Group Hospital Indemnity
Insurance Certificate

Vanderbilt University
Certificate Effective Date: 01/01/2026

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If you reside in the following state, please read the important notice below:

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This Certificate may omit some of the benefits required for a Certificate issued and delivered in Maryland.

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GROUP HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE
CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

THIS CERTIFICATE PROVIDES LIMITED COVERAGE.
PLEASE READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.

We, the New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation, have issued a Group Policy, GHI0100199 to NATIONAL GROUP BENEFITS INSURANCE TRUST on behalf of Vanderbilt University, Subscriber Group ID 122985.

We certify that We insure all eligible persons who are enrolled according to the terms of the Group Policy. Your coverage will begin according to the terms set forth in the *Effective Date of Insurance* section.

This Certificate describes the benefits and basic provisions of Your coverage. It is not the insurance contract and does not waive or alter any terms of the Policy. If questions arise, the Policy language will govern. You may examine the Policy at the office of the Subscriber or Our authorized administrator.

This Certificate replaces all prior Certificates issued to You under the Group Policy.

Exclusions May Apply. Please Read the Certificate Carefully.

Corporate Secretary, Colleen Meade

Chair, President, & CEO, Craig DeSanto

NOTICE: THE POLICY IS A HOSPITAL INDEMNITY POLICY. THIS IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR MAJOR MEDICAL COVERAGE. The Policy provides limited benefits. Benefits provided are supplemental and are not intended to cover all medical expenses.

THIS IS NOT MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE COVERAGE. If You are eligible for Medicare, review the Guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare available from New York Life.

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SECTION I. SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS FOR HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

This Certificate is intended to be read in its entirety. In order to understand all the conditions, exclusions and limitations applicable to its benefits, please read all the provisions carefully.

This *Schedule of Benefits* shows maximums, durations, and any limitations applicable to benefits provided in the Policy for each Covered Person unless otherwise indicated. Hospital Indemnity Insurance Benefits, when referred to in this Schedule, mean the Covered Person's Hospital Indemnity Insurance Benefits in effect on the date of the covered loss unless otherwise specified.

On the pages following the description of eligible Employees there is a Schedule of Benefits for each Class of Eligible Employees listed below. For an explanation of these benefits, please see the Description of Benefits.

CLASSES OF ELIGIBLE EMPLOYEES

Class 1

All active Employees of the Employer working in the United States, who are citizens or permanent resident aliens of the United States who meet one of the following qualifications:

- Classified as regular faculty, staff, or term regularly scheduled to work 30 hours per week; or
- Classified as regular faculty regularly scheduled to work less than 30 hours per week; or
- Classified as regular or term, non-exempt staff regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 20 hours per week, but less than 30 hours per week; or
- Classified as temporary faculty regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 30 hours per week over a 12-month period; or
- Classified as staff regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 30 hours per week over a 12-month period; or
- Classified as student worker, graduate teaching and research assistant, professional student, or undergraduate, student worker regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 30 hours per week over a 12-month period.

An Employee will be considered in Active Service during the Employee's summer break if he or she was in Active Service on the last day of the previous school year and is scheduled to return for the next school year.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS FOR CLASS 1, STANDARD

Class 1

All active Employees of the Employer working in the United States, who are citizens or permanent resident aliens of the United States who meet one of the following qualifications:
• Classified as regular faculty, staff, or term regularly scheduled to work 30 hours per week; or
• Classified as regular faculty regularly scheduled to work less than 30 hours per week; or
• Classified as regular or term, non-exempt staff regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 20 hours per week, but less than 30 hours per week; or
• Classified as temporary faculty regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 30 hours per week over a 12-month period; or
• Classified as staff regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 30 hours per week over a 12-month period; or
• Classified as student worker, graduate teaching and research assistant, professional student, or undergraduate, student worker regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 30 hours per week over a 12-month period.

An Employee will be considered in Active Service during the Employee's summer break if he or she was in Active Service on the last day of the previous school year and is scheduled to return for the next school year.

Eligibility Waiting Period

The Eligibility Waiting Period is the period of time the Employee must continuously be in Active Service to be eligible for coverage, including any period during which the Employee was insured or eligible to be insured under a Prior Plan. It will be extended by the number of days the Employee is not in Active Service.

Class Description	Eligibility Waiting Period
Class 1	None

HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE BENEFITS

	Benefit Amount		
	Employee	Spouse	Child
Hospital Benefits			
Hospital Admission Benefit	$1,000.00	$1,000.00	$1,000.00
Intensive Care Unit Admission Benefit	$2,000.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
Daily Inpatient Hospital Confinement Benefit	$200.00	$200.00	$200.00
Newborn/Healthy Baby Confinement Benefit	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00
Intensive Care Unit Confinement Benefit	$400.00	$400.00	$400.00
Rehabilitation Facility Confinement Benefit	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00
Short Stay/Observation Unit Benefit	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00
Health Screening Benefit	$50.00	$50.00	$50.00

The above items are only highlights of the Policy. For a full description of Your coverage, including any additional benefits, exclusions or limitations that may apply, continue reading Your Certificate of Coverage.

CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE

For Employer Approved Leave of Absence
Maximum Benefit Period: 24 Months

For Family Medical Leave
Maximum Benefit Period: The latest of:

1. the period of the approved FMLA leave; or
2. the leave period required by the laws of the state in which the Employee is employed

For Sabbatical
Maximum Benefit Period: 24 Months

For Military Service
Maximum Benefit Period: 1 Month

SECTION II. DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS

The following provisions explain the benefits available under the Policy. Please see the Schedule of Benefits for the applicability of these benefits on a class level.

HOSPITAL BENEFITS
The benefits included in this subsection are collectively called "Hospital Benefit(s)".

HOSPITAL ADMISSION BENEFIT
We will pay the Hospital Admission Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits if a Covered Person is Confined on an inpatient basis in a Hospital as the result of a covered Sickness or Injury. If a Covered Person is eligible for more than one Hospital Benefit on the same day, only the largest applicable benefit will be paid.

This benefit is not payable for the Confinement of Your child when eligible for the Newborn/Healthy Baby Confinement Benefit.

This benefit is not payable for a Confinement of Your child in a neonatal intensive care unit if the Confinement begins with 30 days after birth.

This benefit is payable only once per Period of Confinement per Covered Person. This benefit is payable up to Once per Calendar Year per Covered Person.

INTENSIVE CARE UNIT ADMISSION BENEFIT
We will pay the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Admission Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits if a Covered Person is Confined on an inpatient basis in the ICU as the result of a covered Sickness or Injury. If a Covered Person is eligible for more than one Hospital Benefit on the same day, only the largest applicable benefit will be paid.

This benefit is payable for a Confinement of Your child in a neonatal intensive care unit if the Confinement begins with 30 days after birth.

This benefit is payable only once per Period of Confinement per Covered Person. This benefit is payable up to Once per Calendar Year per Covered Person.

DAILY INPATIENT HOSPITAL CONFINEMENT BENEFIT
We will pay the Daily Inpatient Hospital Confinement Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits each day a Covered Person is Confined on an inpatient basis in a Hospital as the result of a covered Sickness or Injury. If a Covered Person is eligible for more than one Hospital Benefit on the same day, only the largest applicable benefit will be paid.

This benefit is not payable for the Confinement on an inpatient basis of Your child when eligible for the Newborn/Healthy Baby Confinement Benefit.

This benefit is not payable for a Confinement of Your child in a neonatal intensive care unit if the Confinement begins with 30 days after birth.

No more than 31 days of Hospital Confinement are payable per Period of Confinement per Covered Person or newborn child.

