) described in this Group Insurance Certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your Coverage(s) and are made a part of your Group Insurance Certificate. Prudential has a website that describes these state-specific requirements. You may access the website at www.prudential.com/etonline. When you access the website, you will be asked to enter your state of residence and your Access Code. Your Access Code is 91475.

If you are unable to access this website, want to receive a printed copy of these requirements or have any questions, call Prudential at 1-866-439-9026.

Signature of Employee	

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## Schedule of Benefits

**Covered Classes:** The "Covered Classes" are these Employees of the Contract Holder (and its Associated Companies): All Permanent full-time Employees and Permanent part-time Employees who work at least 50% of full-time hours in agencies who participate in the Commonwealth's Human Resources/Payroll system.

**Program Date:** July 1, 2013. This Booklet describes the benefits under the Group Program as of the Program Date.

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

#### OPTIONAL EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE COVERAGE

You may enroll for one of the options below. The option for which you enroll will be recorded by Prudential.

#### **BENEFIT AMOUNTS:**

#### Amount For Each Benefit Class:

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

<sup>\*</sup>If this amount is not a multiple of \$1,000, it will be rounded to the nearer multiple of \$1,000 with \$500 rounded up.

Maximum Amount: \$500,000.

The Definitions section explains what "Earnings" means.

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

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

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

Non-medical Limit: The lesser of (1) 100% of your annual Earnings and (2) \$100,000.

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

**Increases and Decreases:** You may elect to have your amount of insurance under the Coverage changed within 60 days of a Life Event. You must do this on a form approved by Prudential and agree to make any required contributions.

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

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

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

The "Definitions" section explains what "Life Event" means.

**Changing Plans at Annual Enrollment:** You may enroll for Optional Employee Term Life Coverage or you may elect to have your amount of insurance under the Coverage changed during the Annual Enrollment Period. You must do this on a form approved by Prudential and agree to make any required contributions.

You must give evidence of insurability if: (a) you enroll more than 60 days after you first could have been covered; or (b) if you request an increase of more than one option. Changes will become effective on the date designated by Prudential. But a new enrollment or an increase of more than one option, which are subject to evidence, will be effective on the date Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory, if this date is later. The Delay of Effective Date section applies to all changes except decreases.

Any Non-medical Limit will apply to an increased amount of coverage.

The "Definitions" section explains what "Annual Enrollment Period" means.

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

#### OPTIONAL DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE COVERAGE

The amount of insurance is the amount for your Benefit Class. You may enroll your Qualified Dependents for the plan shown below. The amount for which you enroll will be recorded by Prudential. Your Benefit Class is determined by the classification of your dependents and the amount for which you enroll as shown in this table.

Qualified Dependents Amount of Insurance\*
Classification

Your spouse or Domestic Partner Any multiple of \$10,000.

Maximum Amount: \$100,000.

Your children

Option 1 \$5,000.

Option 2 \$10,000.

\* The amount of insurance on a dependent will not exceed 100% of the amount for which you are insured under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage.

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

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

Non-medical Limit: \$20,000.

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

**Increases and Decreases:** You may elect to have the amount of insurance on your dependents changed within 60 days of a Life Event. You must do this on a form approved by Prudential and agree to make any required contributions.

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

If the amount of insurance on your spouse or Domestic Partner at any time is more than the Non-medical Limit, you must give evidence of insurability for your spouse or Domestic Partner satisfactory to Prudential before the part over the limit can become effective. (See the Non-medical Limit on Amount of Insurance for Your Spouse or Domestic Partner provision above.)

83500 BSB 1009 If you request an increase in the amount of insurance on a dependent child, the amount of insurance on that child will be increased on the date of your written request or, if later, when that child is not home or hospital confined for medical care or treatment. Evidence of insurability is not required for an increase in the amount of insurance on a child.

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

The "Definitions" section explains what "Life Event" means.

**Changing Plans at Annual Enrollment:** You may enroll for Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage or you may elect to have your amount of insurance for your dependents under the Coverage changed during the Annual Enrollment Period. You must do this on a form approved by Prudential and agree to make any required contributions.

You must give evidence of insurability if: (a) you enroll for your dependent more than 60 days after the dependent first could have been covered; or (b) if you request an increase for your spouse or Domestic Partner. Changes will become effective on the date designated by Prudential. But a new enrollment or an increase for your spouse or Domestic Partner, which are subject to evidence, will be effective on the date Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory, if this date is later.

