## LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON

## Virginia Notice

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE

In the event you need to contact someone about this insurance for any reason, please contact your sales representative. If no sales representative was involved in the sale of this insurance, or if you have additional questions, you may contact the insurance company issuing this insurance at the following address and telephone number:

General	Inc	uiries:
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Liberty Life Assurance Company of Boston Main Administrative Office 175 Berkeley Street Boston, Massachusetts 02116 <u>GroupBenefits@LibertyMutual.com</u> **Group Disability Claims** Toll Free Number: 888-408-7300

**Group Life Claims:** Toll Free Number: 888-787-2129 Fax Number: 603-742-3873 grouplifeclaims@libertymutual.com

If you have been unable to contact or obtain satisfaction from the company or the agent, you may contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance at:

Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance P.O. Box 1157 Richmond, Virginia 23218 -1157 Telephone: (804) 371-9741 or 1-800-552-7945 (VA Only)

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of your inquiry is maintained. When contacting your sales representative, company or the Bureau of Insurance, have your policy number available.

## LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON

## Virginia Notice

# BENEFICIARY DESIGNATION MAY NOT APPLY IN THE EVENT OF ANNULMENT OR DIVORCE

Under Virginia law (Virginia Code §20-111.1), a revocable beneficiary designation in a policy owned by one spouse that names the other spouse as beneficiary becomes void upon the entry of a decree of annulment or divorce, and the death benefit prevented from passing to a former spouse will be paid as if the former spouse had predeceased the decedent. In the event of annulment or divorce proceedings, and if it is the intent of the parties that the beneficiary designation of the former spouse is to continue, you are advised to make certain that one of the following courses of action is taken prior to the entry of a decree of annulment or divorce: (i) change the beneficiary designation to make it irrevocable; (ii) change the ownership of the policy or contract; (iii) execute a separate written agreement stating the intention of both parties that the beneficiary designation is to remain in effect beyond the date of entry of the decree of annulment or divorce; or (iv) make certain that the decree of annulment or divorce contains a provision stating that the beneficiary designation is not to be revoked pursuant to §20-111.1.

## NOTICE OF CHANGE

In The Certificate Booklet Issued to Employees of:

**Arlington Public Schools** 

This Notice is a summary of changes that have been made to your Booklet. These changes are effective on July 1, 2018. Keep this Notice with your Booklet.

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## AMENDMENT

to be attached to and made a part of the Certificate for Group Plan No. GF3-830-510066-01 issued by

#### LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON (Liberty)

to

Arlington Public Schools (Sponsor)

Effective date of this Amendment: July 1, 2018

The attached pages reflect the following revisions: Revised the Elimination Period in Section 1

Arlington Public Schools December 1, 2012

## **DISCLAIMER**

Sponsor: Arlington Public Schools

Policy Number(s): GF3-830-510066-01

Date Provided: April 30, 2019

The following certificate(s) are a true copy of the certificate(s) issued under the policy(ies).

## LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON

## **Arlington Public Schools**

## CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

Liberty Life Assurance Company of Boston welcomes your employer as a client.

Sponsor: Arlington Public Schools

Plan Number: GF3-830-510066-01

Effective Date: December 1, 2012

When this plan refers to "you" or "your" it means the Employee insured under this plan. This is your Disability Income certificate of coverage as long as you are eligible for insurance and remain insured.

A few words about this certificate of coverage...

It is written in plain English. A few terms and provisions are written as required by insurance law. **PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY**. If you have any questions about any terms and provisions, please contact the Insurance Administrator at your work location or write to Liberty. Liberty will assist you in any way we can to help you understand your benefits.

Also, if the terms of your certificate of coverage and the policy differ, the policy will govern. Your coverage may be terminated or modified in whole or in part under the terms and provisions of the policy.

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## **SECTION 1 - SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

#### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE BENEFITS

#### What is the Minimum Hourly Requirement?

Employees working a minimum of 15 regularly scheduled hours per week

#### Who is Eligible for Long Term Disability Benefits?

- Class 1: All eligible regular Employees enrolled in the Core Plan
- Class 2: All eligible regular Employees enrolled in the Buy-up Plan
- **Note:** Temporary and seasonal Employees and Employees who are not United States citizens or legal residents working in the United States are not covered under this policy.

