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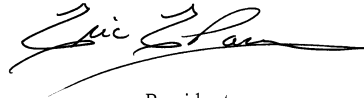
CERTIFICATE AND SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION GROUP SHORT TERM DISABILITY INSURANCE

Policyowner:	The School Board of Polk County, Florida
Policy Number:	625950-B
Effective Date:	October 1, 2003

A Group Policy has been issued to the Policyowner. We certify that you will be insured as provided by the terms of the Group Policy. If your coverage is changed by an amendment to the Group Policy, we will provide the Policyowner with a revised Certificate or other notice to be given to you.

Possession of this Certificate does not necessarily mean you are insured. You are insured only if you meet the requirements set out in this Certificate.

"We", "us" and "our" mean Standard Insurance Company. "You" and "your" mean the Member. All other defined terms appear with the initial letter capitalized. Section headings, and references to them, appear in boldface type.



President

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COVERAGE FEATURES

This section contains many of the features of your short term disability (STD) insurance. Other provisions, including exclusions, limitations, and Deductible Income, appear in other sections. Please refer to the text of each section for full details. The Table of Contents and the Index of Defined Terms help locate sections and definitions.

GENERAL POLICY INFORMATION

Group Policy Number: 625950-B
Policyowner: The School Board of Polk County, Florida
Employer(s): The School Board of Polk County, Florida
Group Policy Effective Date: October 1, 2003
Policy Issued in: Florida

BECOMING INSURED

To become insured you must: (a) Be a Member; (b) Complete your Eligibility Waiting Period; and (c) Meet the requirements in **Active Work Provisions** and **When Your Insurance Becomes Effective**.

Definition of Member: You are a Member if you are:

1. An active employee of the Employer; and
2. Regularly working at least 18.75 hours each week.

You are not a Member if you are:

1. A temporary or seasonal employee; or
2. A full time member of the armed forces of any country.

Class Definition: None

Eligibility Waiting Period: You are eligible on one of the following dates, but not before the Group Policy Effective Date:

If you are a Member on the Group Policy Effective Date, you are eligible on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following 30 consecutive days as a Member.

If you become a Member after the Group Policy Effective Date, you are eligible on the first day of the calendar month coinciding with or next following 30 consecutive days as a Member.

Evidence Of Insurability: Required:

- a. For late application for Contributory insurance.
- b. For reinstatements if required.
- c. For Members eligible but not insured under the Prior Plan.

OTHER PROVISIONS

Leave Of Absence Period:	30 days or less.
Continuity of Coverage:	Yes
Predisability Earnings based on:	Earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work.
Earnings Period for Commissions in Predisability Earnings:	The preceding 52 weeks.

ERISA SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION INFORMATION

Name of Plan:	Short Term Disability Insurance
Name, Address of Plan Sponsor:	The School Board of Polk County, Florida
Plan Sponsor Tax ID Number:	59-6000807
Plan Number:	501
Type of Plan:	Group Insurance Plan
Type of Administration:	Contract Administration
If Legal Process Involves Claims For Benefits Under The Group Policy, Additional Notification of Legal Process Must Be Sent To:	Standard Insurance Company 1100 SW 6th Ave Portland OR 97204-1093
Sources of Contributions:	Employer/Member
Funding Medium:	Standard Insurance Company - Fully Insured
Plan Fiscal Year End:	September 30

INSURING CLAUSE

If you become Disabled while insured under the Group Policy, we will pay STD Benefits according to the terms of the Group Policy after we receive satisfactory Proof Of Loss.

DEFINITION OF DISABILITY

You are Disabled if you meet either of the following definitions:

- A. Definition Of Disability; or
- B. Definition Of Partial Disability.

A. Definition Of Disability

You are Disabled if, as a result of Sickness, Injury or Pregnancy, you are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the material duties of your own occupation.

B. Definition Of Partial Disability

You are Partially Disabled when you work for your Employer but, as a result of Sickness, Injury or Pregnancy, are unable to earn more than the Partial Disability Income Percentage shown in the **Coverage Features**.

One half of your Work Earnings will be Deductible Income. See **Return To Work Incentive** and **Deductible Income**.