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

The Delay of Effective Date section applies to all changes except decreases.

Any Non-medical Limit for your spouse or Domestic Partner will apply to an increased amount of coverage.

The "Definitions" section explains what "Annual Enrollment Period" means.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Contract Holder: COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

Group Contract No.: LG-91475-PA-1

**Associated Agencies:** Associated Agencies are agencies of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania that participate in the group life insurance program and are reported to Prudential in writing for inclusion under the Group Contract, provided that Prudential has approved such request.

**Cost of Insurance:** The insurance in this Booklet is Contributory Insurance. You will be informed of the amount of your contribution when you enroll. Any contribution due but unpaid at your death will be deducted from the death benefit.

#### Prudential's Address:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America Life Plan Management P.O. Box 13676 Philadelphia, PA 19176 1-800-893-7316

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#### WHEN YOU HAVE A CLAIM

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

If you do not have a claim form, contact Prudential.

## Who is Eligible to Become Insured

#### FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

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

- You are a permanent full-time or part-time Employee of the Employer; and
- You are in a Covered Class; and
- You have completed the Employment Waiting Period, if any. The Employment Waiting Period for your class is: None.

You are permanent full-time or permanent part-time if you are regularly working for the Employer at least 50% of full-time hours per week in agencies who participate in the Commonwealth's Human Resource/Payroll system.

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

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

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

#### FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

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

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

#### **Qualified Dependents:**

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

Your spouse or Domestic Partner.

Your Domestic Partner is a person of the same or opposite sex who:

- (a) you report in an affidavit of domestic partnership satisfactory to Prudential; and
- (b) is an unmarried adult over the age of 18; and
- (c) has lived with you for at least 6 consecutive months prior to the person's enrollment in the Program; and

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- (d) has a serious and committed relationship with you; and
- (e) is not legally married nor a Domestic Partner to anyone else; and
- (f) is financially interdependent with you; and
- (g) is not otherwise a Qualified Dependent under the Program.

Either a spouse or a Domestic Partner may be a Qualified Dependent under the Program at any one time, but not both at the same time.

Your unmarried children 14 days to 19 years old.

Your children include your legally adopted children, children placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption, and each of your stepchildren, Domestic Partner's children, and foster children who depends on you for support and maintenance. A child placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption is considered your Qualified Dependent from the date of placement for adoption, and is treated as though the child were a newborn child born to you.

#### **Exceptions:**

- (1) The age 19 limit does not apply to a child who:
  - (a) wholly depends on you for support and maintenance;
  - (b) is enrolled as a full-time student in a school; and
  - (c) is less than the Student Age Limit.

Student Age Limit: 25.

- (2) Your spouse or Domestic Partner is not your Qualified Dependent while on active duty in the armed forces of any country.
- (3) Your child is not your Qualified Dependent while:
  - (a) on active duty in the armed forces of any country; or
  - (b) insured under any Employee Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract; or
  - (c) the child has protection under any Employee Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract after the child's insurance under that Coverage ends.

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

- (1) the Employee who became insured under the Group Contract with respect to the child, while the child was a Qualified Dependent of only that Employee; and otherwise
- (2) the Employee who has the longest continuous service with the Employer, based on the Contract Holder's records.

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

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### When You Become Insured

#### FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

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

- You have enrolled, if the Coverage is Contributory; and
- You are eligible for Employee Insurance; and
- You are in a Covered Class for that insurance; and
- You have met any evidence requirement for Employee Insurance; and
- Your insurance is not being delayed under the Delay of Effective Date section below; and
- That Coverage is part of the Group Contract.

For Contributory Insurance, you must enroll on a form approved by Prudential and agree to pay the required contributions. You may enroll for Contributory Insurance within 60 days of when you could first be covered, or within 60 days of a Life Event.

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

The "Definitions" section explains what "Life Event" means.

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

- (1) For Contributory Insurance, you enroll more than 60 days after you could first be covered.
- (2) You enroll after any of your insurance under the Group Contract ends because you did not pay a required contribution.
- (3) You wish to become insured for life insurance and have an individual life insurance contract which you obtained by converting your insurance under a Coverage of the Group Contract.
- (4) You have not met a previous evidence requirement. The evidence was required for you to become covered for an insurance, as a dependent or an Employee. That insurance is or was under any Prudential group contract for Employees of the Employer.

#### FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

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

- You have enrolled for Dependents Insurance under the Coverage, if the Coverage is Contributory.
- The person is your Qualified Dependent.

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

For Contributory Insurance, you must enroll on a form approved by Prudential and agree to pay the required contributions. You may enroll for Contributory Insurance within 60 days of when you could first be covered, or within 60 days of a Life Event.

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

The "Definitions" section explains what "Life Event" means.

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

- (1) For Contributory Insurance, you enroll for Dependents Insurance under a Coverage more than 60 days after you are first eligible for Dependents Insurance.
- (2) You enroll for Dependents Insurance after any insurance under the Group Contract ends because you did not pay a required contribution.
- (3) The Qualified Dependent is a person for whom a previous requirement for evidence of insurability has not been met. The evidence was required for that person to become covered for an insurance, as a dependent or an Employee. That insurance is or was under any Prudential group contract for Employees of the Employer.

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

- No Qualified Dependents.
- Qualified Dependent spouse or Domestic Partner only.
- Qualified Dependent spouse or Domestic Partner and children.
- Qualified Dependent children only.

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

Forms are available for reporting these changes.

## Delay of Effective Date

#### FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

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

#### FOR DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE COVERAGE

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

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

- (1) is your first Qualified Dependent; or
- (2) becomes a Qualified Dependent while you are insured for Dependents Insurance under that Coverage for any other Qualified Dependent.

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

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## Optional Employee Term Life Coverage

#### FOR YOU ONLY

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

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

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

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

- (1) within 31 days after you cease to be a Covered Person; and
- (2) while entitled (under Section C) to convert your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage to an individual contract.

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

#### C. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- (1) The total amount of all your life insurance then ending under the Group Contract reduced by the amount of group life insurance from any carrier for which you are or become eligible within the next 31 days.
- (2) \$10,000.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

- (1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and
- (2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for.

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

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

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

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

# Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits for a Terminally III or Injured Employee

#### Note:

- (1) If you elect this option, the amount of your Employee Term Life Insurance is reduced by any payment made under this option.
- (2) Any payment made under this option may be taxable. You are advised to seek the help of a professional tax advisor for assistance with any questions that you may have.

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

#### **Definitions**

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

**Option:** If you become a Terminally III or Injured Employee while insured under the Employee Term Life Insurance provision or while your death benefit protection is being extended under the Employee Term Life Coverage provision, you may elect to have the Terminal Condition Proceeds placed under this option. That election is subject to the rules set forth below. To exercise this option, you should use a claim form and follow the instructions on the form. If you do not have a claim form, contact your Employer. When payment is made under this option, Prudential will send you a benefit payment notice. The notice will indicate: (1) the amount of your Terminal Condition Proceeds; and (2) the amount of your Employee Term Life Insurance, if any, that remains in effect.

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

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

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

83500 LIF T 5018 **Amount Due But Unpaid at Your Death:** If you elect monthly installments and you die before all payments have been made, Prudential will pay your Beneficiary or Beneficiaries determined under the Beneficiary Rules in one sum. That sum will be the total of the payments that remain.

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

- (1) You must choose this option in writing in a form that satisfies Prudential.
- (2) You must furnish proof that satisfies Prudential that your life expectancy is 6 months or less, including certification by a Doctor.
- (3) Your Employee Term Life Insurance must not be assigned.
- (4) Terminal Condition Proceeds will be made available to you on a voluntary basis only. Therefore:
  - (a) If you are required by law to use this option to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise, you are not eligible for this benefit.
  - (b) If you are required by a government agency to use this option in order to apply for, get or keep a government benefit or entitlement, you are not eligible for this benefit.
- (5) You may elect this option only once.

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

## Right to Elect Term Life Coverage under the Portability Plan

This right applies to the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage under the Group Contract.

It describes when and how you may become covered for similar coverage under the Portability Plan when your Optional Employee Term Life Coverage under the Group Contract ends. The terms and conditions of the Portability Plan will not be the same as those under this Group Contract. The amount of insurance available under the Portability Plan may not be the same as the amount under this Group Contract.

#### RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE PORTABILITY PLAN

A right under this section is subject to the rest of these provisions.