#### What is the Eligibility Waiting Period?

- 1. If you are employed by the Sponsor on the policy effective date None
- 2. If you begin employment for the Sponsor after the policy effective date None

#### Are Employee Contributions Required?

Applicable to Class 1

No

Applicable to Class 2

Yes

## SECTION 1 - SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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#### LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE

#### What is the Elimination Period?

The later of 30 days or the exhaustion of sick leave, if applicable

#### What is the Amount of Insurance Benefits?

Applicable to Class 1:

60.00% of Basic Monthly Earnings not to exceed a Maximum Monthly Benefit of \$11,250.00 less Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings as outlined in Section 4.

#### Applicable to Class 2:

70.00% of Basic Monthly Earnings not to exceed a Maximum Monthly Benefit of \$13,125.00 less Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings as outlined in Section 4.

What is the Maximum Basic Monthly Earnings on which the \$18,750.00 Benefit is Based?

#### What is the Own Occupation Duration?

24 Month Own Occupation

# **SECTION 1 - SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

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## LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### What is the Minimum Monthly Benefit?

The Minimum Monthly Benefit is \$100.00 or 10.00% of your Gross Monthly Benefit, whichever is greater.

#### What is the Maximum Benefit Period?

Age at Disability	Maximum Benefit Period	
Less than age 60	To age 65 (but not less than 5 years)	
60	60 months	
61	48 months	
62	42 months	
63	36 months	
64	30 months	
65	24 months	
66	21 months	
67	18 months	
68	15 months	
69 and over	12 months	

In this section Liberty defines some basic terms needed to understand this plan.

"Active Employment" means you must be actively at work for the Sponsor:

- 1. on a full-time or part-time basis and paid regular earnings;
- 2. for at least the minimum number of hours shown in the Schedule of Benefits; and either perform such work:
  - a. at the Sponsor's usual place of business; or
  - b. at a location to which the Sponsor's business requires you to travel.

You will be considered actively at work if you were actually at work on the day immediately preceding:

- 1. a weekend (except where one or both of these days are scheduled work days);
- 2. holidays (except when the holiday is a scheduled work day);
- 3. paid vacations;
- 4. any non-scheduled work day;
- 5. an excused leave of absence (except medical leave for your own disabling condition and lay-off); and
- 6. an emergency leave of absence (except emergency medical leave for your own disabling condition).

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"Any Occupation" means any occupation that you are or become reasonably fitted by training, education, experience, age, physical and mental capacity.

"Appropriate Available Treatment" means care or services which are:

- 1. generally acknowledged by Physicians to cure, correct, limit, treat or manage the disabling condition;
- 2. accessible within your geographical region;
- 3. provided by a Physician who is licensed and qualified in a discipline suitable to treat the disabling Injury or Sickness;
- 4. in accordance with generally accepted medical standards of practice.

**"Basic Monthly Earnings"** means the Covered Person's monthly rate of earnings, including shift differential pay, from the Sponsor in effect immediately prior to the date Disability or Partial Disability begins. However, such earnings will not include bonuses, commissions, overtime pay and extra compensation.

**"Consumer Price Index**" means the government publication "The Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers" provided monthly by the U.S. Department of Labor, or its successor or in the event of no successor a similar Index of comparable purpose chosen by Liberty.

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#### "Disability" or "Disabled" means:

1. For persons other than pilots, co-pilots, and crewmembers of an aircraft:

i. that during the Elimination Period and the next 24 months of Disability you, as a result of Injury or Sickness, are unable to perform the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Occupation; and

ii. thereafter, you are unable to perform, with reasonable continuity, the Material and Substantial Duties of Any Occupation.

2. With respect to Covered Persons employed as pilots, co-pilots and crewmembers of an aircraft:

as of a result of Injury or Sickness you are unable to perform the Material and Substantial Duties of Any Occupation.

#### "Disability Benefits under a Retirement Plan" means money which:

- 1. is payable under a Retirement Plan due to Disability as defined in that plan; and
- 2. does not reduce the amount of money which would have been paid as retirement benefits at the normal retirement age under the plan if the Disability had not occurred. (If the payment does cause such a reduction, it will be deemed a Retirement Benefit as defined in this plan.)

