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**GROUP  
BENEFIT  
PLAN**

**SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**



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**INSURER INFORMATION NOTICE**

**NOTICE REQUIREMENT**

**IF YOU HAVE A COMPLAINT, AND CONTACTS BETWEEN YOU AND THE INSURER OR AN AGENT OR OTHER REPRESENTATIVE OF THE INSURER HAVE FAILED TO PRODUCE A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM, THEN YOU MAY CONTACT:**

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**HARTFORD LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE COMPANY**  
Hartford, Connecticut  
(Herein called Hartford Life)

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**CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

Under  
**The Group Insurance Policy**  
As of the  
**Effective Date**  
Issued by  
**HARTFORD LIFE**  
to  
**The Policyholder**

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This is to certify that We have issued and delivered the Group Insurance Policy (Policy) to the Policyholder. The Policy insures the Policyholder's employees who:

- are eligible for the insurance;
- become insured; and
- continue to be insured,

according to the terms of the Policy.

EMPLOYEE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

The terms of the Policy which affect an employee's insurance are summarized in the following pages.

This Certificate of Insurance, and the following pages, will become Your Booklet-certificate. The Booklet-certificate is a part of the Policy. This Booklet-certificate replaces any other which We may have issued to the Policyholder to give to You under the Policy specified herein.

**Terence Shields, Secretary**

**Michael Concannon, Executive Vice President**

Some of the terms used within this Booklet-certificate are capitalized and have special meanings. Please refer to the definitions at the end of this Booklet-certificate when reading about Your benefits.

## SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE

Final interpretation of all provisions and coverages will be governed by the Group Insurance Policy on file with Hartford Life at its home office.

The Policyholder: SWEETWATER UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Policy Number: GL-875043

Policy Effective Date: January 1, 2015

Anniversary Date: January 1 of each year, beginning in 2016.

### **Who is eligible for coverage?**

Eligible Class(es): All Active Full-time Employees who are U.S. citizens or U.S. residents, excluding temporary and seasonal employees

All persons who are insured for employee coverage will be eligible for coverage for Dependents.

### **When will You become eligible? (Eligibility Waiting Period)**

If You are working for the Employer prior to the Policy Effective Date and were covered under the Prior Plan, You are eligible for coverage on the later of the Policy Effective Date or the date You enter an eligible class.

If You start working for the Employer after the Policy Effective Date, You will be eligible for coverage on the first day of the month following Your date of hire.

### **When will You become eligible for Dependent Coverage?**

You will become eligible for Dependent coverage on the later of:

1. the date You become eligible for employee coverage; or
2. the date You acquire Your first Dependent.

### **What is the Guaranteed Issue Amount?**

This is the Amount of Insurance for which We do not require Evidence of Good Health. The Guaranteed Issue Amount is shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

### **What is Evidence of Good Health?**

Evidence of Good Health is information about a person's health from which We can determine if coverage or increases in coverage will be effective. Information may include questionnaires, physical exams, or written documentation as required by Us.

Inquiries as to the status of Your submission of Evidence of Good Health should be addressed to Your Employer and/or Benefit Administrator. We, Your Employer and/or Benefit Administrator will notify You of approvals. We will notify You, in writing, of any disapprovals.

**When will Evidence of Good Health be required?**

Evidence of Good Health is required if:

1. You enroll for coverage more than 31 days after the date You are first eligible to do so for any amount of Life Insurance for Yourself or Your Spouse; or for an Amount of Life Insurance in excess of \$15,000 for a Dependent child; or
2. You elect no coverage when eligible to do so and later opt for coverage for any Amount of Life Insurance for Yourself or Your Spouse; or for an Amount of Life Insurance in excess of \$15,000 for a Dependent child.

Evidence of Good Health must be provided at Your own expense.

If Evidence of Good Health is not approved in the situation(s) described above, no coverage, including the Guaranteed Issue Amount, will become effective.

