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**Re: Your CHARLOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS Group Hospital Indemnity
Coverage
Policy No.: CTR0040608589**

Welcome to the Aflac family!

Thank you so much for adding Aflac coverage in your employee benefits offering. We take commitments to our accounts very seriously and promise to be there when you and your employees need us. Enclosed, you'll find:

A Master Policy packet for the Aflac group plan you've chosen to make available to your employees. Each packet includes:

- A master policy, which indicates your group coverage effective date and other coverage details,
- A copy of your master application, **and**
- A copy of your employees' coverage certificate. **(We'll let employees know they can request copies of their certificates from you, so please be sure to make the coverage documents available. Of course, employees are also welcome to call us directly to request copies of their certificates.)**

If you have any questions about your group plan or your employees' coverage, please reach out to your account manager, or give us a call at 1.866.319.8089 Monday through Friday, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time.

Again, welcome to the Aflac family!

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CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

Columbia, South Carolina
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The telephone number above is provided for making inquiries, obtaining information regarding coverage, and assistance in resolving complaints.

Continuation of Coverage Endorsement

This Endorsement is part of the Policy and Certificate to which it is attached. This Endorsement is subject to all the definitions, terms, and other provisions of the Policy and Certificate to which it is attached, unless those terms are inconsistent with this Endorsement.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Endorsement becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Endorsement will have a later Effective Date.

The following provisions are added after the Portability Privilege provision in your Certificate:

CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE

If the Group Policy is terminated by the Policyholder and is not replaced with another group policy you may apply to continue the coverage you had on the Group Policy termination date. This includes any in-force Spouse or Dependent Child coverage. The Group Policy will be continued as if the Group Policy is in force for those who have applied to continue their coverage under this provision. The members will continue to have coverage, with their Certificates remaining in force.

The Company will apply the same benefits and plan provisions as shown in your Certificate on the date you are eligible to continue coverage under this provision. Your continued coverage is subject to all of the provisions, exclusions and limitations of the Group Policy.

To keep your Certificate in force, you must:

- Apply to the Company in writing under this Continuation of Coverage provision within 31 days after the date your Certificate would terminate, **and**
- Pay the required premium no later than 31 days after the date the Certificate would terminate and on each premium due date thereafter to the Company at our Customer Service Center in Columbus, Georgia.

PREMIUMS

Initial premium rates will be based on the rates in effect at the time you apply to continue your coverage. Premium rates can be changed by the Company at any time upon 45 days written notice to you. Any such change will be applied to all Certificates in your class and will not be based on your or your Spouse and Dependent Children's health or other individual factors.

You may decrease, but not increase, the amount of your coverage, and the amount of your Spouse's coverage, if any.

TERMINATION

Your continued coverage, including any in-force Spouse or Dependent Child coverage, will end:

- 31 days after the date you fail to pay any required premium.

- When coverage is terminated by the Company. We will provide you a 45-day advance written notice of any termination.
- On the date you die (unless your Spouse elects to become the Primary Insured under the Successor Insured provision, if applicable).

Once continued coverage is cancelled it cannot be reinstated. If your coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while your coverage was active. If the Company accepts premium beyond a date, age, or event specified for termination, coverage shall continue during the period for which premiums was accepted.

CONTRACT

This Endorsement is part of the Certificate. It will terminate when:

- The Certificate terminates, or
- Premiums are no longer paid for this Endorsement.

Coverage under this Endorsement may also terminate on any date requested by the Policyholder or Certificate holder and shall be without prejudice to any prior claims which originated prior to the Effective Date of termination.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Virgil R. Miller, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary



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Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Policy

This limited Plan provides supplemental benefits only. It does not constitute comprehensive health insurance coverage and does not satisfy the requirement of Minimum Essential Coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

THIS PLAN IS A SUPPLEMENT TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE. LACK OF MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE (OR OTHER MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE) MAY RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WITH YOUR TAXES.

This Plan provides the benefits listed in the Benefit Schedule. Please read it carefully.

The Policyholder as shown on the Policy Schedule applied for coverage under this Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Insurance Policy (the "Plan"). This Plan is issued by Continental American Insurance Company (the "Company," "CAIC," "we," "us," or "our"). Based on the Master Application and the timely payment of premiums, the Company agrees to pay the benefits provided on the following pages. (Please note that male pronouns—such as "he," "him," and "his"—are used for both males and females, unless the context clearly shows otherwise.) The Policyholder may add new Insureds from time to time, according to the Plan's terms.

You will notice that certain words and phrases (including some medical terms and the names of Plan documents) in this document are capitalized. The capitalized words refer to terms with very specific definitions as they apply to this insurance Plan.

This Plan is a legal contract between the Company and the Policyholder. All material printed by the Company on the following pages is part of the Plan. This Plan is delivered in and governed by the laws of the jurisdiction shown on the Policy Schedule.

In witness whereof, the Company executes this Plan at its home office in Columbia, South Carolina, on the Effective Date.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,

Virgil R. Miller, President

J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary

Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Insurance Non-Participating

Continental American Insurance Company (CAIC), a proud member of the Aflac family of insurers, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aflac Incorporated and underwrites group coverage.

Notice of Non-Insurance Benefits

The Company may offer or provide goods and/or services that are not related to insurance. These goods and services, which could be offered or provided to some people who apply for Continental American Insurance Company (CAIC) coverage or become insured by CAIC, may include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Enrollment services.
- Educational services.
- Benefit statement services.
- Payroll or plan administration services.

The services listed above will fall under the same benefit plan that includes or is related to the applicable CAIC coverage, individual wellness programs, and related services.

In addition, CAIC may arrange for third-party service providers to provide discounted goods and services to people who apply for CAIC coverage or who become insured by CAIC.

Though CAIC has arranged these goods, services, and/or third-party provider discounts, the third-party providers—**not CAIC**—are liable to applicants/insureds for these goods and services. CAIC is not responsible for providing the goods and/or services, nor is CAIC liable to applicants/insureds for the negligent provision of these goods and/or services by third-party service providers.

For information about this notice, call 800.433.3036.

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SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION

Eligibility

An Employee is eligible to be covered under this Plan if he is Actively at Work for the Policyholder and included in the class that is eligible for coverage, as shown on the Master Application.

When an Employee ends employment with the Employer and his coverage would otherwise terminate, that Employee may elect to continue his coverage under this Plan. Please see the **Portability Privilege** provision for further details.

Insureds are defined as those who might be eligible for coverage under this Plan in the following categories:

- **Employee Coverage** – We insure only the Employee.
- **Employee and Spouse Coverage** – We insure the Employee and spouse (as defined in the applicable rider).
- **Employee and Children Coverage** – We insure the Employee and any dependent children (as defined in the applicable rider).
- **Family Coverage** – We insure the Employee, spouse, and any dependent children (as defined in the applicable rider).

We will not insure anyone specifically excluded from coverage by Endorsement to the Certificate or by application, even if that person would otherwise be eligible for coverage.

Details for adding Insureds to Plan coverage are outlined in the Effective Date section.

Effective Date

The Plan's Effective Date is shown on the Policy Schedule. This Plan becomes effective on the Policy Effective Date at 12:01 a.m., as determined by the Policyholder's address.

An eligible Employee must enroll in this Plan and agree to pay the required premiums for coverage to become effective. He must enroll within 31 days of the date he first becomes eligible for coverage. *The first premium must have been paid for coverage to become effective.*

We may require evidence of insurability satisfactory to us if we do not receive the Application within 31 days after the Employee was first eligible for coverage. Evidence of insurability may also be required based on an agreement between the Policyholder and us.

An Employee's Effective Date is the date his insurance takes effect. After we receive and approve the Application, that date is either:

- The date shown on the Certificate Schedule if the Employee is Actively at Work on that date, or
- The date the Employee returns to an Actively-at-Work status if he was not Actively at Work on the date shown on the Certificate Schedule.

If Employee and Spouse, Employee and Children, or Family Coverage is offered:

- A Dependent may be added to the Plan after the Employee's Effective Date within 31 days of a Life Event or during an approved enrollment period.
- If Dependent Child Rider coverage **is already in force**, no additional notice or premium is required to add another dependent child.
- If Dependent Spouse Rider or Dependent Child Rider coverage is **not** in force, the Employee must complete an Application to add a Dependent to the Plan. The Company will assign a Dependent Rider Effective Date for a Dependent's coverage after approving the Application. For Dependent coverage to become effective, the premium for the Dependent must be included in the premium payment.
- If Dependent Child Rider coverage is not already in force, **newborn** children are automatically covered from the moment of birth for 60 days. **Newly adopted** children are automatically covered from the earlier of a) placement for adoption, b) the date of entry of an order granting custody of the child for the purposes of adoption, or c) the effective date of adoption, for 60 days. To extend coverage beyond 60 days with no gap in coverage, the Employee must contact the Company within the 60-day time period following the child's birth or adoption. No premium is due for the first 60 days of newborn/newly adopted coverage.

A day begins at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the Employee's place of residence.

Plan Termination

The **Company** has the right to cancel the Plan on any premium due date for the following reasons:

- The premium is not paid before the end of the Grace Period,
- The number of participating Employees is less than the number mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Policyholder,
- The number of participating Employees changes by 25% or more,
- The Policyholder fails to perform any of the obligations that relate to this policy or that are required by applicable law,
- The Policyholder no longer offers coverage to a particular class of Employees,
- The Policyholder no longer serves a class of Employees who reside in a particular geographical area, or
- The Policyholder does not provide timely information that is reasonably required.

The Company will give the Policyholder 45 days' written notice prior to policy termination.

The **Policyholder** has the right to cancel the Plan at any time.

- To do this, the Policyholder must give the Company at least 45 days' written notice.
- The Plan will end on the date in the written notice or the date the Company receives the notice, whichever is later.

All outstanding premiums are due upon Plan termination. If the Company accepts premium payments after the Plan terminates, this will not reinstate the Plan; we will refund any excess premium.

The Policyholder has the sole responsibility of notifying Certificateholders in writing of the Plan's termination as soon as reasonably possible. If the Plan terminates, it—and all Certificates and Riders issued under the Plan—will terminate on the specified termination date. The termination occurs as of 12:01 a.m. at the Policyholder's address.

Termination of an Employee's Insurance

An Employee's insurance will terminate on whichever occurs first:

- The date the Company terminates the Plan.
- The 31st day after the premium due date (the last day of the Grace Period), if the premium has not been paid.
- The date he no longer belongs to an eligible class.