You will have the right to apply for term life coverage under the Portability Plan if you meet all of these tests:

- (1) Your Optional Employee Term Life Coverage ends for any reason other than:
  - (a) your failure to pay, when due, any contribution required for it; or
  - (b) the end of your employment on account of your retirement; or
  - (c) the end of the Coverage for all Employees when such Coverage is replaced by group life insurance from any carrier for which you are or become eligible within the next 31 days.
- (2) You meet the Active Pay Status Requirement on the day your insurance ends.
- (3) You are less than age 80.
- (4) Your Amount of Insurance is at least \$20,000 under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage on the day your insurance ends.

#### PORTABILITY APPLICATION PERIOD

You have the right to apply for coverage under the Portability Plan during the Portability Application Period. Evidence of insurability is not required to become insured under the Portability Plan. But, if you submit evidence and Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory, you will pay lower premium rates.

The Portability Application Period is the 31 day period after your Optional Employee Term Life Coverage ends. But, if you have the right to convert your insurance under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage to an individual contract, it is the longer of:

- (1) the 31 day period after your Coverage ends; and
- (2) the number of days during which you have the right to convert your insurance under the Coverage to an individual life insurance contract as shown in the Coverage.

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#### **EFFECT OF CONVERSION PRIVILEGE**

The right to elect coverage under the Portability Plan is provided in lieu of the conversion privilege described in the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage, except as follows:

- (1) You may convert your amount of insurance under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage in excess of the maximum for term life coverage under the Portability Plan. This maximum is the lesser of 5 times your annual Earnings and \$1,000,000.
- (2) You may convert your insurance if you elected coverage under the Portability Plan, but Prudential decided that your evidence of insurability was not satisfactory.

If you elect to convert all of your insurance under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage to an individual contract, you may not elect to apply for coverage under the Portability Plan.

If, during the Portability Application Period, you apply for coverage under the Portability Plan and then elect to convert all of your insurance under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage to an individual contract, your coverage under the Portability Plan will not become effective.

The right to elect coverage under the Portability Plan does not affect your coverage under the Death Benefit During Conversion Period provision of the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PORTABILITY PLAN

The form, amount, first premium, and effective date will be as stated below.

**Form and Amount:** The form of term life coverage that Prudential then makes available under the Portability Plan. The terms and conditions of that coverage will not be the same as the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage under the Group Contract.

Amount: Not more than your amount of insurance under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage when your insurance ends, but not less than \$20,000.

The maximum amount of term life insurance under the Portability Plan is the lesser of 5 times your annual Earnings and \$1,000,000.

**First Premium:** The first premium is due to Prudential within 31 days of the date the first bill is issued.

Effective Date: The day after the Portability Application Period ends.

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## Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage

#### FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ONLY

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

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

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

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

- (1) within 31 days after ceasing to be a Covered Person; and
- (2) while entitled (under Section C) to a conversion of the insurance under this Coverage to an individual contract.

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

#### C. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

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

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

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

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

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

83500 DPL R 5062 Individual Contract Rules: The individual contract must conform to the following:

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

- (1) The total amount of all your Dependents Term Life Coverage on the dependent then ending under the Group Contract reduced by the amount of group life insurance from any carrier for which you are or become eligible with respect to the dependent within the next 31 days.
- (2) \$10,000.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

- (1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and
- (2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for.

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

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

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

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

\*If you and a dependent die in the same event and it cannot be determined who died first, the insurance will be payable as if that dependent died before you.

## Right to Elect Dependents Term Life Coverage under the Portability Plan

This right applies to the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage under the Group Contract.

It describes when and how your Qualified Dependents may become covered for similar coverage under the Portability Plan when your Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage under the Group Contract ends. The terms and conditions of the Portability Plan will not be the same as those under this Group Contract. The amount of insurance available under the Portability Plan may not be the same as the amount under this Group Contract.

#### RIGHT TO APPLY FOR COVERAGE UNDER THE PORTABILITY PLAN

A right under this section is subject to the rest of these provisions.

