## SPECIAL AGENTS MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION (SAMBA)

Eligible Transfer and New Entrants Employees/Members

Voluntary Employee Term Life Coverage

**Voluntary Dependents Term Life Coverage** 

Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage



### **Disclosure Notice**

#### FOR ARKANSAS RESIDENTS

Prudential's Customer Service Office:

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

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

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

#### FOR COLORADO RESIDENTS

THIS IS A SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN THAT IS NOT INTENDED TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE REQUIRED BY THE AFFORDABLE CARE ACT (ACA). UNLESS YOU HAVE ANOTHER PLAN (SUCH AS MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE) THAT PROVIDES MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ACA, YOU MAY BE SUBJECT TO A FEDERAL TAX PENALTY. ALSO, THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THIS PLAN CANNOT BE COORDINATED WITH THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY OTHER COVERAGE. PLEASE REVIEW THE BENEFITS PROVIDED BY THIS PLAN CAREFULLY TO AVOID DUPLICATION OF COVERAGE.

#### FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS

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

#### FOR IDAHO RESIDENTS

If you need the assistance of the governmental agency that regulates the business of insurance, you can contact the Idaho Department of Insurance by contacting:

Idaho Department of Insurance Consumer Affairs 700 W State Street, 3rd Floor PO Box 83720 Boise ID 83720-0043

1-800-721-3272 or 208-334-4250 or www.DOI.ldaho.gov

#### FOR INDIANA RESIDENTS

Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

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

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

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

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

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

#### FOR NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS

Notice: This Certificate of Insurance provides all of the benefits mandated by the North Carolina Insurance Code, but is issued under a group master policy located in another state and may be governed by that state's laws.

#### FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS

THE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED IS NOT A POLICY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR EMPLOYER TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR EMPLOYER IS A SUBSCRIBER TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM.

#### FOR WISCONSIN RESIDENTS

#### KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS

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

#### **Prudential's Customer Service Office:**

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

You can also contact the **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**, a state agency which enforces Wisconsin's insurance laws, and file a complaint. You can file a complaint electronically with the **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE** at its website at <a href="http://oci.wi.gov/">http://oci.wi.gov/</a>, or by contacting:

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

#### NOTICE FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS

#### Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company 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.

#### The Prudential Insurance Company of America

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

Call: Prudential Life Claim Division

Toll-free: 1-800-524-0542

Mail: P.O. Box 8517, Philadelphia, PA 19176

#### 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: MC 111-1A, 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 su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

#### **The Prudential Insurance Company of America**

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

Llame a: Prudential Life Claim Division Teléfono gratuito: 1-800-524-0542

Dirección postal: P.O. Box 8517, Philadelphia, PA 19176

#### 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 u na queja en: www.tdi.texas.gov

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Dirección postal: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 12030, Austin TX 78711-2030

#### THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

## Certificate of Coverage

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Foreword**

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

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

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

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** This Booklet is an important document and should be kept in a safe place. This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage made a part of this Booklet together form your Group Insurance Certificate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES: There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions under the Coverage(s) described in this Group Insurance Certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your Coverage(s) and are made a part of your Group Insurance Certificate. Prudential has a website that describes these state-specific requirements. You may access the website at www.prudential.com/etonline. When you access the website, you will be asked to enter your state of residence and your Access Code. Your Access Code is 72117.

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

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## Schedule of Benefits

#### Covered Classes:

**Transfers:** All insured Member/Employees (including SAMBA Staff) who had elected coverage under the prior carrier plan prior to September 1, 2024.

**New Entrants:** All eligible uninsured Member/Employees, including SAMBA Staff Employees, who elect coverage on or after September 1, 2024 and are under age 70 at time of enrollment (includes current insured members who apply for a coverage increase, if they apply and pass any EOI requirements).

**Program Date:** September 1, 2024. This Booklet describes the benefits under the Group Program as of the Program Date.

- This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage together form your Group Insurance Certificate.
  The Coverages in this Booklet are insured under a Group Contract issued by Prudential. All
  benefits are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes the Group
  Insurance Certificate. It alone forms the agreement under which payment of insurance is made.
- The Plan Sponsor expects to continue the Group Program indefinitely. But the Plan Sponsor reserves the right to change or end it at any time. This would change or end the terms of the Group Program in effect at that time for active and retired Members/Employees.

#### **VOLUNTARY EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE COVERAGE**

You may enroll for one of the options below. The option for which you enroll will be recorded by the Plan Administrator (SAMBA) and reported to Prudential.

#### **BENEFIT AMOUNTS:**

#### **Amount For Each Benefit Class:**

Benefit Classes	Amount of Insurance
All Employees	
Option 1	\$25,000
Option 2	\$50,000
Option 3	\$75,000
Option 4	\$100,000
Option 5	\$125,000
Option 6	\$150,000
Option 7	\$200,000
Option 8	\$250,000
Option 9	\$300,000
Option 10	\$400,000
Option 11	\$500,000
Option 12	\$600,000
Option 13	\$750,000

**Enrollment, Increases and Decreases:** You may enroll or elect to have your amount of insurance under the Coverage changed. You must do this on a form approved by Prudential and agree to make any required contributions.

You must give evidence of insurability. The amount of your insurance will be increased when Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory and you meet the Active Work Requirement.

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

**Amount Limit Due to Age:** When you are age 70 or more, your amount of insurance is limited. It is the Limited Percent (for that Age) of the amount for which you would then be insured if there were no limitation. Each Age and the Limited Percent for that Age are shown below.

Age	Limited Percent/Amount
70	50
75	25

At age 80, the maximum amount of insurance is \$15,000.

The Limited Percent for an Age takes effect on the day you become insured if you are then that Age. Otherwise, each Limited Percent for an Age takes effect on the first premium due date following your birthday for that Age.

The Delay of Effective Date section does not apply to this Amount Limit Due to Age provision.

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

#### **VOLUNTARY DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE COVERAGE**

The amount of insurance is the amount for your Benefit Class. You may enroll your Qualified Dependents for the plan shown below. If you may choose the amount of insurance or if there are options from which to select, the amount for which you enroll will be recorded by the Plan Administrator (SAMBA) and reported to Prudential. Your Benefit Class is determined by the classification of your dependents and the amount for which you enroll as shown in this table.

#### **Qualified Dependents** Amount of Insurance\*\*\* Classification Your Spouse \$25,000 Option 1 \$50,000 Option 2 Option 3 \$75,000 \$100,000 Option 4 \$125,000 Option 5 Option 6 \$150,000 \$200,000 Option 7 \$250,000 Option 8 Option 9 \$300,000 \$400,000 Option 10 \$500,000 Option 11 \$600,000 Option 12 \$750,000 Option 13 Your Children

During the Life Event enrollment period, the Amount of Insurance for your Children will be \$20,000.

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

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

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

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

<sup>\*\*</sup>No child can be covered as a dependent under the Basic Staff Employees Life Plan and Voluntary Employees Life Plan at the same time.

**Amount Limit Due to Age:** When your Spouse is age 70 or more, your Spouse's amount of insurance is limited. It is the Limited Percent (for that Age) of the amount for which your Spouse would then be insured if there were no limitation. Each Age and the Limited Percent for that Age are shown below.