If an Insured's coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while his coverage was active.

Portability Privilege

When an Employee is no longer a member of an eligible class and his coverage would otherwise end, he may elect to continue his coverage under this Plan. He may continue the coverage he had on the date his Certificate would otherwise terminate, including any in-force Dependent Spouse Rider or Dependent Child Rider coverage, without any additional underwriting requirements.

The following conditions must be met for an Employee to keep his Certificate in force:

- Within 31 days after the date his coverage would otherwise terminate, the Employee must notify the Company. Notification may be via written notice sent to P.O. Box 84079, Columbus, GA 31993-9101; or by calling the Customer Service number at 800.433.3036; and
- The Employee must pay the required premium directly to the Company no later than 31 days after the date his coverage would otherwise terminate and on each premium due date thereafter.

Insurance will end on the earlier of these dates:

- 31 days after the premium due date (the last day of the Grace Period), if the premium has not been paid, or
- The date the Group Policy is terminated.

However, coverage may not be continued if:

- The Employee failed to pay any required premium, or
- This Group Policy terminates.

Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly to each Insured by the Company.

If the Employee qualifies for this Portability Privilege, then the Company will apply the same Benefits, Plan Provisions, and Premium Rate as shown in his previously-issued Certificate. Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly by the Company.

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SECTION II – PREMIUM PROVISIONS

Premium Payments

Premiums should be paid to the Company at its Home Office in Columbia, South Carolina. The first premiums are due on the Plan's Effective Date. After that, premiums are due on the first day of each month that the Plan remains in effect.

Payment of any premium will not keep the Plan in force beyond the due date of the next premium, except as set forth in the Grace Period provision.

Premium Changes

Unless we have agreed in writing not to increase premiums, the premium may change:

- On the Group Policy Anniversary Date based on renewal underwriting. (The Group Policy Anniversary Date is shown on the Policy Schedule and falls on the same date each year thereafter.)
- Whenever the terms or conditions of the Plan are modified. The new premium rates will apply only to premiums due on or after the rate change takes effect.

We will provide the Policyholder a 31-day advance written notice of any change in premiums.

Grace Period

This Plan has a 31-day Grace Period. If a premium is not paid on or before its due date, the premium may be paid during the next 31 days. During the Grace Period, the Plan will stay in force, unless the Policyholder has given the Company written notice of its intention to discontinue the Plan. If the Plan is discontinued, the Plan's termination date will be the latest date for which premium has been paid.

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SECTION III – DEFINITIONS

When the terms below are used in this Plan, the following definitions apply:

Accidental Injury means accidental bodily damage to an Insured. This must be the direct result of an accident and not the result of disease or bodily infirmity. A **Covered Accidental Injury** is an Accidental Injury that occurs while coverage is in force. A **Covered Accident** is an accident that occurs on or after an Insured's Effective Date while coverage is in force, and that is not specifically excluded by the Plan.

Actively at Work refers to an Employee's ability to perform his regular employment duties for a full normal workday. The Employee may perform these activities either at his employer's regular place of business or at a location where he is required to travel to perform the regular duties of his employment.

Calendar Year means the period beginning on the policy Effective Date and ending on December 31 of the same year. Thereafter, it is the period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of each following year.

Claimant means a person who is authorized to make a claim under the Certificate.

Dependent means an Employee's spouse or dependent children, as defined in the applicable rider, who have been accepted for coverage.

Doctor is a person who is duly qualified as a practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of his license, and:

- Is licensed to practice medicine; prescribe and administer drugs; or to perform surgery, or
- Is a duly qualified medical practitioner according to the laws and regulations in the state in which Treatment is made.

A Doctor **does not** include the Insured or an Insured's Family Member.

For the purposes of this definition, **Family Member** includes the Employee's Spouse as well as the following members of the Employee's immediate family:

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| • Son. | • Mother. | • Sister. |
| • Daughter. | • Father. | • Brother. |

This includes step-Family Members and Family-Members-in-law.

Employee is a person who meets Eligibility requirements under **Section I – Eligibility, Effective Date, and Termination** and who is covered under this Plan. The Employee is the primary Insured under this Plan.

Hospital means a place that meets all of the following criteria:

- Is legally licensed and operated as a Hospital,
- Provides overnight care of injured and sick people,
- Is supervised by a Doctor,
- Has full-time nurses supervised by a registered nurse, and
- Has on-site use of X-ray equipment, laboratory, and surgical facilities.

The term *Hospital* specifically excludes any facility not meeting the definition of Hospital as defined in this Plan, including but not limited to:

- A nursing home,
- An extended-care facility,
- A skilled nursing facility,
- A rest home or home for the aged,
- A Rehabilitation Facility,
- A facility for the Treatment of alcoholism or drug addiction, or
- An assisted living facility.

Hospital Intensive Care Unit means a place that meets all of the following criteria:

- Is a specifically designated area of the Hospital called a Hospital Intensive Care Unit;
- Provides the highest level of medical care;
- Is restricted to patients who are critically ill or injured and who require intensive comprehensive observation and care;
- Is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds, and wards customarily used for patient confinement;
- Is permanently equipped with special life-saving equipment for the care of the critically ill or injured;
- Is under close observation by a specially trained nursing staff assigned exclusively to the Hospital Intensive Care Unit 24 hours a day; and
- Has a Doctor assigned to the Hospital Intensive Care Unit on a full-time basis.

The term *Hospital Intensive Care Unit* specifically excludes any type of facility not meeting the definition of Hospital Intensive Care Unit as defined in this Plan, including but not limited to private monitored rooms, surgical recovery rooms, observation units, and the following step-down units:

- A progressive care unit,
- A sub-acute intensive care unit, or
- An intermediate care unit.

Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit means any of the following:

- A progressive care unit,
- A sub-acute intensive care unit,
- An intermediate care unit, or
- A pre- or post-intensive care unit.

An Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit is **not** a Hospital Intensive Care Unit as defined in this Plan.

Life Event means an event that qualifies an Employee to make changes to benefits at times other than his enrollment period. Events qualifying as Life Events are established solely by the Policyholder.

Rehabilitation Facility is a unit or facility providing coordinated multidisciplinary physical restorative services. These services must be provided to inpatients under a Doctor's direction. The Doctor must be knowledgeable and experienced in rehabilitative medicine. Beds must be set up in a unit or facility specifically designated and staffed for this service. This is not a facility for the Treatment of alcoholism or drug addiction.

Related – a Related Accidental Injury or Sickness is one that is in correlation to, or occurs as a result of, the initial Accidental Injury or Sickness, and would not otherwise have been sustained if that initial condition had not occurred.

Sickness means an illness, infection, disease, or any other abnormal physical condition or pregnancy that is not caused solely by, or the result of, any injury. A **Covered Sickness** is one that is not excluded by name, specific description, or any other provision in this Plan. For a benefit to be payable, loss arising from the Covered Sickness must occur while the applicable Insured's coverage is in force.

Spouse is an Employee's legal wife or husband, including a legally-recognized same-sex Spouse, or a person of either gender who is in a legally recognized and registered domestic partnership, civil union, reciprocal beneficiary relationship, or similar relationship with the Employee.

Telemedicine Service means a medical inquiry with a Doctor via audio or video communication that assists with a patient's assessment, diagnosis, and consultation.

Treatment is the consultation, care, or services provided by a Doctor. This includes receiving any diagnostic measures and taking prescribed drugs and medicines. Treatment does **not** include Telemedicine Services.

SECTION IV – BENEFIT PROVISIONS

Hospitalization Benefits

Hospital Admission Benefit

We will pay this benefit when an Insured is admitted to a Hospital and confined as an inpatient because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, an Insured must be admitted to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay the Hospital Admission Benefit amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will not pay benefits for confinement to an observation unit, or for emergency room Treatment or outpatient Treatment.

We will pay this benefit once per period of Hospital Confinement. This benefit is limited to the maximum shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will only pay this benefit once for each Covered Accident or Covered Sickness per Calendar Year. If an Insured is confined to the Hospital because of the same or Related Accidental Injury or Sickness, we will not pay this benefit again in the same Calendar Year.

Hospital Confinement Benefit

We will pay the amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day that an Insured is confined to a Hospital as an inpatient as the result of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, the Insured must be confined to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

The length of time shown for Hospital Confinement in the Benefit Schedule is the maximum period for which an Insured can collect benefits for Hospital Confinements resulting from Covered Sickness or from Covered Accidental Injuries received in the same Covered Accident.

If we pay benefits for confinement and the Insured becomes confined again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable for only one Hospital Confinement at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

Hospital Intensive Care Benefit

If an Insured is confined in a Hospital Intensive Care Unit because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, we will pay the daily benefit amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, an Insured must be admitted to a Hospital Intensive Care Unit within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay this amount for each day of such confinement, but not to exceed the maximum benefit period shown on the Benefit Schedule during any one period of confinement.

We will pay benefits for only one confinement in a Hospital Intensive Care Unit at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

If we pay benefits for confinement in a Hospital Intensive Care Unit and an Insured becomes confined to a Hospital Intensive Care Unit again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable in addition to the Hospital Confinement Benefit.

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SECTION V – EXCLUSIONS

Exclusions

We will not pay for loss due to:

- War – voluntarily participating in war, any act of war, or military conflicts, declared or undeclared, or voluntarily participating or serving in the military, armed forces, or an auxiliary unit thereto, or contracting with any country or international authority. (We will return the prorated premium for any period not covered by the certificate when the Insured is in such service.) War also includes voluntary participation in an insurrection, riot, civil commotion or civil state of belligerence. War does not include acts of terrorism.
- Suicide – committing or attempting to commit suicide, while sane or insane.
- Self-Inflicted Injuries – injuring or attempting to injure oneself intentionally.
- Racing – riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test in a professional or semi-professional capacity.
- Illegal Occupation – voluntarily participating in, committing, or attempting to commit a felony or illegal act or activity, or voluntarily working at, or being engaged in, an illegal occupation or job.
- Sports – participating in any organized sport in a professional or semi-professional capacity.
- Custodial Care – this is non-medical care that helps individuals with the basic tasks of everyday life, the preparation of special diets, and the self-administration of medication which does not require the constant attention of medical personnel.
- Treatment for being overweight, gastric bypass or stapling, intestinal bypass, and any related procedures, including any resulting complications.
- Services performed by a Family Member.
- Services related to sex or gender change, sterilization, in vitro fertilization, vasectomy or reversal of a vasectomy, or tubal ligation.
- Elective Abortion – an abortion for any reason other than to preserve the life of the person upon whom the abortion is performed.
- Dental Services or Treatment.
- Cosmetic surgery, except when due to:
 - o Reconstructive surgery, when the service is related to or follows surgery resulting from a Covered Accidental Injury or a Covered Sickness, or is related to or results from a congenital disease or anomaly of a covered dependent child.
 - o Congenital defects in newborns.
- A service or a supply furnished by or on behalf of any government agency unless payment of the charge is required in the absence of insurance.