RETURN TO WORK INCENTIVE

A. During The Benefit Waiting Period

You may serve your Benefit Waiting Period while working for your Employer, if you meet either the Definition Of Disability or the Definition Of Partial Disability.

B. After The Benefit Waiting Period

You are eligible for the Return To Work Incentive on the first day you work for your Employer after the Benefit Waiting Period if STD Benefits are payable on that date.

One half of your Work Earnings will be Deductible Income.

Work Earnings means your gross weekly earnings from work you perform for your Employer while Disabled.

TEMPORARY RECOVERY

You may temporarily recover from your Disability during the Maximum Benefit Period, and then become Disabled again from the same cause or causes, without having to serve a new Benefit Waiting Period. Temporary Recovery means you cease to be Disabled for no longer than the allowable period.

A. Allowable Period

The allowable period of recovery during the Maximum Benefit Period is a total of 14 days.

B. Effect Of Temporary Recovery

If your Temporary Recovery does not exceed the allowable period, 1 through 4 below will apply.

1. The Predisability Earnings used to determine your STD Benefit will not change.
2. The period of Temporary Recovery will not count toward your Maximum Benefit Period.

3. No STD Benefits will be payable for the period of Temporary Recovery.
4. Except as stated above, the provisions of the Group Policy will be applied as if there had been no interruption of your Disability.

WHEN STD BENEFITS END

Your STD Benefits end automatically on the earliest of 1 through 5 below.

1. The date you are no longer Disabled.
2. The date your Maximum Benefit Period ends.
3. The date you die.
4. The date you begin working for an employer other than your Employer, or become self-employed.
5. The date long term disability benefits become payable to you under a group long term disability policy issued by us.

PREDISABILITY EARNINGS

Your Predisability Earnings will be based on your earnings in effect on your last full day of Active Work unless a different date applies (see the **Coverage Features**). Any subsequent change in your earnings will not affect your Predisability Earnings.

Predisability Earnings means your weekly rate of earnings from your Employer, including:

1. Contributions you make through a salary reduction agreement with your Employer to:
 - a. An Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(k), 403(b), 408(k), or 457 deferred compensation arrangement; or
 - b. An executive nonqualified deferred compensation arrangement.
2. Commissions averaged over the Earnings Period shown in the **Coverage Features** or over the period of your employment if less than the Earnings Period.
3. Shift differential pay.
4. Amounts contributed to your fringe benefits according to a salary reduction agreement under an IRC Section 125 plan.

Predisability Earnings does not include:

1. Bonuses.
2. Overtime pay.
3. Your Employer's contributions on your behalf to any deferred compensation arrangement or pension plan.
4. Any other extra compensation.

If you are paid on an annual contract basis, your weekly rate of earnings is one fifty-second (1/52nd) of your annual contract salary.

If you are paid hourly, your weekly rate of earnings is based on your hourly pay rate multiplied by the number of hours you are regularly scheduled to work per week, but not more than 40 hours. If you do not have regular work hours, your weekly rate of earnings is based on the average number of hours you worked per week during the preceding 52 weeks (or during your period of employment if less than 52 weeks), but not more than 40 hours.

DEDUCTIBLE INCOME

Deductible Income means:

1. Your Work Earnings, as described in the **Return To Work Incentive**.
2. Any amount you receive or are eligible to receive because of your disability under a state disability income benefit law or similar law.
3. Any amount you receive by compromise, settlement, or other method as a result of a claim for any of the above, whether disputed or undisputed.

RULES FOR DEDUCTIBLE INCOME

A. Weekly Equivalentents

Each week we will determine your STD Benefit using the Deductible Income for the same weekly period, even if you actually receive the Deductible Income in another week.

If you are paid Deductible Income in a lump sum or by a method other than weekly, we will determine your STD Benefit using a prorated amount. We will use the period of time to which the Deductible Income applies. If no period of time is stated, we will use a reasonable one.

B. Your Duty To Pursue Deductible Income

You must pursue Deductible Income for which you may be eligible. We may ask for written documentation of your pursuit of Deductible Income. You must provide it within 60 days after we mail you our request. Otherwise, we may reduce your STD Benefits by the amount we estimate you would be eligible to receive upon proper pursuit of the Deductible Income.