Age Limited Percent

70 50 75 and more 25

At age 80, the maximum amount of insurance is \$15,000.

The Limited Percent for an Age takes effect on the day your Spouse becomes insured if your Spouse is then that Age. Otherwise, each Limited Percent for an Age takes effect on the first premium due date following your Spouse's birthday for that Age.

The Delay of Effective Date section does not apply to this Amount Limit Due to Age provision.

**Effect of Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits for your Spouse:** The amount of insurance (as determined in the absence of this provision) will be reduced by the amount of any Terminal Illness Proceeds paid under the Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits with respect to the dependent.

#### **VOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGE**

#### BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER EMPLOYEE INSURANCE:

**Amount For Each Benefit Class:** An amount equal to the amount for which you are insured under the Voluntary Employee Term Life Coverage. For this purpose only, that amount will be the amount as determined above, except that if your Voluntary Employee Term Life Coverage is reduced by any amount paid under the Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits, that reduction will not apply to this Coverage.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Contract Holder: SPECIAL AGENTS MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION (SAMBA)

**Group Contract No.:** G-72117-MD

**Associated Companies:** Associated Companies are employers who are the Contract Holder's subsidiaries or affiliates and are reported to Prudential in writing for inclusion under the Group Contract, provided that Prudential has approved such request.

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

#### **Prudential's Address:**

The Prudential Insurance Company of America 213 Washington Street Newark, New Jersey 07102

#### WHEN YOU HAVE A CLAIM

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

If you do not have a claim form, contact the Plan Administrator (SAMBA).

## Who is Eligible to Become Insured

#### FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

You are eligible to become insured for Employee Insurance while:

You are in a Covered Class.

**For Member/Employees, you are eligible** if you are regularly working for the Employer at least the number of hours in the Employer's normal full-time work week for your class. If you are a partner or proprietor of the Employer, that work must be in the conduct of the Employer's business

**For SAMBA Staff Employees, you are eligible** if you are regularly working for the Employer at least the number of hours in the Employer's normal full-time work week for your class, but not less than 20 hours per week. If you are a partner or proprietor of the Employer, that work must be in the conduct of the Employer's business.

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

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

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

#### FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

You are eligible to become insured for Dependents Insurance while:

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

#### **Qualified Dependents:**

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

- A person who is your Spouse prior to their enrollment for Dependents Insurance.
  - Your Spouse means your lawful Spouse.
- Your Child(ren) from live birth to 26 years old.

Your Child(ren) include your:

- (1) Biological child(ren);
- (2) Legally adopted children, children placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption, and each of your stepchildren. A child placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption is considered your Qualified Dependent from the date of placement for adoption, and is treated as though the child was your newborn child;
- (3) Foster children; and
- (4) Child(ren) for whom you or your Spouse
  - (a) have been appointed the legal guardian;
  - (b) claim as a dependent on your or your Spouse's federal income tax returns.

A Child who is your or your Spouse's ward under a legal guardianship will be considered a Qualified Dependent from the effective date of court order granting the legal guardianship, and is treated as though the Child was your newborn Child.

#### **Exceptions:**

Your Spouse or Child is not your Qualified Dependent while:

- (1) on active duty in the armed forces of any country; or
- (2) insured for life coverage under the Group Contract as an Employee; or
- (3) the Spouse or Child continues to have life insurance coverage under the Group Contract under a coverage continuation provision such as the Extended Death Benefit and Waiver of Premiums During Total Disability provision of the Employee Term Life Coverage.

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

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

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

## When You Become Insured

#### FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

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

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

For Contributory Insurance, you must enroll on a form approved by Prudential and agree to pay the required contributions. The Plan Administrator (SAMBA) will tell you whether contributions are required and the amount of any contribution when you enroll.

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

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

- (1) For Contributory Insurance, when you enroll.
- (2) You enroll after any of your insurance under the Group Contract ends because you did not pay a required contribution.
- (3) You wish to become insured for life insurance and have an individual life insurance contract which you obtained by converting your insurance under a Coverage of the Group Contract.
- (4) You have not met a previous evidence requirement to become insured under any Prudential group contract for Employees of the Employer.

#### FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

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

- You have enrolled for the person for Dependents Insurance under the Coverage, if the Coverage is Contributory.
- The person is your Qualified Dependent.
- You are in a Covered Class for that insurance.

- To be insured for a Qualified Dependent under the Voluntary Dependents Term Life Coverage, you must be insured under the Voluntary Employee Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract.
- Any evidence requirement for that Qualified Dependent has been met.
- Your insurance for that Qualified Dependent is not being delayed under the Delay of Effective Date section below.
- Dependents Insurance under that Coverage is part of the Group Contract.

For Contributory Insurance, you must enroll your Qualified Dependent on a form approved by Prudential and agree to pay the required contributions. Your Employer will tell you whether contributions are required and the amount of any contribution when you enroll your Qualified Dependent.

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

**When evidence is required:** In any of these situations, evidence of insurability must be given for a Qualified Dependent Spouse. This requirement will be met when Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory. Evidence is not required for a Qualified Dependent Child.

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

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

- No Qualified Dependents.
- Qualified Dependent Spouse only.
- Qualified Dependent Spouse and Children.
- Qualified Dependent Children only.

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

Forms are available for reporting these changes.

## Delay of Effective Date

#### FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

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

#### FOR DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE COVERAGE

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

Newborn Child Exception: This section does not apply to a Child of yours if the Child is born to you and either:

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

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

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## Voluntary Employee Term Life Coverage

#### FOR YOU ONLY

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

If you die while a Covered Person, the amount of your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death. But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section D.

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

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

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

The amount of the benefit is equal to the amount of Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage you were entitled to convert. It is payable even if you did not apply for conversion. It is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death. But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section D.

#### C. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

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

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

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

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

#### D. SUICIDE EXCLUSION.

If your death results from or is caused by suicide, while sane or insane:

- (1) A death benefit is not payable if you die within two years of the date you became a Covered Person. But, Prudential will refund any premiums paid for your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage.
- (2) The amount of any increase in your death benefit is not payable if you die within two years of the date of the increase. But, Prudential will refund any premiums paid for that increase.

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

(1) Except as provided below, interest will be payable from the date of your death to the date the proceeds are paid. The interest rate will be at least equal to the rate Prudential pays for proceeds left on deposit.

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(2) Interest may not be paid if the proceeds are paid within 30 days after the date of your death. Also, if due proof of death is given more than 180 days after the date of your death, interest may accumulate and be payable from the date on which due proof was given to the date the proceeds are paid.