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SECTION VI – CLAIM PROVISIONS

Notice of Claim

Written Notice of Claim must be given to us:

- Within 60 days after the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, or
- As soon as reasonably possible.

When we receive written Notice of Claim, we will send a claim form. If the Claimant does not receive the claim form within 15 days after the notice is sent, written Proof of Loss can be sent to us without waiting for the form. Notice must include the Employee's name and the Certificate number. Notice can be mailed to the Company at the following address:

P.O. Box 84075, Columbus, GA 31993-9103

Proof of Loss

Proof of Loss refers to documentation that supports a claim. (This information is often found in standardized medical documents, such as Hospital bills and operative reports. It can include a statement by the treating Doctor.) Proof of Loss establishes the nature and extent of the loss, the Company's obligation to pay the claim, and the Claimant's right to receive payment.

The Claimant must provide Proof of Loss to the Company at the following address:

P.O. Box 84075, Columbus, GA 31993-9103

Proof of Loss must be given to us within 90 days of the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. Failure to give Proof of Loss within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if such Proof of Loss is given as soon as reasonably possible. The Company will not accept Proof of Loss any later than one year after the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness unless the Claimant was legally incapacitated.

The Claimant will be responsible for the cost of obtaining a completed claim form. We may request additional Proof of Loss, such as records from Hospitals or Doctors. We will be responsible for the cost of obtaining these records.

We may require authorizations to obtain medical and psychiatric information as well as non-medical information, including personal financial information.

When we receive the claim and due Proof of Loss, we will review the Proof of Loss. If we approve the claim, we will pay the benefits subject to the terms of the Certificate.

Physical Examination and Autopsy

The Company may have an Insured examined as often as reasonably necessary while a claim is pending. In the case of death, the Company may also require an autopsy, unless prohibited by law. The Company will cover all costs for exams or autopsy.

Time of Payment of Claims

Benefits payable under the Certificate will be paid after we receive due Proof of Loss acceptable to us. We will pay, deny, or settle all clean claims* within 30 calendar days after receiving the appropriate information.

**Clean claims contain all information and/or documentation needed for processing. These claims do not require further information from the provider, the Employee, or the employer.*

Payment of Claims

We will pay all benefits to the Employee unless otherwise assigned. For any benefits that remain unpaid at the time of death, we will pay those benefits in the following order:

- To any approved assignee.
- To the Employee's beneficiary.
- To the Employee's surviving Spouse.
- To the Employee's estate.

Unpaid Premium

When a claim is paid, we may deduct any premium due and unpaid from the claim payment.

Changing of Beneficiary

A change in beneficiary must be submitted in writing to our Home Office in a form acceptable to us and signed by the Employee. Unless otherwise specified by the Employee, a change in beneficiary will take effect on the date the notice of change is signed. We will not be liable for any action taken before notice is received and recorded at the Home Office.

Claim Review

If a claim is denied, the Employee will be given written notice of:

- The reason for the denial,
- The Plan provision that supports the denial, and
- His right to ask for a review of the claim.

Appeals Procedure

No later than 60 days after notice of denial of a claim, the Employee, the Claimant, or an authorized representative of either must appeal any denial of benefits under the Plan by sending a written request for review of the denial to our Home Office.

Legal Action

The Employee may not take Legal Action against us for benefits under this Plan:

- Within 60 days after he has sent us written Proof of Loss, or
- After expiration of the applicable statute of limitations from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

SECTION VII – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Addition of New Employees

Employees hired after the initial enrollment date can apply for coverage annually during open enrollment if the Employee meets the following criteria:

- The Employee has worked for the Policyholder for 90 continuous days.
- The Employee is working at least 20 hours per week.

Entire Contract Changes

This insurance is provided under a contract of Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity insurance with the Policyholder. The Entire Contract of Insurance is made up of:

- The Policy;
- The Certificates of insurance;
- The Application of the Policyholder, a copy of which is attached to and made part of the Policy when issued; and
- Any Riders, Endorsements, or Amendments to the Policy or Certificate.

All statements (excluding fraudulent ones) that the Policyholder or an Insured has made in the Application will be considered representations, not warranties. The Company will not void insurance or reduce benefits as a result of statements made on the Application without sending Application copies.

Changes to the Plan:

- Will not be valid unless approved in writing by an officer of the Company,
- Must be noted on or attached to the Contract, and
- May not be made by any insurance agent or producer (nor can an agent or producer waive any Plan provisions).

Misstatement of Age

If an age has been misstated on the Application, the benefits will be those that the paid premium would have purchased at the correct age.

Successor Insured

If an Employee dies while covered under his Certificate and his Spouse is also insured under this Plan at the time of the Employee's death, then his surviving Spouse may elect to become the primary Insured. This would include continuation of any Dependent Child Rider coverage that is in force at that time.

To become the primary Insured and keep coverage in force, the surviving Spouse must:

- Notify the Company in writing within 31 days after the date of the Employee's death; and
- Pay the required premium to the Company no later than 31 days after the date of the Employee's death, and on each premium due date thereafter.

If the Certificate does not cover a surviving Spouse, the Certificate will terminate on the next premium due date following the Employee's death.

Time Limit on Certain Defenses

After two years from the Employee's Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on the Employee's Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

Clerical Error

Clerical error by the Policyholder will not end coverage or continue terminated coverage. In the event of such clerical error, the Company will make a premium adjustment.

Individual Certificates

The Company will give the Policyholder a Certificate for each Employee. The Certificate will set forth:

- The coverage,
- To whom benefits will be paid, and
- The rights and privileges under the Plan.

Required Information

The Policyholder will be responsible for furnishing all information and proofs that the Company may reasonably require with regard to the Plan.

Conformity with State Statutes

This Plan was issued on its Effective Date in the state noted on the Master Application. Any Plan provision that conflicts with that state's statutes is amended to conform to the minimum requirements of those statutes.

POLICY SCHEDULE

Group Policyholder:	CHARLOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Group Policy Number:	CTR0040608589
Group Policy Effective Date:	January 1, 2026
Group Policy Anniversary Date:	January 1, 2027
Jurisdiction:	Florida

*Initial premium includes the premium for any Riders purchased at the same time as the coverage provided by an Employee's Certificate.

This Plan is delivered in and governed by the laws of the jurisdiction shown above.

BENEFIT SCHEDULE

Hospitalization Category

Hospital Admission Benefit

Payable once per admission

\$1,000.00 per admission

Maximum per Insured per each Covered Sickness

1 time per Calendar Year

Maximum per Insured per each Covered Accident

1 time per Calendar Year

Hospital Confinement Benefit

\$150.00 per day

up to maximum confinement period

Maximum confinement period

31 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident

Hospital Intensive Care Benefit

\$1,000.00 per day for first 1 days

\$150.00 per day for each day after 1th

Maximum confinement period

10 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident

INCORPORATION OF RIDER PROVISIONS

The attached listed Riders are made a part of this Plan.

Rider Name

Form Number

Dependent Spouse Benefit Rider

C80301FL

Dependent Children Benefit Rider

C80302FL

**Dependent Child Neonatal and Pediatric
Hospital Intensive Care Unit Rider**

C80307FL

SCHEDULE OF PREMIUMS

RATES TABLE FOR: CHARLOTTE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS / HOSPITAL INDEMNITY

DEDUCTION FREQUENCY	:	Monthly (12pp / yr)
EMPLOYEE COST	:	\$12.88
EMPLOYEE AND SPOUSE COST	:	\$29.06
EMPLOYEE AND DEPENDENT COST	:	\$23.80
FAMILY COST	:	\$39.98



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Amendment to Policy, Certificate of Insurance, and Dependent Child Rider for Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity

This Amendment is subject to all of the provisions of the Policy and Certificate to which it is attached. Additions or changes have been made to the Policy, Certificate, and Dependent Child Rider and are indicated below.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Amendment becomes effective at the same time as the Certificate. If issued after the Certificate, this Amendment will have a later Effective Date.

The following sentence is added to the Effective Date provision:

Dependent coverage will begin on the date of the Life Event if notice was provided within 31 days after the Life Event.

The Plan Termination provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Plan Termination

The **Company** has the right to cancel the Plan on any premium due date for the following reasons:

- The premium is not paid before the end of the Grace Period.
- The number of participating Employee is less than the number mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Policyholder. Please note the Policy will terminate if the Policyholder has failed to comply with the rules relating to large group participation.
- The number of participating Employee changes by 25% or more. Please note the Policy will terminate if the Policyholder has failed to comply with the rules relating to large group participation.
- The Policyholder fails to perform any of the obligations that relate to this policy or that are required by applicable law.
- The Policyholder no longer offers coverage to a particular class of Employee.

The Company will give the Policyholder 45 days' written notice prior to policy termination.

The **Policyholder** has the right to cancel the Plan at any time.

- To do this, the Policyholder must give the Company at least 45 days' written notice.
- The Plan will end on the date in the written notice or the date the Company receives the notice, whichever is later.

In the event the Policyholder terminates the Policy, it shall be without prejudice to any prior claims originating prior to the Effective Date of coverage.

All outstanding premiums are due upon Plan termination. If the Company accepts premium payments after the Plan terminates, this will not reinstate the Plan. However, if the Company accepts premium beyond a date, age, or event specified for termination, coverage shall continue during the period for which premiums was accepted.

The Policyholder has the sole responsibility of notifying Certificateholders in writing of the Plan's termination as soon as reasonably possible. If the Plan terminates, it—and all Certificates and Riders issued under the Plan—will terminate on the specified termination date. The termination occurs as of 12:01 a.m. at the Policyholder's address.