Evidence of Good Health is also required if You elect to increase coverage for Yourself or Your Dependents by more than one option or increment level, provided You do not exceed the Guarantee Issue Amount. This requirement is waived for each of Your Dependent children whose new Amount of Life Insurance is \$15,000 or less.

If Evidence of Good Health is not approved in this situation, You are eligible to increase coverage by one option or increment level up to the Guaranteed Issue Amount.

Evidence of Good Health is also required the first time Your or Your Dependents Amount of Life Insurance would exceed the Guaranteed Issue Amount for any coverage.

If Evidence of Good Health is not approved in this situation, You and Your Dependents are eligible for the amount You requested for which Evidence of Good Health was not required.

Additionally, once approved, Evidence of Good Health will be required again only if Your or Your Dependents Amount of Life Insurance is greater than the Guarantee Issue Amount and You increase Your or Your Dependents coverage election.

**Are there exceptions to the Evidence of Good Health requirement for late enrolling Dependents?**

This Evidence of Good Health requirement will be waived for Your Dependent spouse and/or Dependent children, if:

1. You do not elect coverage for Your spouse when first eligible to do so, but, within 31 days following the date You acquire Your first child, You elect spouse coverage; or
2. Your spouse and children were previously covered for life benefits provided by Your spouse's employer group plan; and
  - a) Your spouse and children have ceased to be covered under the employer's group plan due to Your spouse's loss of employment or cancellation of that group plan;
  - b) Your spouse and children provide Us with proof of prior coverage, including the date of termination, when applying for Dependent Coverage; and
  - c) coverage with Us is requested within 31 days of Your spouse's loss of coverage.

This Evidence of Good Health requirement will be waived for Dependent children whose Amount of Life Insurance is \$15,000 or less.

Dependents who qualify for this waiver will be subject to all other conditions, restrictions and limitations of the Policy.

**AMOUNT OF LIFE INSURANCE  
Employee Only**

**What Life benefits are available to You?**

**Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance:**

- a) a Guaranteed Issue Amount equal to an amount You elect in increments of \$10,000, subject to a maximum of \$150,000 without Evidence of Good Health; or
- b) a maximum amount equal to an amount You elect in increments of \$10,000, subject to the lesser of \$250,000 or 5 times Your annual rate of basic Earnings with Evidence of Good Health.

In no event however will Your Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance be less than \$10,000.

The Amount You elect is indicated on Your group enrollment form.

Your Amount of Life Insurance will be reduced by any life benefit:

- 1. paid to You under an accelerated death benefit in the Prior Plan; and
- 2. in force for You under any disability extension provision of the Prior Plan.

**If You convert, does it affect the Amount of Life Insurance benefit payable?**

The Amount of Life Insurance under the Policy will be reduced by the amount of the individual life insurance issued in accordance with the Conversion Privilege for reasons other than reductions in coverage.

**AMOUNT OF LIFE INSURANCE  
Dependent Only**

**What Life benefits are available to Your Dependents?**

**Supplemental Dependent Spouse:**

- a) a Guaranteed Issue amount You elect in increments of \$10,000, subject to a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$50,000 without Evidence of Good Health, not to exceed 100% of the Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance in force for the employee; or
- b) a maximum amount You elect in increments of \$10,000, subject to a maximum of \$120,000 with Evidence of Good Health, not to exceed 100% of the Supplemental Amount of Life Insurance in force for the employee.

**Supplemental Dependent Children:**

less than 26 year(s) of age:                      \$5,000

The Amount You elect is indicated on Your group enrollment form.

**ELIGIBILITY AND ENROLLMENT**

**Must You contribute toward the cost of coverage?**

With respect to Supplemental Life Insurance and Supplemental Dependent Life Insurance coverage, You must contribute toward the cost.

**How do You enroll?**

To enroll You must:

- 1. complete and sign a group insurance enrollment form which is satisfactory to Us; and
- 2. deliver it to the Employer.