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## Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits

#### Note:

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

You will not be required to pay any additional contributions if you elect accelerate payment of death benefits under this option

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

#### **Definitions**

- Terminally III Employee: An employee whose life expectancy is 12 months or less.
- Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds: The amount of Employee Term Life Insurance that you may elect to place under this option. The Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds are equal to 75% of the amount in force on your life on the date Prudential receives the request for Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds, but not more than \$500,000 under the Basic Employee Term Life Coverage and Voluntary Employee Term Life Coverage Under Group Contract G-72117-MD. However, the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds may be reduced if, within 12 months] after the date Prudential receives such proof, a reduction on account of age would have applied to the amount of your Employee Term Life Insurance. In that case, the amount of the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds may not exceed the amount of such Insurance after applying the reduction.
- Chronically III Employee: An Employee who is Chronically III as a result of:
- A physical disease or condition that makes you incapable of performing at least 2 Activities of Daily Living for at least 30 calendar days.
- Activities of Daily Living or ADLs: An Activity of Daily Living (ADL) refers to one of the following:
- (1) Eating feeding oneself by getting food in the body from a receptacle (such as a plate, cup, or table) or by a feeding tube or intravenously.
- (2) Bathing washing oneself by sponge bath or in either a tub or shower, including the act of getting into or out of a tub or shower.]
- (3) Continence the ability to maintain control of bowel and bladder function; or when unable to
  maintain control of bowel or bladder function, the ability to perform associated personal hygiene
  (including caring for a catheter or colostomy bag).

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- (4) Dressing putting on and taking off all items of clothing and any necessary braces, fasteners, or artificial limbs.
- (5) Toileting getting to and from the toilet, getting on or off the toilet, and performing associated personal hygiene.
- (6) Transferring the ability to move into or out of bed, a chair or wheelchair.

#### Option:

If you become Terminally III while insured under the Employee Term Life Insurance provision, you may elect to have the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds placed under this option. During your lifetime, you may elect to have Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds placed under this option provided the total Proceeds placed under this option due to Terminal Illness does not exceed 75% of the amount in force on your life on the date Prudential approves the request for Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds due to Terminal Illness but not more than \$500,000 under the Basic Employee Term Life Coverage and Voluntary Employee Term Life Coverage Under Group Contract G-72117-MD. That election is subject to the conditions set forth below.

If you develop a Chronic Illness while insured under the Employee Term Life Insurance provision, you may elect to have the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds placed under this option. During your lifetime, you may elect to have Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds placed under this option provided the total Proceeds placed under this option due to Chronic Illness does not exceed 50% of the amount in force on your life on the date Prudential approves the request for Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds due to Chronic Illness but not more than \$500,000 under the Basic Employee Term Life Coverage and Voluntary Employee Term Life Coverage Under Group Contract G-72117-MD.

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

If you do not want the Terminal Illness Proceeds in one sum, you may elect to have them paid in 12 equal monthly installments. The first monthly payment will be due when Prudential receives proof that you are a Terminally III Employee. The other payments are due on the same day of each later month.

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

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

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

- (1) You must choose this option in writing in a form that satisfies Prudential.
- (2) Once 100% of the amount of Employee Term Life Insurance in force on your life as been accelerated under this option, you are not eligible to convert your group life insurance coverage to an individual life insurance policy.

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- (3) You must furnish proof to Prudential that you are a Terminally III Employee or a Chronically III Employee, including certification by a Doctor. For a Chronically III Employee, the certification by a Doctor must state that you are incapable of performing at least 2 Activities of Daily Living for the rest of your lifetime.
- (4) You cannot elect this option if your Employee Term Life Insurance has been assigned unless you obtain a signed acknowledgment from the assignee of their agreement to the payment of the accelerated benefit.
- (5) Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds will be made available to you on a voluntary basis only. Therefore:
  - (a) If you are required by law to use this option to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise, you are not eligible for this benefit.
  - (b) If you are required by a government agency to use this option in order to apply for, get or keep a government benefit or entitlement, you are not eligible for this benefit.

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

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# Voluntary Dependents Term Life Coverage

#### FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ONLY

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

If a dependent dies while a Covered Person, the amount of insurance on that dependent under this Coverage is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death. But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section E.

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

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

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

The amount of the benefit is equal to the amount of Dependents Term Life Coverage which could have been converted. It is payable even if conversion was not applied for. It is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death. But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section E.

#### C. DEATH BENEFIT DURING LIFE EVENT ENROLLMENT PERIOD.

A death benefit is payable under this Section C if a Qualified Dependent Child dies:

- (1) within 31 days of you becoming eligible to enroll such child due to the following Life Event of birth or adoption of such Child; and
- prior to actual enrollment as a Qualified Dependent.

The amount of the benefit is equal to the amount of Dependents Term Life Coverage shown in the Schedule of Benefits for death during a Life Event enrollment period. It is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death even if the Child was not yet enrolled for Coverage. But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section E.

If any premium is due for the Qualified Dependent Child at the time of claim, Prudential will reduce any benefit payable by the amount of such due premium applicable to the Qualified Dependent Child.

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#### D. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

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

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

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

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

#### E. SUICIDE EXCLUSION.

If a dependent's death results from or is caused by suicide, while sane or insane:

- (1) A death benefit is not payable if the dependent dies within two years of the date the dependent became a Covered Person. But, Prudential will refund any premiums paid for the Dependents Term Life Coverage on that dependent.
- (2) The amount of any increase in the death benefit with respect to the dependent is not payable if the dependent dies within two years of the date of the increase. But, Prudential will refund any premiums paid for that increase.

Any death benefit provided under a section of this Coverage:

- (1) is payable to you. If you are not living at the death of a dependent\*, the death benefit is payable to the dependent's estate or, at Prudential's option, to any one or more of these surviving relatives of the dependent: wife; husband; mother; father; children; brothers; sisters.
  - \*If you and a dependent die in the same event and it cannot be determined who died first, the insurance will be payable as if that dependent died before you.
- (2) is payable according to that section and these claim rules.
  - (a) Except as provided below, interest will be payable from the date of the dependent's death to the date the proceeds are paid. The interest rate will be at least equal to the rate Prudential pays for proceeds left on deposit.
  - (b) Interest may not be paid if the proceeds are paid within 30 days after the date of the dependent's death. Also, if due proof of death is given more than 180 days after the date of the dependent's death, interest may accumulate and be payable from the date on which due proof was given to the date the proceeds are paid.

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## Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits

#### FOR YOUR DEPENDENT SPOUSE

Note: Any payment made under this option may be taxable. You are advised to seek the help of a professional tax advisor for assistance with any questions that you may have.

The following is added to the Dependents Term Life Coverage provision.

#### **Definitions**

- Terminally III Dependent: A dependent Spouse whose life expectancy is 12 months or less.
- Terminal Illness Proceeds: The amount of Dependents Term Life Insurance that you may elect to place under this option. You may elect any amount up to 75% of the amount in force on your dependent's life on the date Prudential receives the proof that such dependent is a Terminally Ill Dependent, but not more than \$500,000. However, the Terminal Illness Proceeds may be reduced if, within 12 months after the date Prudential receives such proof, a reduction on account of age would have applied to the amount of your Dependents Term Life Insurance for that dependent. In that case, the amount of the Terminal Illness Proceeds may not exceed the amount of such Insurance after applying the reduction.

Option: If your dependent becomes a Terminally III Dependent while you are insured for that dependent under the Dependents Term Life Insurance provision or while the dependent's death benefit protection is being extended under the Dependents Term Life Insurance provision, you may elect to have the Terminal Illness Proceeds placed under this option. That election is subject to the conditions set forth below.