NEWBORN/HEALTHY BABY CONFINEMENT BENEFIT
We will pay the Newborn/Healthy Baby Confinement Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits if a Covered Person's newly born child is Confined on an inpatient basis in a Hospital immediately following birth for Newborn Healthy Baby Care. This benefit is payable when there is not a separate admission for the newborn and is in addition to any benefits payable for the mother's Confinement. If the newly born child is eligible for more than one Hospital Benefit on the same day, only the largest applicable benefit will be paid.

No more than 2 days of Newborn/Healthy Baby Confinement are payable per Period of Confinement per newly born child.

INTENSIVE CARE UNIT CONFINEMENT BENEFIT
We will pay the Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Confinement Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits each day a Covered Person is Confined on an inpatient basis in an ICU as the result of a covered Sickness or Injury. If a Covered Person is eligible for more than one Hospital Benefit on the same day, only the largest applicable benefit will be paid.

This benefit is also payable for the Confinement on an inpatient basis of Your child in a neonatal intensive care unit if the Confinement begins within 30 days after birth.

No more than 31 days of Intensive Care Unit Confinement are payable per Period of Confinement per Covered Person.

REHABILITATION FACILITY CONFINEMENT BENEFIT
We will pay the Rehabilitation Facility Confinement Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits if a Covered Person is Confined on an inpatient basis in a Rehabilitation Facility as the result of a covered Sickness or Injury. The Rehabilitation Facility must be prescribed by a Doctor and the Rehabilitation Care Services must be provided by a practitioner licensed to provide the type of rehabilitation and operating within the scope of such license. If a Covered Person is eligible for more than one Hospital Benefit on the same day, only the largest applicable benefit will be paid.

No more than 15 days of Rehabilitation Facility Confinement are payable per Period of Confinement per Covered Person.

SHORT STAY/OBSERVATION UNIT BENEFIT
We will pay the Short Stay/Observation Unit Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits each day a Covered Person is Confined and Treated for a covered Sickness or Injury in a Hospital, apart from a licensed ambulatory surgical facility or Emergency Room for a minimum of 4 hours. If a Covered Person is eligible for more than one Hospital Benefit or Emergency Room Visit Benefit on the same day, only the largest applicable benefit will be paid. This benefit is not payable if a Covered Person is subsequently admitted to a Hospital on an inpatient basis for the Treatment of the covered Sickness or Injury on the same day they initially received the Treatment described above.

No more than 2 Short Stay/Observation Unit Care Benefits are payable per Calendar Year per Covered Person.

HEALTH SCREENING BENEFIT
We will pay the Health Screening Benefit Amount shown in the Schedule of Benefits each day a Covered Person receives a Health Screening service. This benefit is payable only once per day even if multiple Health Screenings are provided in a single day. No more than 1 Health Screening Benefits are payable per Covered Person per Calendar Year.

Health Screening services include:
- safety/injury prevention class;
- mental health screening;
- baseline concussion screening;
- abdominal aortic aneurysm ultrasonography;
- blood test for lipids including total cholesterol, LDL, HDL, and triglycerides;
- bone marrow testing, bone density screening;
- breast ultrasound or mammography;
- CA15-3 blood test for breast cancer;
- CA 125 blood test for ovarian cancer;
- carotid doppler;
- CEA blood test for colon cancer;
- chest x-ray;
- colonoscopy;
- electrocardiogram;
- double contrast barium enema;
- fasting blood glucose test;
- flexible sigmoidoscopy;
- hemoccult stool analysis;
- mammogram;
- pap smear, (including ThinPrep);
- PSA;
- serum cholesterol test to determine level of HDL and LDL;
- serum protein electrophoresis (blood test for myeloma);
- stress test;
- thermography;
- CT angiography;
- Testicular Ultrasound;
- Smoking Cessation Program;
- Weight Reduction Program;
- Cancer Genetic Mutation Test (BRCA);
- Skin Cancer Screening;
- Biopsies for Cancer;
- Lymphocyte Genome Sensitivity Test (LGS) (universal blood test for cancer);
- Routine Eye Exam;
- Routine Dental Exam;
- Hearing Screening;
- Well child/preventative exams age 1 to 18;
- Adult annual exam;
- Biometric Screenings;
- Wellness Fair;
- Immunizations; or
- any other medically accepted health screening examination.

SECTION III. ELIGIBILITY FOR INSURANCE

An Employee becomes eligible for insurance under the Policy on the date the Employee meets all of the requirements of one of the covered classes described in the Eligible Classes section and completes any Eligibility Waiting Period, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

A Spouse and Dependent Child(ren) of an eligible Employee become eligible for any dependent insurance provided by the Policy on the later of the date the Employee becomes eligible or the date the Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) meet the applicable definition shown in the General Definitions section of this Certificate. The Employee must be insured under the Policy in order to elect coverage for a Spouse or Dependent Child(ren).

LIMITATIONS ON MULTIPLE ELIGIBILITY

A Covered Person may be insured only once under the Hospital Indemnity Insurance coverage of the Policy even though they may be eligible under more than one class.

Special Rules for Employees Who are Spouses of Other Employees

An Employee who is the Spouse of another Employee may not be insured for Hospital Indemnity Insurance as both an Employee and as a Spouse at the same time.

If an Employee is eligible and has enrolled as the Spouse of another Employee, but later ceases to be eligible as a Spouse, that Employee may, within 31 days, enroll for coverage as an Employee.

Special Rules for Dependent Children

An Employee who is the Dependent Child of another Employee may not be insured for Hospital Indemnity Insurance as both an Employee and as a Dependent Child at the same time.

A Dependent Child of two or more Employees may only be insured once under the Policy.

If an Employee who has elected to insure Dependent Children ceases to do so, then the Employee's Spouse may, within 31 days, elect to insure Dependent Children, provided they are insured as an Employee.

In all cases, “Dependent Child” shall be defined with respect to the Employee who has enrolled Dependent Children.

SECTION IV. ENROLLING FOR HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

GROUP ENROLLMENT EVENTS

An eligible Employee may enroll for Hospital Indemnity insurance coverage as follows:
1. During an Initial Group Enrollment Period, as established by the Subscriber and agreed to by Us, prior to the Effective Date of the Policy.
2. During Annual Group Enrollment periods established by the Subscriber.
3. At other times agreed to by Us.

INDIVIDUAL ENROLLMENT EVENTS

A. Initial Enrollment Period for Newly Eligible Employees
During an initial enrollment period for newly eligible Employees, within 31 days following the Employee's date of eligibility, an eligible Employee may enroll for Hospital Indemnity insurance coverage as stated in the Schedule of Benefits. An eligible Employee may not enroll an eligible Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) without enrolling for Employee coverage.

B. Life Status Change for Employees
An eligible Employee may also enroll within 31 days of a Life Status Change.

Life Status Changes that qualify an Employee to apply for coverage, including coverage for an eligible Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) include:
1. Becoming newly married;
2. Loss of a Spouse; whether by death, divorce, annulment, or legal separation;
3. Birth or adoption of a child, or acquiring a child through marriage;
4. A change in the group benefit plan available to the Employee's Spouse;
5. A change in the Employee's employment status that affects eligibility for group benefits for either the Employee or the Employee's Spouse;
6. Termination of a Spouse's employment.

C. Resumption of Hospital Indemnity Insurance After a Period of Unpaid Leave of Absence
Unless the Employee has agreed in writing to terminate Hospital Indemnity insurance, coverage will resume for an Employee upon his or her return to Active Service, if an Employee's insurance ended because the Employee was on an unpaid leave of absence approved by the Employer.