If You do not enroll within 31 days after becoming eligible, the following limitations will apply to a later enrollment:

- 1. You must submit Evidence of Good Health; and
- 2. You may not enroll until:
  - a) an Annual Enrollment Period; or
  - b) You have a Change in Family Status.

Any such enrollment must be made during the Annual Enrollment Period or within 31 days of the Change in Family Status.



The Annual Enrollment Period is determined by Your Employer on a yearly basis.

**What constitutes a Change in Family Status?**

A Change in Family Status means:

1. Your marriage, or the birth or adoption of a child, or becoming the legal guardian of a child;
2. the death of or divorce from Your spouse;
3. the death of or emancipation of a child;
4. spouse's loss of employment which results in a loss of group insurance; or
5. change in classification from Part-time to Full-time or from Full-time to Part-time.

**When does coverage start?**

Your coverage will start on the latest of the dates determined below:

1. the date You become eligible, if You enroll or have enrolled by then;
2. the date on which You enroll, if You do so within 31 days after the date You are eligible;
3. the date We approve Evidence of Good Health which We may have required; or
4. the first day of the month following the Annual Enrollment Period if You enroll during an Annual Enrollment Period.

All of the above effective dates are subject to the Deferred Effective Date provision.

**What is the Deferred Effective Date provision for employees?**

If You are absent from work due to a physical or mental condition on the date Your insurance, an increase in coverage or a new benefit added to the Policy would otherwise have become effective, the effective date of Your insurance, any increase in insurance or the additional benefit will be deferred until the date You return to work as an Active Full-time Employee.

**Are there exceptions to the Deferred Effective Date provision?**

If You were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the Policy Effective Date and You would be eligible for coverage on the Policy Effective Date except that You are not able to meet the requirements of the Deferred Effective Date provision, then:

1. the Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply to the original effective date of coverage; and
2. the coverage amount shown in the Schedule of Insurance will not apply to You.

Instead, You will be considered to be insured and Your coverage amount will be the lesser of:

1. the Amount of Life Insurance under the Prior Plan; or
2. the Amount of Life Insurance shown in the Schedule of Insurance,

reduced by:

1. any coverage amount in force or otherwise payable due to any disability benefit extension under the Prior Plan; or
2. any coverage amount that would have been in force due to any disability benefit extension under the Prior Plan had timely election for the disability provision been made.

You will remain insured under this provision until the first to occur of:

1. the date You return to work as an Active Full-time Employee;
2. the date Your insurance terminates for a reason stated under the Termination provision;
3. the last day of a period of 12 consecutive months which begins on the Policy Effective Date; or
4. the last day You would have been covered under the Prior Plan, had the Prior Plan not terminated.

**When does coverage for Your Dependent(s) start?**

You are required to enroll for contributory Dependent coverage. To do so You have to complete and sign a group insurance enrollment form acceptable to Us and deliver it to the Employer.

Your spouse will become insured for coverage for which We do not require Evidence of Good Health on the first to occur of:

1. the date You are eligible for Dependent Coverage, if You enroll or have enrolled for spouse coverage by then; or
2. the date You enroll for Dependent Coverage, if You do so within 31 days after the date You are eligible.

If You enroll for Dependent Coverage more than 31 days after You are first eligible to do so, no coverage will be available without Evidence of Good Health.

Coverage for which We require Evidence of Good Health will be effective on the later of:

1. the date You become eligible; or
2. the date approved by Us.

Each child will become insured for coverage for which We do not require Evidence of Good Health on the first to occur of:

1. the date You are eligible for Dependent Coverage, if You enroll or have enrolled for child coverage by then; or
2. the date You enroll for coverage for Your child, if You do so within 31 days after the date You acquire the child.

If You enroll for Dependent Coverage more than 31 days after You are first eligible to do so, no coverage will be available without Evidence of Good Health.

Coverage for which We require Evidence of Good Health will be effective once approved by Us.

In no event will Dependent Coverage become effective before the date You become insured.

All effective dates of coverage are subject to the Deferred Effective Date provision for Dependents.

