

# GROUP SHORT TERM DISABILITY AND LONG TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

# FOR NOBLE INC.

POLICY NUMBER: 372737 EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2025

#### STATE MANDATED DISABILITY REQUIREMENTS

The following states legislatively mandate that certain employers provide state disability benefits for employees working in the state:

California Hawaii New Jersey New York Rhode Island Puerto Rico

The disability coverage available under this plan is not intended to replace any state mandated disability coverage. The disability benefits provided in this Certificate of Coverage will be reduced by any benefits received under a state mandated disability plan.

#### **UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company**

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#### CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

Policyholder: Noble Inc.

Policy Effective Date: January 1, 2025

Policy Anniversary Date: January 1 of each year

Policy Number: 372737

Beneficiary: As on file with the Administrator

UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company (We, Our, Us or the Company), has issued the Policy to the Policyholder shown above.

This Certificate replaces any other Certificate previously issued and is incorporated in and made part of the Policy on the Effective Date shown in the Policy's Incorporation Provision.

**Read Your Certificate Carefully.** If You have questions or need information about Your insurance, call 1-866-615-8727.

**Capitalization in this Certificate:** Capitalization of a term, not normally capitalized according to the rules of standard punctuation, indicates a word or phrase that is a defined term or a specific provision herein.

**Time Periods:** All periods begin and end at 12:01 A.M., standard time, at the Policyholder's address.

Signed for the Company by:

Tracy A. Arney, Secretary

Jessica Paik, President

Insurance Products: Group Short Term Disability Insurance and Long Term Disability Insurance

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Non-Participating (no dividends paid)

**Noninsurance Benefits:** Noninsurance benefits are not part of Your Certificate and do not modify Your insurance benefits. We may offer or arrange for various entities or vendors to offer benefits or other considerations to You for the purpose of promoting Your general health and well-being. Noninsurance benefits may be modified or terminated at any time. Such modification or termination may be made based on availability of services or other reasons at Our discretion or at the discretion of the insurer or entity providing such services.

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#### **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

Policyholder: Noble Inc.

**Description of Eligible Class(es):** Employees of the Policyholder who are Actively at Work and who are in an Eligible Class:

Full-time Employees working at least 30 hours per week

#### **Employee Waiting Period:**

- **Short Term Disability:** the first day of the month following the date the Employee completes 30 days of continuous employment with the Policyholder, subject to the requirements shown in the Eligibility provision.
- Long Term Disability: the day after the date the Employee completes 365 days of continuous employment with the Policyholder, subject to the requirements shown in the Eligibility provision.

#### **Insurance Funding Information:**

#### **Contributory Insurance:**

• Short Term Disability Insurance – You pay the entire premium.

#### **Non-Contributory Insurance:**

• Long Term Disability Insurance – Your Employer pays the entire premium.

Short Term Disability Premium contributions must continue while You are receiving Short Term Disability payments. Long Term Disability Premium contributions are waived while You are receiving Long Term Disability payments.

**Premium Rate Change:** Your premium may change on any premium due date if rates for Your Class are changed under the Policy.

#### Your Benefits and Benefit Amounts are those which You elect at the time You Enroll

Your Insurance Benefits	Benefit Information			
Short Term Disability Benefit	Benefit Percentage of Short Term Disability Pre-Disability Weekly Earnings	Base Plan: 60%		
	Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount	\$1,000 per week		
	Minimum Weekly Benefit Amount	\$25 per week		
	Maximum Benefit Duration	25 weeks		
	Elimination Period	Injury: 7 days Sickness: 7 days		
	Benefits are issued on a non-occupational ba	on a non-occupational basis.		
Additional Short Term Disability Benefits	Benefit Information			
Short Term Disability Rehabilitation Benefit	Included			
Short Term Disability Lump Sum Survivor Benefit	Benefit Amount: 3 weeks of weekly Gross Disability Payments			
	Maximum Benefit Amount: \$3,000			

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#### **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)**

Long Term Disability Benefit	Benefit Percentage of Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings	Base Plan: 60%		
	Maximum Monthly Benefit Amount	\$6,000 per month		
	Minimum Monthly Benefit Amount	Greater of \$100 or 10% of Gross Disability Payment		
	Elimination Period	90 days		
	Accumulation of Elimination Period	15 days		
	Maximum Benefit Duration	Reducing Benefit Duration with Social Security Normal Retirement Age (SSNRA)		
		Age at Disability	Maximum Benefit Duration	
			Greater of SSNRA *	
			or as shown below:	
		Less than age 60	To age 65	
		Age 60	60 Months	
		Age 61	48 Months	
		Age 62	42 Months	
		Age 63	36 Months	
		Age 64	30 Months	
		Age 65	24 Months	
		Age 66	21 Months	
		Age 67	18 Months	
		Age 68	15 Months	
		69 and over	12 Months	
		Retirement Age as f	Social Security Normal figured by the 1983 later amendment to the	
Additional Long Term Disability Benefits	Benefit Information			
Long Term Disability Transplant Donor Benefit	Benefit Duration: 12 months			
Long Term Disability Rehabilitation Benefit	5% of monthly Gross Disability Payment			
Long Term Disability Lump	Benefit Amount: 3 months of monthly Gross Disability Payments			
Sum Survivor Benefit	Maximum Benefit Amount: \$3,00			
Long Term Disability Workplace Modification Benefit	Maximum Benefit Amount: \$5,00	00		

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

Active Work or Actively at Work means You are performing all the regular duties of Your occupation:

- 1. at Your usual place of employment or any other business location where You are required to travel:
- 2. for the entire normal workday; and
- 3. for at least the minimum number of hours per week, as shown in the Description of Eligible Class(es) in the Schedule of Benefits.

You or Your Employer must provide Us satisfactory documentation that You are Actively at Work in accordance with the Proof of Claim provision.

Unless You are disabled or terminate Your employment on the prior workday or on a day of absence, We will consider You to be Actively at Work on the following days:

- 1. a Saturday, Sunday or holiday which is not a scheduled workday;
- 2. a paid vacation day, or other scheduled or unscheduled non-workday; or
- 3. an approved or emergency leave of absence (except medical leave).

#### Any Occupation means any occupation:

- 1. for which You are qualified by:
  - a. education,
  - b. training; or
  - c. experience; and
- 2. that has an earnings potential equal to, or greater than, Your Gross Disability Payment within 12 months of Your return to work.

**Certificate or Certificate of Coverage** means this document, which describes the benefits, terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions provided by the Policy. If there is a conflict between the Policy and the Certificate, the Policy will control.

#### Change in Status means any of the following changes:

- 1. a change in marital status (marriage, divorce, legal separation, annulment);
- 2. a change in the number of Your dependents for tax purposes (birth, legal adoption of a child, placement of a child for adoption, or death of a dependent);
- certain changes in employment status that affect Your benefit eligibility, such as termination of employment, a strike or lockout, the start of or return from an unpaid leave of absence, a change in worksite, a change in work schedule (between full-time and part-time work, decrease or increase in hours);
- 4. a significant increase in the cost of insurance or a significant reduction of insurance under Your other insurance or Your spouse's insurance; or
- 5. the addition, elimination, or significant reduction, of an insurance option.

**Contributory Insurance** means insurance which You have elected and for which You have agreed to make the required premium contributions.

Covered Person means the Employee insured under the Policy and to whom this Certificate is issued.

Disability Earnings means the earnings You receive while Disabled and working.

**Elimination Period** means the length of time You must be continuously Disabled before a benefit is payable. The Elimination Period begins on the first day of Your Disability.

**Employee** means a person who works for the Employer on a regular basis:

- 1. in the normal business of the Employer;
- 2. is paid for services by the Employer;
- 3. who resides in the United States, its territories and protectorates; and
- 4. is Actively at Work for the Employer, or any subsidiary or affiliate insured under the Policy.

Employee does not include temporary, leased or seasonal Employees.

No director or officer of an Employer will be considered an Employee unless they work directly for and receive a salary, from the Employer.

#### **Employer** means the Policyholder and:

- 1. may also include any division, subsidiary, or affiliated company named in the Schedule of Benefits; and
- 2. does not include any employer who is not the Policyholder.

