#### **Certificate of Insurance**



ZURICH AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY Schaumburg, Illinois

Having issued Basic Accident Policy Number GTU 5695509 to cover the eligible individuals of:

#### **Schaffer Extended Care Center**

The insurance evidenced by this **Certificate** provides **ACCIDENT** insurance only. It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Department of Financial Services. **IMPORTANT NOTICE—THIS POLICY DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SICKNESS.** 

This **Certificate** describes the main features of the **Policy**, but the **Policy** is the only contract under which benefit payments are made. If there is an inconsistency between the **Certificate** and the **Policy**, the **Policy** will govern.

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#### SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES

#### **CERTIFICATEHOLDER:**

Class I: All Active full-time, part-time and per diem Employees, excluding contract Employees of the **Policyholder** who are domiciled in the United States.

Class II: The eligible Spouse or Domestic Partner of a Covered Person.

**Class III:** The eligible **Dependent Child(ren)** of a **Covered Person**.

Note: If **You** suffer an **Injury** resulting in a **Covered Loss** and **You** are covered under more than one class, **We** will pay only one benefit, the largest benefit.

#### YOUR EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE:

A. For eligible individuals hired prior to January 1, 2021: The **Policy** effective date.

B. For eligible individuals hired on or after January 1, 2021:

The date of hire.

#### **SECTION II - SCHEDULE**

COVERAGES(S): Classes Covered

24 Hour **Accident** Protection, While on Business Trip, Class I

Excluding Corporate Owned or Leased Aircraft,

Passenger Only, H-2

24 Hour **Accident** Protection, While on a Specified Trip, Class II & III

Excluding Corporate Owned or Leased Aircraft,

Passenger Only, H-3

Exposure and Disappearance Coverage All

BENEFITS: Classes Covered

ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFIT All

**Principal Sum:** 

Class I: Four (4) times Your Base Annual Earnings\* to a maximum of \$1,000,000.

Class III: \$25,000 Class III: \$15,000

\* Base Annual Earnings means Your base annual pay excluding overtime, bonuses, commissions and special compensation.

Aggregate Limit of Liability per Covered Accident: \$5,000,000.

**Classes Covered** 

ACCIDENTAL DISMEMBERMENT All

AND PLEGIA BENEFIT

Principal Sum

Same as above.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS: Classes Covered

Critical Burn Benefit

All

Home Alteration and Vehicle Modification Benefit

All

Rehabilitation Benefit All

Seat Belt/Air Bag Benefit All
Therapeutic Counseling Benefit All
Travel Assistance Plan All

#### **SECTION III – DEFINITIONS**

**Accident** or **Accidental** means a sudden, unexpected, specific and abrupt event that occurs by chance at an identifiable time and place during the **Policy** term.

Active and Actively at Work describes You if You are able and available for active performance of all of Your regular duties. Short term absence because of a regularly scheduled day off, holiday, vacation day, jury duty, funeral leave, or personal time off is considered Actively at Work provided You are able and available for active performance of all of Your regular duties and were working the day immediately prior to the date of Your absence.

Aggregate Limit of Liability means the total benefits We will pay for a Covered Accident or Covered Accidents set forth in the Schedule. For purposes of the Aggregate Limit of Liability provision, Covered Accident or Covered Accidents will include a Covered Loss or Covered Losses arising out of a single event or related events or originating cause and includes a resulting Covered Loss or Covered Losses. If the total benefits under the Aggregate Limit of Liability is not enough to pay full benefits to each Insured, We will pay each one a reduced benefit based upon the proportion that the Aggregate Limit of Liability bears to the total benefits which would otherwise be paid.

Certificate means this Certificate for the Basic Accident Insurance Policy.

**Chartered Aircraft** means an aircraft operated by a company with an air carrier or commercial operating certificate issued by the Federal Aviation Administration or the equivalent certificate issued by a foreign government, which the **Policyholder** has the right to use for no more than ten (10) consecutive days and/or for no more than fifteen (15) days in a one (1) year period.

**Controlled** by, as used in the **Coverages** Section, means the **Policyholder** has the right to use a block of aircraft flight time for 25 or more hours in a one (1) year period or for 100 hours or more without a specified term, from a company which is in the business of providing aircraft for private use. A **Chartered Aircraft** will not be considered **Controlled** by the **Policyholder**.

**Coverage(s)** means the event or events described in the **Hazards** of the **Policy** to which benefits and additional benefits apply. The **Hazards** are listed in the **Coverages** Section on the Schedule.

Covered Accident means an Accident that results in a Covered Loss.

**Covered Injury** means an **Injury** directly caused by accidental means, which is independent of all other causes, results from a **Covered Accident**, occurs while **You** are insured under the **Policy**, and results in a **Covered Loss**.

**Covered Loss** means a loss which meets the requisites of one or more benefits or additional benefits, results from a **Covered Injury**, and for which benefits are payable under the **Policy**.

Covered Person means any person who has insurance under the terms of the Policy. It includes You.

Dependent means Your Spouse/Domestic Partner and Dependent Child(ren), as defined in this section.

**Dependent Child(ren)**, if used in the **Policy**, means **Your** unmarried **Child(ren)** and, those unmarried **Child(ren)** of **Your** legally married **Spouse**, and those unmarried **Child(ren)** as defined in the **Policyholder's** medical plan as on file and approved by **Us** of **Your Domestic Partner** from the moment of birth or upon placement with **You** for a legal adoption who rely on **You** for more than 50% of their support, and are either: 1) less than nineteen (19) years of age; 2) less than twenty-six (26) years of age and enrolled on a full-time basis in a college, university, or trade school, or who satisfy neither 1) nor 2), but who prior to his or her termination of coverage became incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental retardation or physical handicap. **Dependent Child(ren)** who take a leave of absence form a college, university or trade school due to illness shall be considered **Dependent Child(ren)** for a period of twelve months from the last day of attendance in school provided they are still less than 26 (twenty-six) years of age. The medical necessity of a leave of absence from school must be certified to by the student's attending physician who is licensed to practice in the state of New York. Written documentation of the illness must be submitted to **Us**.

**Domestic Partner** means as defined in the **Policyholder's** medical plan as on file and approved by **Us**.

Injury means a bodily Injury.

**Insured** means an individual who is eligible for **Coverage** under the **Policy** as provided in the Certificateholder part of the **Eligibility and Classification of Insureds** Section, and who completes the enrollment material, if required.