**Payment of Terminal Illness Proceeds:** If you elect this option, Prudential will pay the Terminal Illness Proceeds you place under this option in one sum when it receives proof that your dependent is a Terminally III Dependent.

If you do not want the Terminal Illness Proceeds in one sum, you may elect to have them paid in 12 equal monthly installments. The first monthly payment will be due when Prudential receives proof that your dependent is a Terminally III Dependent. The other payments are due on the same day of each later month.

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

**Amount Due But Unpaid at Your Dependent's Death:** If you elect monthly installments and your Terminally III Dependent dies before all payments have been made, Prudential will pay you in one sum. That sum will be the total of the payments that remain.

**Amount Due But Unpaid at Your Death:** If you elect monthly installments and you die before all payments have been made, Prudential will pay in one sum an amount equal to the total of the payments that remain. Payment will be made to your Spouse if living, otherwise to your estate.

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

- (1) You must choose this option in writing in a form that satisfies Prudential.
- (2) You must furnish proof that satisfies Prudential that your dependent's life expectancy is 12 months or less, including certification by a Doctor.
- (3) Your Dependents Term Life Insurance must not be assigned.
- (4) Terminal Illness Proceeds will be made available to you on a voluntary basis only. Therefore:
  - (a) If you are required by law to use this option to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise, you are not eligible for this benefit.
  - (b) If you are required by a government agency to use this option in order to apply for, get or keep a government benefit or entitlement, you are not eligible for this benefit.

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

# Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

#### FOR YOU ONLY

This Coverage pays benefits for accidental Loss which results from an accident.

#### A. DEFINITIONS OF LOSS.

Loss means your:

- (1) loss of life;
- (2) total and permanent Loss of Sight;
- (3) total and permanent Loss of Speech;
- (4) total and permanent Loss of Hearing;
- (5) permanent loss of arm or leg by severance at or above the elbow or the knee;
- (6) permanent loss of hand or foot by severance at or above the wrist or ankle;
- (7) permanent loss of thumb and index finger of the same hand or permanent loss of four fingers on the same hand by severance at or above the point at which they are attached to the hand;
- (8) permanent loss of all toes on the same foot or the big toe by severance at or above the point at which they are attached to the foot;
- (9) Loss of Use of hand, foot, arm or leg;
- (10) loss due to Quadriplegia, Triplegia, Paraplegia, Hemiplegia or Uniplegia.
- (11) loss due to Coma.

Loss of Sight means total and permanent loss of sight. Corrected visual acuity must be 20/200 or worse or the field of vision must be less than 20 degrees.

Loss of Speech means total and permanent loss of speech that continues for at least 12 consecutive months following the Covered Accident.

Loss of Hearing means a hearing loss of greater than 70 decibels at all frequencies or there is less than 50% speech discrimination at 70 decibels on an audiogram.

Quadriplegia means the total and permanent paralysis of both upper and both lower limbs.

Paraplegia means the total and permanent paralysis of both lower limbs.

Hemiplegia means the total and permanent paralysis of the upper and lower limbs on one side of the body.

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Triplegia means the total and permanent paralysis of three limbs.

Uniplegia means the total and permanent paralysis of one limb.

Loss of Use means total and permanent loss of function.

Coma means a persistent vegetative state in which there is no response to external stimuli as determined by the person's Doctor.

#### B. BENEFITS.

Benefits for accidental Loss are payable only if all of these conditions are met:

- (1) You sustain an accidental bodily Injury while a Covered Person.
- (2) The Loss results directly from that Injury.
- (3) You suffer the Loss within 365 days after the accident. But, if the Loss is due to Coma, that Loss:
  - (a) begins within 365 days after the accident;
  - (b) continues for 31 consecutive days; and
  - (c) is total, continuous and permanent at the end of that 31-day period.

Any benefit for a Loss due to Coma will not begin until the end of the 31-day period in (b) above.

For the purposes of the Coverage:

- (1) Exposure to the Elements will be considered an accidental bodily Injury. Exposure to the Elements means exposure to severe hot or cold weather that results in actual significant physical injury including sun stroke, heat stroke and frostbite.
- (2) It will be presumed that you have suffered a Loss of life if your body has not been found within one year of disappearance, stranding, sinking or wrecking of any vehicle in which you were an occupant.

Not all such Losses are covered. See Losses Not Covered below.

**Benefit Amount Payable:** The amount payable depends on the type of Loss as shown below. All benefits are subject to the Limits below.

Loss of or by Reason of:	Percent of Your Amount of Insurance
Life	100
Sight of Both Eyes	100
Speech and Hearing in Both Ears	100
Both Hands	100
Both Feet	100
One Hand and One Foot	100
One Hand and Sight of One Eye	
One Foot and Sight of One Eye	100
Quadriplegia	100

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Triplegia	75
One Arm	75
One Leg	
Paraplegia	
Sight of One Eye	50
Speech	
Hearing in Both Ears	50
One Hand	
One Foot	
Hemiplegia	50
Uniplegia	25
Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand (permanent loss)	25
Four Fingers of the Same Hand (permanent loss)	25
Hearing in One Ear	25
Loss of Use	25
All Toes on One Foot (permanent loss)	13
Big Toe (permanent loss)	5
Comathe lesser of 1% per month and \$1,000, up to 10	00 months,
after 100 months a lump sum equal to 100% of the	ne Amount
of Insurance minus the amount already paid	I for Coma

#### **Limit Per Accident:**

No more than your Amount of Insurance under this Coverage at the time of the accident will be paid for all Losses resulting from Injuries sustained in that accident.

#### C. LOSSES NOT COVERED.

A Loss is not covered if it results from any of these:

- (1) Suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane.
- (2) Intentionally self-inflicted Injuries, or any attempt to inflict such Injuries.
- (3) Sickness, whether the Loss results directly or indirectly from the Sickness.
- (4) Medical or surgical treatment of Sickness, whether the Loss results directly or indirectly from the treatment.
- (5) Any bacterial or viral infection. But, this does not include:
  - (a) a pyogenic infection resulting from an accidental cut or wound; or
  - (b) a bacterial infection resulting from accidental ingestion of a contaminated substance.
- (6) War, or any act of war. War means declared or undeclared war, and includes resistance to armed aggression. Terrorism is not considered an act of war.

Terrorism means the deliberate use of violence or the threat of violence against civilians to create an emotional response through the suffering of victims or to achieve military, political, religious or social objectives.

- (7) An accident that occurs while you are serving on full-time active duty for more than 30 days in any armed forces. But this does not include Reserve or National Guard active duty for training.
- (8) Your commission of or attempt to commit a felony.
- (9) Travel or flight in any vehicle used for aerial navigation, if any of these apply:
  - (a) you are riding as a passenger in any aircraft not intended or licensed for the transportation of passengers.
  - (b) you are performing as a pilot or a crew member of any aircraft.
  - (c) you are riding as a passenger in an aircraft owned, operated, controlled or leased by or on behalf of the Contract Holder or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates.

This includes getting in, out, on or off any such vehicle.