C. Pending Deductible Income

We will not deduct pending Deductible Income until it becomes payable. You must notify us of the amount of the Deductible Income when it is approved. You must repay us for the resulting overpayment of your claim. See **Claims**.

BENEFITS AFTER INSURANCE ENDS OR IS CHANGED

Your right to receive STD Benefits for a period of Disability which begins while you are insured will not be affected by:

1. Termination of the Group Policy after you become Disabled;
2. Termination of your insurance while the Group Policy remains in force; or
3. Any amendment to the Group Policy approved after the date you become Disabled.

EFFECT OF NEW DISABILITY

If a period of Disability is extended by a new cause while STD Benefits are payable, STD Benefits will continue while you remain Disabled. However, 1 and 2 below will apply.

1. STD Benefits will not continue beyond the end of the original Maximum Benefit Period.
2. All provisions of the Group Policy, including the Exclusions and Limitations sections will apply to the new cause of Disability.

EXCLUSIONS

A. War

You are not covered for a Disability caused or contributed to by War or any act of War. War means declared or undeclared war, whether civil or international, and any substantial armed conflict between organized forces of a military nature.

B. Intentionally Self-Inflicted Injury

You are not covered for a Disability caused or contributed to by an intentionally self-inflicted Injury while sane or insane.

C. Work Related

You are not covered for a Disability arising out of or in the course of any employment for wage or profit, if you are receiving benefits for the disability under any workers' compensation or occupational disease law.

LIMITATIONS

A. Care Of A Physician

You must be under the ongoing care of a Physician during the Benefit Waiting Period. No STD Benefits will be paid for any period of Disability when you are not under the ongoing care of a Physician.

B. Occupational Benefits

No STD Benefits will be paid for any period when you are receiving benefits under a workers' compensation law or similar law. If your claim for these benefits is accepted, compromised or settled (whether disputed or undisputed), you must repay us for the full amount of any payments we make to you while your claim for occupational benefits is pending.

C. Paid Sick Leave

No STD Benefits will be paid for any period when you are receiving or are eligible to receive paid sick leave from your Employer.

D. Working

No STD Benefits will be paid for any period: (a) when you are working for wage or profit for any employer other than your Employer; or (b) when you are self-employed. This limitation applies whether you are working in your own or another occupation.

CLAIMS

A. Filing A Claim

Claims should be filed on our forms. If you do not receive our forms within 15 days after you ask for them, you may submit your claim in a letter to us. The letter should include the date Disability began, and the cause and nature of the Disability.

B. Time Limits On Filing Proof Of Loss

You must give us Proof Of Loss within 90 days after the end of the Benefit Waiting Period. If you cannot do so, you must give it to us as soon as reasonably possible, but not later than one year after that 90-day period. If Proof Of Loss is filed outside these time limits, your claim will be denied. These limits will not apply while you lack legal capacity.

C. Proof Of Loss

Proof Of Loss means written proof that you are Disabled and entitled to STD Benefits. Proof Of Loss must be provided at your expense.

D. Documentation

Completed claims statements, a signed authorization for us to obtain information, and any other items we may reasonably require in support of a claim must be submitted at your expense. If the required documentation is not provided within 45 days after we mail our request, your claim may be denied.

E. Investigation Of Claim

We may investigate your claim at any time.

At our expense, we may have you examined at reasonable intervals by specialists of our choice. We may deny or suspend STD Benefits if you fail to attend an examination or cooperate with the examiner.

F. Time Of Payment

We will pay STD Benefits within 60 days after you satisfy Proof Of Loss.

STD Benefits will be paid to you at the end of each week you qualify for them. STD Benefits remaining unpaid at your death will be paid to your estate.

G. Overpayment Of Claim

We will notify you of the amount of any overpayment of your claim under any group disability insurance policy issued by us. You must immediately repay us. You will not receive any STD Benefits until we have been repaid in full. In the meantime, any STD Benefits paid, including the Minimum STD Benefit, will be applied to reduce the amount of the overpayment. We may charge you interest at the legal rate for any overpayment which is not repaid within 30 days after we first mail you notice of the amount of the overpayment.