If the Employee agreed to terminate Hospital Indemnity insurance, the Employee must enroll for any Hospital Indemnity insurance and pay the required Premium.

D. Returning Military Service Enrollment for Employees
Unless the Employee has agreed in writing to terminate Hospital Indemnity insurance, coverage will resume for an Employee that returns to Active Service after a period of active military duty subject to the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act ("USERRA") and applicable state law.

If the Employee agreed to terminate Hospital Indemnity insurance, the Employee must apply for Hospital Indemnity insurance and pay the required

E. Late Enrollment for Employees
Enrollment outside of the conditions listed above is not permitted.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE

Effective Date of Coverage for Enrollment During a Group Enrollment Event
Your coverage begins at 12:01 a.m. Local Time at the Employer's address on Policy Anniversary Date following the date You enroll, if You enroll during a Group Enrollment Event as described in the Enrolling for Hospital Indemnity Insurance Section and agree to pay the required Premium Contributions, if any.

Coverage for Your Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) begins at 12:01 a.m. Local Time at the Employer's address on Policy Anniversary Date following the date You enroll Your eligible Spouse or Dependent Child(ren), if You enroll them during a Group Enrollment Event as described in the Enrolling for Hospital Indemnity Insurance Section and You agree to pay the required Premium Contributions, if any.

Effective Date of Coverage for an Enrollment During an Initial Enrollment Period for Newly Eligible Employees
Your coverage begins at 12:01 a.m. Local Time at the Employer's address on the date You become eligible for coverage, if You enroll within the Initial Enrollment Period for Newly Eligible Employees as described in the Enrolling for Hospital Indemnity Insurance Section and agree to pay the required Premium Contributions, if any.

Coverage for Your Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) begins at 12:01 a.m. Local Time at the Employer's address on the date the Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) becomes eligible for coverage, if You enroll Your eligible Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) within the Initial Enrollment Period for Newly Eligible Employees as described in the Enrolling for Hospital Indemnity Insurance Section and You agree to pay the required Premium Contributions, if any.

Effective Date of Coverage for an Enrollment as the Result of a Life Status Change
Your coverage begins at 12:01 a.m. Local Time at the Employer's address on the first of the month following the date You enroll, if You enroll during the time period established for Life Status Changes as described in the Enrolling for Hospital Indemnity Insurance Section and agree to pay the required Premium Contributions, if any.

Coverage for Your Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) begins at 12:01 a.m. Local Time at the Employer's address on the first of the month following the date You enroll Your eligible Spouse or Dependent Child(ren), if You enroll them during the time period established for Life Status Changes as described in the Enrolling for Hospital Indemnity Insurance Section and You agree to pay the required Premium Contributions, if any.

If You or Your Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) are eligible for coverage and enroll on the first day of the month, coverage will become effective on that date.

Effective Date of Coverage for Newly Born or Adopted Children
An Employee's Dependent Child(ren) who are born or placed in the Employee's home for adoption while the Employee is covered under the Policy are covered for 60 days from the moment of live birth or date of placement for adoption.

If the Employee has not elected Dependent Child(ren) insurance coverage at the time of the birth or date of placement, the Employee must notify us within 60 days of the newly eligible Dependent Child's birth or date of placement for adoption and pay the required additional premium for Dependent Child insurance to continue coverage beyond the initial 60 day period.

SECTION VI. TERMINATION OF INSURANCE

The insurance on a Covered Person will end on the earliest date below:

1. The date the Policy is terminated or amended to terminate insurance for an Eligible Class.
2. The date the Subscriber's participation under the Policy ends.
3. The date the Employee is no longer in Active Service.
4. The date the Employee is no longer in an Eligible Class or no longer satisfies the eligibility requirements under the Policy.
5. The last day of the period for which Premium is paid, subject to any Grace Period.
6. The date the Employee, Spouse, or Dependent Child(ren) enters full-time active duty in the Uniformed Services of the United States for more than 30 consecutive days. We will provide a pro-rata premium refund.
7. The next Premium due date after the Covered Person ceases to be a member in good standing of the Subscriber.
8. a. For a Spouse or Dependent Child(ren), on the date that the Employee's insurance ends.
   b. For a Spouse, on the next Premium due date after the date that the Spouse is no longer eligible due to death of the Employee, upon divorce, legal separation, or other termination of marriage.
   c. For a Dependent Child(ren), on the next Premium due date after the date that the Dependent Child no longer meets the Policy's definition of Dependent Child, or reaches any age limit provided under the Policy.

Please refer to the Continuation of Insurance provision for situations under which coverage can be continued following Termination of Insurance.

Termination will not affect a claim that is the result, directly and independently of all other causes, of a covered loss that occurred while coverage was in effect.

SECTION VII. CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE BENEFITS

If an Employee is no longer in Active Service, the Employee may be eligible to continue insurance. The following provisions explain the continuation options available under the Policy. Please see the Schedule of Benefits to determine the applicability of these benefits.

Premiums are required to continue insurance. Unless the Employee has agreed in writing to terminate Hospital Indemnity Insurance, the Subscriber is responsible for all Premium payments to continue insurance, and for collecting any Premium Contributions required of Employees.

Unless otherwise stated, continuation begins when the Employee's Active Service ends. If more than one continuation provision applies, only the one with the longer duration will be applicable.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Policy, if an Employee's Active Service ends due to termination of employment, or any other termination of the employment relationship, insurance will terminate and continuation of insurance under this section will not apply.

Continuation for Family Medical or Employer Approved Leave of Absence
If an Employee's Active Service ends due to an approved family and medical leave, insurance will continue up to the maximum period shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

If an Employee's Active Service ends due to any other leave of absence approved in writing by the Subscriber prior to the date the Employee ceases work, insurance will continue up to the maximum period shown in the Schedule of Benefits. A Subscriber approved leave of absence does not include Furlough, Temporary Layoff or termination of employment.

Continuation for Sabbatical
If an Employee's Active Service ends due to a Subscriber approved sabbatical, insurance will continue up to the maximum period shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Continuation for Military Service
If an Employee's Active Service ends due to entry into the armed forces that is subject to Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), insurance will continue until the earliest of the following dates:
1. From the end of Active Service;
2. The day the Employee fails to return to Active Service following the end of military service subject to USERRA.

The Employee will be given credit for the time they were covered under the Policy prior to the leave.

SECTION VIII. PORTABILITY OPTIONS FOR HOSPITAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

Portability rights may be only exercised by U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens.

A. Eligibility for Portability Coverage

Employee
You are eligible for Portability coverage if:
1. You end Active Service with Your Employer;
2. You are no longer a member of an Eligible Class; or
3. The Subscriber terminates this coverage and doesn't replace it within 30 days.

Your group Hospital Indemnity Insurance under the Policy must be in effect at the time of the event that made You eligible for Portability Coverage.

If You want Your covered Spouse or covered Dependent Child(ren) to continue coverage under the Portability plan, You must elect Portability coverage for Yourself.

Spouse
Your covered Spouse may request their own Portability coverage:
1. if You die; or
2. if You and Your Spouse divorce.

If You die and Your Spouse elects coverage under this Portability provision, the Spouse may elect Portability coverage for Your covered Dependent Child(ren).

If Your Spouse elects coverage under this Portability provision, the Spouse will become the primary insured for the purposes of Portability coverage.

Dependent Child(ren)
Your Dependent Child(ren) are eligible for Portability coverage if the Dependent Child(ren) were covered under the Policy when You became eligible for Portability coverage and You elect to insure the Dependent Child(ren) under the Portability coverage or if You die and Your covered Spouse elects to insure both themselves and the Dependent Child(ren) under the Portability coverage.