#### **What is the Deferred Effective Date provision for Dependents?**

If a Dependent, other than a newborn, is confined at home, in a hospital or elsewhere because of a physical or mental condition on the date insurance, an increase in coverage or a new benefit added to the Policy would otherwise have become effective, the effective date of insurance, any increase or additional benefit will be deferred until the Dependent is discharged from the hospital or no longer confined and has engaged in substantially all the normal activities of a healthy person of the same age for a period of at least 15 days in a row.

"Confined elsewhere" means the individual is unable to perform, unaided, the normal functions of daily living, or leave home or other place of residence without assistance.

#### **Are there exceptions to the Deferred Effective Date provision?**

If You were insured with respect to a Dependent under the Prior Plan as of the day before the Policy Effective Date, the Deferred Effective Date provision will not apply to the original effective date of coverage for any Dependent.

Instead, Your Dependent will be considered to be insured and the Amount of Insurance will be the lesser of:

1. the Amount of Insurance in force on the life of the Dependent under the Prior Plan; or
2. the Amount of Insurance shown in the Schedule of Insurance.

#### **When are changes effective?**

The provisions, terms and conditions of the Schedule of Insurance or this Booklet-certificate may be modified, amended or changed at any time; consent from any covered individual is not required.

If there is any type of change in Your class, the Schedule of Insurance or the Booklet-certificate which:

1. decreases an amount of coverage or deletes, limits or restricts the availability of a benefit or provision, then that decrease, deletion, limitation or restriction will be effective on the date the change in class, the Schedule of Insurance or the Booklet-certificate is effective;
2. increases an amount of coverage or adds, improves or increases availability of a benefit or provision, then that increase, addition or improvement will be effective on the date the change in class, the Schedule of Insurance or the Booklet-certificate is effective, subject to application of the Deferred Effective Date provision and Our approval where Evidence of Good Health is required.

## **BENEFITS**

### **Life Insurance Benefit**

#### **To whom and how are benefits paid?**

A completed claim form, a certified copy of the death certificate and Your enrollment form must be sent to the Employer or Us. When the required claim papers are received and approved by Us, the Amount of Life Insurance will be paid.

Benefits payable for a Dependent's death are payable to You if living, otherwise, We may, at Our option, pay the benefit to Your surviving spouse or to the executors or administrators of Your estate.

Your death benefit will be paid in a lump sum to the beneficiary(ies) designated by You in writing and on file with the Employer.

Unless You have requested something different, payment will be made as follows:

1. If more than one beneficiary is named, each will be paid an equal share.
2. If any named beneficiary dies before You, His share will be divided equally among the named surviving beneficiaries.

If no beneficiary is named, or if no named beneficiary survives You, We may, at Our option, pay:

1. up to \$500 of Your life insurance to any party that We deem is entitled because of their payment of burial expenses. We will be released from further liability for any amount so paid; and/or
2. the executors or administrators of Your estate; or
3. Your surviving relatives in the following order:
  - a) all to Your surviving spouse; or
  - b) if Your spouse does not survive You, in equal shares to Your surviving children; or
  - c) if no child survives You, in equal shares to Your surviving parents.

If a minor does not have a legal guardian, We may, until such a guardian is appointed, pay the person We deem to be caring for and supporting him. Such payment will be in monthly installments of not more than \$200.

#### **What benefit is payable if Your death results from suicide?**

No Supplemental Life or Supplemental Dependent Life benefit will be payable if death results from suicide, whether sane or insane, within 2 years of the effective date of Your coverage. Additionally, if death resulting from suicide, whether sane or insane, occurs within 2 years of the effective date of an increase in Your coverage, the death benefit payable is limited to the amount of coverage in force prior to the increase. The 2 year period includes the time coverage was in force under a Prior Plan.