#### **Essential Duty/Duties** means a duty that:

- 1. is substantial, not incidental;
- 2. is fundamental or inherent to Your or Any Occupation; and
- 3. cannot be reasonably omitted or changed.

We will not consider working more than 40 hours per week an Essential Duty if Your Occupation requires that You work in excess of 40 hours per week, on average.

**Evidence of Insurability** means specific information about You which You provide to Us when applying for insurance. That information includes:

- 1. a completed and signed application;
- 2. a medical examination if requested;
- 3. an Attending Physician's Statement if requested; and
- 4. any additional information We may require.

**Gross Disability Payment** means the payment amount before We subtract Other Income Benefits and Disability Earnings.

#### **Hospital** means an institution which:

- 1. operates pursuant to law:
- 2. primarily and continuously provides medical care and Treatment of sick and injured persons on an inpatient basis;
- 3. operates facilities for medical and surgical diagnosis and Treatment by or under the supervision of a staff of legally qualified Physicians;
- 4. provides 24 hour a day nursing service by or under the supervision of registered graduate nurses (R.N.s);
- 5. is located within the United States or its territories and protectorates and is approved by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals (JCAH); and
- 6. operates primarily for the Treatment for Substance Abuse on an inpatient basis.

Hospital does not mean any institution or part thereof which is used primarily as:

- 1. a nursing home, convalescent home or skilled nursing facility;
- 2. a rehabilitation center;
- 3. a place for rest, custodial care, or for the aged; or
- 4. a clinic.

**Hospital Confined or Hospital Confinement** means You are admitted as an inpatient in a Hospital for a period of at least 24 hours for the Sickness or Injury that resulted in Your Disability. Surgery as an outpatient, or in ambulatory surgical facility, will not be considered Hospital Confined.

**House Arrest** means any restriction placed on Your movement outside of Your home by a court of competent jurisdiction. We may require proof of compliance with such restriction.

**Immediate Family** means Your spouse or domestic partner, child, parent or sibling; or Your spouse's or domestic partner's child, parent or sibling.

**Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings** means Your Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings adjusted on each anniversary of benefit payments by the lesser of:

- 1 5% or
- 2. the current annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI-W).

Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings will never decrease. This manner of indexing is only used to determine Your percentage of lost earnings while You are Disabled and working.

Consumer Price Index (CPI-W) means the index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers published by the U.S. Department of Labor. We reserve the right to use some other similar measurement if the Department of Labor changes or stops publishing the CPI-W.

**Injury** means bodily Injury, which occurs as the result of an accident while insured under the Policy. The Injury must be the direct cause of the loss, independent of disease, bodily infirmity or any other cause.

**Intoxicated or Intoxication** means being under the influence as defined by applicable state law as determined by:

- 1. the blood alcohol content: or
- 2. the results of other means of testing blood alcohol content or the content of other substances.

**Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings** means the monthly earnings received from the Covered Person's Employer for the 12-month period ending just prior to the date of Disability. Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings includes commissions, averaged over the lesser of the most recent 24-month period or the Covered Person's period of employment. It does not include bonuses, overtime pay, and other extra compensation.

If You become Disabled while Your insurance is being continued under Continuation of Insurance, We will calculate Your benefit using Your Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings from Your Employer in effect just prior to the date Your continuation began.

Mental Illness means any Sickness, disease or disorder, which is:

- 1. listed in the current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Health Disorders (or any successor diagnostic manual) published by the American Psychiatric Association; and
- 2. usually treated by a mental health provider or other qualified provider, using psychotherapy, psychotropic drugs or other similar methods of Treatment.

Mental Illness includes any such conditions whether or not related to an underlying physical, genetic, chemical, organic or biological cause, although it may be associated with physical symptoms, manifestations or expressions. Specific conditions include, but are not limited to:

- 1. bipolar disorder;
- 2. depression and depressive disorders;
- 3. psychoses;
- 4. mood disorders;
- 5. manic-depressive illness:
- 6. anxiety disorders;
- 7. stress disorders including post-traumatic stress disorders;
- 8. somatoform disorders:
- 9. factitious disorders;
- 10. eating disorders;
- 11. adjustment disorders; and
- 12. personality disorders.

For purposes of the Policy, Mental Illness does not include coma (unless a consequence of Substance Abuse), intellectually incapacitated or Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia with an objectifiable organic basis.

**Monthly Payment** means the payment amount after We subtract any Other Income Benefits. The Monthly Payment will never be less than the Minimum Monthly Benefit Amount.

**Non-Contributory Insurance** means insurance which You do not have to elect nor make any premium contributions.

**Occupational Sickness or Injury** means a Sickness or Injury which is paid or payable by any workers' compensation law, occupational disease law or similar law.

#### Other Income Benefits means:

- 1. any benefits and awards You receive or are eligible to receive under:
  - a. Workers' Compensation Law;
  - b. occupational disease law; or
  - c. any other similar act or law;
- 2. any disability income benefits You receive or are eligible to receive under:
  - a. any compulsory benefit act or law;
  - b. any other group insurance policy with Your Employer or with an association;
  - c. any other group insurance policy with another employer under which You become insured while You are Disabled under the Policy; or
  - d. any governmental retirement system as the result of Your job with Your Employer;
- 3. any benefits under the United States Social Security Act, the Canada Pension Plan, the Quebec Pension Plan, the Jones Act, and any other similar plan or Act. Benefits include:
  - a. disability benefits You are eligible to receive and any disability benefits Your spouse or Your children receive or are eligible to receive as a result of Your Disability; and
  - b. retirement benefits You receive under a Retirement Plan and any retirement benefits Your spouse or Your children receive as a result of Your receipt of retirement benefits.
- 4. any income You receive from Your Employer as a result of any accumulated sick time, salary continuation, paid time off or vacation pay;
- 5. any benefits from Your Employer's Retirement Plan, the Public Employees Retirement System and the State Teachers Retirement System You:
  - a. receive as disability benefits;
  - b. voluntarily choose to receive as retirement benefits; or
  - c. receive as retirement benefits once You reach the greater of age 62 or normal retirement age, as defined in Your Employer's Retirement Plan;
- 6. any benefits for loss of time or lost wages You receive from the mandatory portion of a no-fault motor vehicle insurance plan, or automobile liability insurance policy;
- 7. any amount You receive under any unemployment compensation law; (We will not deduct unemployment compensation as an Other Income Benefit for Short Term Disability if such insurance is issued on a non-occupational basis;) and
- 8. any amounts You receive from a third party (after subtracting attorney's fees) by judgment, settlement or otherwise.

Other Income Benefits will not include payments or income from:

- 1. 401(k) plans;
- 2. profit sharing plans;
- 3. thrift plans;
- 4. tax sheltered annuities;
- 5. stock ownership plans;
- 6. non-qualified plans of deferred compensation;
- 7. Pension Plans for partners;
- 8. military pension and military disability income plans;
- 9. credit disability insurance;
- 10. franchise disability income plans;
- 11. a Retirement Plan from another employer;
- 12. Individual Retirement Accounts (IRA); and
- 13. individual disability income plans.

**Pension Plan** means a plan that provides retirement benefits and which is not wholly funded by Your contributions. The term does not include a profit sharing plan, a thrift plan, an individual retirement account (IRA), a tax sheltered annuity plan (TSA), a stock ownership plan or a non-qualified plan of deferred compensation.

Physician means a person who is:

- 1. a doctor of medicine, osteopathy, psychology or other legally qualified practitioner of a healing art that We recognize or are required by law to recognize;
- 2. licensed to practice in the jurisdiction where care is being given; and
- 3. practicing within the scope of that license.

The term Physician does not include You or members of Your Immediate Family.

**Policy** means the legal contract between the Policyholder and Us. It may be changed or discontinued without Your or Your beneficiary's consent. The Policy may be inspected at the office of the Policyholder.

**Prior Group Plan** means the group insurance policy carried by the Employer on the day before the Policy's Effective Date.

**Regular Care** means You visit a Physician:

- 1. as often as is medically required to effectively manage and treat Your disabling condition; and
- 2. who provides Treatment and care for Your condition according to:
  - a. generally accepted medical standards; and
  - b. the Physician's specialty or experience.