- (10) The person's being intoxicated by alcohol.
- (11) The person's being under the influence of any narcotic or other illegal drugs.

The Claim Rules apply to the payment of the benefits.

## Additional Benefits under Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

#### FOR YOU ONLY

#### A. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS RELATED TO LOSSES.

If a benefit is payable under the Coverage for a Loss an additional benefit may be payable. Any such benefit is payable in addition to any other benefit payable under this Coverage. The additional amount payable for each additional benefit and any additional conditions that apply to an additional benefit are shown below. An additional benefit is payable only if those conditions are met.

## (1) Additional Benefit for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in an Automobile While Using a Seat Belt:

This additional benefit for your Loss of life only applies if you sustain an accidental bodily Injury resulting in the Loss while:

- (a) you are a driver or passenger in an Automobile;
- (b) you are wearing a Seat Belt in the manner prescribed by the vehicle's manufacturer; and
- (c) the actual use of a Seat Belt at the time of the Injury is verified in an official report of the accident, or is certified in writing by the investigating official(s).

Losses Not Covered under this Additional Benefit: A Loss is not covered under this additional benefit if it results from driving or riding in any Automobile used in a race or a speed or endurance test, or for acrobatic or stunt driving, for your commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation.

Additional Amount Payable under this Additional Benefit: An amount equal to the lesser of:

- (1) 10% of your Amount of Insurance; and
- (2) \$25,000.

If it cannot be determined that you were wearing a Seat Belt at the time of the Accident, a benefit of \$1,000 will be paid.

## (2) Additional Benefit for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in an Automobile While Using an Air Bag:

This additional benefit for your Loss of life only applies if this test is met.

You sustain an accidental bodily Injury resulting in the Loss while:

(a) you are a driver or passenger in an Automobile;

- (b) you are wearing a Seat Belt in the manner prescribed by the vehicle's manufacturer;
- (c) the actual use of a Seat Belt at the time of the Injury is verified in an official report of the accident, or is certified in writing by the investigating official(s);
- (d) the Automobile is equipped with a factory-installed Air Bag; and
- (e) a properly functioning Air Bag was deployed for the seat that you occupied.

**Losses Not Covered under this Additional Benefit:** A Loss is not covered under this additional benefit if it results from driving or riding in any Automobile used in a race or a speed or endurance test, or for acrobatic or stunt driving, for your commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation.

Additional Amount Payable under this Additional Benefit: An amount equal to the lesser of:

- (1) 15% of your Amount of Insurance; and
- (2) \$40,000.

### (3) Additional Benefit for Tuition Reimbursement for Your Dependent Child:

This additional benefit for Tuition reimbursement for your dependent child only applies if you suffer a Loss of life.

This additional benefit is payable for each dependent child less than age 26 who:

- (a) wholly depends on you for support and maintenance on the date of your death; and
- (b) is enrolled as a full-time student in a School on the date of your death; or
- (c) is at the 12th grade level on the date of your death and becomes a full-time student in a School within 365 days after that date.

Proof of enrollment must be given to Prudential.

### Additional Amount Payable under this Additional Benefit: An amount equal to the least of:

- (1) the actual annual Tuition, exclusive of room and board, books and fees, charged by the School;
- (2) 10% of your Amount of Insurance; and
- (3) \$10,000.

This benefit is payable annually for up to 4 consecutive years, but not beyond the date the child reaches age 26.

If there is no dependent child eligible for this benefit, a benefit of \$1,000 will be paid.

### (4) Additional Benefit for Child Care Expenses for Your Dependent Child:

This additional benefit for child care expenses for your dependent child only applies if you suffer a Loss of life.

This additional benefit is payable for each dependent child less than age 13 who:

- (a) is your child who wholly depends on you for support and maintenance on the date of your death; and
- (b) is enrolled at a Child Care Center on the date of your death; or
- (c) becomes enrolled at a Child Care Center within 365 days after the date of your death.

Proof of enrollment must be given to Prudential.

### Additional Amount Payable under this Additional Benefit: An amount equal to the least of:

- (1) the actual cost charged by such Child Care Center per year;
- (2) 5% of your Amount of Insurance; and
- (3) \$5,000.

This benefit is payable annually for up to 4 consecutive years, but not beyond the date the child reaches age 13.

## (5) Additional Benefit for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident Involving a Common Carrier:

This additional benefit for your Loss of life is payable only if you sustain an accidental bodily Injury resulting in the Loss while you are boarding, leaving, or riding as a passenger on a Common Carrier, or as a result of being struck by a Common Carrier.

Additional Amount Payable under this Additional Benefit: An amount equal to the lesser of:

- (1) 50% of your Amount of Insurance; and
- (2) \$50,000.

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# Definitions under Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

### FOR YOU ONLY

Some of the terms used in the Coverage:

**Air Bag:** An inflatable safety device that: (1) meets published federal safety standards; (2) is installed by the Automobile's manufacturer or replaced by an organization sanctioned by the Automobile's manufacturer; and (3) is not altered after that installation or replacement.

**Automobile:** A validly registered:

- (1) vehicle that may be legally driven with the standard issue class of motor vehicle driver's license and no additional class of license is necessary to operate this vehicle; or
- (2) four wheel, two axle private passenger motor vehicle.

But Automobile does not include: (1) a motor vehicle intended for off-road use; or (2) a motor vehicle being used feloniously by a Covered Person without the owner's permission.

Child Care Center: A facility or individual which:

- (1) operates pursuant to law, if locally required;
- (2) is not a family member; and
- (3) primarily provides care and supervision for children in a group setting on a regular, daily basis.

**Coma:** A profound state of unconsciousness from which the person cannot be aroused, even by powerful stimulation, as determined by the person's Doctor.

**Common Carrier:** Any: (1) air, land or water vehicle operated under a license for the transportation of passengers for hire; or (2) aircraft operated by the Military Air Transport Service (MATS) of the United States or by a similar military air transport service of any duly constituted governmental authority of any other recognized country.

The term includes: (1) a shuttle bus, tram, limousine or other vehicle used to transport people within an airport; and (2) chartered aircraft. But it does not include any aircraft: owned; operated; controlled; or leased by or on behalf of the Contract Holder or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates or its customers.

**School**: An institution of higher learning. The term includes, but is not limited to, a university, college or trade school.

**Seat Belt:** Any passive restraint device for an adult that meets published federal safety standards, is installed by the Automobile's manufacturer or replaced by an organization sanctioned by the Automobile's manufacturer; and is not altered or replaced after that installation.

**Tuition**: The charge or fee for instruction, as at a private school, trade school or a college or university. Tuition does not include fees or charges other than for instruction.