### **Accelerated Death Benefit**

**This benefit is not available for Dependents.**

#### **What is the benefit?**

If You are diagnosed as being Terminally Ill and proof of such diagnosis is provided by an attending physician licensed to practice in the United States, and You are:

1. less than age 60; and
2. insured for at least \$10,000,

then You may request that a portion of Your Amount of Life Insurance be paid to You prior to death.

The request cannot exceed 80% of the in force Amount of Life Insurance, and is subject to a minimum of \$3,000 and a maximum of \$500,000. You may exercise this option only once per person.

For example, if You have an Amount of Life Insurance equal to \$20,000 and You are Terminally Ill, You can request any portion of the life insurance between \$3,000 to \$16,000 to be paid to You now instead of to Your beneficiary at Your death. However, if You decide to request only \$3,000 now, You cannot request the additional \$13,000 in the future.

**What does Terminal Illness/Terminally Ill mean?**

Terminally Ill or Terminal Illness means that an individual has a life expectancy of 12 months or less.

**RECEIPT OF ANY BENEFITS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS PROVISION WILL REDUCE LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS PAYABLE UPON DEATH.**

**What if an individual is no longer Terminally Ill?**

If diagnosed as no longer Terminally Ill, coverage may or may not remain in force. Coverage which remains in force will be reduced by any amount of Accelerated Death Benefits received and premium is due for this reduced amount. If coverage does not remain in force, then the reduced amount of coverage may be converted.

**What limitations apply to this benefit?**

The Accelerated Death Benefit provision will be subject to all applicable terms and conditions of the Policy.

No Accelerated Death Benefit will be paid if You are required by law to accelerate benefits to meet the claims of creditors, or if a government agency requires You to apply for benefits to qualify for a government benefit or entitlement.

**What if You made an assignment under this plan?**

If You have executed an assignment of rights and interest with respect to Your Amount of Life Insurance, in order to pay benefits to You under this provision, We must receive a release from the individual to whom the assignment was made before any benefits are payable.

**TERMINATION  
Employee Coverage**

**When does Your coverage terminate?**

Unless continued in accordance with the Exceptions to Termination section, Your insurance will terminate on the first to occur of:

1. the date the Policy terminates;
2. the last day of the period for which You made any required premium contribution, if You fail to make any further required contribution;
3. the date You are no longer in a class eligible for coverage;
4. the date Your Employer terminates Your employment; or
5. the date You are absent from work as an Active Full-time Employee.

**EXCEPTIONS TO TERMINATION**

**Under what conditions can Your insurance be continued under the continuation provisions?**

If You are absent from work as an Active Full-time Employee, Your insurance may be continued up to the maximum period of time stated. In each instance, such continuation shall be at the Employer's option, but must be according to a plan which applies to all employees in the same way. Continued coverage:

1. is subject to any reductions in the Policy;
2. is subject to payment of premium by the Employer; and
3. terminates when the Policy terminates.

If You are on a documented leave of absence, other than Family or Medical Leave, all of Your coverages (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued for 12 consecutive week(s) following the month in which the leave of absence commenced.

If You are involuntarily laid off due to lack of work, all of Your coverages (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued until the end of the month following the month in which the layoff commenced.

If You are granted a leave of absence according to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, all of Your coverages (including Dependent Life coverage) may be continued for up to 12 weeks, or 26 weeks if You qualify for Family Military Leave, or longer if required by state law, following the date Your insurance would have terminated, subject to the following:

1. the leave authorization must be in writing;
2. the required premium for You must be paid;
3. Your benefit level will be that which was in effect on the day before said leave started, subject to any reductions included in the Policy;
4. the amount of Earnings upon which Your benefit may be based, will be that which was in effect on the day before said leave started; and
5. continued coverage will cease immediately if one of the following events should occur:
  - a) the leave terminates prior to the agreed upon date;
  - b) the Policy terminates;
  - c) You or the Policyholder fail to pay premium when due; or
  - d) the Policy no longer insures Your class.

In all other respects, the terms of Your insurance remain unchanged.