**Retirement Plan** means an eligible Retirement Plan as defined in Section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and includes future amendments to Section 402 affecting the definition. Regardless of how the retirement funds from the plan are distributed, for the purposes of determining Our payment to You, We consider Employee and Employer contributions to be distributed at the same time throughout Your lifetime.

Retirement benefits under a Retirement Plan are benefits that are paid based on Your Employer's contribution to the Retirement Plan. Disability benefits that reduce the retirement benefits under the plan will also be considered a retirement benefit. Disability benefits under a Retirement Plan are benefits that are paid due to disability and which do not reduce the retirement benefits which would have been paid if the disability had not occurred.

**Short Term Disability Pre-Disability Weekly Earnings** means the weekly earnings received from the Covered Person's Employer for the three-month period ending just prior to the date of Disability. Pre-Disability Weekly Earnings includes commissions, averaged over the lesser of the most recent 24-month period or the Covered Person's period of employment. It does not include bonuses, overtime pay, and other extra compensation.

If You become Disabled while Your insurance is being continued under Continuation of Insurance, We will calculate Your benefit using Your Short Term Disability Pre-Disability Weekly Earnings from Your Employer in effect just prior to the date Your continuation began.

**Sickness** means an illness, disease, pregnancy or complication of pregnancy.

**Subjective Symptoms** means the manifestations of Your condition, which You discuss with Your Physician, and that are not verifiable using:

- 1. tests;
- 2. procedures; and
- 3. clinical examinations;

generally accepted in the practice of medicine. Examples of Subjective Symptoms include, but are not limited to headache, pain, fatigue, stiffness, soreness, ringing in ears, dizziness and numbness.

**Substance Abuse** means alcoholism, or the non-medical use of narcotics, sedatives, stimulants, hallucinogens, or any other such substance, whether or not prescribed by a Physician.

**Treatment** means any consultation, advice, tests, attendance or observation, supplies or equipment, including prescriptions or the use of prescription drugs or medications.

Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant means someone who specializes in the areas of:

- 1. vocational rehabilitation;
- 2. vocational and occupation availability in the current labor market; and
- 3. skills that are needed to perform specific occupations.

The term Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant does not include You or members of Your Immediate Family.

**We, Our, Us or the Company** means UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company, and its administrators and representatives.

**Weekly Payment** means the payment amount after We subtract any Other Income Benefits. The Weekly Payment will never be less than the Minimum Weekly Benefit Amount.

You or Your means the Employee insured under the Policy and to whom this Certificate is issued.

**Your Occupation** means Your occupation, which You are routinely performing when Your Disability occurs, as it is recognized in the national economy. Your Occupation does not mean the specific job You are performing for a specific employer or at a specific location.

The loss of a professional or occupational license or certification, work permit, or visa does not, in itself, mean You are Disabled. Additionally, economic factors, such as recession, job obsolescence, pay-cuts and job sharing will not be considered in determining if You are Disabled.

#### **ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS**

Covered Person Eligibility: You will become eligible for insurance on the latest of:

- 1. the Effective Date of the Policy;
- 2. the date You complete the required Employee Waiting Period shown in the Schedule of Benefits;
- 3. the date the Policy is changed to include Your Class; or
- 4. the date You enter a Class eligible for insurance, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### **Enrolling for Your Insurance Under the Policy:**

For Non-Contributory Insurance: Your Employer will automatically enroll You.

For Contributory Insurance: You must complete Your Employer's enrollment process. If You do not enroll for You insurance within 31 days after becoming eligible under the Policy, You may enroll within 31 days of the date You have a Change in Status.

Enrollment may be subject to the Evidence of Insurability Requirements provision.

#### **Covered Person Effective Date of Insurance:**

If Your insurance is Non-Contributory and Evidence of Insurability is not required, Your insurance will start on the date You become eligible for insurance, regardless of when You apply.

If Your insurance is Contributory, and Evidence of Insurability is not required, Your insurance will start on the latest of:

- 1. the date You become eligible, if You enroll on or before that date; or
- 2. the date You enroll, if You do so within 31 days from the date You are eligible or have a Change in Status.

Any insurance for which Evidence of Insurability is required, will become effective on the later of:

- 1. the date You become eligible; or
- 2. the date We approve Your Evidence of Insurability, as stated in Your notification.

#### **Deferred Effective Date:**

If You are not Actively at Work on the date Your insurance is scheduled to take effect, it will take effect on the date You return to Active Work. If Your insurance is scheduled to take effect on a non-working day, Your Actively at Work status will be based on the last working day before the scheduled Effective Date of Your insurance.

All Effective Dates of insurance are subject to the Deferred Effective Date provision.

#### **Evidence of Insurability Requirements:**

Evidence of Insurability is required, at Your expense, for Your Contributory Insurance if You:

- 1. apply more than 31 days after the date You:
  - a. first became eligible for insurance; or
  - b. have a Change in Status;
- 2. apply after You had previously terminated Your insurance while in an Eligible Class, unless You apply due to a Change in Status; or
- 3. apply for insurance and Your Employer has less than 2 Employees.

You must use forms provided by Us when providing Evidence of Insurability.

Evidence of Insurability must be approved by Us in writing for insurance to become effective.

#### **ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS (continued)**

#### **Continuity of Your Insurance Under a Prior Group Plan:**

We will maintain the continuity of Your Insurance under a Prior Group Plan for Your initial insurance under the Policy as follows:

- 1. **If You are not Actively at Work on the Policy's Effective Date:** We will waive the Deferred Effective Date requirement for Your initial insurance under the Policy if You were insured under the Prior Group Plan, and on the Policy's Effective Date, You:
  - a. are not Actively at Work; and
  - b. are eligible for insurance except for meeting the Actively at Work requirement.
- 2. **If You are Disabled Due to a Pre-Existing Condition:** If Your Disability is due to a Pre-Existing Condition, You may be eligible for payments under the Policy if You:
  - a. were insured by a Prior Group Plan;
  - b. are Actively at Work; and
  - c. have been continuously insured under the Policy from the effective date of Your insurance through the date of Your Disability.

We may require proof that You were insured under the Prior Group Plan.

We will apply the time You were continuously insured under both a Prior Group Plan and the Policy to satisfy any Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion under the Policy. If You do not satisfy either policy's pre-existing condition exclusion provision, We will not make any payment.

We will determine Our payments using the provisions of the Policy; however the applicable maximum benefit payment will not be more than the applicable maximum benefit payment of a Prior Group Plan.

Your benefit payments will end on the earlier of the following:

- 1. the end of the applicable Maximum Benefit Duration under the Policy; or
- the date benefits would have ended under a Prior Group Plan, if that policy had stayed in effect.

After the Policy's Effective Date, the Pre-existing Conditions Exclusion will apply to the amount of a benefit increase which results from:

- 1. a change from a Prior Group Plan to the Policy;
- 2. a change in benefit options;
- 3. a change of class; or
- 4. a change in the Policy.
- 3. **If You are Disabled Prior to the Policy's Effective Date:** We will waive the Policy's applicable Elimination Period if You are receiving benefits for a disability under a Prior Group Plan and return to Active Work before the Policy's Effective Date and within 6 months of Your return to Active Work:
  - a. You have a recurrence of the same disability while covered under the Policy;
  - b. there are no benefits available for the recurrence under a Prior Group Plan; and
  - c. the recurrence would have been covered without any further elimination period under the Prior Group Plan.

If You had not yet satisfied the Prior Group Plan's elimination period by the Policy's Effective Date, no benefit will be paid under the Policy, until You satisfy the Policy's applicable Elimination Period.

Our payments will be the lesser of:

- 1. the benefit amount under the Policy; or
- 2. the benefit amount the Prior Group Plan would have paid, if that policy had stayed in effect.

Our payments will be reduced by any amount the Prior Group Plan is responsible for paying.

#### **ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE AND TERMINATION PROVISIONS (continued)**

**Short Term Disability: Covered Person Termination of Insurance:** Your insurance will terminate on the earliest of the following dates:

- 1. the last day of the period the required premium is due but not paid, subject to the Grace Period provision;
- the last day of the month during which You cease to be a member of a class eligible for insurance;
- 3. the date the Policy terminates, or a specific benefit terminates; or
- 4. the last day of the month during which You are no longer Actively at Work for any other reason, unless insurance is continued in accordance with the Continuation of Insurance Provisions.