The Termination of Your Insurance provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Termination of Your Insurance

Your insurance will terminate on whichever occurs first:

- The date the Company terminates the Plan.
- The 31st day after the premium due date (the last day of the Grace Period), if the premium has not been paid.
- The date you no longer belong to an eligible class.

If an Insured's coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while your coverage was active. If the Company accepts premium beyond a date, age, or event specified for termination, coverage shall continue during the period for which premiums was accepted.

The Company will give the Policyholder 45 days' written notice prior to policy termination.

Coverage may also be terminated on any date requested by the Policyholder or Certificateholder.

The Portability Privilege provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Portability Privilege

When an Employee is no longer a member of an eligible class and his coverage would otherwise end, he may elect to continue his coverage under this Plan. He may continue the coverage he had on the date his Certificate would otherwise terminate, including any in-force Spouse or Dependent Child coverage, without any additional underwriting requirements.

The following conditions must be met for an Employee to keep his Certificate in force:

- Within 31 days after the date his coverage would otherwise terminate, the Employee must notify the Company. Notification may be via written notice sent to P.O. Box 84079, Columbus, GA 31993-9101 or by calling the Customer Service number at 800.433.3036, and
- The Employee must pay the required premium directly to the Company no later than 31 days after the date his coverage would otherwise terminate and on each premium due date thereafter.

Insurance will end on the earlier of these dates:

- 31 days after the premium due date (the last day of the Grace Period), if the premium has not been paid, or
- The date the Group Policy is terminated.

However, coverage may not be continued if:

- The Employee failed to pay any required premium, or
- This Group Policy terminates.

If an Insured's coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while coverage was active. If the Company accepts premium beyond a date, age, or event specified for termination, coverage shall continue during the period for which premiums was accepted.

The Company will give the Policyholder 45 days' written notice prior to policy termination.

Coverage may also be terminated on any date requested by the Policyholder or Certificateholder.

Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly to each Insured by the Company.

If the Employee qualifies for this Portability Privilege, then the Company will apply the same Benefits, Premium Rate, and Plan Provisions as shown in his previously-issued Certificate. Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly by the Company.

The Grace Period provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Grace Period

This Plan has a 31-day Grace Period. If a premium is not paid on or before its due date, the premium may be paid during the next 31 days. During the Grace Period, the Plan will stay in force, unless the Policyholder has given the Company written notice of its intention to discontinue the Plan. If the Plan is discontinued, the Plan's termination date will be the latest date for which premium has been paid.

The definition of Dependent Child or Dependent Children is deleted and replaced with the following:

Dependent Child or Dependent Children means your or your Spouse's natural children, step-children, grandchildren who are in your legal custody and residing with you, foster children, children subject to legal guardianship, legally adopted children, or Children Placed for Adoption, who are younger than age 26. Coverage may be provided for the children of custodial and non-custodial parents. However, we will continue coverage for Dependent Children insured under the Plan after the age of 26 if they are incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical handicap, and are chiefly dependent on a parent for support and maintenance. You or your Spouse must furnish proof of this incapacity and dependency to the Company within 31 days following the Dependent Child's 26th birthday.

The insurance on any Dependent Child will terminate on the last day of the month in which the Dependent Child turns age 26; it is your responsibility to notify us in writing when coverage on a Dependent Child terminates. Termination will be without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the date of termination. Our acceptance of premium after such date will be considered as premium for only the remaining persons who qualify as Insureds under this Plan. When coverage on all Dependent Children terminates, you must notify the Company, in writing, and elect whether to continue this Plan on an Employee or Employee and Spouse Coverage basis. After such notice, we will arrange for the payment of the appropriate premium due, including returning any unearned premium.

Children Placed for Adoption

"Placement, or being placed, for adoption" means the assumption and retention of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a child by a person with whom the child has been placed in anticipation of the child's adoption. The child's placement for adoption with the person terminates upon the termination of the legal obligation.

Your natural Dependent Children born after the Effective Date of this Rider will be covered from the moment of live birth. No notice or additional premium is required.

The definition below is added to the Definitions section:

Observation Unit means a unit in which observation services are given through Hospital outpatient services to help the Doctor decide if the patient needs to be admitted as an inpatient or can be discharged. Observation services may be given in the emergency department or another area of the Hospital.

Hospitalization Benefits

The Hospital Admission Benefit is deleted and replaced with the following:

Hospital Admission Benefit

We will pay this benefit when an Insured is admitted to a Hospital and confined as an inpatient because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, an Insured must be admitted to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay the Hospital Admission Benefit amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will not pay benefits for confinement to an Observation Unit, or for emergency room Treatment or outpatient Treatment. We will not pay benefits for Hospital Admission of a newborn child following his birth. However, we will pay for a newborn's admission to a Hospital Intensive

Care Unit if, following birth, he is confined as an inpatient as a result of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness (including congenital defects, birth abnormalities, and/or premature birth).

We will pay this benefit once per period of Hospital Confinement. This benefit is limited to the maximum shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will only pay this benefit once for each Covered Accident or Covered Sickness per Calendar Year. If an Insured is confined to the Hospital because of the same or Related Accidental Injury or Sickness, we will not pay this benefit again in the same Calendar Year.

The Hospital Confinement Benefit is deleted and replaced with the following:

Hospital Confinement Benefit

We will pay the amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day that an Insured is confined to a Hospital as an inpatient as the result of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, the Insured must be confined to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

The length of time shown for Hospital Confinement in the Benefit Schedule is the maximum period for which an Insured can collect benefits for Hospital Confinements resulting from Covered Sicknesses or from Covered Accidental Injuries received in the same Covered Accident. We will not pay benefits for confinement to an Observation Unit, or for emergency room Treatment or outpatient Treatment.

If we pay benefits for confinement and the Insured becomes confined again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable for only one Hospital Confinement at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

The Proof of Loss provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Proof of Loss

Proof of Loss refers to documentation that supports a claim. (This information is often found in standardized medical documents, such as Hospital bills and operative reports. It can include a statement by the treating Doctor.) Proof of Loss establishes the nature and extent of the loss, the Company's obligation to pay the claim, and the Claimant's right to receive payment.

The Claimant must provide Proof of Loss to the Company at the following address:

P.O. Box 84075, Columbus, Georgia, 31993-9103

Proof of Loss must be given to us within 90 days of the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. Failure to give Proof of Loss within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if such Proof of Loss is given as soon as reasonably possible. The Company will not accept Proof of Loss any later than one year after the loss unless the Claimant was legally incapacitated.

The Claimant will be responsible for the cost of obtaining a completed claim form. We may request additional Proof of Loss, such as records from Hospitals or Doctors. The Claimant will be responsible for the cost of obtaining these records.

We may require authorizations to obtain medical and psychiatric information as well as non-medical information, including personal financial information.

When we receive the claim and due Proof of Loss, we will review the Proof of Loss. If we approve the claim, we will pay the benefits subject to the terms of the Certificate.

The Successor Insured provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Successor Insured

If you die while covered under this Certificate and your Spouse is also insured under this Plan at the time of your death, then your surviving Spouse may elect to become the primary Insured. This would include continuation of any Dependent Child Rider coverage that is in force at that time.

To become the primary Insured and keep coverage in force, your surviving Spouse must:

- Notify the Company in writing within 31 days after the date of your death; and
- Pay the required premium to the Company no later than 31 days after the date of your death, and on each premium due date thereafter.

If the Certificate does not cover a surviving Spouse, the Certificate will terminate on the next premium due date following your death.

The Individual Certificates provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Individual Certificates

The Company will give the Policyholder a Certificate for each Employee. The Certificate will set forth:

- The coverage,
- To whom benefits will be paid, and
- The rights and privileges under the Plan.

CONTRACT

This Amendment is part of the Policy and Certificate and will terminate when the Policy or Certificate terminates.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Virgil R. Miller, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary



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Dependent Spouse Benefit Rider To Certificate of Insurance for Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Policy

This Rider is part of the Certificate to which it is attached. We have issued this Rider because:

- We have accepted your Application, and
- You have paid the additional premium for this Rider.

This Rider is subject to all the definitions, exclusions, limitations, terms, and other provisions of the Certificate to which it is attached, unless those terms are inconsistent with this Rider.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Rider becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Rider will have a later Effective Date. Dependent Spouse coverage will become effective on the Effective Date of the Rider if the Dependent Spouse is Active on that date. Otherwise, the Effective Date will be deferred until the day following the date he becomes Active.

DEFINITIONS

When the terms below are used in this Rider, the following definitions apply (other applicable terms and definitions are included in the **Definitions** section of your Certificate):

Active refers to a Dependent Spouse who is not confined in a Hospital and who is able to carry on regular activities customary of a person in good health of the same age and gender.

Dependent Spouse is your legal wife or husband, who is at least age 18 and is listed on your Application.

BENEFITS

If a Dependent Spouse qualifies for benefits because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, we will provide the benefits shown in the Dependent Spouse Benefit Schedule issued with this Rider. The only benefits for which a Dependent Spouse is eligible are those shown in the Dependent Spouse Benefit Schedule.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

If your Dependent Spouse's coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while Dependent Spouse coverage was active.

Time Limit on Certain Defenses

After two years from the Insured's Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on the Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

CONTRACT

This Rider is part of the Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Certificate. It will terminate:

- When the Certificate terminates,
- On the premium due date following the date the covered Spouse no longer qualifies as a Dependent,

- On the premium due date following the date we receive your written request to terminate coverage for your Spouse, or
- When premiums are no longer paid for this Rider.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virgil R. Miller".

Virgil R. Miller, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Matthew Loudermilk".

J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary

DEPENDENT SPOUSE BENEFITS SCHEDULE

Hospitalization Category

Hospital Admission Benefit

\$1,000.00 per admission

Payable once per admission

Maximum per Insured per each Covered Sickness

1 time per Calendar Year

Maximum per Insured per each Covered Accident

1 time per Calendar Year

Maximum per Insured

1 time per Calendar Year

Hospital Confinement Benefit

\$150.00 per day

up to maximum confinement period

Maximum confinement period

31 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident

Hospital Intensive Care Benefit

\$1,000.00 per day for first 1 days

\$150.00 per day for each day after 1th

up to maximum confinement period

Maximum confinement period

10 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident



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Dependent Children Benefit Rider To Certificate of Insurance for Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Policy

This Rider is part of the Certificate to which it is attached. We have issued this Rider because:

- We have accepted your Application, and
- You have paid the additional premium for this Rider.