B. Amount of Portability Coverage

Employee
The maximum amount of insurance that can be continued under the Portability provision is the amount that was in effect on the date You became eligible for Portability coverage. You may decrease but not increase the continued coverage amount upon request.

Dependents
The maximum amount of insurance that can be continued for a Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) under the Portability provision is the amount that was in effect for Your Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) on the date they became eligible for Portability coverage. You may decrease but not increase the continued coverage amount upon request.

C. Applying for Portability Coverage

The Subscriber or We will provide You with the information needed to continue Your coverage under this provision. Continuation of coverage must be elected within 60 days of the Employee's termination of employment or membership in an eligible class under the Policy. The initial Premium must be paid within 60 days of billing.

This continued Hospital Indemnity Insurance will be effective on the date that Hospital Indemnity insurance would otherwise have ended under the Policy, as long as the above requirements are met.

Your Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) must apply for Portability coverage and pay the first Premium within 60 days after the date they become eligible for Portability coverage.

The Incontestability provision will apply to Portability coverage and will run from the date of the Covered Person's effective date of coverage under the Policy.

D. Portability Coverage Under the Group Policy

Any insurance continued under this Portability section will be provided under the group Policy. The terms and conditions of the Covered Person's continued insurance will be the same as those in effect on the date the Covered Person became eligible for Portability coverage, except for the right to add new dependent coverage.

E. Premiums for Portability Coverage

You will be directly billed for all Premiums due under this provision. We will notify You of the amount of Premium due, the frequency of Premium payments and the Premium due dates. If any Premium is not paid when due, You will have a 31 day Grace Period. This is the period following the Premium due date which Premium may be made by You. Insurance will end at the end of the Grace Period if You fail to make the required Premium payment within that time.

We will not change the Premium rate more than once in any period of 6 consecutive months and We will give You 31 days advance Written notice of any change in rates. If Your Spouse is eligible to apply separately and has done so, then Your Spouse will be responsible for Premium payments and will be directly billed for all Premiums due, and all benefit payments due will be paid directly to Your Spouse.

F. When Portability Coverage Ends

Employee
Portability coverage for You will end on the earliest of:
1. the date You fail to pay any required Premium, subject to the Grace Period;
2. the date You cancel Your coverage; or
3. the date You die.

Dependents
Portability for a Spouse will end on the earliest of the following:
1. When Portability for the Spouse is exercised with Employee Portability:
    a. the date You fail to pay any required Premium;
    b. the date You cancel Your coverage; or
    c. the date You or Your Spouse die.
2. When Portability for Your Spouse is exercised on their own:
    a. the date Your Spouse fails to pay any required Premium;
    b. the date Your Spouse cancels coverage; or
    c. the date Your Spouse dies.

Portability coverage for a Dependent Child(ren) will end on the earliest of the following:
1. When Portability for the Dependent Child(ren) is exercised with Employee Portability:
    a. the date Your coverage ends;
    b. the date Your Dependent Child no longer qualifies as a Dependent Child; or
    c. the date Your Dependent Child dies.
2. When Portability for Your Dependent Child(ren) is exercised by Your Spouse due to Your death:
    a. the date Your Spouse's coverage ends;
    b. the date Your Dependent Child no longer qualifies as a Dependent Child; or
    c. the date Your Dependent Child dies.

If Portability coverage ends due to failure to pay required Premium, Portability coverage cannot be reinstated.

The group Policy will remain in force for the purpose of continuing Portability coverage, but without further obligation of the Subscriber. However, We may terminate Portability coverage provided by this provision upon 60 days' notice if the Policy terminates.

SECTION IX. EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS

Exclusions
The Policy does not cover loss caused or contributed to by:

1. suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane;
2. intentionally self-inflicted harm, while sane or insane;
3. travel in or descent from an aircraft, if the Covered Person acted in a capacity other than as a passenger. Performing these acts as part of your employment with the Subscriber is not excluded;
4. travel in an aircraft or device used for testing or experimental purposes, used by or for any military authority, or used for travel beyond the Earth's atmosphere. Performing these acts as part of your employment with the Subscriber is not excluded;
5. war or act of war, whether declared or undeclared;
6. active participation in a riot, insurrection, or terrorist activity;
7. a Sickness or Injury occurring during any period of time while the Covered Person is incarcerated in any type of penal or detention facility;
8. committing or attempting to commit a felony;
9. voluntary intake or use by any means of:
    a. any drug, unless:
        i. prescribed or administered by a Doctor and taken in accordance with the Doctor's instructions; or
        ii. an over-the-counter drug, taken in accordance with the instructions.
    b. any poison, gas or fumes, unless a direct result of an occupational accident;
10. operating a motorized vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, such that the Covered Person's blood alcohol content meets or exceeds the legal level established for Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Driving While Impaired (DWI), or other similar laws of the jurisdiction where the Accident occurred;
11. riding or driving an air, land or water vehicle in a race;
12. in the case of an Employee, as a result of active duty as a member of the armed forces of any nation;
13. in the case of a Spouse or Dependent Child(ren), a Sickness or Injury occurring while the Spouse or Dependent Child(ren) is on active duty as a member of the armed forces of any nation. We will refund, upon Written notice of such service, any Premium which has been accepted for any period not covered as a result of this exclusion;
14. participation in any semi-professional or professional athletic contest in which any compensation is received;
15. bungee jumping;
16. elective surgery, except when required for appropriate care as determined by a Doctor as a result of Injury or Sickness.
17. participation in an illegal occupation or activity;
18. rock or mountain climbing; and
19. aeronautics (hang-gliding, skydiving, parachuting, ultralight, soaring, ballooning and parasailing). Performing these acts as part of your employment with the Subscriber is not excluded.

SECTION X. CLAIM PROVISIONS

Notice of Claim
Written notice must be given to Us within 31 days after a covered loss occurs or begins or as soon as reasonably possible. If Written notice is not given in that time, the claim will not be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. Notice can be given at Our home office in 51 Madison Ave, New York, NY 10010, such other place as We may designate for the purpose, or to Our authorized agent. Notice should include the Subscriber Name, the Policy Number and the claimant's name, address and certificate number.

Claim Forms
When We receive notice of claim, We will send claim forms with Written instructions for filing Proof of Loss. If such claim forms are not sent by Us within 15 days after notice is received by Us, You shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of proof of claim when You submit Written proof that covers the occurrence, character and extent of the loss for which a claim is made.

Proof of Loss
You must send Us Written proof of Your claim no later than 90 days after a covered loss. Failure to give such proof within this timeframe shall not invalidate or reduce any payable claim if it can be shown that it was not reasonably possible to give such proof within that time, and the proof was given as soon as reasonably possible. You must provide proof of claim no later than 1 year after the time proof is otherwise required, except in the absence of legal capacity.

Time of Payment of Claims
Benefits payable under the Policy will be paid immediately, but no later than the 60th day, upon Our receipt of due Written proof of loss.

Payment of Claims
All benefits are payable to the Employee. Any benefits unpaid at the time of Your death will be paid to the first surviving class of the following classes of persons:

1. spouse;
2. child or children, in equal shares;
3. mother or father; in equal shares;
4. siblings; in equal shares;
5. Your estate.

If a survivor entitled to receive a payment dies before receiving it, We will make payment to that person’s estate.

If a survivor entitled to receive a payment has a special needs trust established, We will make payment to that person’s trust instead of the person directly.

Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this provision will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payments and release Us from all liability.

Assignment
The rights and benefits under this Policy may not be assigned and any attempt to assign will be void.

Claimant Cooperation Provision
Failure of a claimant to cooperate with Us in the administration of the claim may result in termination of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documentation needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due.