**Long Term Disability: Covered Person Termination of Insurance:** Your insurance will terminate on the earliest of the following dates:

- the last day of the period the required premium is due but not paid, subject to the Grace Period provision;
  - 2. the date You cease to be a member of a class eligible for insurance;
  - 3. the date the Policy terminates, or a specific benefit terminates; or
  - 4. the date You are no longer Actively at Work for any other reason, unless insurance is continued in accordance with the Continuation of Insurance Provisions.

If You are Disabled and You cease to be Actively at Work, Your insurance will be continued:

- 1. while You remain Disabled; and
- 2. until the end of the period for which You are entitled to receive Benefits.

After benefit payments have ceased, Your insurance will be reinstated, provided:

- 1. You return to work for one full day as a full-time Actively at Work Employee in an eligible class;
- 2. the Policy remains in force; and
- 3. the premiums for Your insurance were paid during Your Disability (if required) and continue to be paid.

**Grace Period:** A Grace Period of 31 days will be allowed for the payment of each premium after the first premium payment. During the Grace Period, the insurance will continue in effect provided the premium is paid by the Policyholder before the end of the Grace Period. The Grace Period will not continue the insurance beyond a date shown in the Covered Person Termination of Insurance provision.

#### **CONTINUATION AND REINSTATEMENT PROVISIONS**

#### **Continuation of Insurance:**

Insurance under the Policy may be continued beyond a date stated in the Covered Person Termination of Insurance provision, according to the Continuation Provisions. The amount of continued insurance applicable will be the amount of insurance in effect on the date immediately before insurance would otherwise have ended and is subject to payment of premium. Insurance that is continued:

- 1. may be continued up to the maximum time shown in the applicable provision(s); and
- 2. terminates if the Policy terminates.

The amount of insurance will not increase while insurance is continued under one or more of the following provisions.

#### Continuation Provisions:

- 1. leaves of absence must be approved in writing by Your Employer; and
- 2. when combined, will not extend longer than 3 months from the date You were last Actively at Work.

All other terms of Your insurance under the Policy remain unchanged.

If Your insurance does not continue during an approved Continuation Provision, then when You return to Active Work:

- 1. You will not have to meet a new Employee Waiting Period including a waiting period for insurance of a Pre-Existing Condition, if applicable; and
- 2. You will not have to give Us Evidence of Insurability to reinstate the insurance You had in effect before Your continuation began.

#### **Continuation Provisions:**

**Family and Medical Leave:** If You are granted a leave of absence, according to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, or other applicable state or local law, Your insurance may be continued for up to 12 weeks following the date Your leave commenced. Continuation may be a longer period if required by any other applicable state or local law. If the leave ends prior to the agreed upon date, the continuation will cease immediately.

**Leave of Absence:** If You are on an approved non-medical leave of absence, other than Family and Medical Leave or Military Leave of Absence, Your insurance may be continued until the end of the month following the month You stopped being Actively at Work, with respect to a non-medical leave of absence.

Continuation may be a longer period if required by law.

**Military Leave of Absence:** If You enter active military service and are granted a military leave of absence, Your insurance may be continued for up to 12 weeks from the date You stopped being Actively at Work or a longer period if required by law.

**Layoff**: If You are laid off by Your Employer Your insurance may be continued until the end of the month following the month You stopped being Actively at Work or a longer period if required by law.

**Status Change:** If You are an Employee, but no longer in an Eligible Class due to a reduction in the number of scheduled hours You work, Your insurance may be continued for 90 consecutive days after the date Your scheduled hours were reduced.

#### **CONTINUATION AND REINSTATEMENT PROVISIONS (continued)**

**Reinstatement:** If Your insurance ends because You are no longer employed by the Employer or no longer in Your Eligible Class; then insurance for You may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement within 30 days of the date You return to work or to an Eligible Class.

The reinstated insurance will be the lesser of the:

- 1. insurance amounts in force on the date insurance ended; or
- 2. amount of insurance in Your new Eligible Class.

#### The reinstated insurance will:

- 1. not be subject to any Eligibility Waiting Period or Evidence of Insurability; and
- 2. be subject to all the other terms and provisions of the Policy.

We will credit any amount of time You were previously insured under the Policy toward the satisfaction of time limits under the Contestability provision of the Policy.

#### SHORT TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT

**Short Term Disability Benefit:** If You become Disabled while insured under the Policy due to a Sickness or Injury, We will make Weekly Payments to You, provided You:

- 1. are Disabled throughout the Elimination Period;
- 2. remain Disabled beyond the Elimination Period; and
- 3. submit Proof of Claim to Us.

#### Weekly Payments:

- 1. begin on the first day after the Elimination Period; and
- 2. will continue until terminated as described in the Termination of Benefits provision.

The Elimination Period is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### Disabled or Disability means You are not Actively at Work and:

- 1. You are unable to perform some or all of the Essential Duties of Your Occupation due to Sickness or Injury;
- 2. Your Disability Earnings are 80% or less than Your Short Term Disability Pre-Disability Weekly Earnings, as applicable solely due to the same Sickness or Injury; and
- 3. You are under the Regular Care of a Physician.

**Benefit Calculation - Disabled and Working:** If You are Disabled and working, and earning between 20% and 80% of Your Short Term Disability Pre-Disability Weekly Earnings, Your Weekly Payment will be calculated as follows:

- Step 1. Multiply Your Short Term Disability Pre-Disability Weekly Earnings by the Benefit Percentage.
- Step 2. From 100% of Your Short Term Disability Pre-Disability Weekly Earnings, subtract:
  - a. Other Income Benefits; and
  - b. any income You earn or receive from any form of employment.
- Step 3. Compare the results in Step 1 and Step 2 with Your Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount.

The least amount from Steps 1, 2 and 3 is Your Weekly Payment, which will not exceed the Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount.

After the Elimination Period, if You are Disabled for a portion of a week, We will pro-rate Your Weekly Payment for each day of Disability.

The Benefit Percentage and Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Benefit Calculation- Disabled and Not Working or Disabled and Working and Earning Less Than 20% of Your Short Term Disability Pre-Disability Earnings: Your Weekly Payment will be calculated as follows:

- Step 1. Multiply Your Short Term Disability Pre-Disability Weekly Earnings by the Benefit Percentage.
- Step 2. Compare the result in Step 1 with the Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount.
- Step 3. The lesser of the results in Step 1 and Step 2 is Your weekly Gross Disability Payment.
- Step 4. Subtract any Other Income Benefit amounts from Your weekly Gross Disability Payment as determined in Step 3.

The result is Your Weekly Payment, which will not exceed the Maximum Weekly Benefit Amount.

#### SHORT TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT (continued)

**Effect of Other Income Benefits on Payment:** We will subtract Other Income Benefits from Your Gross Disability Payment. If subtracting Other Income Benefits results in a zero benefit, Your Weekly Payment will be the Minimum Weekly Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits. However, the Minimum Weekly Benefit Amount may be applied toward an outstanding overpayment.

Other Income Benefits must be payable as a result of the same Disability for which You are receiving a Weekly Payment, except for retirement benefits.

We will not reduce Your Weekly Payment by:

- 1. Your contributions to Your Employer's Retirement Plan;
- 2. amounts Your Employer rolls over or transfers to an eligible Retirement Plan; or
- 3. Social Security retirement benefits You were receiving before Your Disability began, if Your Disability began after Your 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

If You receive any Other Income Benefits in a lump sum payment, We will pro-rate the lump sum benefit payment on a weekly basis over the time period for which the sum was given. If no time period is stated, the sum will be pro-rated on a weekly basis to the end of Your Maximum Benefit Duration.

**Estimating Amounts of Other Income Benefits:** We have the right to estimate the amount of benefits You may be eligible to receive from Other Income Benefits. We can reduce Your Weekly Payment by the estimated amount if:

- 1. You have not been awarded but have not been denied such benefits;
- 2. You have been denied such benefits and the denial is being appealed; or
- 3. You are reapplying for such benefits.

We will not reduce Your Weekly Payment by the estimated amount if:

- 1. You apply or reapply for the benefits and appeal Your denial through all of the administrative levels We have determined are necessary; or
- 2. You sign Our reimbursement agreement form stating that You promise to pay Us any overpayment caused by an award.