#### **What is Waiver of Premium?**

Waiver of premium is a provision which allows for continued employee or Dependent life insurance, without payment of premium, while You are Disabled. You or Your Dependent may not exercise the rights under the Portability provision and qualify for waiver of premium.

#### **To what coverages does the Waiver of Premium apply?**

These provisions apply only to Your Supplemental Life Insurance and Dependent Life Insurance.

#### **What conditions must be satisfied before You qualify for Waiver of Premium?**

1. You must be less than age 60, insured and Disabled; and
2. acceptable proof of Your condition must be furnished to Us within one year of Your last day of work as an Active Full-time Employee.

#### **What does Disabled mean?**

Disabled means that You have a condition that prevents You from doing any work for which You are or could become qualified by education, training or experience and it is expected that this condition will last for at least nine consecutive months from Your last day of work as an Active Full-time Employee; or You have been diagnosed with a life expectancy of 12 months or less.

#### **When will We waive premium?**

We will waive premium after proof that You are Disabled is provided by an attending physician licensed to practice in the United States and We approve the proof. You will be notified by Us of the date We will begin to waive premium.

Continued coverage will be subject to any age reductions provided by any part of the Policy.

#### **What if You or Your Dependent die before You qualify for Waiver of Premium?**

If:

1. You or Your Dependent should die within one year of Your last day of work as an Active Full-time Employee but prior to qualifying for waiver of premium; and
2. You were Disabled,

We will pay the Amount of Life Insurance which is in force for You or Your Dependent. Your Dependent Life coverage will terminate on the date You die. They may be eligible for conversion as of that date.

**Can We have You examined for proof that You continue to be Disabled?**

During the first two years following the date You qualify as Disabled, We may have You examined at reasonable intervals. Thereafter, We will only require an annual examination to confirm that You continue to be Disabled. If You fail to submit any required proof or refuse to be examined as required by Us, then Your coverage will terminate.

**What if You are no longer Disabled?**

If, for any reason, You are no longer Disabled, Your premium will no longer be waived. On that date, You may or may not return to work.

If You return to work in an Eligible Class, then all of Your coverages will be reinstated subject to the terms of the Policy in effect on the reinstatement date.

If You do not return to work within an Eligible Class, and You are not eligible for any other group life insurance, then You are entitled to the Conversion Privilege. You may convert the Amount of Life Insurance that is in force for You and Your Dependent on the date it is determined that You are no longer Disabled.

**How long will premiums be waived?**

Your premium will be waived and Your coverage will be continued until You attain age 65.

The premium for Dependent Life coverage will be waived and subject to all Policy provisions, Dependent Life coverage will continue until the first to occur of the date:

1. You die;
2. You no longer qualify for Waiver of Premium;
3. the date the Policy terminates; or
4. You attain age 65.

On the date waiver of premium terminates, if You do not return to work, You will be entitled to convert Your coverage. You may convert no more than Your Amount of Life Insurance that is in force on the date waiver of premium terminates. On the date the waiver of premium terminates for Dependent Life coverage, Your Dependents may be eligible to convert.

**What if the Policy terminates before You qualify for waiver of premium?**

If the Policy terminates before You qualify for waiver of premium, You may be eligible to convert. Additionally, You may later be approved for waiver of premium.

**What if the Policy terminates after You qualify for waiver of premium?**

Termination of the Policy will not affect Your coverage under the terms of this provision.

**DEPENDENT COVERAGE**

**When does Dependent Coverage terminate?**

Unless continued in accordance with the Exception to Termination section, a covered Dependent's insurance will terminate on the earliest of:

1. the date Your coverage terminates;
2. the last day of the period for which any required premium contribution is made, if You fail to make any further required contribution;
3. the date You are no longer eligible for Dependent Coverage;
4. the date the Dependent no longer meets the definition of Dependent; or
5. the date We or the Employer terminate Dependent Coverage.