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### **General Information**

### **BENEFICIARY RULES**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### MODE OF SETTLEMENT RULES

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

Insurance payable on account of a Covered Person's death is normally paid to the Beneficiary in one sum in the form of a check or an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). There is a third option available whereby Prudential will deposit the funds into a retained asset account. Subject to applicable law, where the amount of the benefit meets Prudential's current minimum requirement, payment in one sum will be made by establishing a retained asset account in the Beneficiary's name, unless the Beneficiary elects another settlement or payment option available at the time of claim and the benefit distribution will be deemed complete when the account is established. The retained asset account is an interest-bearing draft account backed by the financial strength of Prudential. Funds are held in Prudential's general account or elsewhere as Prudential may direct and an account in the Beneficiary's name is credited interest at a rate set by Prudential's discretion, subject to a minimum rate that will change no more than once every 90 days on advance notice to the Beneficiary. The Beneficiary is provided a draft book and has immediate access to the entire amount by writing drafts for any amount up the account balance. The retained asset account is not a bank account and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; it is a contractual undertaking between Prudential and the Beneficiary. Further information about the account is provided at the time of claim.

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

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

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

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

Prudential has prepared information about the modes of settlement available. Ask the Contract Holder for this.

### INCONTESTABILITY OF LIFE INSURANCE

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

- (1) It will not be used in the contest unless:
  - (a) It is in a written instrument signed by the person and
  - (b) A copy of that instrument is or has been furnished to the person or to the person's Beneficiary.
- (2) If it relates to the person's insurability, it will not be used to contest the validity of insurance which has been in force, before the contest, for at least two years during the person's lifetime.

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### LIMITS ON ASSIGNMENTS

You may assign your insurance under a Coverage. Unless the Schedule of Benefits states otherwise, insurance under any Coverage providing death benefits or periodic benefits on account of disability may be assigned only as a gift assignment. Any rights, benefits or privileges that you have as an Employee may be assigned. This includes any right you have to choose a Beneficiary or to convert to another contract of insurance. Prudential will not decide if an assignment does what it is intended to do. Prudential will not be held to know that one has been made unless it or a copy is filed with Prudential through the Contract Holder.

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

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

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

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

This Section applies to all Coverages providing Employee death benefits.

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

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

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

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

### **DEFINITIONS**

Calendar Year: A year starting January 1.

**Contributory Insurance, Non-contributory Insurance:** Contributory Insurance is insurance for which the Contract Holder has the right to and may require your direct contribution to the cost of coverage. Non-contributory Insurance premiums are paid by the Contract Holder, usually without direct contribution from you. The rate for Non-contributory insurance may be determined, or in some cases, reduced, in part, based on your contributions for contributory insurance or other benefits offered to you under the Contract Holder benefit plan.

Coverage: A part of the Booklet consisting of:

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

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

**Dependents Insurance:** Insurance on the person of a dependent.

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

### **Employee:**

An active permanent full-time or permanent part-time employee residing in the United States at the time of application who is employed by the Employer (an eligible agency of the Federal Government) and meets the following requirements:

- is a current member who is in good standing with the Policyholder; and
- is regularly working at least the number of hours in the Employer's normal permanent full-time or permanent part-time work week for their class as specified by the Employer; or
- is a retired Federal Employee and is residing in the United States at the time of application.

SAMBA Staff Employees residing in the United States who regularly work at least 20 hours per week and SAMBA Staff Retirees residing in the U.S. are included.

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

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

**Injury:** Injury to the body of a Covered Person.

Prudential: The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

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

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You: An Employee/Member.

### **CLAIM RULES**

These rules apply to payment of benefits under all accident Coverages.

**Notice of Claim:** Prudential must be given written notice that a claim will be made. The notice must be given to Prudential within 30 days after the date of loss. But, failure to meet that time limit will not make the claim invalid if the notice is given as soon as reasonably possible.

**Proof of Loss:** Prudential must be given written proof of the loss including any requested documentation, such as a death certificate, for which claim is made under the Coverage. A claim form will be furnished for submitting proof of loss. But, if you are not given a claim form within 15 days after providing notice of claim, you must still submit the proof of loss. This proof must cover the occurrence, character and extent of that loss.

Proof of loss must be furnished within 90 days after the date of the loss. But, if any Coverage provides for periodic payment of benefits at monthly or shorter intervals, the proof of loss for each such period must be furnished as follows:

- (1) for the first of such periods, proof of loss must be furnished within 90 days after the start of the period for which Prudential is liable;
- (2) for each period after the first, proof of continuing loss must be furnished when and as often as Prudential reasonably requires.

A claim will not be considered valid unless the proof is furnished within these time limits. However, it may not be reasonably possible to do so. In that case, the claim will still be considered valid if the proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible.

Prudential will pay benefits within 30 days after receiving satisfactory proof of loss.

When Benefits are Paid: Benefits are paid when Prudential receives written proof of the loss including any requested documentation, such as a death certificate. But, if a Coverage provides that benefits are payable at equal intervals of a month or less, Prudential will not have to pay those benefits more often.

**To Whom Payable:** Benefits are payable to you with these exceptions:

- (1) Benefits for Tuition reimbursement for your child or child care expenses will be paid to:
  - (a) your Spouse, if living; or
  - (b) your Spouse estate, if your Spouse is not living at the time a benefit is paid.
- (2) Benefits for any other of your Losses that are unpaid at your death or become payable on account of your death will be paid to your Beneficiary or Beneficiaries. (See Beneficiary Rules.)

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

**Physical Exam and Autopsy:** Prudential, at its own expense, has the right to examine the person whose loss is the basis of claim. Prudential may do this when and as often as is reasonable while the claim is pending. Prudential, at its own expense, also has the right to arrange for an autopsy in case of accidental death, if it is not forbidden by law.

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**Legal Action:** No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the Group Contract until 60 days after the written proof described above is furnished. No such action shall be brought more than three years after the end of the time within which proof of loss is required.

### CONTESTABILITY OF INSURANCE TO WHICH THE CLAIM RULES APPLY

This limits Prudential's use of a person's statements in contesting an amount of that insurance for which the person is insured. These are statements made to persuade Prudential to effect an amount of that insurance. In the absence of fraud, they will be considered to be representations and not warranties. These rules apply to each statement:

- (1) It will not be used in a contest to avoid or reduce that amount of insurance unless:
  - (a) It is in a written instrument signed by the person; and
  - (b) A copy of that instrument is or has been furnished to the person or that person's beneficiary.
- (2) When relating to insurability, it will not be used in the contest after that insurance has been in force, before the contest, for at least two years during the person's lifetime.

### When Your Insurance Ends

### **EMPLOYEE AND DEPENDENTS INSURANCE**

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

- Your membership in the Covered Classes for the insurance ends because your employment ends (see below) or for any other reason.
- The part of the Group Contract providing the insurance ends.
- You make a written request to the Contract Holder to end your Employee or Dependents Insurance under a Coverage.
- Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage ends when you reach age 65.
- You fail to pay, when due, any contribution required for an insurance of the Group Contract.
   But, failure to contribute for Dependents Insurance will not cause your Employee Insurance to end.
- The Insurance is Dependents Insurance under the Dependents Term Life Coverage and your Employee Insurance under the Employee Term Life Coverage ends.

Your Dependents Insurance for a Qualified Dependent under a Coverage will end when that person ceases to be a Qualified Dependent for that Coverage.

If you stop active full-time work for any reason, you should contact the Plan Administrator (SAMBA) at once to determine what arrangements, if any, have been made to continue any of your insurance.