You will have the right to apply for dependents term life coverage under the Portability Plan for a Qualified Dependent if all of these tests are met:

- (1) The Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage on the dependent ends because your Optional Employee Term Life Coverage ends for any reason other than:
  - (a) your failure to pay, when due, any contribution required for it; or
  - (b) the end of your employment on account of your retirement; or
  - (c) the end of the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage for all Employees when such Coverage is replaced by group life insurance from any carrier for which you are or become eligible within the next 31 days.
- (2) You apply and become covered for term life coverage under the Portability Plan.
- (3) With respect to a dependent spouse or Domestic Partner, that spouse or Domestic Partner is less than age 80.
- (4) With respect to a dependent child, that child is:
  - (a) less than age 19; or
  - (b) less than age 23, enrolled as a full-time student in a school, and wholly depends on you for support and maintenance.
- (5) The dependent is covered for Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage on the day your Optional Employee Term Life Coverage ends.
- (6) The dependent is not confined for medical care or treatment, at home or elsewhere on the day your Optional Employee Term Life Coverage ends.

If you die, your spouse or Domestic Partner will have the right to apply for term life coverage under the Portability Plan if that spouse or Domestic Partner meets all of the tests in (3), (5) and (6) above.

If you die, your spouse or Domestic Partner will also have the right to apply for dependents term life coverage under the Portability Plan for a Qualified Dependent child if:

- (1) that spouse or Domestic Partner applies and becomes covered under the Portability Plan; and
- (2) that child meets all of the tests in (4), (5) and (6) above.

If you divorce or your Domestic Partner ceases to be a Qualified Dependent, your spouse or Domestic Partner will have the right to apply for term life coverage under the Portability Plan if:

- (1) the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage on your spouse or Domestic Partner ends due to divorce or your Domestic Partner ceasing to be a Qualified Dependent; and
- (2) that spouse or Domestic Partner is less than age 80; and
- (3) that spouse or Domestic Partner is not confined for medical care or treatment, at home or elsewhere on the day the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage on that spouse or Domestic Partner ends.

#### PORTABILITY APPLICATION PERIOD

You have the right to apply for dependents term life coverage under the Portability Plan for your dependents during the Portability Application Period. In the case of your death or divorce or your Domestic Partner ceasing to be a Qualified Dependent, your spouse or Domestic Partner has the right to apply for coverage under the Portability Plan during the Portability Application Period. Evidence of insurability is not required for a dependent to become insured under the Portability Plan. But, if evidence of insurability is submitted for your spouse or Domestic Partner and Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory, you or, in the case of your death or divorce or your Domestic Partner ceasing to be a Qualified Dependent, your spouse or Domestic Partner will pay lower premium rates for your spouse's or Domestic Partner's coverage.

The Portability Application Period is the longer of:

- (1) the 31 day period after your Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage ends; and
- (2) either:
  - (a) the number of days during which you have the right to convert your insurance under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage to an individual life insurance contract as shown in that Coverage; or
  - (b) in the case of your death or divorce or your Domestic Partner ceasing to be a Qualified Dependent, the number of days during which your spouse or Domestic Partner has the right to convert the insurance under the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage to an individual life insurance contract as shown in that Coverage.

#### EFFECT OF CONVERSION PRIVILEGE

The right to elect coverage under the Portability Plan is provided in lieu of the conversion privilege described in the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage, except as follows:

(1) If a dependent's amount of insurance under the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage exceeds the lesser of 5 times your annual Earnings and \$1,000,000, the dependent may convert the excess amount.

83500 PORT 1006 (2) A spouse or Domestic Partner may convert the Dependents Insurance under the Coverage if coverage was elected under the Portability Plan, but Prudential decided that the evidence of insurability for that spouse or Domestic Partner was not satisfactory.

If a dependent elects to convert all of the insurance under the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage to an individual contract, you or, in the case of your death or divorce or your Domestic Partner ceasing to be a Qualified Dependent, your spouse or Domestic Partner may not elect to apply for coverage under the Portability Plan for that dependent.

If, during the Portability Application Period, you or, in the case of your death or divorce or your Domestic Partner ceasing to be a Qualified Dependent, your spouse or Domestic Partner applies for coverage under the Portability Plan for a dependent and that dependent then elects to convert all of the insurance under the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage to an individual contract, that dependent's coverage under the Portability Plan will not become effective.

The right to elect coverage under the Portability Plan does not affect a dependent's coverage under the Death Benefit During a Conversion Period provision of the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage.

#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE PORTABILITY PLAN

The form, amount, first premium, and effective date will be as stated below.