H. Notice Of Decision On Claim

We will evaluate your claim promptly after you file it. Within 45 days after we receive your claim we will send you: (a) a written decision on your claim; or (b) a notice that we are extending the period to decide your claim for 30 days. Before the end of this extension period we will send you: (a) a written decision on your claim; or (b) a notice that we are extending the period to decide your claim for an additional 30 days. If an extension is due to your failure to provide information necessary to decide the claim, the extended time period for deciding your claim will not begin until you provide the information or otherwise respond.

If we extend the period to decide your claim, we will notify you of the following: (a) the reasons for the extension; (b) when we expect to decide your claim; (c) an explanation of the standards on which entitlement to benefits is based; (d) the unresolved issues preventing a decision; and (e) any additional information we need to resolve those issues.

If we request additional information, you will have 45 days to provide the information. If you do not provide the requested information within 45 days, we may decide your claim based on the information we have received.

If we deny any part of your claim, you will receive a written notice of denial containing:

- a. The reasons for our decision.
- b. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.
- c. A description of any additional information needed to support your claim.

d. Information concerning your right to a review of our decision.

I. Review Procedure

If all or part of a claim is denied, you may request a review. You must request a review in writing within 180 days after receiving notice of the denial.

You may send us written comments or other items to support your claim. You may review and receive copies of any non-privileged information that is relevant to your request for review. There will be no charge for such copies. You may request the names of medical or vocational experts who provided advice to us about your claim.

The person conducting the review will be someone other than the person who denied the claim and will not be subordinate to that person. The person conducting the review will not give deference to the initial denial decision. If the denial was based on a medical judgement, the person conducting the review will consult with a qualified health care professional. This health care professional will be someone other than the person who made the original medical judgement and will not be subordinate to that person. Our review will include any written comments or other items you submit to support your claim.

We will review your claim promptly after we receive your request. Within 45 days after we receive your request for review we will send you: (a) a written decision on review; or (b) a notice that we are extending the review period for 45 days. If the extension is due to your failure to provide information necessary to decide the claim on review, the extended time period for review of your claim will not begin until you provide the information or otherwise respond.

If we extend the review period, we will notify you of the following: (a) the reasons for the extension; (b) when we expect to decide your claim on review; and (c) any additional information we need to decide your claim.

If we request additional information, you will have 45 days to provide the information. If you do not provide the requested information within 45 days, we may conclude our review of your claim based on the information we have received.

If we deny any part of your claim on review, you will receive a written notice of denial containing:

- a. The reasons for our decision.
- b. Reference to the parts of the Group Policy on which our decision is based.
- c. Information concerning your right to receive, free of charge, copies of non-privileged documents and records relevant to your claim.

J. Assignment

The rights and benefits under the Group Policy are not assignable.

ALLOCATION OF AUTHORITY

Except for those functions which the Group Policy specifically reserves to the Policyowner, we have full and exclusive authority to control and manage the Group Policy, to administer claims, and to interpret the Group Policy and resolve all questions arising in its administration, interpretation, and application.

Our authority includes, but is not limited to:

1. The right to resolve all matters when a review has been requested;
2. The right to establish and enforce rules and procedures for the administration of the Group Policy and any claim under it;

3. The right to determine:
 - a. Eligibility for insurance;
 - b. Entitlement to benefits;
 - c. Amount of benefits payable;
 - d. Sufficiency and the amount of information we may reasonably require to determine a., b., or c., above.

Subject to the review procedures of the Group Policy, any decision we make in the exercise of our authority is conclusive and binding.

TIME LIMITS ON LEGAL ACTIONS

No action at law or in equity may be brought until 60 days after you have given us Proof Of Loss. No such action may be brought after expiration of the applicable statute of limitations from the earlier of:

1. The date we receive Proof Of Loss; and
2. The end of the period within which Proof Of Loss is required to be given.

INCONTESTABILITY PROVISIONS

A. Incontestability Of Member's Insurance

Any statement you make to obtain insurance is a representation and not a warranty.

No misrepresentation by you will be used to reduce or deny your claim unless:

1. Your insurance would not have been approved if we had known the truth; and
2. We have given you a copy of a written instrument signed by you which contains your misrepresentation.

After your insurance has been in effect for two years, we will not use a misrepresentation by you to reduce or deny your claim, unless it was a fraudulent misrepresentation.