**Owned Aircraft** means an aircraft in which the **Policyholder** or a related company has legal or equitable title. Fractional ownership in a company which is in the business of providing aircraft for private use will be deemed to be equitable title in the aircraft used by the **Policyholder**.

Plan means the Plan design as described on the Schedule.

Policy means the Basic Accident Insurance Policy.

Policyholder means the group named on the front page of the Policy.

Specialized Aviation Activity means an aircraft while it is being used for one or more of the following activities:

acrobatic or stunt flying hang gliding aerial photography hunting

banner towing parachuting or skydiving bird or fowl herding pipe line inspection crop dusting power line inspection

crop seeding racing crop spraying skywriting

endurance tests test or experimental purpose

exploration fire fighting

flight on a rocket-propelled or rocket launched aircraft

flight which requires a special permit or waiver from the authority having jurisdiction over civil aviation, even though granted

**Spouse**, if used in this **Policy**, means **Your** legally married **Spouse**.

**Under lease**, as used in the **Coverages** Section, means an aircraft which the **Policyholder** does not own but has the right to use, under a written agreement, for more than ten (10) consecutive days and/or for more than fifteen (15) days in a one (1) year period. A **Chartered Aircraft** will not be considered **Under lease**.

We, Us, and Our refers to Zurich American Insurance Company.

You. Your refers to the Insured.

#### **SECTION IV – COVERAGES**

24 HOUR ACCIDENT PROTECTION WHILE ON BUSINESS TRIP, EXCLUDING CORPORATE OWNED OR LEASED AIRCRAFT, PASSENGER ONLY, H-2

Class I:

The **Hazards** insured against by the **Policy** are:

A Covered Injury sustained by You anywhere in the world while on the Business of the Policyholder during a business trip, subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions under this Policy.

**Coverage**, subject to limitations and exclusions, is provided between:

- A. the later of the time You leave the place where You normally work or live; and
- B. the earlier of the time You return to the place where You normally work or live.

#### **Hazard Limitations:**

Air travel **Coverage** is limited to a loss sustained during a trip, while **You** are a passenger, riding in or on, boarding or getting off:

- **A.** any civilian aircraft with a current and valid normal, transport, or commuter type standard airworthiness certificate as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration or its successor or an equivalent certification from a foreign government. This aircraft must be operated by a pilot with a current and valid:
  - 1. medical certificate; and
  - 2. pilot certificate with a proper rating to pilot such aircraft.
- **B.** any aircraft which is not subject to a certificate of airworthiness; whose design and customary and regular purpose is for transporting passengers; and which is operated by the Armed Forces of the United States of America or the Armed Forces of any foreign government.

#### **Hazard Exclusions:**

**Coverage** is not provided:

- **A.** If **You** are the pilot, operator, member of the crew or cabin attendant of any aircraft.
- **B.** For an assignment by the **Policyholder** or relocation that exceeds one hundred eighty (180) days in duration. Note: If an assignment exceeds one hundred eighty (180) days in duration, the location of the assignment will be considered the place of permanent assignment, and **You** will then have **Coverage** when traveling elsewhere on the **Business of the Policyholder**.
- **C.** Unless **We** have previously consented in writing to the use, **Coverage** is not provided for any loss, caused by, contributed to, resulting from riding in or on, boarding, or getting off:
  - 1. any aircraft other than those expressly stated in this Coverage;
  - 2. any aircraft Owned or Controlled by, or Under lease to the Policyholder;
  - any aircraft Owned or Controlled by, or Under lease to an Insured or a member of an Insured's family or household;
  - **4.** any aircraft operated by the **Policyholder** or one of the **Policyholder's** employees including members of an employee's family or household;
  - 5. any aircraft engaged in a Specialized Aviation Activity;
  - 6. any conveyance used for tests or experimental purposes, or in a race or speed test.

#### **Hazard Definitions:**

- **Business of the Policyholder** means an assignment by or at the direction of the **Policyholder** to further the business of the **Policyholder**. It does not include an **Accident** occurring during usual travel to and from work; bona fide leaves of absence or vacation. It does include a **Personal Deviation** and **Side Trips** of a personal nature.
- **Personal Deviation** means non-business activities undertaken while on the **Business of the Policyholder**, but unrelated to furthering the **Business of the Policyholder**.
- **Side Trip** means non-business travel of a personal nature that: 1) is incidental to the business trip; 2) would not have been taken if not for the business trip; 3) is taken during the course of the business trip; and 4) is limited to 72 hours (3 days).

Other Limitations and Exclusions that apply to this **Hazard** are in Section VII General Exclusions and Section VIII General Limitations.

### 24 HOUR ACCIDENT PROTECTION WHILE ON A SPECIFIED TRIP, EXCLUDING CORPORATE OWNED OR LEASED AIRCRAFT, PASSENGER ONLY, H-3

#### **Class II and III:**

The **Hazards** insured against by the **Policy** are:

A Covered Injury sustained by You, subject to the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions under this Policy, during a specified trip to:

While traveling on a business trip and/or relocation trip\* with a primary **Insured** person.

\* The trip must be approved by and at the expense of the **Policyholder**.

**Coverage**, subject to limitations and exclusions, is provided between:

- A. the later of the time You leave the place where You normally work or live; and
- **B.** the earlier of the time **You** return to the place where **You** normally work or live.

#### **Hazard Limitations:**

Air travel **Coverage** is limited to a loss sustained during the trip, while **You** are a passenger, riding in or on, boarding or getting off:

- **A.** any civilian aircraft with a current and valid normal, transport, or commuter type standard airworthiness certificate as defined by the Federal Aviation Administration or its successor or an equivalent certification from a foreign government. This aircraft must be operated by a pilot with a current and valid:
  - 1. medical certificate; and
  - 2. pilot certificate with a proper rating to pilot such aircraft.
- **B.** any aircraft which is not subject to a certificate of airworthiness; whose design and customary and regular purpose is for transporting passengers; and which is operated by the Armed Forces of the United States of America or the Armed Forces of any foreign government.