Legal Actions
No action at law or in equity may be brought to recover under the Policy less than 60 days after Written proof of loss has been furnished as required by the Policy. No such action will be brought more than six years after the time such Written proof of loss must be furnished.

Physical Examination and Autopsy
We, at Our expense, will have the right to examine any person for whom a claim is pending as often as it may reasonably be required. We may, at Our expense, require an autopsy unless prohibited by law.

SECTION XI. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Entire Contract
The insurance for Covered Persons is provided under a contract of group Hospital Indemnity insurance with the Subscriber, and the entire contract with the Subscriber consists of:
1. all Policy provisions and any amendments and endorsements to the Policy;
2. the Certificate of Coverage and any amendments and endorsements to the Certificate of Coverage; and
3. the Subscriber's signed application.

Certificate of Coverage
This Certificate of Coverage (or Certificate) is a Written statement prepared by Us and may include attachments. It tells You:
1. the coverage to which You may be entitled;
2. to whom We will make a payment; and
3. the limitations, exclusions and requirements that apply within the Policy.

Any conflict between the terms of the individual Certificate and the Policy will be decided in favor of the Policy. We have written your Certificate of Coverage in understandable terms. However, a few terms and provisions are written as required by insurance law. If You have any questions about any of the terms and provisions, please consult Our claims paying office. We will assist You in any way to help You understand Your benefits.

Policy Changes
The Policy can be changed:
1. at any time by Written agreement between Us and the Subscriber; and
2. without the consent of any other person.

The Policy may also be changed by Us by amendment to the Policy and without the consent of the Subscriber or any other person, if such amendment is signed by an officer of Us and:
1. results from the exercise of a right reserved to Us in the Policy; or
2. is issued to conform to any law and/or regulation which applies to the insurance under the Policy. No agent of Ours can make or change the Policy or waive any of its provisions.

Notice of Cancellation
The Subscriber or We may cancel the Policy as of any Premium Due Date on or after the first Policy Anniversary Date by giving 180 days advance written notice.

If a Premium is not paid when due, the Policy will automatically be canceled as provided in the Policy Grace Period provision.

Termination will not affect a claim that is the result of a covered loss that occurred while insurance was in effect.

Incontestability
All statements made by a Covered Person are considered representations and not warranties. No statement will be used to deny or reduce benefits or be used as a defense to a claim, unless the statement is in writing and signed, and a copy of the instrument containing the statement is, or has been, furnished to the claimant. In the event of death or incapacity, the beneficiary or representative shall be given a copy.

After two years from the Covered Person's effective date of insurance, or from the effective date of increased benefits, no such statement will cause insurance or the increased benefits to be contested except for fraud or lack of eligibility for insurance.

Misstatement of Age
If a Covered Person's age has been misstated, We will adjust all benefits to the amounts that would have been purchased for the correct age.

Clerical Error
Clerical error or omission by Us or the Subscriber will not:
1. revoke insurance otherwise in force, if You are entitled to coverage under the terms of the Policy; or
2. cause coverage to begin or continue for You when the coverage would not otherwise be effective.

If We or the Subscriber make a clerical error in keeping data that is required to compute Premiums and administer the terms of the Policy, We will:
1. based upon the facts, decide whether You have coverage under the Policy and in what amounts; and
2. make a fair adjustment of the Premium and/or insurance to correct the error.

Agency
The Subscriber is acting as an agent of the Employee for transactions relating to insurance under the Policy. The actions of the Subscriber shall not be considered the actions of Us, and We are not liable for any of their acts or omissions.

Unpaid Premium
Any unpaid Premium due for a Covered Person's coverage under this Certificate may be recovered by Us by offsetting against amounts otherwise payable under this Certificate.

Worker's Compensation
The Policy does not replace or affect the requirements for coverage by any workers' compensation insurance.

Conformity with Statutes
Any provisions in conflict with the requirements of any state or federal law that apply to the Policy are automatically changed to satisfy the minimum requirements of such laws.

SECTION XII. GENERAL DEFINITIONS

Please note that certain words used in the Policy and this Certificate have specific meanings. The words defined below and capitalized within the text of this Certificate have the meanings set forth below.

Accident

A sudden, unforeseeable external event that causes bodily injury to a Covered Person and meets all of the following conditions:

1. occurs while the Covered Person is insured under the Policy;
2. is not contributed to by disease, sickness, or bodily infirmity;
3. is not otherwise excluded under the terms of the Policy.

Active Service

An Employee will be considered in Active Service with the Subscriber on any day that is either:

1. One of the Subscriber's scheduled work days on which the Employee is performing the regular duties of the Employee's regular occupation and hours required for class eligibility, either at one of the Subscriber's usual places of business or at some other location the Subscriber has authorized the Employee to work; or
2. A scheduled holiday, vacation day or period of the Subscriber- approved paid leave of absence, other than disability or sick leave after 7 days, only if the Employee was in Active Service on the preceding scheduled workday.

An Employee is considered in Active Service on a day which is not one of the Subscriber's scheduled work days only if they were in Active Service on the preceding scheduled work day.

Annual Group Enrollment Period

The period in each Calendar Year agreed upon by the Subscriber and Us when an eligible Employee may enroll for or change their benefit elections under the Policy as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Calendar Year

The period beginning on the Coverage 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.

Confined, Confinement

On the advice of a Doctor, a Covered Person's assignment to a bed in a medical facility. There must be a charge for room and board, other than a Veteran's Administration Hospital or Federal Government Hospital or Facility where an expense would not occur due to insurance.

Contribution

The amount the Subscriber may require a Covered Person to pay towards the total Premium that We charge for the insurance provided under the Policy. The Premium due on any Premium Due Date is determined by the total amount of insurance provided under the Policy on such date, multiplied by the appropriate Premium rate(s) that are in effect on that date, subject to any Premium adjustments, if applicable.

Covered Person

The Employee and any Spouse and Dependent Child(ren), who has met the enrollment requirements of the Policy, for whom the required Premium has been paid when due, and whose coverage under this Policy remains in force.

Dependent Child

An Employee's unmarried child who meets the following requirements:

1. A child from birth but less than 26 years old;
2. A child who is 19 or more years old but less than 26 years old, and is primarily supported by the Employee;
3. A child who has reached age 26, who:
    a. Is unable to support themselves due to mental or physical incapacity; and
    b. Resides with and is chiefly financially dependent on the Employee; and
    c. Is eligible as a Dependent Child under the Employee's health care plan, and is covered under that plan, or under a separate health care plan.

A child's age shall be determined as of the date of change.

The term "child" means:
1. A natural child.
2. A foster child.
3. A legally adopted child, beginning with any waiting period pending finalization of the adoption of the child.
4. A stepchild who resides with the Employee and is financially dependent upon such Employee.
5. A child of an Employee's covered Spouse, who resides with the Employee and is financially dependent upon such Employee.
6. A child, including a grandchild, for whom the Employee is the court-appointed legal guardian, as long as the child resides with the Employee and primarily depends on the Employee for financial support. Financial support means that the Employee is eligible to claim the child for purposes of Federal and State income tax returns.

If the Employee who is the legal guardian of a child is not a step-parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle, then the child must have resided with Employee for at least 6 consecutive months and intend to reside with the Employee for an indefinite period of time.

Doctor

A person performing tasks that are within the limits of their medical license and:
1. who is licensed to practice medicine and prescribe and administer drugs or to perform surgery; or
2. who is a legally qualified medical practitioner according to the laws and regulations of the governing jurisdiction.

This may include a government-licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of license and rendering care and Treatment to a Covered Person that is appropriate for the condition.