## **EXCEPTIONS TO TERMINATION**

### **Under what conditions can Dependent child insurance be continued?**

If a covered Dependent child reaches the age at which He would otherwise cease to be a Dependent as defined, and the Dependent child is:

1. disabled and incapable of earning His own living ; and
2. primarily dependent on You for support and maintenance,

then Dependent coverage will not terminate solely due to age if You submit satisfactory proof of the Dependent child's disability to Us within 31 days of the date the Dependent child reaches such age.

Coverage will continue while the Policy remains in force as long as:

1. the child continues to meet the required conditions; and
2. any required premium is paid.

We will have the right to require satisfactory proof that the child continues to meet the required conditions as often as necessary during the first two years of continuation, but not more than once a year after that.

## **PORTABILITY**

### **When can a person elect Portability?**

You may elect portability if:

1. the Policy is still in force;
2. Your supplemental life insurance terminates because:
  - a. Your employment terminates for any reason prior to Retirement; or
  - b. You are no longer in an Eligible Class; and
3. You do not currently have coverage for the amount of life insurance You intend to continue under a certificate of insurance issued in accordance with a conversion, portability or other similar provision under this Policy.

### **What does Retirement mean?**

Retirement means the date You attain normal retirement age under the 1983 United States Social Security Act, and any amendments thereto.

### **Will the Waiver of Premium provision be available if You elect to continue coverage under this Portability provision?**

No.

### **Will Conversion be available if a person elects to continue coverage under this Portability provision?**

If a person elects to continue all terminated coverage under this portability provision, then the Conversion provision is not available. If a person elects to continue only a portion of terminated coverage under this portability provision, then the Conversion privilege will be available for the remaining amount.

### **How is Portability elected?**

A person must, within 31 days of the date group coverage terminates:

1. make written application to Us; and
2. pay the required premium.

If this is done, We will issue a certificate of insurance under a group portability policy. Such coverage will be:

1. issued without evidence of good health;
2. on one of the forms then being issued by Us for portability purposes; and
3. effective on the day following the date insurance terminates.

The terms and conditions of coverage under the group portability policy will be similar, but may not be identical, to coverage under this plan.

**What limitations apply to this benefit?**

A person may elect to continue 50%, 75% or 100% of his amount of life insurance being terminated. Such amount will be rounded to the next higher \$1,000, if not already an even multiple thereof. No employees amount of life insurance continued may exceed \$250,000.

If an election is made to continue 50% or 75% now, a person may not continue any portion of the remaining amount. In no event will a person be able to continue an amount of life insurance which is less than \$5,000.

**How much does Portability cost?**

See Your Employer for the cost.

## CONVERSION PRIVILEGE

**When can an individual convert?**

If insurance, or any portion thereof, terminates, then any individual covered under the Policy may convert his life insurance to a conversion policy without providing Evidence of Good Health.

If the qualifying event is policy termination or termination of coverage for a class then the individual must have been insured for at least 5 years under the Policy in order to be eligible for this conversion privilege.

**What is the conversion policy?**

The conversion policy will:

1. be on one of the life insurance policy forms, except term insurance, then customarily issued by Us for conversion purposes;
2. contain no disability, supplementary or AD&D benefits; and
3. be effective on the 32nd day after group life insurance terminates.

**How much can be converted?**

If the qualifying event is policy termination or termination of coverage for a class, then the amount which may be converted is limited to the lesser of:

1. the amount of group coverage in force prior to the qualifying event, reduced by the amount of any other group coverage for which the individual becomes covered within 31 days of termination of group coverage; or
2. \$2,000.

If conversion is due to retirement or any other qualifying event, the full amount of coverage lost may be converted.

**How does an individual convert coverage?**

To convert life insurance, the individual must, within 31 days of the date group coverage terminates, make written application to Us and pay the premium required for his age and class of risk.

**What if death occurs during the conversion election period?**

If the individual should die within the 31 day conversion election period, We will, upon receipt of acceptable proof of His death, pay the Amount of Life Insurance He was entitled to convert.