#### **Hazard Exclusions:**

**Coverage** is not provided:

- A. If You are the pilot, operator, member of the crew or cabin attendant of any aircraft.
- **B.** For travel or activities by **You**, which deviate from the requirements for making the specified trip, or travel that is an extension of the specified trip. This does not include a **Personal Deviation** and **Side Trips** of a personal nature.
- **C.** Unless **We** have previously consented in writing to the use, **Coverage** is not provided for any loss, caused by, contributed to, resulting from riding in or on, boarding, or getting off:
  - 1. any aircraft other than those expressly stated in this Coverage;
  - 2. any aircraft Owned or Controlled by, or Under lease to the Policyholder;
  - any aircraft Owned or Controlled by, or Under lease to an Insured or a member of an Insured's family or household;
  - **4.** any aircraft operated by the **Policyholder** or one of the **Policyholder's** employees including members of an employee's family or household;
  - 5. any aircraft engaged a Specialized Aviation Activity;
  - **6.** any conveyance used for tests or experimental purposes, or in a race or speed test.

#### **Hazard Definitions:**

- **Personal Deviation** means non-business activities undertaken while on the specified trip, but unrelated to the specified trip.
- **Side Trip** means non-business travel of a personal nature that: 1) is incidental to the specified trip; 2) would not have been taken if not for the specified trip; 3) is taken during the course of the specified trip; and 4) is limited to 72 hours (3 days).

Other Limitations and Exclusions that apply to this **Hazard** are in Section VII General Exclusions and Section VIII General Limitations.

#### EXPOSURE AND DISAPPEARANCE COVERAGE

If **You** are exposed to weather because of an **Accident** and this results in a **Covered Loss**, **We** will pay the applicable **Principal Sum**, subject to all **Policy** terms.

If the conveyance in which **You** are riding disappears, is wrecked, or sinks, and **You** are not found within 365 days of the event, **We** will presume that **You** lost **Your** life as a result of **Injury**. If travel in such conveyance was covered under the terms of the **Policy**, **We** will pay the applicable **Principal Sum**, subject to all **Policy** terms. **We** have the right to recover the benefit if **We** find that **You** survived the event.

Limitations and Exclusions that apply to this **Hazard** are in Section VII General Exclusions and Section VIII General Limitations.

#### **SECTION V – BENEFITS**

#### ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFIT

If **You** suffer a loss of life as a result of a **Covered Injury**, **We** will pay the applicable **Principal Sum**. The death must occur within 365 days of the **Covered Injury**.

This benefit is subject to the limitations in Section VIII General Limitations.

#### ACCIDENTAL DISMEMBERMENT AND PLEGIA BENEFIT

If an **Injury** to **You** results in any of the following **Covered Losses**, **We** will pay the benefit amount shown. The **Covered Loss** must occur within 365 days of the **Accident**.

The benefit amounts are based on Your Principal Sum.

Covered Loss of		Benefit
1.	Both Hands or Both Feet	Principal Sum
2.	One Hand and One Foot	Principal Sum
3.	One Hand or One Foot plus the loss of Sight of One Eye	Principal Sum
4.	Sight of Both Eyes	Principal Sum
5.	Speech and Hearing	Principal Sum
6.	Speech or Hearing	50% of Principal Sum
8.	Thumb and Index Finger of the same Hand	25% of Principal Sum
9.	Hearing in One Ear	25% of <b>Principal Sum</b>

#### Plegia

1.	Quadriplegia (total paralysis of all four Limbs)	Principal Sum
2.	Triplegia (total paralysis of three <b>Limbs</b> )	75% of <b>Principal Sum</b>
3.	Paraplegia (total paralysis of both lower <b>Limbs</b> )	75% of Principal Sum
4.	Hemiplegia (total paralysis of upper and lower <b>Limbs</b> on one side of the body)	50% of <b>Principal Sum</b>
5.	Uniplegia (total paralysis of one <b>Limb</b> )	25% of Principal Sum

For purposes of this benefit:

- 1. Covered Loss means:
  - **a.** For a foot or hand, actual severance through or above an ankle or wrist joint;
  - **b.** Actual severance through or above the metacarpophalangeal joint of a thumb or index finger;
  - c. Total and permanent loss of sight;
  - d. Total and permanent loss of speech;
  - e. Total and permanent loss of hearing.
- 2. Plegia must continue for 12 consecutive months and be determined by Our competent medical authority to be permanent, complete and irreversible paralysis of one or more limbs. A **Limb** means an arm or a leg. Proof of total paralysis may be required by **Us** on a periodic basis. Benefits are not payable for paralysis caused by a stroke.

This benefit is subject to the limitations in Section VIII General Limitations.

#### SECTION VI – ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

#### **CRITICAL BURN BENEFIT**

If **You** suffer an **Injury** resulting in a **Covered Loss** as a result of a **Covered Accident** which is payable under the **Accidental Dismemberment and Plegia Benefit**, an additional benefit will be payable equal to the lesser of 10% of **Your Principal Sum** or \$10,000, provided all terms and conditions of the **Policy** are met and:

- 1. You have received second degree or higher burns over 25% of Your body; and
- 2. You have undergone reconstructive surgery to treat the burned areas of Your body; and
- 3. the reconstructive surgery has taken place within 365 days of the occurrence of the **Injury**.

#### HOME ALTERATION AND VEHICLE MODIFICATION BENEFIT

If **You** suffer an **Injury** resulting in a **Covered Loss**, which is payable under the **Accidental Dismemberment and Plegia Benefit**, **We** will pay an additional benefit for home alterations and/or vehicle modifications, provided:

- 1. You are required to use a wheelchair to be ambulatory on a permanent basis; and
- 2. the **Injury** that caused the payment of the **Accidental Dismemberment and Plegia Benefit** is the same **Injury** that requires **You** to need the wheelchair.

The amount **We** will pay will be equal to:

- 1. the one-time cost of alterations to Your primary residence to make it wheelchair accessible and habitable; and
- 2. the one-time cost of modifications necessary to Your motor vehicle to make the vehicle accessible or drivable.

Benefits will not be payable unless:

- 1. alterations and/or modifications are made by a person or persons experienced in such alterations and/or modifications, and are recommended by a recognized organization providing support and assistance to wheelchair users; and
- **2.** presentation of proof of payment is provided to **Us**.

The maximum amount payable under all provisions of this benefit combined will be the lesser of 10% of **Your Principal Sum** or \$25,000.