If We reduce Your Weekly Payment by an estimated amount:

- 1. We will adjust Your Weekly Payment when You provide proof of the amount awarded; or
- 2. We will issue a lump sum refund of the estimated amount if You were denied benefits and have completed all appeals (or reapplications) We have determined are necessary.

#### Recurrent Disability: If Your current Disability is:

- 1. due to the same causes(s) as Your prior Disability, for which We made a payment; and
- 2. is caused by a worsening of Your condition;

We will treat it as part of Your prior claim.

You will not have to complete another Elimination Period if You return to Active Work for Your Employer for 14 consecutive days or less. Your Disability will be subject to all of the Policy provisions as Your prior claim.

Any Disability which occurs after 14 consecutive days from the date Your prior claim ended will be treated as a new claim. Your new claim will be subject to all of the Policy provisions, including the Elimination Period.

If You become eligible for benefits under any other group short term disability policy, You will not be eligible for payments under the Policy.

#### **SHORT TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT (continued)**

**Multiple Causes:** If a period of Disability is extended by a new and unrelated cause while benefits are payable, benefits will continue while You remain Disabled, however:

- 1. benefits will not continue beyond the end of the original Maximum Benefit Duration; and
- 2. any Exclusions will apply to the new cause of Disability.

**Concurrent Disabilities:** If You have one continuous period of Disability that is caused by more than one Sickness or Injury, Your Benefits will be paid as if the Disabilities were caused by one Sickness or one Injury. We will not pay benefits for more than one continuous period of Disability at the same time. If more than one benefit duration is applicable to Your period of Disability, We will pay the longest duration, subject to all other limitations and provisions of the Policy.

**Termination of Benefits:** We will stop making Your Weekly Payments and Your claim will end on the earliest of:

- 1. the date You are no longer Disabled according to the terms of the Policy;
- 2. the date You reach the end of the Maximum Benefit Duration;
- 3. the date You fail to provide proof of continuing Disability;
- 4. the date Your Disability Earnings exceed the amount allowable under the Policy;
- 5. the date You choose not to increase the number of hours You work or the number of duties You perform, which would have increased Your Disability Earnings;
- 6. the date You refuse to be examined by a Physician, if such an exam is requested by Us;
- 7. the date You refuse to be interviewed by one of Our representatives;
- 8. the date You cease to be under the Regular Care of a Physician; and
- 9. the date You die.

If You are a citizen of the United States and You are receiving Treatment outside of the United States, We may require that You return to the United States for Treatment. Failure to return, if required, may result in the termination of Your benefits.

#### SHORT TERM DISABILITY REHABILITATION BENEFIT

**Rehabilitation Benefit:** During the course of Your Disability, Our Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant may review Your claim to determine if Our Rehabilitation Program would assist You in Your return to Active Work. If We determine that You are an eligible candidate for the Rehabilitation Benefit:

- 1. We will arrange for the services to be provided; and
- 2. We will pay for such program.

Your participation in Our Rehabilitation Program is voluntary.

Our Rehabilitation Program may include the following assistance:

- 1. coordination with Your Employer to assist in Your return to Active Work;
- 2. evaluation of adaptive equipment to allow You to work;
- 3. vocational evaluation to determine how Your Disability may impact Your employment options;
- 4. job placement services;
- 5. resume preparation;
- 6. job seeking skills training;
- 7. retraining for a new occupation; and
- 8. relocating that may be part of an approved return to work program.

We will work with Your Physician and other appropriate specialists to develop a plan that best suits Your needs.

#### SHORT TERM DISABILITY LUMP SUM SURVIVOR BENEFIT

Lump Sum Survivor Benefit: We will pay a lump sum benefit, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits if:

- 1. You are receiving or are entitled to receive Weekly Payments at the time of Your death; and
- 2. Your Disability had continued for at least 15 consecutive days.

Upon receipt of proof of Your death, We will first apply any Lump Sum Survivor Benefit to any overpayment which may exist on Your claim. If there is no overpayment, the Lump Sum Survivor Benefit will be paid to:

- 1. Your spouse, if living, otherwise;
- 2. Your children.

If You have no living spouse or children, payment will be made to Your estate.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT

**Long Term Disability Benefit:** If You become Disabled while insured under the Policy due to a Sickness or Injury, We will make Monthly Payments to You, provided You:

- 1. are Disabled throughout the Elimination Period;
- 2. remain Disabled beyond the Elimination Period; and
- 3. submit Proof of Claim to Us.

#### Monthly Payments will:

- 1. begin on the first day after the Elimination Period; and
- 2. will continue until terminated as described in the Termination of Benefits provision.

The Elimination Period is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### Disabled or Disability means You are not Actively at Work and:

- 1. You are unable to perform some or all of the Essential Duties of Your Occupation due to Sickness or Injury; and
- 2. Your Disability Earnings are 80% or less than Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings, as applicable solely due to the same Sickness or Injury; and
- 3. You are under the Regular Care of a Physician.

**Disabled or Disability After 24 Months of Benefit Payments** means You will be considered Disabled if We determine that:

- 1. You are unable to perform all of the Essential Duties of Any Occupation; and
- Your Disability Earnings are 60% or less than Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability
  Monthly Earnings, as applicable solely due to the same Sickness or Injury. Benefit Calculation Disabled and Not Working or Disabled and Working and Earning Less Than 20% of Your
  Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Earnings: Your Monthly Payment will be calculated as
  follows:
- Step 1. Multiply Your Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings by the Benefit Percentage.
- Step 2. Compare the result in Step 1 with the Maximum Monthly Benefit Amount.
- Step 3. The lesser of the results in Step 1 and Step 2 is Your monthly Gross Disability Payment.
- Step 4. Subtract any Other Income Benefit amounts from Your monthly Gross Disability Payment (as determined in Step 3).

The result is Your Monthly Payment, which will not exceed the Maximum Monthly Benefit Amount.

**Benefit Calculation - Work Incentive:** When You first return to work during a period of Disability, and are earning between 20% and 80% of Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings, Your Monthly Payment for the first 12 months will be calculated as follows:

- Step 1. Add Your monthly Disability Earnings to Your Gross Disability Payment as determined in the Benefit Calculation: Disabled and Not Working or Disabled and Working and Earning Less Than 20% of Your Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Earnings.
- Step 2. Compare the result with Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Earnings.

If the result in Step 2 is less than or equal to 100% of Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings, We will not reduce Your Monthly Payment. Otherwise, We will subtract the amount over 100% of Your Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings from Your Monthly Payment.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT (continued)

Benefit Calculation - Disabled and Working after Work Incentive Calculation: After the period of time that the Work Incentive calculation applies, Your Monthly Payment will be calculated as follows:

- Step 1. Subtract Your Disability Earnings from Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings.
- Step 2. Divide the result in Step 1 by Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings. This is Your percentage of lost earnings.
- Step 3. Multiply the result in Step 2 by the Monthly Payment as determined in the Benefit Calculation:
  Disabled and Not Working or Disabled and Working and Earning Less Than 20% of Your Long
  Term Disability Pre-Disability Earnings

The result is Your new Monthly Payment, which will not exceed the Maximum Monthly Benefit Amount.

After the Elimination Period, if You are Disabled for a portion of a month, We will pro-rate Your Monthly Payment for each day of Disability.

The Maximum Monthly Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Fluctuation of Disability Earnings:** If the amount of Your Disability Earnings fluctuate, We may average Your Disability Earnings over the most recent 3 months to determine if Your claim should continue, subject to all other terms and conditions in the Policy.

When We average Your Disability Earnings We will not terminate Your claim unless the average of Your Disability Earnings from the most recent 3 months exceeds 80% of Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings. We will pay You the Minimum Monthly Benefit for any month during which Disability Earnings exceed 80% of Your Indexed Long Term Disability Pre-Disability Monthly Earnings.

**Cost of Living Increases:** After the first deduction for each of the Other Income Benefits, We will not further reduce the amount of Your Monthly Payment due to cost of living increases You receive from any of the Other Income Benefits.