**Form and Amount:** The form of dependents term life coverage that Prudential then makes available under the Portability Plan. The terms and conditions of that coverage will not be the same as those under the Group Contract.

Amount: Not more than the amount of insurance on the dependent under the Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage when that insurance ends.

For each dependent, the maximum amount of dependents term life insurance under the Portability Plan is the lesser of 5 times your annual Earnings and \$1,000,000.

**First Premium:** The first premium is due to Prudential within 31 days of the date the first bill is issued.

**Effective Date:** The day after the Portability Application Period ends.

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## **General Information**

#### **BENEFICIARY RULES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you and a Beneficiary die in the same event and it cannot be determined who died first, the insurance will be payable as if that Beneficiary died before you.

#### MODE OF SETTLEMENT RULES

The rules in this section apply to Life Insurance payable on account of a Covered Person's death. But these rules are subject to the Limits on Assignments section.

Life Insurance is normally paid to the Beneficiary in one sum. Subject to applicable law, where the amount of the benefit meets Prudential's current minimum requirement, payment in one sum will be made by establishing a retained asset account in the Beneficiary's name, unless the Beneficiary elects another settlement or payment option available at the time of claim, and the benefit distribution will be deemed complete when the account is established. The retained asset account is an interest-bearing draft account backed by the financial strength of Prudential. Funds are held in Prudential's general account or elsewhere as Prudential may direct and an account in the Beneficiary's name is credited interest at a rate set by Prudential's discretion, subject to a minimum rate that will change no more than once every 90 days on advance notice to the Beneficiary. The Beneficiary is provided a draftbook and has immediate access to the entire amount by writing drafts for any amount up to the account balance. The retained asset account is not a bank account and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; it is a contractual undertaking between Prudential and the Beneficiary. Further information about the account is provided at the time of claim. Prudential may at its discretion provide other forms of payment in one sum. But another mode of settlement may be arranged with Prudential for all or part of the insurance, as stated below.

Arrangements for Mode of Settlement: You may arrange a mode of settlement by proper written request to Prudential.

If, at a Covered Person's death, no mode of settlement has been arranged for an amount of the person's Life Insurance, the Beneficiary and Prudential may then mutually agree on a mode of settlement for that amount.

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

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

Prudential has prepared information about the modes of settlement available.

#### INCONTESTABILITY OF LIFE INSURANCE

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

- (1) It will not be used in the contest unless:
  - (a) It is in a written instrument signed by the person and
  - (b) A copy of that instrument is or has been furnished to the person or to the person's Beneficiary.

83500 BBN 5026 (2) If it relates to the person's insurability, it will not be used to contest the validity of insurance which has been in force, before the contest, for at least two years during the person's lifetime.

#### LIMITS ON ASSIGNMENTS

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

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

- (1) the assignee, if living; or
- (2) the estate of the assignee, if the assignee is not living.

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

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

This Section applies to all Coverages providing Employee death benefits.

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

- (1) You were insured for group life insurance under another group contract. That contract was issued by Prudential or another insurance carrier to cover Employees of the Employer.
- (2) Your group life insurance under the other group contract ended.
- (3) An irrevocable and absolute gift assignment made by you was in effect. It was made before the other contract ended. That assignment was of all your rights, benefits and privileges of the group life insurance under the other group contract. Those rights were owned by the assignee or the assignee's successor.

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

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

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Active Pay Status Requirement:** A requirement that you be in an active pay status at the Employer's place of business, or at any other place that the Employer's business requires you to go.

**Annual Enrollment Period:** There is a period each year when you may enroll for coverage or request a change for the following calendar year. Prudential will notify you of when this Annual Enrollment Period begins and ends.

Calendar Year: A year starting January 1.

**Contributory Insurance:** Contributory Insurance is insurance for which the Contract Holder has the right to require your contributions. The Schedule of Benefits shows whether insurance under a Coverage is Contributory Insurance.

Coverage: A part of the Booklet consisting of:

- (1) A benefit page labeled as a Coverage in its title.
- (2) Any page or pages that continue the same kind of benefits.
- (3) A Schedule of Benefits entry and other benefit pages or forms that by their terms apply to that kind of benefits.

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

Dependents Insurance: Insurance on the person of a dependent.

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

**Earnings:** This is the gross amount of money paid to you by the Employer in cash for performing the duties required of your job. Premium or supplemental payment, overtime, shift differential, higher class pay and all other benefits are not included.