#### REHABILITATION BENEFIT

If **You** suffer an **Injury** resulting in a **Covered Loss** which is payable under the **Accidental Dismemberment and Plegia Benefit**, **We** will pay an additional benefit for the **Reasonable and Customary** expenses actually incurred for **Rehabilitation Training** in an amount equal to the lesser of:

- 1. the actual expenses that are incurred within two (2) years from the date of the **Accident** for the **Rehabilitation Training**;
- **2.** \$10,000; or
- 3. 10% of Your Principal Sum.

#### **Rehabilitation Training** means a treatment program that:

- 1. is prescribed by a licensed physician acting within the scope of his or her license that is approved by Us prior to the provision of services;
- 2. is required due to Your Injury; and
- 3. prepares You for an occupation which You would not have engaged in except for the Injury.

**Reasonable and Customary** expenses means the common charges made by other health care providers in the same locality for the treatment furnished. If the common charges for a service cannot be determined due to the unusual nature of such service, **We** will determine the amount based upon:

- 1. the complexity involved;
- 2. the degree of professional skill required; and
- **3.** any other pertinent factors.

We reserve the right to make the final determination of what is **Reasonable and Customary**.

#### SEAT BELT/AIR BAG BENEFIT

If **You** suffer an **Injury** resulting in a **Covered Loss**, which is payable under the **Accidental Death Benefit**, and the **Injury** which caused the accidental death directly resulted from an automobile **Accident**, **We** will pay to the beneficiary an additional benefit, which equals 10% of **Your Principal Sum** up to a maximum of \$25,000, provided that **You** were:

- 1. operating or riding as a passenger in any private passenger automobile designed for use primarily on public roads; and
- **2.** wearing an original, equipped, factory installed or manufacturer authorized and unaltered seat belt, or lap and shoulder restraint at the time of the **Injury**.

Verification of **Your** actual use of the seat belt or lap and shoulder restraints is required as follows:

- 1. in the official law enforcement report of the Accident, through certification by the investigating officers; or
- 2. by other reasonable proof, acceptable to Us.

An additional benefit equal to 5% of **Your Principal Sum** to a maximum of \$15,000, will be paid if **You** were driving a private passenger automobile with a manufacturer equipped driver-side air bag or riding as a passenger in a private passenger automobile with a manufacturer equipped passenger-side air bag, provided **Your** seat belt or lap and shoulder restraint was properly fastened at the time of the **Accident**. The proper functioning and/or deployment of the air bag must be certified in the official law enforcement report of the **Accident**, through certification by the investigating officers or by other reasonable proof, acceptable to **Us** 

We will not pay a Seat Belt or Air Bag Benefit if the driver of the automobile in which You were riding was either:

- 1. under the influence of alcohol;
  - **a.** A driver will be conclusively presumed to be under the influence of alcohol if the level of alcohol in his or her blood exceeds the amount at which a person is presumed, under the law of the locale in which the **Accident** occurred, to be under the influence of alcohol or intoxicating liquor if operating a motor vehicle.
  - **b.** An autopsy report from a licensed medical examiner, law enforcement officer reports, or similar items will be considered proof of the driver's intoxication. Or,
- 2. under the influence of any prescription drug, narcotic, or hallucinogen, unless such prescription drug, narcotic, or hallucinogen was prescribed by a physician and taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage.

#### THERAPEUTIC COUNSELING BENEFIT

If You suffer an Injury resulting in a Covered Loss, which is payable under the Accidental Dismemberment and Plegia Benefit, and You require Therapeutic Counseling, We will reimburse the charges for such counseling provided:

- 1. all terms and conditions of the **Policy** are met;
- 2. Therapeutic Counseling begins within ninety (90) days of the Covered Accident;
- **3. Therapeutic Counseling** must be incurred within one (1) year from the date of the **Covered Loss**.

**Therapeutic Counseling** means treatment received or counseling provided by a licensed therapist or counselor who is registered or certified to provide psychological treatment or counseling.

The maximum amount payable under this benefit is \$1,500 for any one Covered Accident.

#### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE PLAN

This **Travel Assistance Plan** will apply to the following **Covered Persons** when they are traveling 100 miles or more from their **Principal Residence**: **You** and **Your Spouse/Domestic Partner** and or **Child(ren)** if **Your Spouse/Domestic Partner** and or **Child(ren)** are with the **Insured** while he or she is covered under the **Policy**. The **Spouse/Domestic Partner** or **Child(ren)** will not be covered while making a trip without **You**. The transportation and/or services provided under this **Travel Assistance Plan** must be pre-authorized by **Us**. Under the **Policy**, the **Travel Assistance Plan** consists of the following:

#### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

#### **Medical Evacuation**

If a **Covered Person** is **Injured** or **Ill** on a **Covered Trip** and is being treated in a hospital, medical facility, clinic or by a medical provider which based upon **Our** evaluation cannot provide medical care in accordance with **Western Medical Standards**, **We** will arrange for, and cover the cost for, the transport of the **Covered Person** to the nearest hospital or medical facility which can provide such care. **We** must be contacted prior to the transport and **We** must pre-authorize the

transport for benefits to be payable. No transport will be arranged for and/or covered without the prior recommendation of the attending physician.

For the limited purpose of determining **Our** liability, **We** have the right to determine the standard of care of a hospital or medical facility, clinic or medical provider.

#### **Medical Repatriation**

If a **Covered Person** is **Injured** or **Ill** on a **Covered Trip** and has sufficiently recovered to travel in a non-scheduled commercial air flight or a regularly scheduled air flight with special equipment and/or personnel with minimal risk to his or her health, **We** will arrange for, and cover the cost for, the transport of the **Covered Person** to his or her **Principal Residence** or to his or her residence in the country where he or she is currently assigned (at his or her option) in such transportation. **We** must be contacted prior to the transport and **We** must pre-authorize the transport for benefits to be payable. No transport will be arranged for and/or covered without the prior recommendation of the attending physician. For the limited purpose of determining **Our** liability, **We** have the right to determine the scheduling, the mode of transportation and the special equipment and/or personnel which are covered.

#### **Non-Medical Repatriation**

If a **Covered Person** is **Injured** or **Ill** on a **Covered Trip** and has sufficiently recovered to travel in a regularly scheduled economy class air flight without special equipment or personnel with minimal risk to his or her health, **We** will pay for the increase in cost to change the travel date on the return air flight and/or for an upgrade in the seating to his or her **Principal Residence** or to the country where he or she is currently assigned (at his or her option). **We** must be contacted prior to the transport and **We** must agree to the change in the travel date and/or upgrade for benefits to be payable which is also subject to the prior recommendation of the attending physician. The upgrade will be subject to **Our** approval.