**Effect of Other Income Benefits on Payment:** We will subtract Other Income Benefits from Your Gross Disability Payment. If subtracting Other Income Benefits results in a zero benefit, Your Monthly Payment will be the Minimum Monthly Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits. However, the Minimum Monthly Benefit Amount may be applied toward an outstanding overpayment.

Other Income Benefits must be payable as a result of the same Disability for which You are receiving a Monthly Payment, except for retirement benefits.

We will not reduce Your Monthly Payment by:

- 1. Your contributions to Your Employer's Retirement Plan;
- 2. amounts Your Employer rolls over or transfers to an eligible Retirement Plan; or
- 3. Social Security retirement benefits You were receiving before Your Disability began, if Your Disability began after Your 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

If You receive any Other Income Benefits in a lump sum payment, We will pro-rate the lump sum benefit payment on a monthly basis over the time period for which the sum was given. If no time period is stated, the sum will be pro-rated on a monthly basis to the end of Your Maximum Benefit Duration.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT (continued)

**Estimating Amounts of Other Income Benefits:** We have the right to estimate the amount of benefits You may be eligible to receive from Other Income Benefits. We can reduce Your Monthly Payment by the estimated amount if:

- 1. You have not been awarded but have not been denied such benefits;
- 2. You have been denied such benefits and the denial is being appealed; or
- 3. You are reapplying for such benefits.

We will not reduce Your Monthly Payment by the estimated amount if:

- 1. You apply or reapply for the benefits and appeal Your denial through all of the administrative levels We have determined are necessary; or
- 2. You sign Our reimbursement agreement form stating that You promise to pay Us any overpayment caused by an award.

If We reduce Your Monthly Payment by an estimated amount:

- 1. We will adjust Your Monthly Payment when You provide proof of the amount awarded; or
- 2. We will issue a lump sum refund of the estimated amount if You were denied benefits and have completed all appeals (or reapplications) We have determined are necessary.

#### **Accumulation of Elimination Period:**

If You are Disabled and:

- 1. You return to work for Your Employer for a period of time that is less than the Accumulation of Elimination Period: and
- 2. You cannot continue to work;

You will not have to begin a new Elimination Period. However, We will count only those days You are Disabled toward satisfying the Elimination Period. The Elimination Period and the Accumulation of Elimination Period are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### Recurrent Disability: If Your current Disability is:

- 1. due to the same causes(s) as Your prior Disability for which We made a payment; and
- 2. caused by a worsening of Your condition;

We will treat it as part of Your prior claim.

You will not have to complete another Elimination Period if You return to Active Work for Your Employer for 6 consecutive months or less. Your Disability will be subject to all of the provisions as Your prior claim.

Any Disability which occurs after 6 consecutive months from the date Your prior claim ended will be treated as a new claim. Your new claim will be subject to all of the provisions, including the Elimination Period.

If You return to work for another employer, We will treat Your Recurrent Disability as established above for the first 6 months following Your return to work. Any Recurrent Disability that occurs more than 6 months, but less than 12 months after the end of Your prior Disability will be treated as a continuation of the prior Disability; however, You will be required to complete a new Elimination Period.

If You become eligible for benefits under any other group long term disability policy, You will not be eligible for payments under the Policy.

**Multiple Causes:** If a period of Disability is extended by a new and unrelated cause while benefits are payable, benefits will continue while You remain Disabled, however:

- 1. benefits will not continue beyond the end of the original Maximum Benefit Duration; and
- 2. any Exclusion and Long Term Disability Pre-Existing Exclusion will apply to the new cause of Disability.

**Concurrent Disabilities:** If You have one continuous period of Disability that is caused by more than one Sickness or Injury, Your Benefits will be paid as if the Disabilities were caused by one Sickness or one Injury. We will not pay benefits for more than one continuous period of Disability at the same time. If more than one benefit duration is applicable to Your period of Disability, We will pay the longest duration, subject to all other limitations and provisions of the Policy.

#### **LONG TERM DISABILITY BENEFIT (continued)**

**Termination of Benefits:** We will stop making Your Monthly Payments and Your claim will end on the earliest of:

- 1. the date You are no longer Disabled according to the terms of the Policy;
- 2. the date You reach the end of the Maximum Benefit Duration;
- 3. the date You fail to provide proof of continuing Disability;
- 4. the date Your Disability Earnings exceed the amount allowable under the Policy;
- 5. the date You choose not to increase the number of hours You work or the number of duties You perform, which would have increased Your Disability Earnings;
- 6. the date You refuse to be examined by a Physician, if such an exam is requested by Us;
- 7. the date You refuse to be interviewed by one of Our representatives;
- 8. the date You cease to be under the Regular Care of a Physician; and
- 9. the date You die.

If You are a citizen of the United States and You are receiving Treatment outside of the United States, We may require that You return to the United States for Treatment. Failure to return, if required, may result in the termination of Your benefits.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY TRANSPLANT DONOR BENEFIT

**Transplant Donor Benefit:** If You undergo an Organ Transplant Procedure, and as a result You become Disabled, We will consider You to be Disabled as a result of Sickness and Your Elimination Period will be waived.

Organ Transplant Procedure means You donate a kidney, liver, lung, skin or bone marrow.

The Benefit Duration for the Transplant Donor Benefit is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

This benefit will be payable only once in Your lifetime and the benefit payments will be subject to all of the provisions contained in the Policy, except for those that are in conflict with the provisions of the Transplant Donor Benefit.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY LUMP SUM SURVIVOR BENEFIT

Lump Sum Survivor Benefit: We will pay a lump sum benefit, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits if:

- 1. You are receiving or are entitled to receive Monthly Payments at the time of Your death; and
- 2. Your Disability had continued for at least 90 consecutive days.

Upon receipt of proof of Your death, We will first apply any Lump Sum Survivor Benefit to any overpayment which may exist on Your claim. If there is no overpayment, the Lump Sum Survivor Benefit will be paid to:

- 1. Your spouse, if living, otherwise;
- 2. Your children.

If You have no living spouse or children, payment will be made to Your estate.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY REHABILITATION BENEFIT

**Rehabilitation Benefit:** During the course of Your Disability Our Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant may review Your claim to determine if Our Rehabilitation Program would assist You in Your return to Active Work in Any Occupation. If We determine that You are an eligible candidate for the Rehabilitation Benefit:

- 1. We will arrange for the services to be provided;
- 2. We will pay for such program; and
- 3. Your Gross Disability Payment will be increased by the Rehabilitation Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

In addition, We will make Monthly Payments to You for 3 months following the date Your Disability ends if We determine You are no longer Disabled while:

- 1. You are participating in Our Rehabilitation Program; and
- 2. You are not able to find employment.

Your participation in Our Rehabilitation Program is voluntary.

Our Rehabilitation Program may include the following assistance:

- 1. coordination with Your Employer to assist in Your return to Active Work;
- 2. evaluation of adaptive equipment to allow You to work;
- 3. vocational evaluation to determine how Your Disability may impact Your employment options;
- 4. job placement services;
- 5. resume preparation;
- 6. job seeking skills training;
- 7. retraining for a new occupation; and
- 8. relocating that may be part of an approved return to work program.

We will work with Your Physician and other appropriate specialists to develop a plan that best suits Your needs.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY WORKPLACE MODIFICATION BENEFIT

**Workplace Modification Benefit:** If You become Disabled, We will pay a Workplace Modification Benefit to Your Employer if:

- 1. Your Employer agrees to make necessary modifications to:
  - a. Your work environment; or
  - b. the way Your job is performed;
  - to allow You to return to Actively at Work despite Your Disability; and
- 2. any proposed modifications to Your workplace must be in writing by Your Employer and approved by Us prior to implementation.

We have the right to have You evaluated by a Physician or a Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant of Our choice prior to approving any proposed modifications.

The Workplace Modification Benefit will be the lesser of:

- 1. the actual cost of the modifications to Your workplace; or
- 2. the Workplace Modifications Maximum Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

This benefit is available once in Your lifetime and is payable in addition to any other benefits for which You qualify.