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

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

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

Injury: Injury to the body of a Covered Person.

**Life Event:** Any of the following which constitute a change in family status:

- (1) your marriage or divorce:
- (2) becoming or ceasing to be a Domestic Partner;
- (3) the death of your spouse, Domestic Partner, or child;
- (4) the birth or adoption of your child;
- (5) employment or termination of employment of your spouse or Domestic Partner;

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- (6) switching from part-time to full-time Employee status (or vice versa) by you or your spouse or Domestic Partner:
- (7) you or your spouse or Domestic Partner taking an unpaid leave of absence;
- (8) a significant change in your health coverage that is attributable to your spouse's or Domestic Partner's employment.

Prudential: The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

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

Total Disability: You are Totally Disabled when:

- (1) You are not working at any job for wage or profit; and
- (2) Due to Sickness, Injury, or both, you are not able to perform for wage or profit the material and substantial duties of any job.

Total and Permanent Disability: You are Totally and Permanently Disabled when:

(1) Total Disability exists; and

Your Total Disability is such that condition (2) of the Total Disability definition above will be met for the rest of your lifetime.

You:	An Employee.		

## When Your Insurance Ends

#### EMPLOYEE AND DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

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

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

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

**End of Employment:** For insurance purposes, your employment will end when you are no longer a permanent full-time or part-time Employee who meets the Active Pay Status Requirement for the Employer. But, under the terms of the Group Contract, the Contract Holder may consider you as still employed in the Covered Classes during certain types of absences from full-time or part-time work. The Contract Holder decides which Employees with those types of absences are to be considered as still employed, and for how long. In doing this, the Contract Holder must not discriminate among persons in like situations.

An Employee may be considered as still employed up to any time limit for the Employee's type of absence within the rules established and so designated to Prudential by the Contract Holder. When so considered, the Employee's insurance under a Coverage will be continued only while the Employee is paying contributions for it at the time and in the amounts that are required. But it will not be continued after it would end for a reason other than end of employment. The types of absences and the time limits are shown below.

#### TYPES OF ABSENCES AND TIME LIMITS:

An Employee absent from work due to disability will continue to be covered for Optional Employee Term Life insurance and for Optional Dependents Term Life insurance, provided the Employee gives Prudential satisfactory proof of Total and Permanent Disability that began while the Employee was insured and was less than age 65. Coverage will be extended for a period of one year from receipt of such proof. Coverage will continue during the disability if the Employee later provides satisfactory medical proof of continued disability when requested by Prudential, but not beyond the date the Employee reaches age 65. The coverage amount extended will be the amount for which the Employee was insured on the last date the Employee met the Active Pay Status Requirement. This section will only apply if satisfactory medical proof is submitted to Prudential within twelve months of the last premium payment. Premium payments are required during a continuance due to disability. Contact Prudential for the disability forms.

83500 BTE 5076 Retirement that is not classified by the Employer as Disability Retirement is not an eligible type of absence. The Optional Employee Term Life Coverage and Optional Dependents Term Life insurance for which you are insured will end when you retire from employment with the Employer.

If you go on leave without pay without benefits or terminate employment, Prudential will notify you of your options, if any, to continue your insurance.

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

- (1) The child is then mentally or physically incapable of earning a living. Prudential must receive proof of this within the next 31 days.
- (2) The child otherwise meets the definition of Qualified Dependent.

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

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# The Claims and Appeals section is not part of the Group Insurance Certificate.

#### **CLAIMS AND APPEALS**

#### Plan Benefits Provided by

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

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

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

#### **Claim Procedures**

#### 1. Determination of Benefits

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

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

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the denial,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the benefit determination was based,
- (c) a description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect a claim and an explanation of why such information is necessary,
- (d) a description of Prudential's appeals procedures and applicable time limits, and

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

#### 2. Appeals of Adverse Determination

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

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

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

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

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the determination was based,
- (c) a statement that you are entitled to receive upon request and free of charge reasonable access to, and make copies of, all records, documents and other information relevant to your benefit claim upon request,
- (d) a description of Prudential's review procedures and applicable time limits.
- (e) a statement that you have the right to obtain upon request and free of charge, a copy of internal rules or guidelines relied upon in making this determination, and
- (f) a statement describing any appeals procedures offered by the plan.

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

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

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

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

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