#### **Return of Remains**

If a **Covered Person** dies while on a **Covered Trip, We** will pay and make arrangements for the local preparation of the body for transport or cremation (not including the cost of cremation), travel clearances and authorizations, standard shipping container (not including urn or coffin) and transportation of the body or remains to its country of destination. **We** must be contacted prior to the preparation and transportation of the body and **We** must pre-authorize the services and transportation for benefits to be payable.

#### Visit to Hospital

If a **Covered Person** is scheduled to be hospitalized for more than seven (7) consecutive days while on a **Covered Trip, We** will arrange for, and cover the cost of, a regularly scheduled round trip economy class air flight of the person chosen by the **Covered Person** to visit the **Covered Person** while he or she is hospitalized. We must pre-authorize the transportation for benefits to be payable.

#### **Return of Child**

If a **Covered Person** is traveling with a **Child** who is under nineteen (19) years of age or a **Child** who prior to age nineteen (19) became incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental retardation or physical handicap and remains chiefly dependent upon the **Covered Person** for support and maintenance while on a **Covered Trip** and due to the **Illness** or **Injury** to the **Covered Person** such **Child(ren)** is left unattended, **We** will arrange for, and cover the cost of, the transport of the **child(ren)** by a regularly scheduled economy class air flight to the location chosen by the **Covered Person** and for an attendant, if applicable. **We** must pre-authorize the transportation of the **Child(ren)** and attendant, if applicable, for benefits to be payable.

#### **Return of Companion**

If a **Covered Person** is traveling with a companion while on a **Covered Trip** and due to the **Illness** or **Injury** to the **Covered Person** the **Covered Person** cannot complete the **Covered Trip** as scheduled, **We** will pay for the lesser of the change fee for the companion's return air flight or a one way economy class flight, whichever is less. **We** must pre-authorize such costs for benefits to be payable.

#### • TRAVEL ASSISTANCE EXCLUSIONS

We will not provide the **Travel Assistance Plan** if the **Coverage** is excluded under Section VII – General Exclusions of the **Policy**, or if:

- 1. the Covered Trip was undertaken for the specific purpose of securing medical treatment;
- 2. the **Injuries** or **Illness** requiring medical services resulted from the **Covered Person** being under the influence of any controlled substance, unless such controlled substance was prescribed by a physician and was taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage;
- 3. with respect to a MEDICAL EVACUATION, the medical care which is being provided is consistent with **Western Medical Standards**. **We** have authority to make that determination;
- 4. with respect to MEDICAL EVACUATION, it is not medically necessary to transport the **Covered Person** to another hospital or medical facility. **We** have authority to make that determination;
- 5. based upon the medical condition of the **Covered Person** and/or the local conditions and circumstances, **We** determine that MEDICAL EVACUATION or MEDICAL REPATRIATION is not appropriate. **We** have authority to make that determination;
- 6. any local, state, country or international law prohibits the provision of the transportation or services provided for under this coverage. **We** will be fully and completely excused from performance and discharged from any contractual obligation;
- 7. We did not pre-authorize the transportation and/or services.

#### TRAVEL ASSISTANCE DEFINITIONS

For purposes of this **Travel Assistance Plan** only, the following definitions apply:

"Covered Trip" means when a Covered Person is traveling more than 100 miles from his or her Principal Residence and such travel is covered under the Policy and is not excluded under the TRAVEL ASSISTANCE EXCLUSIONS set above.

"Illness" or "Ill" means a sickness or disease which impairs normal functions of the body.

"Injured" "Injury" or "Injuries" means a bodily Injury or Injuries and is not limited to accidental bodily injuries.

"Principal Residence" means the legal domicile of the Covered Person.

"Western Medical Standards" means generally accepted medical standards comparable to those in the United States, Canada or Western Europe.

For the purpose of the **Travel Assistance Plan**, if there are any differences in the definition of a term between the **Travel Assistance Plan** and the **Policy**, the definition in the **Travel Assistance Plan** will govern.

#### • TRAVEL ASSISTANCE - OTHER PROVISIONS

#### **Right of Recovery**

We have the right to recover any benefits from the **Covered Person** for transportation services and/or expenses, which were not covered under the **Travel Assistance Plan.** 

#### **Reservation of Rights**

We reserve the right to suspend, curtail or limit Our coverage in any area in the event of rebellion, riot, military uprising, war, terrorism, labor disturbance, strike, nuclear accident, act of God or refusal of authorities to permit Us to provide services or in any country for which a travel warning has been issued by the Department of State of the United States of America.

#### Scope

**Illness**, as covered under the **Travel Assistance Plan**, is solely covered under the **Travel Assistance Plan**, and in no way supersedes or modifies the other benefits provided under the **Policy**.

To contact **Us** regarding the **Travel Assistance Plan**, the **Covered Person** must call 1-800-263-0261 from the U.S. or Canada; and collect from anywhere else in the world at +1-416-977-0277.

#### SECTION VII – GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

A loss will not be a **Covered Loss** if it is caused by, contributed to, or results from:

- 1. suicide, attempted suicide or intentionally self-inflicted **Injury**;
- 2. war or act of war, whether declared or undeclared:
- **3.** involvement in any type of active military service;
- **4.** illness or disease, regardless of how contracted; medical or surgical treatment of illness or disease; or complications following the surgical treatment of illness or disease; except for Accidental ingestion of contaminated foods;
- **5.** participation in a felony, riot or insurrection;
- 6. an Insured's being intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic unless administered on the advice of a physician.

#### **SECTION VIII – GENERAL LIMITATIONS**

**Limitation on Multiple Covered Losses**. If **You** suffer more than one loss as a result of the same **Accident**, **We** will pay only one benefit, the largest benefit.

Limitation on Multiple Benefits. If You can recover benefits under more than one of the following benefits: Accidental Death Benefit, Accidental Dismemberment and Plegia Benefit, as a result of the same Accident, the most We will pay for these benefits in total is Your Principal Sum.

**Limitation on Multiple Hazards**. If **You** suffer a **Covered Loss** that is covered under more than one **Hazard**, **We** will pay only one benefit, the largest benefit.

Aggregate Limit. We will not pay more than the Aggregate Limit of Liability stated in the Schedule.