## GENERAL PROVISIONS

**When can this plan be contested?**

Except for non-payment of premium, the Policy cannot be contested after two years from the Policy Effective Date.

No statement relating to insurability will be used to contest the insurance for which the statement was made after the insurance has been in force for two years during the individual's lifetime. In order to be used, the statement must be in writing and signed by the affected individual.



**Are there any rights of assignment?**

You have the right to absolutely assign all of Your rights and interest under the Policy including, but not limited to, the following:

1. the right to make any contributions required to keep the insurance in force;
2. the privilege of converting; and
3. the right to name and change a beneficiary.

However, You may not assign rights to the Employer, and if You are terminally ill, You may not make an absolute assignment if the benefits under the Policy would be used as collateral for a loan.

No absolute assignment of rights and interest shall be binding on Us until and unless:

1. the original of the form documenting the absolute assignment; or
2. a true copy of it,

is received and acknowledged by Us at our home office.

We have no responsibility:

1. for the validity or effect of any assignment; or
2. to provide any assignee with notices which We may be obligated to provide to You.

**How do You designate or change Your beneficiary?**

You may designate or change a beneficiary by doing so in writing on a form satisfactory to Us and filing the form with the Employer. Only satisfactory forms sent to the Employer prior to Your death will be accepted.

Designations will become effective as of the date You signed and dated the form, even if You have since died. We will not be liable for any amounts paid before receiving notice of a beneficiary change from the Employer.

In no event may a beneficiary be changed by a Power of Attorney.

**DEFINITIONS**

**Active Full-time Employee** – An employee who works for the Employer on a regular basis in the usual course of the Employer's business. An employee must work at least the number of hours in the Employer's normal work week. This must be at least 30 hours. You will be considered actively at work with Your Employer on a day which is one of Your Employer's scheduled work days if You are performing, in the usual way, all of the regular duties of Your job on a Full-time basis on that day. You will also be considered actively at work on a paid vacation day or a day which is not one of Your Employer's scheduled work days only if You were actively at work on the preceding scheduled work day.

**Anniversary Date** – The date occurring in each calendar year which is an anniversary of the Policy Effective Date.

**Dependent**

1. Your spouse; and
2. Your child who is:
  - a) not yet 26 years old; or
  - b) 26 years old or older and is disabled and primarily dependent upon You for financial support. Such child must have become disabled before attaining age 26.

The term "spouse" means an individual who is either:

1. in a marriage with the employee which is recognized by the law in the state of residence; or
2. the employee's domestic partner.

The term "domestic partner" means:

1. any individual with whom the employee executes a Domestic Partner Affidavit acceptable to Us, to establish that they are domestic partners for purposes of this Policy (such person will remain a domestic partner as

- long as he continues to meet the requirements described in the Domestic Partner Affidavit); or
2. with respect to California residents only, an individual who is in a registered domestic partnership with the employee in accordance with California law.

The term "child", shall also include Your:

1. stepchild;
2. legally adopted child; and
3. any other child related to You by blood or marriage or domestic partnership and who lives with You in a regular parent-child relationship, provided that You claim such child as a dependent on Your most current federal income tax return Form 1040.

You may not elect coverage for Your Dependent if Your Dependent is covered as an employee under the Policy. Any person who is in full-time military, naval or air force service cannot be a Dependent. No person can be insured as a Dependent of more than one employee under the Policy.

**Earnings** -- Regular pay, not counting:

1. commissions;
2. bonuses;
3. overtime pay; or
4. any other pay or fringe benefits.

**Employer** – The Policyholder named in the Schedule of Insurance.

**He/His** – He or she. His or her.

**Prior Plan** – A plan of group term life insurance sponsored by the Employer which was in force on the day before the Policy Effective Date.

**We/Us/Our** – The Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company.

**You/Your** – The employee to whom this Booklet-certificate is issued.

**The Plan Described in this Booklet  
is Insured by the**

**Hartford Life and Accident Insurance Company**  
Hartford, Connecticut

**Member of The Hartford Insurance Group**