B. Incontestability Of Group Policy

Any statement made by the Policyowner or Employer to obtain the Group Policy is a representation and not a warranty.

No misrepresentation by the Policyowner or Employer will be used to deny a claim or to deny the validity of the Group Policy unless:

1. The Group Policy would not have been issued if we had known the truth; and
2. We have given the Policyowner or Employer a copy of a written instrument signed by the Policyowner or Employer which contains the misrepresentation.

The validity of the Group Policy will not be contested after it has been in force for two years, except for nonpayment of premiums or fraudulent misrepresentations.

CONTINUITY OF COVERAGE

A. Waiver Of Active Work Requirement

If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, you can become insured on the effective date of your Employer's coverage without meeting the Active Work requirement. See **Active Work Provisions**.

B. Payment Of STD Benefit

The STD Benefit payable for a period of continuous Disability beginning before you meet the Active Work requirement will be:

1. The weekly benefit which would have been payable under the terms of the Prior Plan if it had remained in force; reduced by
2. Any benefits payable under the Prior Plan.

There is no Minimum STD Benefit if there is a reduction by benefits payable under the Prior Plan.

WHEN YOUR INSURANCE BECOMES EFFECTIVE

The **Coverage Features** states whether your insurance is Contributory or Noncontributory.

A. Noncontributory Insurance

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your Noncontributory insurance becomes effective on the date you become eligible.

B. Contributory Insurance

You must apply in writing for Contributory insurance and agree to pay premiums. Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, your insurance becomes effective on:

1. The date you become eligible, if you apply on or before that date;
2. The date you apply, if you apply within 31 days after you become eligible; or
3. The date we approve your Evidence Of Insurability, if you apply more than 31 days after you become eligible (late application).

C. Insurance Subject To Evidence Of Insurability

Subject to the **Active Work Provisions**, insurance subject to Evidence Of Insurability becomes effective on the date we approve Evidence Of Insurability.

D. Takeover Provisions

1. If you were insured under the Prior Plan on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy, your Eligibility Waiting Period is waived on the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy.
2. You must submit satisfactory Evidence Of Insurability to become insured for insurance if you were eligible for insurance under the Prior Plan for more than 31 days but were not insured.

ACTIVE WORK PROVISIONS

A. Active Work Requirement

If you are incapable of Active Work because of Sickness, Injury or Pregnancy on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance, your insurance will not become effective until the day after you complete one full day of Active Work as an eligible Member.

Active Work and Actively At Work mean performing the material duties of your own occupation at your Employer's usual place of business.

You will also meet the Active Work requirement if:

1. You were absent from Active Work because of a regularly scheduled day off, holiday, or vacation day;
2. You were Actively At Work on your last scheduled work day before the date of your absence; and
3. You were capable of Active Work on the day before the scheduled effective date of your insurance.

B. Changes In Insurance

This Active Work requirement also applies to any increase in your insurance. However, if you return to Active Work during a period of Disability or Temporary Recovery (see **Temporary Recovery**), you will not qualify for any change in insurance caused by a change in:

1. Your status as a member of a class;
2. The rate of earnings used to determine your Predisability Earnings; or
3. The terms of the Group Policy.

WHEN YOUR INSURANCE ENDS

Your insurance ends automatically on the earliest of:

1. The date the last period ends for which you made a premium contribution, if your insurance is Contributory.
2. The date the Group Policy terminates.
3. The date your employment terminates.
4. The date you cease to be a Member. However, if you cease to be a Member because you are not working the required minimum number of hours, your insurance will be continued during the following periods, unless it ends under 1 through 3 above.
 - a. While your Employer is paying you at least the same Predisability Earnings paid to you immediately before you ceased to be a Member.
 - b. During the Benefit Waiting Period and while STD Benefits are payable.
 - c. During a leave of absence if continuation of your insurance under the Group Policy is required by a state-mandated family or medical leave act or law.
 - d. During any other leave of absence approved by your Employer in advance and in writing and scheduled to last the Leave Of Absence Period shown in the **Coverage Features**.

CONTINUED INSURANCE DURING SCHOOL VACATIONS

If you cease to be a Member because of a school break or vacation, your insurance will be continued during that period.