#### **SECTION IX - TERMINATION OF INSURANCE**

Your insurance automatically terminates on the earliest of:

- 1. the date the **Policy** is terminated;
- 2. the date You cease to be eligible for insurance;
- 3. the expiration date of the period for which required premium has been paid for You;
- 4. the date You fail to pay the required premium, if You are so required;
- 5. the date You retire.

#### **SECTION X - HOW TO FILE A CLAIM**

- **A.** Notice. You or Your beneficiary, or someone on Your behalf, must give Us written notice of the Covered Loss within ninety (90) days of such Covered Loss. The notice must name You and the Policy Number. To request a claim form, You or Your beneficiary, or someone on Your behalf may contact Us at 1-866-841-4771. The notice must be sent to the Claims Department, Zurich American Insurance Company, P.O. Box 968041, Schaumburg, IL 60196-8041, or any of Our agents. Notice to Our agents is considered notice to Us.
- **B.** Claim Forms. We will send the claimant proof of Covered Loss forms within fifteen (15) days after We receive notice. If the claimant does not receive the proof of Covered Loss form in fifteen (15) days after submitting notice, he or she can send Us a detailed written report of the claim and extent of Covered Loss. We will accept this report as a proof of Covered Loss if sent within the time fixed below for filing a proof of Covered Loss.
- C. Proof of Covered Loss. Written proof of Covered Loss, acceptable to Us, must be sent within ninety (90) days of the Covered Loss. Failure to furnish proof of Covered Loss acceptable to Us within such time will neither invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to furnish the proof of Covered Loss and the proof was provided as soon as reasonably possible.

#### **SECTION XI - PAYMENT OF CLAIMS**

**A.** Time of Payment. We will pay claims for all Covered Losses, other than Covered Losses for which the Policy provides any periodic payment, immediately upon receipt of written proof of loss that is acceptable to Us. Unless an optional periodic payment is stated or chosen, any Covered Loss to be paid in periodic payments will be paid at the end of each four-week period. The unpaid balance, which remains when **Our** liability ends, will then be paid when **We** receive the proof of Covered Loss that is acceptable to Us.

#### B. Who We Will Pay.

- 1. Your Loss of Life. Covered Losses resulting from Your death are paid to the named beneficiary at the time of death. If there is no beneficiary named or the named beneficiary predeceases or dies at the same time as You, We will pay the benefit to the beneficiary named by You for the Policyholder's Group Life Insurance policy. If there is no beneficiary named by You for the Policyholder's Group Life Insurance policy, or the named beneficiary predeceases or dies at the same time as You, We will pay the benefit to Your survivors in the following order:
  - a. Your legally married Spouse or Domestic Partner;
  - **b.** Your Child(ren):
  - c. Your parents;
  - **d.** Your brothers and sisters;
  - e. Your estate.
- 2. All Other Claims. Benefits are to be paid to You.
- C. Physical Examination and Autopsy. We have the right to examine You when and as often as We may reasonably request while the claim is pending. Such examination will be at Our expense. We can have an autopsy performed unless forbidden by law.
- D. Choice of Service Provider. You have the sole right to choose Your duly licensed physician and hospital.

#### **SECTION XII - GENERAL POLICY CONDITIONS**

- **A. Beneficiaries. You** have the sole right to name a beneficiary. The beneficiary has no interest in the **Policy** other than to receive certain payments. **You** may change the beneficiary at any time unless **You** have assigned the interest in the **Policy**. In such case, the person to whom **You** have assigned the interest in the **Policy** may have the right to change the beneficiary. Consent to a change by a prior beneficiary is not needed unless the previous beneficiary was designated as irrevocable. Any beneficiary designation must be in writing on a form acceptable to **Us.**
- **B.** Change or Waiver. A change or waiver of any terms or conditions of the Policy must be issued by Us in writing and signed by one of Our executive officers. No agent has authority to change or waive Policy terms or conditions. A failure to exercise any of Our rights under the Policy will not be deemed as a waiver of such rights in the same or future situations.
- C. Clerical Error. A clerical error or omission will not increase or continue Your Coverage which otherwise would not be in force. If You apply for insurance for which You are not eligible, We will only be liable for any premiums paid to Us.
- **D.** Conformity with Statute. Terms of the Policy that conflict with the laws of the state where it is delivered are amended to conform to such laws.
- E. Suit Against Us. No action on the Policy may be brought until sixty (60) days after written proof of Covered Loss has been sent to Us. Any action must commence within three (3) years, (five (5) years in Kansas and Tennessee; and six (6) years in South Carolina and Wisconsin) of the date the written proof of Covered Loss was required to be submitted. If the law of the state where You live makes such limit void, then the action must begin within the shortest time period permitted by law.
- **F.** Assignment of Interest. A transfer of interest is binding when We receive written notice on a form acceptable to Us. We have no duty to confirm that a transfer is valid.

#### NON-PARTICIPATING

Schaffer Extended Care Center GTU 5695509

Effective: January 1, 2021 Version: January 2021

## SANCTIONS EXCLUSION ENDORSEMENT



#### THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY

The following exclusion is added to the policy to which it is attached and supersedes any existing sanctions language in the policy, whether included in an Exclusion Section or otherwise:

#### SANCTIONS EXCLUSION

Notwithstanding any other terms under this policy, we shall not provide coverage nor will we make any payments or provide any service or benefit to any insured, beneficiary, or third party who may have any rights under this policy to the extent that such coverage, payment, service, benefit, or any business or activity of the insured would violate any applicable trade or economic sanctions law or regulation.

The term policy may be comprised of common policy terms and conditions, the declarations, notices, schedule, coverage parts, insuring agreement, application, enrollment form, and endorsements or riders, if any, for each coverage provided. Policy may also be referred to as contract or agreement.

We may be referred to as insurer, underwriter, we, us, and our, or as otherwise defined in the policy, and shall mean the company providing the coverage.

Insured may be referred to as policyholder, named insured, covered person, additional insured or claimant, or as otherwise defined in the policy, and shall mean the party, person or entity having defined rights under the policy.

These definitions may be found in various parts of the policy and any applicable riders or endorsements.

#### ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS POLICY REMAIN UNCHANGED

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#### **Privacy Notice**

#### We Take Important Steps to Protect the Nonpublic Personal Information We Collect About You

Dear Customer: rev. January 2020

We care about your privacy. That is why we believe in your right to know what nonpublic personal information ("NPI") we collect about you and what we do with that information. This Privacy Notice describes the NPI we collect about you and how we share and protect that information.