#### **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS**

**Exclusions:** We will not cover a Disability contributed to or caused by:

- 1. an act or accident of war, declared or undeclared, whether civil or international, or any substantial armed conflict between organized forces of a military nature;
- 2. intentionally self-inflicted Injuries;
- 3. active participation in a riot;
- 4. committing or attempting to commit a crime, or participating or attempting to participate in a crime;
- 5. an Occupational Sickness or Injury for Short Term Disability benefits if benefits are issued on a non-occupational basis. However, We will cover Disabilities due to an Occupational Sickness or Injury for partners or sole proprietors who cannot be covered by Workers' Compensation Law; or
- 6. elective cosmetic surgery.

For any period of time during which You are incarcerated or under House Arrest:

- 1. We will not make a benefit payment; and
- 2. after completion of the applicable Elimination Period, We will reduce the applicable Maximum Benefit Duration.

**Long Term Disability Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion:** We will not cover any Disability that begins during the first 12 months after Your Effective Date of insurance and which:

- 1. is caused by;
- 2. is contributed to; or
- 3. results from;

a Pre-Existing Condition or medical or surgical treatment for a Pre-Existing Condition.

**Long Term Disability Pre-Existing Condition** means any Sickness or Injury including Mental Illness, Substance Abuse or Subjective Symptoms for which You:

- 1. were diagnosed by; or
- 2. received Treatment from;

a Physician within 3 months prior to Your Effective Date of insurance.

**Long Term Disability Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Limitations:** If You become Disabled due to Mental Illness or Substance Abuse, Your benefit duration will be limited to 24 months. This is a lifetime cumulative Maximum Benefit Duration.

We will continue making Monthly Payments to You beyond this limited benefit duration for Disabilities due to Mental Illness or Substance Abuse:

- 1. if You are confined to a Hospital as an inpatient for at least 24 hours; and
- 2. for a recovery period for up to 90 days if You are still Disabled when You are discharged.

If You become re-confined at any time during the recovery period for such Disability and remain confined for at least 14 consecutive days, We will make Monthly Payments during that additional confinement and for one additional recovery period of up to 90 days.

Benefits will not be paid beyond the Maximum Benefit Duration shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### **CLAIM INFORMATION**

All benefits payable under the Policy will be paid according to the following provisions.

**Notice of Claim:** You, the person who has the right to claim benefits or Your authorized representative, must give Us, written notice of a claim, at Our Home Office, within 30 days after the date of loss. If notice cannot be given within that time, it must be given as soon as reasonably possible after that. Such notice must include the claimant's name, address, and the Policy Number.

The claim form is available from Your Employer, or can be requested from Us. If the form is not received from Us within 15 days of a request, written Proof of Claim should be sent to Us without waiting for the form. Written proof must fully describe the nature and extent of the claim.

**Proof of Claim:** Written Proof of Claim must be filed within 90 days of the loss. However, if it is not possible to give proof within 90 days, it must be given no later than one year after the time proof is otherwise required, except in the absence of legal capacity.

Proof of Claim may include the following:

- 1. a completed claim form;
- 2. a certified copy of the death certificate (if applicable);
- 3. Your enrollment form;
- 4. documentation of:
  - a. the date Your disability began;
  - b. the cause of Your disability; and
  - c. the prognosis of Your disability;
- 5. all medical information, including reports of diagnostic testing and photocopies of medical records, including histories;
- 6. physical, mental or diagnostic examinations and treatment notes;
- 7. the names and addresses of all:
  - a. Physicians or other qualified medical professionals You have consulted;
  - b. hospitals or other medical facilities in which You have been treated; and
  - c. pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years;
- 8. Your signed authorization for Us to obtain and release medical, employment, and financial information (if applicable);
- 9. documentation of Your hours worked, earnings and all other types of income;
- 10. proof of any Employer approved Leave of Absence; or
- 11. any additional information required by Us to adjudicate the claim.

All proof submitted must be satisfactory to Us.

You and Your Employer must fill out the applicable designated section of the claim form and then give it to Your attending Physician. The Physician should fill out their section of the form and send it directly to Us.

We may request that You provide proof of continuing Disability, satisfactory to Us, indicating that You are under the Regular Care of a Physician. The proof, provided at Your expense, must be received within 30 days of a request by Us.

In some cases, You will be required to give Us authorization to obtain additional medical information, and to provide non-medical information as part of Your Proof of Claim, or proof of continuing Disability. We will deny Your claim or stop making Your payments if the appropriate information is not submitted.

You must notify Us immediately when You return to work in any capacity.

**Payment of Claim:** Except as otherwise noted for specified additional benefits that may be included in the Policy, all Disability benefits are payable to You. If a benefit is payable to Your estate, to a minor or to someone who is not competent to give a valid release, We have the right to pay up to \$3,000 to any of Your relatives whom We consider entitled. Any amount We pay in good faith releases Us from further liability, but only for the amount paid.

#### **CLAIM INFORMATION (continued)**

**Receipt of Payments:** You will begin to receive the appropriate periodic payments, for which We are liable, if:

- 1. You are Disabled;
- 2. the applicable Elimination Period, if any, has been met; and
- 3. We approve Your claim.

If You are Disabled and working, proof of Disability Earnings will be required before benefits are paid.

At Our expense, We may require You to be examined:

- 1. by Physicians, or Vocational Rehabilitation Consultants of Our choice; and
- 2. as often as it is reasonable.

We may also require You to be interviewed by an authorized representative of Ours. Refusal to be examined or interviewed may result in denial or termination of Your claim.

**Time of Claim Payment:** We will pay a claim for loss after We receive due Proof of Claim. However, if special circumstances require an extension, We will provide You or Your authorized representative with:

- 1. a description of any further proof needed to complete the claim; and
- 2. an explanation of why such material is needed.

Benefits for a covered loss will then be paid upon receipt of all proper Proof of Claim.

**Legal Action:** You may not bring suit to recover under this section until 60 days after You have given Us written Proof of Claim. No suit may be brought more than three years after the date of loss.

**Overpayment of Claim:** We have the right to recover any overpayments due to fraud, Your receipt of Other Income Benefits or any error We make in processing a claim. You must reimburse Us in full. We will determine the method by which the repayment is to be made. We have the right to recover overpayment from Your beneficiary or Your spouse if living, otherwise children under the age of 26 or estate.

**Reimbursement**: We have the right to request to be reimbursed for any benefit payments made or required to be made under the Policy for a Disability for which You recover payment from a third party. If You recover payment from a third party as:

- 1. a legal judgment;
- 2. an arbitration award: or
- 3. a settlement or otherwise:

You must reimburse Us for the lesser of:

- 1. the amount of payment made or required to be made by Us; or
- 2. the amount recovered from the third party less any reasonable legal fees associated with the recovery.

**Conformity with State or Federal Statutes:** If any provision of Your Certificate conflicts with any applicable law, the provision will be deemed to conform to the minimum requirements of the law.

#### **CLAIM INFORMATION (continued)**

**Fraud:** We will use all means necessary to support fraud detection, investigation, and prosecution. Submission of false or misleading information may result in denial of Your claim, and may be subject to prosecution and punishment to the full extent under state and/or federal law. We will pursue all appropriate legal remedies in the event of insurance fraud.

**Contestability:** We may not contest the validity of Your insurance, except for the non-payment of premiums, after it has been in force for two years from its date of issue. Statements made in any signed application relating to such insurability will not be used to contest the validity of the insurance after such insurance has been in force for two years from its date of issue. In the event Your insurance is rescinded, We will refund premiums paid for the periods such insurance is void.

**Misstatement of Age:** If Your age has been misstated, premiums will be adjusted. If the amount of the benefit is based on age, the benefit will be adjusted based upon Your correct age.

**Workers' Compensation:** The Policy does not provide benefits required by any Workers' Compensation laws.

**Employee Outreach Services:** We may provide Outreach Services for You, if You have a Disability that may interfere with Your recovery and return to work.

Employee Outreach Services will be provided at Our discretion and may include, but are not limited to:

- 1. service provider referrals; and
- 2. identifying available community and state resources that may be helpful in Your recovery and return to work.

**Social Security Assistance:** If You are receiving a payment from Us, We can provide advice regarding Your Social Security Disability benefits claim and assist You with Your application or appeal.

Receiving Social Security Disability benefits may enable:

- 1. You to receive Medicare after 24 months of Disability payments;
- 2. You to protect Your retirement benefits; and
- 3. Your family to be eligible for Social Security benefits.