**Continued Life Insurance at Your Option:** These provisions apply to the Voluntary Employee and Dependents Term Life Coverages of the Group Contract. They describe who has the right to continue insurance under those Coverages and how it may be continued beyond the date it would otherwise have ended above.

Right to Continue Insurance: A right under this part is subject to the rest of these provisions.

You have the right to continue all of part of your Employee or Employee and Dependents Insurance under the Voluntary Employee and Dependents Term Life Coverages of the Group Contract if:

- (1) You meet the Active Work Requirement on the day your insurance would have ended; and
- (2) Your insurance under those Coverages would have ended because: (a) your employment ends; (b) you take an Employer-approved leave of absence for a reason other than disability; or (c) you lose all or part of your Earnings, directly or indirectly, due to a strike or a job action.

Continuation: The Contract Holder will give you, or mail to you, a written election notice of the right to continue the insurance. Such notice will state the amount of the payments required for the continued insurance and the manner in which payments must be made. The amount you are required to pay directly to Prudential may exceed the amount you have been contributing and may include an administration fee.

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If you want to continue the insurance, you must complete the election notice and return it to Prudential, along with the required first payment, within 31 days of the date the insurance would otherwise have ended. This is called the election period. But, if notice is not given or mailed to you within 15 days after the election period starts, you will have an additional 31 days after the period ends to elect to continue the insurance.

If this is done, the insurance will be continued from the date it would have ended until the first of these occurs:

- If you fail to make any payment required for the continued insurance, the end of the period for which you have made required payments. But failure to pay for Dependents Insurance will not cause your Employee Insurance to end.
- You exercise any right in the Group Contract to obtain an individual life insurance contract.
- If the insurance is Dependents Insurance under the Dependents Term Life Coverage, your Employee Insurance under the Employee Term Life Coverage ends.
- If the insurance is for a dependent, the dependent ceases to be a Qualified Dependent under the insurance.
- The part of the Group Contract providing the insurance ends.

While your Employee or Employee and Dependents Insurance is continued under this part, all other terms of the Group Contract will apply, except that you may not enroll any new dependents.

# Vermont Life Insurance Mandatory Civil Union Endorsement

### **PURPOSE**

This endorsement is part of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements to which it is attached and is intended to provide benefits for parties to a civil union. Vermont law requires that insurance contracts and policies offered to married persons and their families be made available to parties to a civil union and their families. In order to receive benefits in accordance with this endorsement, the civil union must have been established in the state of Vermont according to Vermont law.

### **GENERAL DEFINITIONS, TERMS CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS**

The general definitions, terms, conditions or any other provisions of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements to which this mandatory endorsement is attached are hereby amended and superseded as follows:

Terms that mean or refer to a marital relationship or that may be construed to mean or refer to a marital relationship: such as "marriage", "spouse", "husband", "wife", "dependent", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor", "immediate family" and any other such terms include the relationship created by a civil union.

Terms that mean or refer to a family relationship arising from a marriage such as "family", "immediate family", "dependent", "children", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor" and any other such terms include the family relationship created by a civil union.

Terms that mean or refer to the inception or dissolution of a marriage, such as "date of marriage", "divorce decree", "termination of marriage" and any other such terms include the inception or dissolution of a civil union.

"Dependent" means a spouse, a party to a civil union, and/or a child or children (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union.

"Child or covered child" means a child (natural, step-child, legally adopted or a minor who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union.

### **CAUTIONARY DISCLOSURE**

THIS ENDORSEMENT IS ISSUED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF VERMONT LAW AS EXPLAINED IN THE "PURPOSE" PARAGRAPH OF THE ENDORSEMENT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANOTHER STATE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THE BENEFITS GRANTED UNDER THIS ENDORSEMENT. YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK EXPERT ADVICE TO DETERMINE YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

### ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR MINNESOTA RESIDENTS

For Minnesota residents, there are additional provisions about your right to continue or convert coverage after your insurance ends.

### A. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE

The following provision replaces the conversion provisions in the Employee and Dependents Term Life Coverage sections of your booklet. But the provisions of this section A do not apply if section B applies.

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

- (1) Your employment or membership ends or you transfer out of a Covered Class.
- (2) All term life insurance of the Group Contract for your class ends by amendment or otherwise.

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

**Availability:** You must apply for the individual contract and pay the first premium within 31 days after you cease to be insured for the Employee and Dependents Term Life Insurance.

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

**Amount:** Not more than your Employee and Dependents Term Life Insurance under this Coverage when your insurance ends.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

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

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

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

**Effective Date:** The end of the 31 day period during which you may apply for it.

### B. CONTINUED LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE AT YOUR OPTION

The following provision is added to the When Your Insurance Ends section of your booklet. When this section B applies, section A above does not.

You have the right to continue your Employee and Dependents Insurance under the life Coverages of the Group Contract if your insurance ends: (1) because you are voluntarily or involuntarily terminated or laid off from your employment (other than for gross misconduct) or (2) because your work hours are reduced.

The Contract Holder will give a written notice of the right to elect to continue the insurance. Such notice will state the amount of the payments, if any, required for the continued insurance and the manner in which any payments must be made. The amount of the contributions required to keep the insurance in force may be different from the amount you have been contributing. But, in no event will the amount exceed 102% of the cost for other Employees in like circumstance whose employment is not ending or whose work hours have not been reduced.

If you want to continue the insurance, the election notice must be completed and returned to the Contract Holder, along with any required first payment, within 60 days of the later of: (1) the date the insurance would otherwise have ended; or (2) the date you receive the notice informing you of the right to continue. If this is done, the insurance will be continued from the date it would have ended until the first of these occurs:

- (1) The day 18 months from the date employment ended or work hours were reduced.
- (2) If you fail to make any payment required by the Contract Holder for the continued insurance, the end of the period for which you have made required payments.
- (3) The day you become covered under any other group life plan.
- (4) The part of the Group Contract providing the insurance ends.

While Employee and Dependents Insurance is continued under this part, all other terms of the Group Contract will apply, except that the For Employee Insurance part of the Delay of Effective Date section will not apply.

When continued insurance under this provision ends, you may elect to convert your coverage. See the Conversion section below.

### **CONVERSION AFTER CONTINUATION**

At the expiration of the Continuation coverage in this section B, you may convert all or part of your insurance under this Coverage, which then ends, to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section.

**Availability:** You must apply for the individual contract and pay the first premium within 31 days after the expiration of your continued coverage.

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

**Amount:** Not more than your Employee and Dependents Term Life Insurance under this Coverage when your continued coverage ends.

**Form:** Any form of a life insurance contract that:

(1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and

- (2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for; and
- (3) provides the same or substantially similar benefits.

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

Effective Date: The end of the 31 day period during which you may apply for it.

### **Additional Information About Your Plan**

The Certificate of Coverage and the following Additional Information (together, the Booklet), are intended to comply with the disclosure requirements of the regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974. ERISA requires that your employer provide you with a "Summary Plan Description" which describes the plan and informs you of your rights under it. Information about eligibility rules, benefits amounts, benefit limitations, and exclusions from coverage is contained in the Certificate of Coverage. The following Additional Information about your plan is provided at the request of your Employer/Plan Sponsor.