REINSTATEMENT OF INSURANCE

If your insurance ends, you may become insured again as a new Member. However, the following will apply.

1. If your insurance ends because you cease to be a Member, and if you become a Member again within 90 days, the Eligibility Waiting Period will be waived.
2. If your insurance ends because you fail to make a required premium contribution, you must provide Evidence Of Insurability to become insured again.
3. If your insurance ends because you are on a federal or state mandated family or medical leave of absence, and you become a Member again immediately following the period allowed, your insurance will be reinstated pursuant to the federal or state mandated family or medical leave act or law.

DEFINITIONS

Benefit Waiting Period means the period you must be continuously Disabled before STD Benefits become payable. No STD Benefits are payable for the Benefit Waiting Period. See **Coverage Features**.

Contributory means you pay all or part of the premium for your insurance.

Eligibility Waiting Period means the period you must be a Member before you become eligible for insurance. See **Coverage Features**.

Providing Evidence Of Insurability means you must:

1. Complete and sign our medical history statement;
2. Sign our form authorizing us to obtain information about your health;
3. Undergo a physical examination, if required by us, which may include blood testing; and
4. At your expense, provide any additional information about your insurability that we may reasonably require.

Group Policy means the group short term disability insurance policy issued by us to the Policyowner and identified by the Group Policy Number.

Injury means an injury to your body.

Maximum Benefit Period means the longest period for which STD Benefits are payable for any one period of continuous Disability, whether from one or more causes. It begins at the end of the Benefit Waiting Period. No STD Benefits are payable after the end of the Maximum Benefit Period, even if you are still Disabled. See **Coverage Features**.

Noncontributory means the Policyowner or Employer pays the entire premium for your insurance.

Physician means a licensed medical professional, other than yourself, acting within the scope of the license.

Pregnancy means your pregnancy, childbirth, or related medical conditions, including complications caused by pregnancy.

Prior Plan means your Employer's group short term disability insurance plan in effect on the day before the effective date of your Employer's coverage under the Group Policy and which is replaced by the Group Policy.

Sickness means your sickness, illness, or disease.

STD Benefit means the weekly benefit payable to you under the terms of the Group Policy.

ERISA INFORMATION AND NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHTS

The following information and notice of rights and protections is furnished by the Plan Administrator as required by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA)

A. General Plan Information

The General Plan Information required by ERISA is shown in the **Coverage Features**.

B. Termination Or Amendment Of The Group Policy

The Group Policy that provides benefits for this Plan may be terminated by the Policyowner at any time with prior written notice to Standard Insurance Company. It will terminate automatically if the Policyowner fails to pay the required premium.

Standard Insurance Company may terminate the Group Policy if the number of persons insured is less than the required minimum, or if Standard believes the Policyowner has failed to perform its obligations relating to the Group Policy.

The Group Policy may be changed in whole or in part. No change or amendment will be valid unless it is approved in writing by a Standard Insurance Company executive officer. No agent has authority to change the Group Policy or to waive any of its provisions.

The Group Policy contains the complete termination and amendment provisions.

C. Statement Of Your Rights Under ERISA

1. Right To Examine Plan Documents

You have the right to examine all Plan documents, including any insurance contracts or collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Pension and Welfare Benefit Administration. These documents may be examined free of charge at the Plan Administrator's office.

2. Right To Obtain Copies Of Plan Documents

You have the right to obtain copies of all Plan documents, including any insurance contracts or collective bargaining agreements, a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series), and updated summary plan description upon written request to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for these copies.

3. Right To Receive A Copy Of Annual Report

The Plan Administrator must give you a copy of the Plan's summary annual financial report, if the Plan was required to file an annual report. There will be no charge for the report.

4. Right To Review Of Denied Claims

If your claim for a Plan benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have the right: a) to know why this was done; b) to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision, without charge; and c) to have your claim reviewed and reconsidered, all within certain time schedules.

D. Obligations Of Fiduciaries

In addition to creating rights for plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Plan. The people who operate the Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of all Plan participants and beneficiaries. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or

otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a Plan benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

E. Enforcing ERISA Rights

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator.

If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court. If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

F. Plan And ERISA Questions

If you have any questions about the Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, DC 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.

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