We can assist You in obtaining Social Security disability benefits by:

- 1. helping You find appropriate legal representation or other assistance; and
- 2. obtaining medical and vocational evidence.

Modification(s) to the Certificate

Policyholder: Noble Inc.

Policy Number: 372737

It is agreed that the Certificate is amended as follows:

Effective January 1, 2025, with respect to residents of the states as shown on the subsequent pages, the following provisions amend, replace or are added, when applicable, to the Certificate, and all other conditions apply:

Signed for UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company by:

Tracy A. Arney, Secretary

Jessica Paik, President

UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company Hartford, Connecticut 06103-3408

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#### STATUTORY PROVISIONS

#### **ALASKA**

Residents of the state of Alaska, the following provisions are included to bring your Certificate into conformity with Alaska state law:

#### **Definitions**

If **Domestic Partner** coverage is included, it is amended so that any references to gender (i.e., "of the opposite or same sex" or "of the same sex") are removed.

#### **Claim Information**

**Overpayment of Claim** is amended to advise that we have the right to recover any overpayments within 180 days of payment of a benefit.

#### **ARKANSAS**

Residents of the state of Arkansas, the following provision is included to bring your Certificate into conformity with Arkansas state law:

#### **Insurer Information Notice**

Any questions regarding the Policy may be directed to:

UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company Administrative Offices 9900 Bren Road East Minnetonka, MN 55343 1-866-615-8727

Policyholders have the right to file a complaint with the Arkansas Insurance Department (AID). You may call AID to request a complaint form at (800) 852-5494 or (501) 371-2640 or write the Department at:

Arkansas Insurance Department 1 Commerce Way, Suite 102 Little Rock, Arkansas 77202

#### **MASSACHUSETTS**

Residents of the state of Massachusetts, the following provision is included to bring your Certificate into conformity with Massachusetts state law:

#### **Continuation and Reinstatement Provisions**

The following section of the **Continuation of Insurance** is amended to add the exception of Cessation of Active Work and Plant Closing:

Continuation Provisions, with the exception of Cessation of Active Work and Plant Closing:

- 3. leaves of absence must be approved in writing by Your Employer; and
- 4. when combined, will not extend longer than 3 months from the date You were last Actively at Work.

#### The following **Continuation Provisions** are added:

**Status Change:** If You are an Employee, but no longer in an Eligible Class due to a reduction in the number of scheduled hours You work, Your insurance may be continued for 90 consecutive days after the date Your scheduled hours were reduced.

**Cessation of Active Work:** Pursuant to Massachusetts state law, Your insurance may be continued for 31 days from the date You terminate Your employment with Your Employer, unless You become eligible for similar benefits under another group plan prior to the end of such 31 day period.

#### **MINNESOTA**

Minnesota has determined that its statutory requirements apply to Minnesota residence when non-Minnesota sitused Employers have 25 or more Employees residing in Minnesota.

Any questions regarding these statutory requirements may be directed in writing to:

UnitedHealthcare Specialty Benefits Contract Services Administrative Offices 9900 Bren Road East Minnetonka, MN 55343

#### **Claim Information**

Time of Claim Payment is amended be paid not more than 60 days after receipt of due Proof of Claim.

**Legal Actions** is amended to extend the timeframe in which no suit may be brought from three years after the date of loss to five years.

#### **MONTANA**

Residents of the state of Montana, the following provision is included to bring your Certificate into conformity with Montana state law:

#### **Claim Information**

**Time of Claim Payment** is amended be paid not more than 30 days after receipt of due Proof of Claim, payment will include interest from the 30<sup>th</sup> day to the date the claim is paid at a rate less than required by Montana law.

**Overpayment of Claim** is amended to limit the time frame for Us to request reimbursement for overpayment to 30 days.

#### **NORTH CAROLINA**

Residents of the state of North Carolina, the following provision is included to bring your Certificate into conformity with North Carolina state law:

#### Cancellation notice disclosure:

Important Cancellation Information. Please read the provision entitled Covered Person Termination of Insurance in the Eligibility, Effective Date and Terminations Provisions Section.

#### This Policy is not a Medicare Supplement Contract

#### This Certificate contains a limitation for Pre-Existing Conditions

#### **Definitions**

If Dependent coverage is included, the definition of **Hospital** is amended to include: "In North Carolina, Hospital also means a duly licensed State tax-supported institution which may be a specialty facility for one particular type of illness or one that may not have an operating room and related equipment for surgery. State tax-supported institutions includes community mental health centers and other health clinics which are certified as Medicaid providers."

#### **Exclusions and Limitations**

If the following exclusions are included, they are amended as follows:

- the Act of Accident of War exclusion is amended to include "The term "war" does not mean an act of terrorism. This exclusion does not apply if an insured is a known service member and such was known at the time of enrollment."
- the exclusion for an Occupational Sickness or Injury, if Short Term Disability is included, it is replaced with: "an Occupational Sickness or Injury for Short Term Disability benefits which are paid under the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act only to the extent such services or supplies are the liability of the Employee, Employer or workers' compensation insurance carrier according a final adjudication under the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act or an order of the North Carolina Industrial Commission approving a settlement agreement under the North Carolina Workers' Compensation Act if benefits are issued on a non-occupational basis. However, We will cover Disabilities due to an Occupational Sickness or Injury for partners or sole proprietors who cannot be covered by Workers' Compensation Law";

#### **Claim Information**

**Proof of Claim** is amended to extend the timeframe in which written proof of claim must be filed, to 180 days. Also, for continued Disability, if under the Regular Care of a Physician, the proof will be provided at Our expense.

**Legal Actions** is amended to limit the timeframe in which no suit may be brought to 60 days after proof has been provided.

#### NORTH DAKOTA

Residents of the state of North Dakota, the following provision is included to bring your Certificate into conformity with North Dakota state law:

#### Right to return disclosure:

You have 10 days to review this Certificate. If You are not satisfied for any reason, You may send the Certificate back to Us within 10 days of its delivery. In that event, We will consider it void and refund all premium paid by You.

#### **Definitions**

If the Subjective Symptoms definition is included in your Certificate, it is considered removed.

#### **Exclusions and Limitations**

If Pre-Existing Condition language is included, it is amended, that any reference to Subjective Symptoms is removed.

If the Long Term Care Subjective Symptoms Limitation is included in your Certificate, it is considered removed.

#### **Claim Information**

**Legal Actions** is amended to extend the timeframe in which no suit may be brought from three years after the date of loss to five years.

#### **OKLAHOMA**

Residents of the state of Oklahoma, the following provision is included to bring your Certificate into conformity with Oklahoma state law:

#### Disclosure notice:

WARNING: Any person who knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

#### **Exclusions and Limitations**

If the Act of Accident of War exclusion is included, it is amended as follows: "an act or Accident of war, declared or undeclared, while serving in the military or an auxiliary unit attached to the military or working in an area of war whether voluntarily or as required by an employer."

#### **Claim Information**

**Overpayment of Claim** is amended to advise that we have the right to recover any overpayments within 24 months following the payment of a benefit.

#### **TEXAS**

Residents of the state of Texas, the following provision is included to bring your Certificate into conformity with Texas state law:

### Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company first or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

#### **UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company**

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Call: UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company

Toll-free: 1-866-615-8727

Mail: United HealthCare Insurance Company Administrative Offices

9900 Bren Road East, Minnetonka. MN 55343

#### The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439
File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov
Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Mail: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance,

P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

## ¿Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?

Si tiene un problema con una reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en inglés) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, también debe presentar una queja a través del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de sucompañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

#### **UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company**

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja ante su compañía de seguros o HMO:

**Llame a:** UnitedHealthcare Insurance Company

**Teléfono gratuito:** 1-866-615-8727

Dirección postal: United HealthCare Insurance Company Administrative Offices,

9900 Bren Road East, Minnetonka. MN 55343

#### El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacionada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: 1-800-252-3439 Presente una queja en: www.tdi.texas.gov

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov Dirección postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance.

P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

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# Claim Information

**Time of Claim Payment** is amended be paid not more than 2 months after receipt of due Proof of Claim. If we have not denied the claim for valid reasons, the benefit due will accrue interest at the rate of .5% per month until the claim is paid.