This Rider is subject to all the definitions, exclusions, limitations, terms, and other provisions of the Certificate to which it is attached, unless those terms are inconsistent with this Rider.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Rider becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Rider will have a later Effective Date. Dependent Child coverage will become effective on the Effective Date of the Rider if the Dependent Child is Active on that date. Otherwise, the Effective Date will be deferred until the day following the date he becomes Active.

DEFINITIONS

When the terms below are used in this Rider, the following definitions apply (other applicable terms and definitions are included in the **Definitions** section of your Certificate):

Active refers to a Dependent Child who is not confined in a Hospital and who is able to carry on regular activities customary of a person in good health of the same age and gender.

Dependent Child or **Dependent Children** means your or your Spouse's natural children, step-children, grandchildren who are in your legal custody and residing with you, foster children, children subject to legal guardianship, legally adopted children or Children Placed for Adoption. Dependent Children must be younger than age 26.

Children Placed for Adoption are Children for whom you have entered a decree of adoption or for whom you have initiated adoption proceedings. A decree of adoption must be entered within one year from the date proceedings were initiated, unless extended by order of the court. You must continue to have custody pursuant to the decree of the court.

There is an exception to the age-26 limit above. This limit will not apply to any Dependent Child who is incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical handicap and is chiefly dependent on a parent for support and maintenance. You or your Spouse must furnish proof of this incapacity and dependency to the Company within 31 days following the Dependent Child's 26th birthday.

Your natural Dependent Children born after the Effective Date of this Rider will be covered from the moment of live birth. No notice or additional premium is required.

BENEFITS

If a Dependent Child qualifies for benefits because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, we will provide the benefits shown in the Dependent Children Benefit Schedule issued with this Rider. The only benefits for which a Dependent Child is eligible are those shown in the Dependent Children Benefit Schedule.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

If your Dependent Child's coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while his coverage was active.

Time Limit on Certain Defenses

After two years from the Insured's Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on the Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

CONTRACT

This Rider is part of the Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Certificate. It will terminate:

- When the Certificate terminates,
- On the premium due date following the date the covered Child no longer qualifies as a Dependent,
- When the covered Dependent Child reaches age 26 (details in the **Definitions** section of this Rider),
- On the premium due date following the date we receive your written request to terminate coverage for your Child, or
- When premiums are no longer paid for this Rider.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Virgil R. Miller, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary

DEPENDENT CHILDREN BENEFITS SCHEDULE

Hospitalization Category

Hospital Admission Benefit

Payable once per admission

Maximum per Insured per each Covered Sickness

Maximum per Insured per each Covered Accident

Maximum per Insured

\$1,000.00 per admission

1 time per Calendar Year

1 time per Calendar Year

1 time per Calendar Year

Hospital Confinement Benefit

Maximum confinement period

\$150.00 per day

up to maximum confinement period

31 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident

Hospital Intensive Care Benefit

Maximum confinement period

\$1,000.00 per day for first 1 days

\$150.00 per day for each day after 1th

up to maximum confinement period

10 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident



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Dependent Child Neonatal and Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit Rider To Certificate of Insurance for Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Policy

This Rider is part of the Certificate to which it is attached. We have issued this Rider because:

- We have accepted your Application, and
- You have paid the additional premium for this Rider.

This Rider is subject to all the definitions, exclusions, limitations, terms, and other provisions of the Certificate to which it is attached, unless those terms are inconsistent with this Rider.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Rider becomes effective when the Certificate becomes effective. If issued after the Certificate, this Rider will have a later Effective Date.

DEFINITIONS

When the terms below are used in this Rider, the following definitions apply (other applicable terms and definitions are included in the **Definitions** section of your Certificate):

Neonatal Hospital Intensive Care Unit means a place that meets all of the following criteria:

- Is a specifically designated area of the Hospital called a Neonatal Hospital Intensive Care Unit;
- Provides the highest level of medical care;
- Is restricted to newborn infants who are critically ill, premature, or injured and who require intensive comprehensive observation and care;
- Is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds, and wards customarily used for patient confinement;
- Is permanently equipped with special life-saving equipment for the care of critically ill, premature, or injured newborn infants;
- Is under close observation by a specially trained nursing staff assigned exclusively to the Neonatal Hospital Intensive Care Unit 24 hours a day; and
- Has a Doctor assigned to the Neonatal Hospital Intensive Care Unit on a full-time basis.

The term *Neonatal Hospital Intensive Care Unit* specifically excludes any type of facility not meeting the definition of Neonatal Hospital Intensive Care Unit as defined in this Plan, including but not limited to private monitored rooms, surgical recovery rooms, observation units, and the following step-down units:

- A progressive care unit,
- A sub-acute intensive care unit, or
- An intermediate care unit.

Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit means a place that meets all of the following criteria:

- Is a specifically designated area of the Hospital called a Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit;
- Provides the highest level of medical care;
- Is restricted to patients who are critically ill or injured and who require intensive comprehensive observation and care;
- Is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds, and wards customarily used for patient confinement;
- Is permanently equipped with special life-saving equipment for the care of the critically ill or injured;

- Is under close observation by a specially trained nursing staff assigned exclusively to the Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit 24 hours a day; and
- Has a Doctor assigned to the Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit on a full-time basis.

The term *Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit* specifically excludes any type of facility not meeting the definition of Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit as defined in this Plan, including but not limited to private monitored rooms, surgical recovery rooms, observation units, and the following step-down units:

- A progressive care unit,
- A sub-acute intensive care unit, or
- An intermediate care unit.

DEPENDENT CHILD NEONATAL AND PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT BENEFIT

Neonatal and Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit Benefit

If a Dependent Child is confined in a Neonatal or Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, we will pay the daily benefit amount shown in the Rider Schedule. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, the Dependent Child must be admitted to a Neonatal or Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay this amount for each day of such confinement, but not to exceed the maximum benefit period shown on the Rider Schedule during any one period of confinement.

We will pay benefits for only one confinement in a Neonatal or Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

If we pay benefits for confinement in a Neonatal or Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit and the Dependent Child becomes confined to a Neonatal or Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Unit again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable in addition to the Hospital Confinement Benefit and the Hospital Intensive Care Benefit.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Time Limit on Certain Defenses

In the absence of fraud, all statements made by the applicant, Policyholder, or Insured shall be deemed representations and not warranties. No statement made for the purpose of effecting insurance shall avoid such insurance or reduce benefits unless contained in a written instrument signed by the Policyholder or Insured, a copy of which has been furnished to the Policyholder, or to the Insured or his beneficiary.

CONTRACT

This Rider is part of the Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Certificate. It will terminate:

- When the Certificate terminates,
- On the premium due date following the date the covered Child no longer qualifies as a Dependent,
- When the covered Dependent Child reaches age 26,
- On the premium due date following the date we receive your written request to terminate coverage for your Child, or
- When premiums are no longer paid for this Rider.

Coverage under this Rider may also terminate on any date requested by the Policyholder or Certificate holder and shall be without prejudice to any prior claims which originated prior to the Effective Date of termination.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Virgil R. Miller".

Virgil R. Miller, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Matthew Loudermilk".

J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary

**DEPENDENT CHILD NEONATAL AND PEDIATRIC HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE UNIT
BENEFITS SCHEDULE**

Neonatal and Pediatric Hospital Intensive Care Benefit

\$300.00 per day
up to maximum confinement period

Maximum confinement period

31 Days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident



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Certificate of Insurance For Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Policy

This limited Plan provides supplemental benefits only. It does not constitute comprehensive health insurance coverage and does not satisfy the requirement of Minimum Essential Coverage under the Affordable Care Act.

THIS PLAN IS A SUPPLEMENT TO HEALTH INSURANCE AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE. LACK OF MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE (OR OTHER MINIMUM ESSENTIAL COVERAGE) MAY RESULT IN AN ADDITIONAL PAYMENT WITH YOUR TAXES.

This Plan provides the benefits listed in the Benefit Schedule. Please read it carefully.

Your Employer (the "Policyholder") applied for coverage under this Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Insurance Policy (the "Plan"). This Plan is issued by Continental American Insurance Company (the "Company," "CAIC," "we," "us," or "our"). For the purposes of this Plan, "you" (including "your" and "yours") refers to you. Based on the application process and the timely payment of premiums, the Company agrees to pay the benefits provided on the following pages. (Please note that male pronouns—such as "he," "him," and "his"—are used for both males and females, unless the context clearly shows otherwise.)

You will notice that certain words and phrases (including some medical terms and the names of Plan documents) in this document are capitalized. The capitalized words refer to terms with very specific definitions as they apply to this insurance Plan.

We certify that you are insured under the Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity Policy (the "Plan"). The Plan was issued to the Policyholder. The Certificate is subject to the Definitions, Exclusions, and other provisions of the Plan.

Certain provisions of the Plan are summarized in this Certificate. All provisions of the Plan, whether contained in your Certificate or not, apply to the insurance referred to by the Certificate.

This Certificate, on its Effective Date, automatically replaces any Certificate or Certificates previously issued to you under the Plan.

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SECTION I – ELIGIBILITY, EFFECTIVE DATE, AND TERMINATION

Eligibility

You are eligible to be covered under this Plan if you are Actively at Work for the Policyholder and included in the class that is eligible for coverage, as shown on the Master Application.

When you end employment with your Employer and your coverage would otherwise terminate, you may elect to continue your coverage under this Plan. Please see the **Portability Privilege** provision for further details.

Insureds are defined as those who might be eligible for coverage under this Plan in the following categories:

- **Employee Coverage** – We insure only the Employee.
- **Employee and Spouse Coverage** – We insure the Employee and spouse (as defined in the applicable rider).
- **Employee and Children Coverage** – We insure the Employee and any dependent children (as defined in the applicable rider).
- **Family Coverage** – We insure the Employee, spouse, and any dependent children (as defined in the applicable rider).

We will not insure anyone specifically excluded from coverage by Endorsement to the Certificate or by application, even if that person would otherwise be eligible for coverage.

Details for adding Insureds to your coverage are outlined in the Effective Date section.

Effective Date

Your Employee Effective Date is shown on the Certificate Schedule.

Your Employee Effective Date is the date your insurance takes effect. After we receive and approve the Application, that date is either:

- The date shown on the Certificate Schedule if you are Actively at Work on that date, or
- The date you return to an Actively-at-Work status if you were not Actively at Work on the date shown on the Certificate Schedule.