Employee

For the purpose of eligibility, an Employee is an Employee of the Subscriber in one of the "Classes of Eligible Employees". Otherwise, Employee means an Employee of the Subscriber who is insured under the Policy.

Employer

The Subscriber and any affiliates or subsidiaries covered under the Policy.

Hospital

An institution that meets all of the following:
1. it provides medical treatment and care of patients on an inpatient basis;
2. It is licensed to provide such medical Treatment and care pursuant to applicable law;
3. it is primarily and continuously engaged in providing medical care and Treatment to sick and injured persons;
4. It is managed under the supervision of a staff of Doctors;
5. It provides 24-hour nursing services by or under the supervision of a graduate Registered Nurse (R.N.);
6. It has medical, diagnostic and Treatment facilities, with major surgical facilities on its premises, or available to it on a prearranged basis.

The term Hospital does not include a clinic, facility, or unit of a Hospital for:
1. convalescent, custodial, educational or nursing care;
2. treatment of the aged;
3. A Veteran's Administration Hospital or Federal Government Hospital unless the Covered Person would incur an expense in the absence of insurance.

Initial Group Enrollment Period

The period agreed upon by the Subscriber and Us when an eligible Employee may first enroll for his or her benefit elections under the Policy as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Injury

A bodily injury that is the direct result of an Accident, independent of disease and not related to any other cause. The Accident causing Injury must occur while the insurance benefit for which a claim is being made is in force for the Covered Person.

Intensive Care Unit

Also referred to as ICU, it means an accredited facility licensed according to state and local laws to provide care and Treatment to patients who are critically ill or injured and who require intensive, comprehensive monitoring and care. An ICU must:
1. be separate and apart from the surgical recovery room and from rooms, beds, and wards customarily used for patient Confinement;
2. be under close observation by a specially trained nursing staff; and
3. have a Doctor assigned exclusively to the unit on a 24-hour basis.

The term Intensive Care Unit includes Hospital units with the following names: intensive care unit; coronary care unit; neonatal intensive care unit; pulmonary care unit; burn unit; or transplant unit. It does not include a sub-acute intensive care unit that provides a level of medical care below intensive care, but above a regular private or semi-private room or ward such as a step-down unit.

Newborn Healthy Baby Care

Means routine well baby care provided to a newborn baby while Confined in a Hospital immediately following birth.

Period of Confinement

Means the continuous period of time that begins on the day a Covered Person is admitted as an inpatient to a medical facility and ends on the last day the Covered Person is Confined. If a Covered Person is discharged from a medical facility and becomes Confined again for the same or related covered Sickness or Injury within 14 days of discharge, it will be considered the same Period of Confinement.

Policy

The insurance contract issued to the Subscriber under the policy number shown on the cover page of this Certificate.

Policyholder

The Employer to whom the policy is issued and who sponsored the coverage for its Employees.

Premium

The amount the Subscriber must pay to Us, and We must receive, for the Policy to take effect and/or for the Policy to continue in force. Premium includes contributions made by Covered Persons, if applicable.

Rehabilitation Care Services

Coordinated multidisciplinary physical restorative services (the combined use of medical, social, educational and vocational services) to enable a Covered Person who has experienced a disabling covered Sickness or Injury to achieve the highest possible functional ability.

Rehabilitation Facility An institution that provides Therapy Services on an inpatient basis. The facility must be licensed as a Rehabilitation Facility pursuant to applicable law. The Rehabilitation Facility must be a separate facility within a Hospital, a distinct unit of another facility and physically separated from the rest of such facility, or a freestanding facility. The Rehabilitation Facility must be supervised by or under the direction of a Doctor.

Retiree A former Employee who is currently receiving a retirement benefit under a pension or other retirement plan administered by the Subscriber.

Sickness An illness, disease, or infection that is:
1. not an Injury;
2. not excluded from coverage under the terms of the Policy; and
3. occurs while the Covered Person is insured under the Policy.

Sickness includes pregnancy and normal childbirth; or Complications of Pregnancy; or Mental Health Disorder; or Substance Abuse Disorder.

Spouse The current lawful Spouse of an Employee.

Subscriber Any participating organization that subscribes to the trust to which the Policy is issued, and which is insured under the Policy.

Therapy Services Means any of the following provided on an outpatient basis:
1. cardiac rehabilitation therapy;
2. chemotherapy that is approved for Treatment of cancer by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) or as part of a clinical trial;
3. cognitive behavioral therapy;
4. occupational therapy;
5. physical therapy;
6. radiation therapy that is approved for Treatment of cancer by the FDA or as part of a clinical trial;
7. respiratory therapy;
8. speech therapy; and
9. vocational therapy.

Treatment Means medical advice, diagnosis, care or services (including diagnostic measures) received by a Covered Person, or the use of drugs or medicines by a person. It does not include regular follow-up visits or drugs or medicines as a result of preventative measures due to no evidence on an active diagnosis.

We, Us, Our, New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation

Written A record which is on or transmitted by paper, electronic or telephonic media, and which is consistent with applicable law.

You, Your, Yours The person to whom the certificate is issued. You, Your, Yours means the Employee.

New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation
(A Stock Insurance Company)

CERTIFICATE AMENDMENT TO GROUP CONTRACT

POLICYHOLDER: NATIONAL GROUP BENEFITS INSURANCE TRUST
POLICY NUMBER: GHI0100199
SUBSCRIBER: Vanderbilt University

SUBSCRIBER GROUP ID: 122985

POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/01/2026
POLICY ANNIVERSARY DATE: 01/01
RE-ISSUE DATE: 01/01/2026
STATE OF ISSUE: Alabama

This Certificate amendment is attached to and made part of the Group Insurance Policy as of the Effective Date shown above.

Your Group Insurance Certificate is revised as follows:

The **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE** under the **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS** section of the Group Insurance Certificate is revised as follows:

CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE

For Employer Approved Leave of Absence Maximum Benefit Period:	24 Months
For Family Medical Leave Maximum Benefit Period:	The latest of: 1. the period of the approved FMLA leave; or 2. the leave period required by the laws of the state in which the Employee is employed
For Sabbatical Maximum Benefit Period:	24 Months
For Military Service Maximum Benefit Period:	60 Months

The **CONTINUATION FOR MILITARY SERVICE** provision of the Group Insurance Certificate is revised as follows:

Continuation for Military Service (USERRA)
If an Employee's Active Service ends due to activation into the armed forces that is subject to Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA), insurance will continue until the earliest of the following dates:

1. Up to the maximum period shown in the Schedule of Benefits;
2. The day the Employee fails to return to Active Service following the end of military service subject to USERRA.

The Employee will be given credit for the time they were covered under the Policy prior to the leave.

All other provisions in your Group Insurance Policy remain unchanged.

Corporate Secretary, Colleen Meade

President, Craig DeSanto

New York Life Insurance and Annuity Corporation
51 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010

MODIFICATIONS FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES FORM

Policyholder: NATIONAL GROUP BENEFITS INSURANCE TRUST Policy Number: GHI0100199

Subscriber: Vanderbilt University

Amendment Effective Date: 01/01/2026

Arkansas residents:

Under the **EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE** section of the Certificate, if the Certificate includes an **Effective Date of Coverage for Newly Born or Adopted Children** provision, then the provision has been changed as follows:

Effective Date of Coverage for Newly Born or Adopted Children
An Employee's Dependent Child(ren) who are born or placed in the Employee's home for adoption while the Employee is covered under the Policy are covered for 90 days from the moment of live birth or date of placement for adoption.