#### Overview

#### UNDERSTANDING HOW WE USE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

### Why are you receiving this Notice?

Financial institutions, which include the Company, choose how they share your NPI. Federal and state law gives consumers the right to limit some but not all sharing of that information. Federal law also requires us to tell you how we collect, share and safeguard your NPI. You are receiving this Privacy Notice because our records show either that you are a customer who is obtaining or has obtained insurance coverage or non-insurance products or services.

### What types of Information do we collect?

The types of NPI we collect depend on the product or service you have with us. This information can include:

- Information about you we receive on applications or other forms, such as your name, address, telephone number, date of birth, your social security number, driver's license number, employment information, information about your income, assets and net worth, and medical information;
- Information about your transactions with the Company and its affiliates;
- Information about your insurance coverage, premiums, claims history, and payment history;
- Data from insurance support organizations, government agencies, insurance information sharing bureaus;
- Property information and similar data about you or your property, such as property appraisal reports; and
- Information we receive from a consumer reporting agency or insurance information sharing bureau, such as a credit or fraud report.

When your relationship with us ends, we may continue to share information about you as described in this Privacy Notice.

# What do we do with the NPI we collect?

We share your NPI in the course of supporting your insurance coverage or non-insurance products or services, as authorized by law, or with your consent. This includes sharing, as permitted by law, your NPI with affiliated parties and nonaffiliated third parties, as applicable, in the course of supporting your insurance coverage or non-insurance products.

These affiliates and nonaffiliated third parties include:

- Financial service providers, such as banks and other insurance companies;
- Non-financial companies, such as medical providers and nonaffiliated service providers that perform marketing services on our behalf; and
- Others, such as consumer reporting agencies and insurance information sharing bureaus.

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In the section below, we list the reasons we can share your NPI, whether we actually share your NPI, and whether you can opt out of this sharing (or if you are a resident of Vermont, whether you have the right to opt in to allowing this sharing).

Reasons we can share your personal information	Does Company Share?	Can you opt out of this sharing or limit this sharing or is your authorization required for this sharing?
For our everyday business purposes – such as to process your transactions, administer insurance coverage, products or services, maintain your account, prevent fraud and report to credit bureaus	Yes	No
For our marketing purposes - to offer our products and services to you	Yes	No
For joint marketing with other financial companies	No	Not Applicable
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes – transaction and experience information	Yes	No
For our affiliates' everyday business purposes – information about your creditworthiness	No	Not Applicable
For our affiliates to market to you	Yes	No
For non-affiliates to market their products to you	No	Not Applicable

Collecting and safeguarding information	
How often do you notify me about your privacy practices?	We must notify you about our sharing practices when you receive your policy, open an account or purchase a service, and each year while you are a customer, or when significant or legal changes require a revision. Please review the privacy policy posted
Why do you collect my NPI?	on our website, ZurichNA.com. It contains additional information about our practices.  We collect NPI when you apply for insurance or file an insurance claim to help us provide you with our insurance products and services, and determine your insurability or other eligibility. We may also ask you and others for information to help us verify your identity in order to prevent money laundering and terrorism. Information in a report prepared by an insurance support organization may be retained by that organization and provided to others.
What NPI do we share?	We may provide to affiliates and/or nonaffiliated third parties the same NPI listed above in the section entitled, "What types of information do we collect?"
How do you safeguard my NPI?	Employees who have access to your NPI are required to maintain and protect the confidentiality of that information. Access to your personal information may be needed to conduct business on your behalf or to service your insurance coverage. In addition, we maintain physical, electronic and procedural measures to protect your personal information in compliance with applicable laws and regulatory standards.

### FOR RESIDENTS OF ARIZONA, CALIFORNIA, CONNECTICUT, GEORGIA, ILLINOIS, MAINE, MASSACHUSETTS, MINNESOTA, MONTANA, NEW JERSEY, NEVADA, NORTH CAROLINA, OHIO, OREGON, OR VIRGINIA:

#### You have the following individual rights under state law:

Except for certain documents related to claims and lawsuits, you have the right to access the recorded personal information that we have collected about you which we reasonably can locate and retrieve. To access your recorded personal information, you must submit a request using our online form on our website, ZurichNA.com, or calling our toll-free number at 1-800-382-2150. You may also reasonably describe the information you seek in writing and send your written request to the Privacy Office via mail (Zurich – Privacy Office, 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196) or via email at privacy.office@zurichna.com. If you would like a copy of your recorded personal information that we reasonably can locate and retrieve, we may charge you a reasonable fee to cover the costs incurred in providing you a copy of the recorded information if it is permitted by law. If you request medical records, we may elect to supply that information to you through your designated medical professional for security purposes. We may also direct you to a consumer reporting agency to obtain certain consumer report information.

Generally, most of the recorded nonpublic personal information we collect about you and have in our possession is from policy applications or enrollment forms you submit to obtain our products and services, and is reflected in your statements and other documentation you receive from us. If you believe that the personal information we have about you in our records is incomplete or inaccurate, please let us know at once through any of the above methods, and we will investigate and correct any errors we find.

You also have the right to request the correction, amendment, or deletion of recorded personal information about you that we have in our possession. You may make your request using any of the above methods.

Residents of California and Nevada have additional rights over their non-public personal information if it is not governed by the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act. For more information about these rights, please consult our online privacy policy posted on our website, ZurichNA.com.

FOR RESIDENTS OF MASSACHUSETTS ONLY WHO ARE ZNA P&C CUSTOMERS: You may ask in writing for the specific reasons for an adverse underwriting decision. An adverse underwriting decision is where we decline your application for insurance, offer to insure you at a higher than standard rate or terminate your coverage.