If Employee and Spouse, Employee and Children, or Family Coverage is offered:

- A Dependent may be added to the Plan after the Employee's Effective Date within 31 days of a Life Event or during an approved enrollment period.
- If Dependent Child Rider coverage is **already in force**, no additional notice or premium is required to add another dependent child.
- If Dependent Spouse Rider or Dependent Child Rider coverage is **not** in force, the Employee must complete an Application to add a Dependent to the Plan. The Company will assign a Dependent Rider Effective Date for a Dependent's coverage after approving the Application. For Dependent coverage to become effective, the premium for the Dependent must be included in the premium payment.
- If Dependent Child Rider coverage is not already in force, **newborn** children are automatically covered from the moment of birth for 60 days. **Newly adopted** children are automatically covered from the earlier of a) placement for adoption, b) the date of entry of an order granting custody of the child for the purposes of adoption, or c) the effective date of adoption, for 60 days. To extend coverage beyond 60 days with no gap in coverage, the Employee must contact the Company within the 60-day time period following the child's birth or adoption. No premium is due for the first 60 days of newborn/newly adopted coverage.

A day begins at 12:01 a.m. standard time at the Employee's place of residence.

Plan Termination

The **Company** has the right to cancel the Plan on any premium due date for the following reasons:

- The premium is not paid before the end of the Grace Period,
- The number of participating Employees is less than the number mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Policyholder,
- The number of participating Employees changes by 25% or more,
- The Policyholder fails to perform any of the obligations that relate to this policy or that are required by applicable law,

- The Policyholder no longer offers coverage to a particular class of Employees,
- The Policyholder no longer serves a class of Employees who reside in a particular geographical area, or
- The Policyholder does not provide timely information that is reasonably required.

The Company will give the Policyholder 45 days' written notice prior to policy termination.

The **Policyholder** has the right to cancel the Plan at any time.

- To do this, the Policyholder must give the Company at least 45 days' written notice.
- The Plan will end on the date in the written notice or the date the Company receives the notice, whichever is later.

All outstanding premiums are due upon Plan termination. If the Company accepts premium payments after the Plan terminates, this will not reinstate the Plan; we will refund any excess premium.

The Policyholder has the sole responsibility of notifying Certificateholders in writing of the Plan's termination as soon as reasonably possible. If the Plan terminates, it—and all Certificates and Riders issued under the Plan—will terminate on the specified termination date. The termination occurs as of 12:01 a.m. at the Policyholder's address.

Termination of Your Insurance

Your insurance will terminate on whichever occurs first:

- The date the Company terminates the Plan.
- The 31st day after the premium due date (the last day of the Grace Period), if the premium has not been paid.
- The date you no longer belong to an eligible class.

If an Insured's coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while your coverage was active.

Portability Privilege

When you are no longer a member of an eligible class and your coverage would otherwise end, you may elect to continue your coverage under this Plan. You may continue the coverage you had on the date your Certificate would otherwise terminate, including any in-force Dependent Spouse Rider or Dependent Child Rider coverage, without any additional underwriting requirements.

The following conditions must be met for you to keep your Certificate in force:

- Within 31 days after the date your insurance would otherwise terminate, you must notify the Company. Notification may be via written notice sent to P.O. Box 84079, Columbus, GA 31993-9101; or by calling the Customer Service number at 800.433.3036; and
- You must pay the required premium directly to the Company no later than 31 days after the date your coverage would otherwise terminate and on each premium due date thereafter.

Insurance will end on the earlier of these dates:

- 31 days after the premium due date (the last day of the Grace Period), if the premium has not been paid.
- The date the Group Policy is terminated.

However, coverage may not be continued if:

- You failed to pay any required premium, or
- This Group Policy terminates.

Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly to each Insured by the Company.

If you qualify for this Portability Privilege, then the Company will apply the same Benefits Plan Provisions, and Premium Rate as shown in your previously-issued Certificate. Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly by the Company.

SECTION II – PREMIUM PROVISIONS

Premium Payments

Premiums should be paid to the Company at its Home Office in Columbia, South Carolina. The first premiums are due on the Plan's Effective Date. After that, premiums are due on the first day of each month that the Plan remains in effect.

Payment of any premium will not keep the Plan in force beyond the due date of the next premium, except as set forth in the Grace Period provision.

Premium Changes

Unless we have agreed in writing not to increase premiums, the premium may change:

- On the Group Policy Anniversary Date based on renewal underwriting. (The Group Policy Anniversary Date is shown on the Policy Schedule and falls on the same date each year thereafter.)
- Whenever the terms or conditions of the Plan are modified. The new premium rates will apply only to premiums due on or after the rate change takes effect.

We will provide the Policyholder a 31-day advance written notice of any change in premiums.

Grace Period

This Plan has a 31 -day Grace Period. If a premium is not paid on or before its due date, the premium may be paid during the next 31days. During the Grace Period, the Plan will stay in force, unless the Policyholder has given the Company written notice of its intention to discontinue the Plan. If the Plan is discontinued, the Plan's termination date will be the latest date for which premium has been paid.

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SECTION III – DEFINITIONS

When the terms below are used in this Plan, the following definitions apply:

Accidental Injury means accidental bodily damage to an Insured. This must be the direct result of an accident and not the result of disease or bodily infirmity. A **Covered Accidental Injury** is an Accidental Injury that occurs while coverage is in force. A **Covered Accident** is an accident that occurs on or after an Insured's Effective Date while coverage is in force, and that is not specifically excluded by the Plan.

Actively at Work refers to your ability to perform your regular employment duties for a full normal workday. You may perform these activities either at your Employer's regular place of business or at a location where you are required to travel to perform the regular duties of your employment.

Calendar Year means the period beginning on the policy Effective Date and ending on December 31 of the same year. Thereafter, it is the period beginning on January 1 and ending on December 31 of each following year.

Claimant means a person who is authorized to make a claim under the Certificate.

Dependent means your spouse or dependent children, as defined in the applicable rider, who have been accepted for coverage.

Doctor is a person who is duly qualified as a practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of his license, and:

- Is licensed to practice medicine; prescribe and administer drugs; or to perform surgery, or
- Is a duly qualified medical practitioner according to the laws and regulations in the state in which Treatment is made.

A Doctor **does not** include you or any of your Family Members.

For the purposes of this definition, **Family Member** includes your Spouse as well as the following members of your immediate family:

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| • Son. | • Mother. | • Sister. |
| • Daughter. | • Father. | • Brother. |

This includes step-Family Members and Family-Members-in-law.

Employee is a person who meets Eligibility requirements under **Section I – Eligibility, Effective Date, and Termination**, and who is covered under this Plan. The Employee is the primary Insured under this Plan.

Hospital means a place that meets all of the following criteria:

- Is legally licensed and operated as a Hospital,
- Provides overnight care of injured and sick people,
- Is supervised by a Doctor,
- Has full-time nurses supervised by a registered nurse, and
- Has on-site use of X-ray equipment, laboratory, and surgical facilities.

The term **Hospital** specifically excludes any facility not meeting the definition of Hospital as defined in this Plan, including but not limited to:

- A nursing home,
- An extended care facility,
- A skilled nursing facility,
- A rest home or home for the aged,
- A Rehabilitation Facility,
- A facility for the Treatment of alcoholism or drug addiction, or
- An assisted living facility.

Hospital Intensive Care Unit means a place that meets all of the following criteria:

- Is a specifically designated area of the Hospital called a Hospital Intensive Care Unit;
- Provides the highest level of medical care;
- Is restricted to patients who are critically ill or injured and who require intensive comprehensive observation and care;
- Is separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds, and wards customarily used for patient confinement;
- Is permanently equipped with special life-saving equipment for the care of the critically ill or injured;
- Is under close observation by a specially trained nursing staff assigned exclusively to the Hospital Intensive Care Unit 24 hours a day; and
- Has a Doctor assigned to the Hospital Intensive Care Unit on a full-time basis.

The term *Hospital Intensive Care Unit* specifically excludes any type of facility not meeting the definition of Hospital Intensive Care Unit as defined in this Plan, including but not limited to private monitored rooms, surgical recovery rooms, observation units, and the following step-down units:

- A progressive care unit,
- A sub-acute intensive care unit, or
- An intermediate care unit.

Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit means any of the following:

- A progressive care unit,
- A sub-acute intensive care unit,
- An intermediate care unit, or
- A pre- or post-intensive care unit.

An Intermediate Intensive Care Step-Down Unit is **not** a Hospital Intensive Care Unit as defined in this Plan.

Life Event means an event that qualifies you to make changes to benefits at times other than your enrollment period. Events qualifying as Life Events are established solely by the Policyholder.

Rehabilitation Facility is a unit or facility providing coordinated multidisciplinary physical restorative services. These services must be provided to inpatients under a Doctor's direction. The Doctor must be knowledgeable and experienced in rehabilitative medicine. Beds must be set up in a unit or facility specifically designated and staffed for this service. This is not a facility for the Treatment of alcoholism or drug addiction.

Related – a Related Accidental Injury or Sickness is one that is in correlation to, or occurs as a result of, the initial Accidental Injury or Sickness, and would not otherwise have been sustained if that initial condition had not occurred.

Sickness means an illness, infection, disease, or any other abnormal physical condition or pregnancy that is not caused solely by, or the result of, any injury. A **Covered Sickness** is one that is not excluded by name, specific description, or any other provision in this Plan. For a benefit to be payable, loss arising from the Covered Sickness must occur while the applicable Insured's coverage is in force.

Spouse is your legal wife or husband, including a legally-recognized same-sex Spouse, or a person of either gender who is in a legally recognized and registered domestic partnership, civil union, reciprocal beneficiary relationship, or similar relationship with you.

Telemedicine Service means a medical inquiry with a Doctor via audio or video communication that assists with a patient's assessment, diagnosis, and consultation.

Treatment is the consultation, care, or services provided by a Doctor. This includes receiving any diagnostic measures and taking prescribed drugs and medicines. Treatment does **not** include Telemedicine Services.

SECTION IV – BENEFIT PROVISIONS

Hospitalization Benefits

Hospital Admission Benefit

We will pay this benefit when an Insured is admitted to a Hospital and confined as an inpatient because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, an Insured must be admitted to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay the Hospital Admission Benefit amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will not pay benefits for confinement to an observation unit, or for emergency room Treatment or outpatient Treatment..