If the Employee has not elected Dependent Child(ren) insurance coverage at the time of the birth or date of placement, the Employee must notify us within 90 days of the newly eligible Dependent Child's birth or date of placement for adoption and pay the required additional premium for Dependent Child insurance to continue coverage beyond the initial 60 day period.

Under the **GENERAL DEFINITIONS** section of the Certificate, if your Certificate includes a definition of a **Dependent Child**, then the below language is not included:

> **Dependent Child**
> 3c. Is eligible as a Dependent Child under the Employee's health care plan, and is covered under that plan, or under a separate health care plan.

California residents:

Domestic Partner coverage must be provided to CA Certificate holders when issued out of state via (Trust) on behalf of California Employers.

Colorado residents:

Under the **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS** section of the Certificate, if the Certificate includes the **Preexisting Condition Limitation** provision and the limitation is more than six months, then the limitation has been modified to no more than six months.

Under the **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS** section of the Certificate, the following **Exclusions** have been modified as follows:

> 3. suicide or attempted suicide, while sane.
> 4. intentionally self-inflicted harm, while sane.

Georgia residents:

Under the **CLAIMS PROVISION** section of the Certificate, the **Claim Forms** provision is replaced with the following:

> **Claim Forms**
> If the provision includes language other than 10 working days, your certificate has been changed to require 10 working days.

Under the **GENERAL DEFINITIONS** section of the Certificate, if your Certificate includes a definition of **Dependent Child** then the definition is changed as follows:

Dependent Child Definition
If the definition includes a maximum child age of less than 26 years, then this maximum is changed to 26 years.

Idaho residents:

Right to Examine the Policy for 10 Days: Please examine the Policy. Within 10 days after delivery, the Policyholder may return the Policy to New York Life with a request for cancellation. If the Policy is returned, the Policy will be void from the start and a full refund will be made.

The Policy is renewable at the option of the Policyholder unless sufficient notice of nonrenewal is given to the Policyholder in writing by Us.

Under the **DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS** section of the Certificate, if the **Daily Inpatient Hospital Confinement Benefit** is included in your Certificate and the number of days payable is less than 31 days, the **Daily Inpatient Hospital Confinement Benefit** has been modified as follows:

No more than 31 days of Hospital Confinement is payable per Period of Confinement per Covered Person.

Under the **DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS** section of the Certificate, if the **Newborn/Healthy Baby Confinement Benefit** is included in your Certificate and the number of days payable is less than 31 days, the **Newborn/Healthy Baby Confinement Benefit** has been modified as follows:

No more than 31 days of Newborn/Healthy Baby Confinement is payable per Period of Confinement per Covered Person.

Under the **DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS** section of the Certificate, if the **Intensive Care Unit Confinement Benefit** is included in your Certificate and the number of days payable is less than 31 days, the **Intensive Care Unit Confinement Benefit** has been modified as follows:

No more than 31 days of Intensive Care Unit Confinement is payable per Period of Confinement per Covered Person.

Under the **DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS** section of the Certificate, if the **Intensive Care Step-Down Unit Confinement Benefit** is included in your Certificate and the number of days payable is less than 31 days, the **Intensive Care Step-Down Unit Confinement Benefit** has been modified as follows:

No more than 31 days of Intensive Care Unit Confinement is payable per Period of Confinement per Covered Person.

Under the **DESCRIPTION OF BENEFITS** section of the Certificate, if the **Rehabilitation Facility Confinement** is included in your Certificate and the number of days payable is less than 31 days, the **Rehabilitation Facility Confinement Benefit** has been modified as follows:

No more than 31 days of Rehabilitation Facility Confinement is payable per Period of Confinement per Covered Person.

Under the **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS** section of the Certificate, if your Certificate includes a **Preexisting Condition Limitation** provision, then the period of time before the effective date of coverage has been changed to 6 months.

Under the **EXCLUSIONS** section of the Certificate, the following exclusions, if included in your Certificate, are modified to read as follows:

8. committing a felony;

B. Additionally, the following exclusions, if shown in your Certificate, are not applicable:

9. voluntary intake or use by any means of:

a. any drug, unless:

i. prescribed or administered by a Doctor and taken in accordance with the Doctor's instructions; or
ii. an over-the-counter drug, taken in accordance with the instructions.

b. any poison, gas or fumes, unless a direct result of an occupational accident;

10. operating a motorized vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, such that the Covered Person's blood alcohol content meets or exceeds the legal level established for Driving Under the Influence (DUI), Driving While Impaired (DWI), or other similar laws of the jurisdiction where the Accident occurred.

Indiana residents:

Under the **EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE** section of the Certificate, if your Certificate includes coverage for a Newly Born or Adopted child, then the **Effective Date of Coverage for Newly Born or Adopted Children** provision has been modified as follows:

If the first paragraph of the provision includes the following last statement, "...days from the moment of live birth or date of placement for adoption." Then the statement is changed to "days from the earlier of the moment of birth or date of placement for adoption."

In the second paragraph of the provision the following underlined statement has been added as a requirement to the provision: "If the Employee has not elected Dependent Child(ren) insurance coverage at the time of birth, date of placement, or date of entry of an order granting the Employee Custody,"

Under the **GENERAL DEFINITIONS** section of the Certificate, if your Certificate includes coverage for a Dependent Child, then the **Dependent Child** provision has been modified as follows:

If the definition includes "unmarried" child, this requirement will not apply.

If the definition includes a maximum child age of less than 26 years, then this maximum is changed to 26 years.

If the definition includes a child who has reached age 26, who is eligible as a Dependent Child under the Employer's or a health care plan, then this requirement will not apply.

If the definition for **the term "child" means** includes "a legally adopted child, beginning with any waiting period pending finalization of the adoption of the child," the requirement has been changed to "a legally adopted child."

If the definition for **the term "child" means** includes "a stepchild who resides with the Employee and is financially dependent upon such Employee" or a variation of this statement, the requirement has been changed to "a stepchild."

If the definition for **the term "child" means** includes "a child of an Employee's covered Spouse, who resides with the Employee and is financially dependent upon such Employee" or a variation of this statement, the requirement has been changed to just "a child of an Employee's covered Spouse."

If the definition for **the term "child" means** includes "a child, including a grandchild, for whom the Employee is the court-appointment legal guardian, as long as the child resides with the Employee and primarily depends on the Employee for financial support" or "a child, including a grandchild, for whom the Employee is the court-appointment legal guardian, as long as the child resides with the Employee and primarily depends on the Employee for financial support. Financial Support means that the Employee is eligible to claim the child for purposes of Federal and State income tax returns." or a variation of these statements, the requirement has been changed to "a child, including a grandchild, for whom the Employee is the court-appointment legal guardian."

Louisiana residents:

Under the **EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE** section of the Certificate, if the Certificate includes the **Effective Date of Coverage for Newly Born or Adopted Children** then the provision has been modified to include the following language after the first paragraph:

> Additionally, the coverage for any unmarried child who is placed in Your home following execution of an act of voluntary surrender in favor of the Your or Your legal representative will begin on the date on which the act of voluntary surrender becomes irrevocable. You must complete enrollment for such child and pay any required premium.