Key words and phrases TERMS YOU SHOULD KNOW	
Definitions	
Everyday business purposes	The actions necessary for financial companies like the Company to conduct business and manage customer accounts, such as:  Processing transactions, mailing and auditing services; Administering insurance coverage, product, services or claims; Providing information to credit bureaus; Protecting against fraud; Responding to court/governmental orders or subpoenas and legal investigations; and Responding to insurance regulatory authorities.
Affiliates	<ul> <li>Financial or nonfinancial companies related by common ownership or control.</li> <li>Company affiliates include insurance and non-insurance companies under common ownership with the Company and that provide insurance and non-insurance products or services.</li> </ul>

Nonaffiliated Third Parties	Financial or nonfinancial companies not related by common ownership or control. We may share your information with companies that we hire to perform marketing and business services for us, such as data processing, computer software maintenance and development, and transaction processing. When we share information with others to perform these services, they are required to take appropriate steps to protect this information and use it only for purposes of performing the services.  • The Company does not share information with nonaffiliates to market their products to you.
Joint marketing	A formal agreement between nonaffiliated financial companies that together market financial products or services to you.  • The Company does not jointly market.

Changes to this Privacy Notice; contact us	We may change the policies, standards and procedures described in this Notice at any time to comply with applicable laws and/or to conform to our current business practices. We will notify you of material changes.
	If you have any questions about your contract with us, you should contact your agent.
	If you have questions specific to our Privacy Notice, contact our Privacy Office via mail (Zurich – Privacy Office, 1299 Zurich Way, Schaumburg, IL 60196) or via email at privacy.office@zurichna.com.

This Privacy Notice is sent on behalf of the following affiliated companies, which are referred to in this Privacy Notice, in the aggregate, as the "Company:"

American Guarantee and Liability Insurance Company, American Zurich Insurance Company, Colonial American Casualty and Surety Company, Empire Fire & Marine Insurance Company, Empire Indemnity Insurance Company, The Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland, Steadfast Insurance Company, Universal Underwriters Insurance Company, Universal Underwriters of Texas Insurance Company, Zurich American Insurance Company of Illinois, The Zurich Services Corporation (together, "the ZNA P&C Companies"), Zurich American Life Insurance Company, and Zurich American Life Insurance Company of New York.

#### ERISA STATEMENT OF RIGHTS AND INFORMATION

Policy No. GTU 5695509 is part of an Employee Welfare Benefit Plan (herein referred to as "Plan") sponsored and maintained by the employer and is therefore governed by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). As a participant in the Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under ERISA. Below is some important information concerning those rights and protections.

For all information concerning requirements for eligibility, participation, benefits, and procedures for governing claims for benefits, refer to GTU 5695509 insured by Zurich American Insurance Company. Upon request, a copy of the Policy will be provided without charge.

#### Name of Plan:

Business Travel Accident Insurance Plan for employees of Schaffer Extended Care Center.

#### Name and Address of Employer:

Schaffer Extended Care Center 111 East 210<sup>th</sup> Street Bronx, NY 10467

#### **Employer Identification Number:**

13-1740114

#### **Type of Plan:**

**Basic Accident Policy** 

**Type of Administration of Plan**: The Plan Administrator administers the Plan, and the insurer is the claims administrator for claims for insured benefits.

#### Name, Address, and Contact Information of Plan Administrator:

Schaffer Extended Care Center 111 East 210th Street Bronx, NY 10467

#### **Designated Agent for Service of Legal Process:**

[Enter the Name of the Person Designated as Agent for Service of Legal Process, and the address at which process may be served on such person]

Legal process may be made upon a plant trustee or the plan administrator.

#### **Source of Contributions to Plan:**

All payments to support the Plan are made by Schaffer Extended Care Center.

#### **Funding of Plan:**

The Plan is funded by a group insurance policy issued by the insurer.

#### **Date of End of Year For Purposes of Plan's Fiscal Records:**

December 31st.

#### **Statement of ERISA Rights:**

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

#### **Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits**

- 1. Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefit Administration.
- 2. Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- 3. Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

#### **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

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

#### **Enforce Your Rights**

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

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you a fine that accrues on a daily basis until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. If it should happen that plan fiduciaries misuse the plan's money, or if you

are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

#### **Claims Procedures**

In the event that your claim is denied, either in full or in part, the claims administrator will notify you in writing within 90 days after your claim was filed. Under special circumstances, the claims administrator is allowed an additional period of not more than 90 days (180 days in total) within which to notify you of its decision. If such an extension is required, you will receive a written notice from the claims administrator indicating the reason for the delay and the date you may expect a final decision. The claims administrator's notice of denial shall include:

- the specific reason or reasons for denial with reference to those plan provisions on which the denial is based;
- a description of any additional material or information necessary to complete the claim and why that material or information is necessary; and
- a description of the plan's procedures and applicable time limits for appealing the determination, including a statement of your right to bring suit in a federal court.

Notice of the determination may be provided in written or electronic form. Electronic notices will be provided in a form that complies with any applicable legal requirements.

#### **Appeal Procedures**

If you or your authorized representative appeal a denied claim, it must be submitted within 90 days after you receive the claim administrator's notice of denial. You have the right to:

- submit a request for review, in writing, to the claim administrator;
- upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to and copies of, all relevant documents as described by applicable U.S. Department of Labor regulations; and
- submit written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim to the claim administrator.

The claim administrator will make a full and fair review of the claim and all new information submitted, whether or not presented or available at the initial determination, and may require additional documents as it deems necessary or desirable in making such a review. The review will not afford deference to the initial benefit determination and will be conducted by an appropriate named fiduciary of the plan who is neither the individual who made the adverse benefit determination that is the subject of the appeal, nor the subordinate of such individual.

Before the claim administrator issues an adverse benefit determination on review, the claim administrator will provide the claimant, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated by the plan, insurer, or other person making the benefit determination (or at the direction of the plan, insurer or such other person) in connection with the claim; such evidence will be provided as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the decision deadline is required to give the claimant a reasonable opportunity to response prior to that date.

A final decision on the review shall be made not later than 60 days following receipt of the written request for review. If special circumstances require an extension of time for processing, you will be notified of the reasons for the extension, and the date by which the Plan expects to make a decision. If an extension if required due to your failure to submit the information necessary to decide the claim, the notice of extension will specifically describe the necessary information and the date by which you need to provided it to us. The 60-day extension of the appeal review period will begin after you have provided that information.

The final decision on review shall be furnished in writing and shall include the reasons for the decision with reference, again, to those policy provisions upon which the final decision is based. It will also include a statement describing your access to documents and describing your right to bring a civil suit under federal law.

Notice of the determination may be provided in written or electronic form. Electronic notices will be provided in a form that complies with any applicable legal requirements.

Unless there are special circumstances, this administrative appeal process must be completed before you begin any legal action regarding your claim.

#### **Assistance with Your Questions**

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