We will pay this benefit once per period of Hospital Confinement. This benefit is limited to the maximum shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will only pay this benefit once for each Covered Accident or Covered Sickness per Calendar Year. If an Insured is confined to the Hospital because of the same or Related Accidental Injury or Sickness, we will not pay this benefit again in the same Calendar Year.

Hospital Confinement Benefit

We will pay the amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day that an Insured is confined to a Hospital as an inpatient as the result of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, the Insured must be confined to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

The length of time shown for Hospital Confinement in the Benefit Schedule is the maximum period for which an Insured can collect benefits for Hospital Confinements resulting from Covered Sickness or from Covered Accidental Injuries received in the same Covered Accident.

If we pay benefits for confinement and the Insured becomes confined again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable for only one Hospital Confinement at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

Hospital Intensive Care Benefit

If an Insured is confined in a Hospital Intensive Care Unit because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, we will pay the daily benefit amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, an Insured must be admitted to a Hospital Intensive Care Unit within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay this amount for each day of such confinement, but not to exceed the maximum benefit period shown on the Benefit Schedule during any one period of confinement.

We will pay benefits for only one confinement in a Hospital Intensive Care Unit at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

If we pay benefits for confinement in a Hospital Intensive Care Unit and an Insured becomes confined to a Hospital Intensive Care Unit again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable in addition to the Hospital Confinement Benefit.

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SECTION V – EXCLUSIONS

Exclusions

We will not pay for loss due to:

- War – voluntarily participating in war, any act of war, or military conflicts, declared or undeclared, or voluntarily participating or serving in the military, armed forces, or an auxiliary unit thereto, or contracting with any country or international authority. (We will return the prorated premium for any period not covered by the certificate when the Insured is in such service.) War also includes voluntary participation in an insurrection, riot, civil commotion or civil state of belligerence. War does not include acts of terrorism.
- Suicide – committing or attempting to commit suicide, while sane or insane.
- Self-Inflicted Injuries – injuring or attempting to injure oneself intentionally.
- Racing – riding in or driving any motor-driven vehicle in a race, stunt show or speed test in a professional or semi-professional capacity.
- Illegal Occupation – voluntarily participating in, committing, or attempting to commit a felony or illegal act or activity, or voluntarily working at, or being engaged in, an illegal occupation or job.
- Sports – participating in any organized sport in a professional or semi-professional capacity.
- Custodial Care – this is non-medical care that helps individuals with the basic tasks of everyday life, the preparation of special diets, and the self-administration of medication which does not require the constant attention of medical personnel.
- Treatment for being overweight, gastric bypass or stapling, intestinal bypass, and any related procedures, including any resulting complications.
- Services performed by a Family Member.
- Services related to sex or gender change, sterilization, in vitro fertilization, vasectomy or reversal of a vasectomy, or tubal ligation.
- Elective Abortion – an abortion for any reason other than to preserve the life of the person upon whom the abortion is performed.
- Dental Services or Treatment.
- Cosmetic surgery, except when due to:
 - o Reconstructive surgery, when the service is related to or follows surgery resulting from a Covered Accidental Injury or a Covered Sickness, or is related to or results from a congenital disease or anomaly of a covered dependent child.
 - o Congenital defects in newborns.
- A service or a supply furnished by or on behalf of any government agency unless payment of the charge is required in the absence of insurance.

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SECTION VI - CLAIM PROVISIONS

Notice of Claim

Written Notice of Claim must be given to us:

- Within 60 days after the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness, or
- As soon as reasonably possible.

When we receive written Notice of Claim, we will send a claim form. If the Claimant does not receive the claim form within 15 days after the notice is sent, written Proof of Loss can be sent to us without waiting for the form. Notice must include the Employee's name and the Certificate number. Notice can be mailed to the Company at the following address:

P.O. Box 84075, Columbus, GA 31993-9103

Proof of Loss

Proof of Loss refers to documentation that supports a claim. (This information is often found in standardized medical documents, such as Hospital bills and operative reports. It can include a statement by the treating Doctor.) Proof of Loss establishes the nature and extent of the loss, the Company's obligation to pay the claim, and the Claimant's right to receive payment.

The Claimant must provide Proof of Loss to the Company at the following address:

P.O. Box 84075, Columbus, GA 31993-9103.

Proof of Loss must be given to us within 90 days of the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. Failure to give Proof of Loss within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if such Proof of Loss is given as soon as reasonably possible. The Company will not accept Proof of Loss any later than one year after the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness unless you were legally incapacitated.

The Claimant will be responsible for the cost of obtaining a completed claim form. We may request additional Proof of Loss, such as records from Hospitals or Doctors. We will be responsible for the cost of obtaining these records.

We may require authorizations to obtain medical and psychiatric information as well as non-medical information, including personal financial information.

When we receive the claim and due Proof of Loss, we will review the Proof of Loss. If we approve the claim, we will pay the benefits subject to the terms of the Certificate.

Physical Examination and Autopsy

The Company may have an Insured examined as often as reasonably necessary while a claim is pending. In the case of death, the Company may also require an autopsy, unless prohibited by law. The Company will cover all costs for exams or autopsy.

Time of Payment of Claims

Benefits payable under the Certificate will be paid after we receive due Proof of Loss acceptable to us. We will pay, deny, or settle all clean claims* within 30 calendar days after receiving the appropriate information.

**Clean claims contain all information and/or documentation needed for processing. These claims do not require further information from the provider, you, or your Employer.*

Payment of Claims

We will pay all benefits to you unless otherwise assigned. For any benefits that remain unpaid at the time of death, we will pay those benefits in the following order:

- To any approved assignee.
- To your beneficiary.
- To your surviving Spouse.
- To your estate.

Unpaid Premium

When a claim is paid, we may deduct any premium due and unpaid from the claim payment.

Changing of Beneficiary

A change in beneficiary must be submitted in writing to our Home Office in a form acceptable to us and signed by you. Unless otherwise specified by you, a change in beneficiary will take effect on the date the notice of change is signed. We will not be liable for any action taken before notice is received and recorded at the Home Office.

Claim Review

If a claim is denied, you will be given written notice of:

- The reason for the denial,
- The Plan provision that supports the denial, and
- Your right to ask for a review of the claim.

Appeals Procedure

No later than 60 days after notice of denial of a claim, you, the Claimant, or an authorized representative of either must appeal any denial of benefits under the Plan by sending a written request for review of the denial to our Home Office.

Legal Action

You may not take Legal Action against us for benefits under this Plan:

- Within 60 days after you have sent us written Proof of Loss, or
- After expiration of the applicable statute of limitations from the time written Proof of Loss is required to be given.

SECTION VII – GENERAL PROVISIONS

Addition of New Employees

Employees hired after the initial enrollment date can apply for coverage annually during open enrollment if the Employee meets the following criteria:

- The Employee has worked for the Policyholder for 90 continuous days.
- The Employee is working at least 20 hours per week.

Entire Contract Changes

Your insurance is provided under a contract of Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity insurance with the Policyholder. The Entire Contract of Insurance is made up of:

- The Policy;
- The Certificates of insurance;
- The Application of the Policyholder, a copy of which is attached to and made part of the Policy when issued; and
- Any Riders, Endorsements, or Amendments to the Policy or Certificate.

All statements (excluding fraudulent ones) that the Policyholder or an Insured has made in the Application will be considered representations, not warranties. The Company will not void insurance or reduce benefits as a result of statements made on the Application without sending Application copies.

Changes to the Plan:

- Will not be valid unless approved in writing by an officer of the Company,
- Must be noted on or attached to the Contract, and
- May not be made by any insurance agent or producer (nor can an agent or producer waive any Plan provisions).

Misstatement of Age

If an age has been misstated on the Application, the benefits will be those that the paid premium would have purchased at the correct age.

Successor Insured

If you die while covered under this Certificate and your Spouse is also insured under this Plan at the time of your death, then your surviving Spouse may elect to become the primary Insured. This would include continuation of any Dependent Child Rider coverage that is in force at that time.

To become the primary Insured and keep coverage in force, your surviving Spouse must:

- Notify the Company in writing within 31 days after the date of your death; and
- Pay the required premium to the Company no later than 31 days after the date of your death, and on each premium due date thereafter.

If the Certificate does not cover a surviving Spouse, the Certificate will terminate on the next premium due date following your death.

Time Limit on Certain Defenses

After two years from your Effective Date of coverage, the Company may not void coverage or deny a claim for any loss because of misstatements made on your Application. This does not apply to fraudulent misstatements.

Clerical Error

Clerical error by the Policyholder will not end coverage or continue terminated coverage. In the event of such clerical error, the Company will make a premium adjustment.

Individual Certificates

The Company will give the Policyholder a Certificate for each Employee. The Certificate will set forth:

- The coverage,
- To whom benefits will be paid, and
- The rights and privileges under the Plan.

Required Information

The Policyholder will be responsible for furnishing all information and proofs that the Company may reasonably require with regard to the Plan.

Conformity with State Statutes

This Plan was issued on its Effective Date in the state noted on the Master Application. Any Plan provision that conflicts with that state's statutes is amended to conform to the minimum requirements of those statutes.

BENEFIT SCHEDULE

Hospitalization Category

Hospital Admission Benefit

Payable once per admission

\$1,000.00 per admission

Maximum per Insured per each Covered Sickness

1 time per Calendar Year

Maximum per Insured per each Covered Accident

1 time per Calendar Year

Hospital Confinement Benefit

\$150.00 per day

up to maximum confinement period

Maximum confinement period

31 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident

Hospital Intensive Care Benefit

\$1,000.00 per day for first 1 days

\$150.00 per day for each day after 1th

Maximum confinement period

10 days per Covered Sickness or Covered Accident



CONTINENTAL AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

**Columbia, South Carolina
800.433.3036**

The telephone number above is provided for making inquiries, obtaining information regarding coverage, and assistance in resolving complaints.

Amendment to Policy, Certificate of Insurance, and Dependent Child Rider for Group Supplemental Hospital Indemnity

This Amendment is subject to all of the provisions of the Policy and Certificate to which it is attached. Additions or changes have been made to the Policy, Certificate, and Dependent Child Rider and are indicated below.