### **Plan Name**

SAMBA Benefit Plan

### **Plan Number**

501

### Type of Plan

Welfare Benefit Plan

### **Plan Sponsor**

SPECIAL AGENTS MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION (SAMBA) 11301 Old Georgetown Road Rockville, Maryland 20852

### **Employer Identification Number**

52-1074154

### **Plan Administrator**

SPECIAL AGENTS MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION (SAMBA)
Attention: Executive Director
11301 Old Georgetown Road
Rockville, Maryland 20852

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

Corporation and Guarantee and Trust Company Two Greenwood Square, Suite 110 3331 Street Rd. Bensalem, PA 19020

SPECIAL AGENTS MUTUAL BENEFIT ASSOCIATION (SAMBA)
Attention: Executive Director
11301 Old Georgetown Road

Rockville, Maryland 20852

Service of legal process may also be made upon the plan administrator at the address above.

#### Plan Year Ends

September 30

### Plan Benefits Provided by

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

### Plan Sponsor's Designation of Prudential As Claims Administrator

It is the Plan Sponsor's intention and direction that The Prudential Insurance Company of America as Claims Administrator has the sole discretion to interpret the terms of the plan, to make factual findings, and to determine eligibility for benefits. The Plan Sponsor has determined that benefits are payable under the plan only if The Prudential Insurance Company of America, in its sole discretion, determines that they are due. The decision of the Claims Administrator shall not be overturned unless arbitrary and capricious. \*

\* This paragraph does not apply to residents of AK, AR, CA, CO, DC, IL, KY, MD, ME, MI, NJ, NY, OR, PR, RI, SD, TX, VT, WA

### Plan Sponsor, Policyholder and Employer not Agents of Prudential

The Group Contract underwritten by The Prudential Insurance Company of America provides insured benefits under your Employer/Policyholder/Plan Sponsor's ERISA plan(s). For all purposes associated with the plan or the Group Contract under which The Prudential Insurance Company of America provides benefits, the Employer/Policyholder/Plan Sponsor acts on its own behalf or as an agent of its employees. Under no circumstances will the Employer/Policyholder/Plan Sponsor be deemed the agent of The Prudential Insurance Company of America, absent a written authorization of such status executed between the Employer/Policyholder/Plan Sponsor and The Prudential Insurance Company of America. Nothing in these documents shall, of themselves, be deemed to be such a written authorization.

### Allocation of Contributions

The insurance benefit coverages described in this Booklet are being offered to you under a single ERISA plan. Coverages described as non-contributory or as being paid entirely by the Employer/Policyholder/Plan Sponsor (if any) are those paid for directly by the Employer/Policyholder/Plan Sponsor such that you have no out of pocket expense for such coverages. However, the premium rate that the Employer/Policyholder/Plan Sponsor pays for insurance coverage offered to you under the Plan may be determined, or in some cases, reduced, in part, based on your contributions for other coverages or other benefits offered under the Plan. When this occurs, your contributions for one benefit coverage may cover some or all of the costs or plan expenses for another benefit coverage offered to you under the Plan.

### **Loss of Benefits**

You must continue to be a member of a class of eligible employees or beneficiaries to which the plan pertains and continue to make any contributions or payments that are due, including those you agreed to when you enrolled for coverage. Failure to make required contributions may result in partial or total loss of your benefits.

### Plan Sponsor May Amend or Terminate the Plan at any Time

It is intended that this plan will be continued for an indefinite period of time. But, the Plan Sponsor reserves the right to change or terminate the plan at any time. This Booklet elsewhere describes your rights upon termination of the plan.

### **Claim Procedures**

### 1. Determination of Benefits

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

If your claim for benefits is denied, in whole or in part, you or your authorized representative will receive a written notice from Prudential of your denial. The notice will include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the denial, which will include a discussion of the decision describing, if applicable, the basis for disagreeing with or not following (i) the views of healthcare professionals treating you and vocational experts who evaluated you, (ii) the views of medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of the plan in connection with your adverse benefit determination, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the benefit determination, and (iii) an award of Social Security Administration disability benefits,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the benefit determination was based,
- (c) a description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect a claim and an explanation of why such information is necessary,
- (d) a statement that you are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim for benefits,
- (e) a description of Prudential's appeals procedures and applicable time limits, including a statement of your right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following your appeals,
- (f) a statement that, if an adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination will be provided free of charge upon written request, and

(g) copies of any internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standards or other similar criteria relied upon in making this determination or, alternatively, a statement that such rules, guidelines, protocols, standards or other similar criteria do not exist.

### 2. Appeals of Adverse Determination

If your claim for benefits is denied, you or your representative may appeal your denied claim in writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. Similarly, if Prudential does not decide your claim within the time described in Section 1 above, you may appeal, although you are not required to do so. You may submit with your appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

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

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

Prudential will provide you, free of charge and prior to any adverse decision on appeal, with any new or additional evidence that is considered by Prudential in connection with the claim (including evidence that may be the basis for denial as well as any evidence that may support granting the claim), and any new or additional rationale that will form the basis for the Prudential's decision on appeal. Any such evidence will be provided as soon as possible and sufficiently in advance of the date on which the notice of adverse benefit determination must be provided in order to give you a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date.

If the appeal is denied in whole or in part, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination, which will include a discussion of the decision describing, if applicable, the basis for disagreeing with or not following (i) the views of healthcare professionals treating you and vocational experts who evaluated you, (ii) the views of medical or vocational experts whose advice was obtained on behalf of the plan in connection with your adverse benefit determination, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the benefit determination, and (iii) an award of Social Security Administration disability benefits,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the determination was based,

- (c) a statement that you are entitled to receive upon request and free of charge reasonable access to, and make copies of, all records, documents and other information relevant to your benefit claim upon request,
- (d) a description of Prudential's review procedures and applicable time limits,
- (e) a statement that if an adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination will be provided free of charge upon written request,
- (f) copies of any internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standards or other similar criteria relied upon in making this determination or, alternatively, a statement that such rules, guidelines, protocols, standards or other similar criteria do not exist, and
- (g) a statement describing any appeals procedures offered by the plan, and your right to bring a civil suit under ERISA.

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

If the appeal of your benefit claim is denied, you or your representative may make a second, voluntary appeal of your denial in writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. Similarly, if Prudential does not decide your appeal within the time described in Section 1 above, you may appeal again, although you are not required to do so. You may submit with your second appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

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

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

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

#### **Time Limit To File Suit**

If your claim for benefits and any required appeals are denied (or not decided within the time periods discussed above), you may file suit as discussed below. If you elect to file suit, you should do so as soon as possible. However, you must file suit no later than three years after proof of your claim was first due as explained elsewhere in this Booklet, regardless of whether your claim is still pending in the claim or appeal process.

### **Rights and Protections**

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

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

- 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 Employee Benefits Security Administration.
- 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 plan administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- 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 the Plan Sponsor, 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 welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

### **Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare 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 or the latest annual report from the plan 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 (based on amounts set by the Department of Labor) from the time the materials were due to you 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.

### **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 Office of Outreach, Education and Assistance, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 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.