Under the **GENERAL DEFINITIONS** section of the Certificate, if the Certificate includes a definition of a Dependent child, then the definition of **Dependent Child** has been modified as follows:

If your Certificate includes a definition of **Dependent Child**, then the definition is modified as follows:

> **For an Employee's child who meets the following requirements:**
> - If the Dependent Child definition includes a minimum child age of less than 21 years, then the minimum child age is changed to 21 years.
> - If the Dependent Child definition includes a child enrolled in a school as a full-time student and is primarily supported by the Employee, then the minimum age is changed to 22 years or more but less than 24 years. If the child develops a mental or nervous condition, problem, or disorder which renders the child, in the opinion of a qualified psychiatrist, subject to a second opinion if deemed necessary by Us, unable to attend school as a full-time student and from holding self-sustaining employment, the child will be considered a full-time student.
> - A child who has reached the maximum child age is unable to support themselves due to intellectual or physical disability.
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> **The term "child" has been modified as follows:**
> - A grandchild in the custody of and residing with You.
> - A legally adopted child, beginning with the placement of the child for adoption or following the execution of an act of voluntary surrender in favor of You or Your legal representative.
> - A child of an Employee's Spouse or Domestic Partner, who resides with the Employee and is financially dependent upon such Employee.
> - A child for whom the Employee is the court- appointed legal guardian, as long as the child resides with the Employee and primarily depends on the Employee for financial support. Financial support means that the Employee is eligible to claim the child for purposes of Federal and State income tax returns.

Maine residents:

Under the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate, the Third Party Notice has been included:

> **Third Party Notice**
> The Covered Person may designate an additional person to receive notice of any intent to terminate coverage. You may change this designation at any time. The form is available upon request from the Policyholder. After We have received the completed form, at least 10 days prior to cancellation of Your coverage, We will give notice of the pending cancellation to Your designated third party, if any, at the address You provided. This notice will give the reason for the cancellation.

Massachusetts residents:

Under the **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE BENEFITS** section, if the Certificate includes this section, then the following language has been added:

> If your employment is terminated due to a plant closing or partial closing (as defined in section 71A. of Chapter 151A. Massachusetts Statutes), your insurance will continue under the Policy for a period of 90 days unless during that period you are otherwise entitled to similar benefits. Premium payment is required.

Missouri residents:

Under the **EXCLUSIONS** section of the Certificate, the exclusion for **suicide or intentionally self-inflicted harm**, if any, is modified to remove any references to an "insane" person.

Under the **CLAIM PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate, the **Payment of Claims** provision has been replaced with the following:

> If the last paragraph of the provision includes the following statement "Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this provision will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payments and release Us from all liability.", then the statement is changed to "Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this provision will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payments."

Under the **CLAIM PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate, the **Claimant Cooperation Provision** does not apply.

Under the **CLAIM PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate, the **Physical Examination and Autopsy** provision has been replaced with the following:

> **Physical Examination and Autopsy**
> We, at Our expense, will have the right to examine any person for whom a claim is pending as often as it may reasonably be required. We may, at Our expense, require an autopsy in the case of death unless prohibited by law.

Under the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate, the **Incontestability** provision has been modified as follows:

> **Incontestability**
> After two years from the Covered Person's effective date of insurance, or from the effective date of increased benefits, no such statement will cause insurance or the increased benefits to be contested except for non-payment of premiums or lack of eligibility for insurance.

Under the **GENERAL DEFINITIONS** section of the Certificate, if your Certificate includes a definition of **Dependent Child**, then the definition is changed as follows:

> **Dependent Child Definition**
> If the definition includes a maximum child age of less than 26 years, then the maximum child age is changed to 26 years.

South Carolina residents:

Under the **CLAIM PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate, the **Time of Payment of Claims** provision has been modified as follows:

> **Time of Payment of Claims**
> Benefits payable under the Policy will be paid within 60 days of Our receipt of due Written proof of loss.

Under the **CLAIM PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate, the **Physical Examination and Autopsy** provision has been modified as follows:

> **Physical Examination and Autopsy**
> We, at Our expense, will have the right to examine any person for whom a claim is pending as often as it may reasonably be required. We may, at Our expense, require an autopsy unless prohibited by law. Any such autopsy shall be performed in South Carolina.

Under the **CLAIM PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate, the **Legal Actions** provision has been modified to read as follows:

> **Legal Actions**
> No action at law or in equity may be brought to recover under the Policy less than 60 days after Written proof of loss has been furnished as required by the Policy. No such action will be brought more than six years after the time such Written proof of loss must be furnished.

South Dakota residents:

If your Certificate includes an exclusion for **any Substance Abuse Disorder**, then this exclusion has been removed from your Certificate.

Texas residents:

Under the **EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE** section of the Certificate, if your Certificate includes the **Effective Date of Coverage for Newly Born or Adopted Children** provision, then the following changes will be included:

-The Time Period for covered for adoption children will be revised to read a minimum of 31 days.

-The Time Period for notification of no election of Dependent Child coverage will be revised to read 31 days.

-The Time Period for continued coverage will be revised to read 31 days.

-A child is considered to be the child of an insured if the insured is a party to a suit in which the insured seeks to adopt the child.

Under the **GENERAL DEFINITIONS** section of the Certificate, if your Certificate includes a definition of **Dependent Child**, then the definition is changed as follows:

For an Employee's child who meets the following requirements:
If the Dependent Child definition includes a maximum child age of less than 26 years, then the maximum child age is changed to 26 years.

For an Employee's child who has reached the maximum child age, included items are:
-Is chiefly dependent on the Employee for support and maintenance.
-Is the subject of a medical or dental support order under the health coverage of the Employee.

The term "child" includes:
-A child for which the Employee is a party to a suit in which the Employee seeks to adopt the child.
-A stepchild who dependent upon such Employee.
-A child and stepchild of an Employee's or covered Spouse (Note: include "or covered Spouse" only if Spouse coverage is included under the policy.)
-A grandchild, if a dependent of the Employee for federal income tax purposes at the time of application for coverage of the grandchild.
-A child for whom the Employee is the court-appointed legal guardian.

Utah Residents:

Under the **EFFECTIVE DATE OF INSURANCE** section of the Certificate, if your Certificate includes the **Effective Date of Coverage for Newly Born or Adopted Children** provision, then the following language has been modified as follows:

An Employee's Dependent Child(ren) who are born or adopted while the Employee is covered under the Policy are covered for 60 days from the moment of live birth or date of placement for adoption. For purposes of this Policy, placement means the assumption and retention of a legal obligation for the child.

If the **PORTABILITY or CONTINUATION** provision is not included in the Certificate, then these options will be afforded to residents of Utah. Upon termination, please contact your employer for further information.

Under the **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS** section of the Certificate, if the Certificate includes the **Preexisting Condition Limitation** provision and the limitation is more than six months, then the limitation has been modified to no more than six months.

Under the **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS** section of the Certificate, if the certificate includes the following **Exclusions**, then the **Exclusions** have been modified as follows:

2. voluntary participation in a riot, insurrection, or terrorist activity
3. voluntary participation in committing or attempting to commit a felony
4. voluntary participation in an illegal occupation or activity

Under the **GENERAL PROVISIONS** section of the Certificate, if the Certificate includes the **Unpaid Premium** provision, then this provision has been removed and does not apply.

Under the **GENERAL DEFINITIONS** section of the Certificate, if the Certificate includes a definition of **Dependent Child**, then the definition is modified as follows:

For an Employee's child who meets the following requirements:

If the Dependent Child definition includes a maximum child age of less than 26 years, then the maximum child age is changed to 26 years.

For an Employee's child who has reached the maximum child age, included items are:

-A child less than 26 years old.
-A child who has reached age 26 who:
a. Is unable to support themselves due to mental or physical impairment

The term "child" includes:

- A natural child.
- A foster child.
- A legally adopted child, beginning with the placement of the child.
- A stepchild.
- A child, including a grandchild.

Washington residents:

Extraterritorial requirements apply, with respect to Washington Certificate holders when issued out-of-state via direct issue to employers and labor unions outside of Washington.

In addition to those changes, the out-of-state Certificate should be used for WA residents in lieu of the Modifications for Residents of Certain States Form.