EFFECTIVE DATE

If issued at the same time as the Certificate, this Amendment becomes effective at the same time as the Certificate. If issued after the Certificate, this Amendment will have a later Effective Date.

The following sentence is added to the Effective Date provision:

Dependent coverage will begin on the date of the Life Event if notice was provided within 31 days after the Life Event.

The Plan Termination provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Plan Termination

The **Company** has the right to cancel the Plan on any premium due date for the following reasons:

- The premium is not paid before the end of the Grace Period.
- The number of participating Employee is less than the number mutually agreed upon by the Company and the Policyholder. Please note the Policy will terminate if the Policyholder has failed to comply with the rules relating to large group participation.
- The number of participating Employee changes by 25% or more. Please note the Policy will terminate if the Policyholder has failed to comply with the rules relating to large group participation.
- The Policyholder fails to perform any of the obligations that relate to this policy or that are required by applicable law.
- The Policyholder no longer offers coverage to a particular class of Employee.

The Company will give the Policyholder 45 days' written notice prior to policy termination.

The **Policyholder** has the right to cancel the Plan at any time.

- To do this, the Policyholder must give the Company at least 45 days' written notice.
- The Plan will end on the date in the written notice or the date the Company receives the notice, whichever is later.

In the event the Policyholder terminates the Policy, it shall be without prejudice to any prior claims originating prior to the Effective Date of coverage.

All outstanding premiums are due upon Plan termination. If the Company accepts premium payments after the Plan terminates, this will not reinstate the Plan. However, if the Company accepts premium beyond a date, age, or event specified for termination, coverage shall continue during the period for which premiums was accepted.

The Policyholder has the sole responsibility of notifying Certificateholders in writing of the Plan's termination as soon as reasonably possible. If the Plan terminates, it—and all Certificates and Riders issued under the Plan—will terminate on the specified termination date. The termination occurs as of 12:01 a.m. at the Policyholder's address.

The Termination of Your Insurance provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Termination of Your Insurance

Your insurance will terminate on whichever occurs first:

- The date the Company terminates the Plan.
- The 31st day after the premium due date (the last day of the Grace Period), if the premium has not been paid.
- The date you no longer belong to an eligible class.

If an Insured's coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while your coverage was active. If the Company accepts premium beyond a date, age, or event specified for termination, coverage shall continue during the period for which premiums was accepted.

The Company will give the Policyholder 45 days' written notice prior to policy termination.

Coverage may also be terminated on any date requested by the Policyholder or Certificateholder.

The Portability Privilege provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Portability Privilege

When an Employee is no longer a member of an eligible class and his coverage would otherwise end, he may elect to continue his coverage under this Plan. He may continue the coverage he had on the date his Certificate would otherwise terminate, including any in-force Spouse or Dependent Child coverage, without any additional underwriting requirements.

The following conditions must be met for an Employee to keep his Certificate in force:

- Within 31 days after the date his coverage would otherwise terminate, the Employee must notify the Company. Notification may be via written notice sent to P.O. Box 84079, Columbus, GA 31993-9101 or by calling the Customer Service number at 800.433.3036, and
- The Employee must pay the required premium directly to the Company no later than 31 days after the date his coverage would otherwise terminate and on each premium due date thereafter.

Insurance will end on the earlier of these dates:

- 31 days after the premium due date (the last day of the Grace Period), if the premium has not been paid, or
- The date the Group Policy is terminated.

However, coverage may not be continued if:

- The Employee failed to pay any required premium, or
- This Group Policy terminates.

If an Insured's coverage terminates, we will provide benefits for valid claims that arose while coverage was active. If the Company accepts premium beyond a date, age, or event specified for termination, coverage shall continue during the period for which premiums was accepted.

The Company will give the Policyholder 45 days' written notice prior to policy termination.

Coverage may also be terminated on any date requested by the Policyholder or Certificateholder.

Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly to each Insured by the Company.

If the Employee qualifies for this Portability Privilege, then the Company will apply the same Benefits, Premium Rate, and Plan Provisions as shown in his previously-issued Certificate. Notification of any changes in the Plan will be provided directly by the Company.

The Grace Period provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Grace Period

This Plan has a 31-day Grace Period. If a premium is not paid on or before its due date, the premium may be paid during the next 31 days. During the Grace Period, the Plan will stay in force, unless the Policyholder has given the Company written notice of its intention to discontinue the Plan. If the Plan is discontinued, the Plan's termination date will be the latest date for which premium has been paid.

The definition of Dependent Child or Dependent Children is deleted and replaced with the following:

Dependent Child or Dependent Children means your or your Spouse's natural children, step-children, grandchildren who are in your legal custody and residing with you, foster children, children subject to legal guardianship, legally adopted children, or Children Placed for Adoption, who are younger than age 26. Coverage may be provided for the children of custodial and non-custodial parents. However, we will continue coverage for Dependent Children insured under the Plan after the age of 26 if they are incapable of self-sustaining employment due to mental or physical handicap, and are chiefly dependent on a parent for support and maintenance. You or your Spouse must furnish proof of this incapacity and dependency to the Company within 31 days following the Dependent Child's 26th birthday.

The insurance on any Dependent Child will terminate on the last day of the month in which the Dependent Child turns age 26; it is your responsibility to notify us in writing when coverage on a Dependent Child terminates. Termination will be without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the date of termination. Our acceptance of premium after such date will be considered as premium for only the remaining persons who qualify as Insureds under this Plan. When coverage on all Dependent Children terminates, you must notify the Company, in writing, and elect whether to continue this Plan on an Employee or Employee and Spouse Coverage basis. After such notice, we will arrange for the payment of the appropriate premium due, including returning any unearned premium.

Children Placed for Adoption

"Placement, or being placed, for adoption" means the assumption and retention of a legal obligation for total or partial support of a child by a person with whom the child has been placed in anticipation of the child's adoption. The child's placement for adoption with the person terminates upon the termination of the legal obligation.

Your natural Dependent Children born after the Effective Date of this Rider will be covered from the moment of live birth. No notice or additional premium is required.

The definition below is added to the Definitions section:

Observation Unit means a unit in which observation services are given through Hospital outpatient services to help the Doctor decide if the patient needs to be admitted as an inpatient or can be discharged. Observation services may be given in the emergency department or another area of the Hospital.

Hospitalization Benefits

The Hospital Admission Benefit is deleted and replaced with the following:

Hospital Admission Benefit

We will pay this benefit when an Insured is admitted to a Hospital and confined as an inpatient because of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, an Insured must be admitted to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

We will pay the Hospital Admission Benefit amount shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will not pay benefits for confinement to an Observation Unit, or for emergency room Treatment or outpatient Treatment. We will not pay benefits for Hospital Admission of a newborn child following his birth. However, we will pay for a newborn's admission to a Hospital Intensive

Care Unit if, following birth, he is confined as an inpatient as a result of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness (including congenital defects, birth abnormalities, and/or premature birth).

We will pay this benefit once per period of Hospital Confinement. This benefit is limited to the maximum shown in the Benefit Schedule. We will only pay this benefit once for each Covered Accident or Covered Sickness per Calendar Year. If an Insured is confined to the Hospital because of the same or Related Accidental Injury or Sickness, we will not pay this benefit again in the same Calendar Year.

The Hospital Confinement Benefit is deleted and replaced with the following:

Hospital Confinement Benefit

We will pay the amount shown in the Benefit Schedule for each day that an Insured is confined to a Hospital as an inpatient as the result of a Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. To be eligible to receive this benefit for Accidental Injuries resulting from a Covered Accident, the Insured must be confined to a Hospital within six months of the date of the Covered Accident.

The length of time shown for Hospital Confinement in the Benefit Schedule is the maximum period for which an Insured can collect benefits for Hospital Confinements resulting from Covered Sicknesses or from Covered Accidental Injuries received in the same Covered Accident. We will not pay benefits for confinement to an Observation Unit, or for emergency room Treatment or outpatient Treatment.

If we pay benefits for confinement and the Insured becomes confined again within six months because of the same or a Related condition, we will treat this confinement as the same period of confinement.

This benefit is payable for only one Hospital Confinement at a time, even if it is caused by more than one Covered Accidental Injury, more than one Covered Sickness, or a Covered Accidental Injury and a Covered Sickness.

The Proof of Loss provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Proof of Loss

Proof of Loss refers to documentation that supports a claim. (This information is often found in standardized medical documents, such as Hospital bills and operative reports. It can include a statement by the treating Doctor.) Proof of Loss establishes the nature and extent of the loss, the Company's obligation to pay the claim, and the Claimant's right to receive payment.

The Claimant must provide Proof of Loss to the Company at the following address:

P.O. Box 84075, Columbus, Georgia, 31993-9103

Proof of Loss must be given to us within 90 days of the Covered Accidental Injury or Covered Sickness. Failure to give Proof of Loss within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if such Proof of Loss is given as soon as reasonably possible. The Company will not accept Proof of Loss any later than one year after the loss unless the Claimant was legally incapacitated.

The Claimant will be responsible for the cost of obtaining a completed claim form. We may request additional Proof of Loss, such as records from Hospitals or Doctors. The Claimant will be responsible for the cost of obtaining these records.

We may require authorizations to obtain medical and psychiatric information as well as non-medical information, including personal financial information.

When we receive the claim and due Proof of Loss, we will review the Proof of Loss. If we approve the claim, we will pay the benefits subject to the terms of the Certificate.

The Successor Insured provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Successor Insured

If you die while covered under this Certificate and your Spouse is also insured under this Plan at the time of your death, then your surviving Spouse may elect to become the primary Insured. This would include continuation of any Dependent Child Rider coverage that is in force at that time.

To become the primary Insured and keep coverage in force, your surviving Spouse must:

- Notify the Company in writing within 31 days after the date of your death; and
- Pay the required premium to the Company no later than 31 days after the date of your death, and on each premium due date thereafter.

If the Certificate does not cover a surviving Spouse, the Certificate will terminate on the next premium due date following your death.

The Individual Certificates provision is deleted and replaced with the following:

Individual Certificates

The Company will give the Policyholder a Certificate for each Employee. The Certificate will set forth:

- The coverage,
- To whom benefits will be paid, and
- The rights and privileges under the Plan.

CONTRACT

This Amendment is part of the Policy and Certificate and will terminate when the Policy or Certificate terminates.

Signed for the Company at its Home Office,



Virgil R. Miller, President



J. Matthew Loudermilk, Secretary