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"Eligibility Date" means the date you become eligible for insurance under this plan. The Eligibility Requirements are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

"Eligible Survivor" means your spouse, if living, otherwise your children under age 25.

"Eligibility Waiting Period" means the continuous length of time you must be in Active Employment in an eligible class to reach your Eligibility Date.

"Elimination Period" means a period of consecutive days of Disability or Partial Disability for which no benefit is payable. The Elimination Period is shown in the Schedule of Benefits and begins on the first day of Disability.

If you return to work for any 30 or fewer days during the Elimination Period and cannot continue, Liberty will count only those days you are Disabled or Partially Disabled to satisfy the Elimination Period.

"Employee" means a person in Active Employment with the Sponsor.

**"Enrollment Form**" is the document completed by the Covered Person, if required, when enrolling for coverage. This form must be satisfactory to Liberty.

"Evidence of Insurability" means a statement of proof of an Employee's medical history upon which acceptance for insurance will be determined by Liberty.

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**"Extended Treatment Plan"** means continued care that is consistent with the American Psychiatric Association's standard principles of Treatment, and is in lieu of confinement in a Hospital or Institution. It must be approved in writing by a Physician.

**"Family and Medical Leave"** means a leave of absence for the birth, adoption or foster care of a child, or for the care of your child, spouse or parent or for your own serious health condition as those terms are defined by the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) and any amendments, or by applicable state law.

**"Gross Monthly Benefit"** means your Monthly Benefit before any reduction for Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings.

**"Hospital"** or **"Institution"** means a facility licensed to provide Treatment for the condition causing your Disability.

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"Initial Enrollment Period" means one of the following periods during which you may first enroll for coverage under this plan:

- 1. if you are eligible for insurance on the plan effective date, a period before the plan effective date set by the Sponsor and Liberty.
- 2. if you become eligible for insurance after the plan effective date, the period which ends 31 days after your Eligibility Date.

**"Injury**" means bodily impairment resulting directly from an accident and independently of all other causes. For the purpose of determining benefits under this plan:

- 1. any Disability which begins more than 60 days after an Injury will be considered a Sickness; and
- 2. any Injury which occurs before you are covered under this plan, but which accounts for a medical condition that arises while you are covered under this plan will be treated as a Sickness.

"Last Monthly Benefit" means the gross Monthly Benefit payable to you prior to your death without any reduction for earnings received from employment.

"Material and Substantial Duties" means responsibilities that are normally required to perform your Own Occupation, or any other occupation, and cannot be reasonably eliminated or modified.

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"**Mental Illness**" means a psychiatric or psychological condition classified as such in the most current edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) regardless of the underlying cause of the Mental Illness. If the DSM is discontinued, Liberty will use the replacement chosen or published by the American Psychiatric Association.

**"Monthly Benefit"** means the monthly amount payable by Liberty to you if you are Disabled or Partially Disabled.

**"Own Occupation"** means your occupation that you were performing when your Disability or Partial Disability began. For the purposes of determining Disability under this plan, Liberty will consider your occupation as it is normally performed in the national economy.

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"Partial Disability" or "Partially Disabled" means you, as a result of Injury or Sickness, are able to:

- 1. perform one or more, but not all, of the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Occupation or Any Occupation on an Active Employment or a part-time basis; or
- 2. perform all of the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Occupation or Any Occupation on a part-time basis; and
- 3. earn between 20.00% and 80.00% of your Basic Monthly Earnings.

"**Physician**" means a person who:

- 1. is licensed to practice medicine and is practicing within the terms of his license; or
- 2. is a licensed practitioner of the healing arts in a category specifically favored under the health insurance laws of the state where the Treatment is received and is practicing within the terms of his license.

It does not include you or any family member or domestic partner.

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**"Proof**" means the evidence in support of a claim for benefits and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- 1. a claim form completed and signed (or otherwise formally submitted) by you claiming benefits;
- 2. an attending Physician's statement completed and signed (or otherwise formally submitted) by your attending Physician; and
- 3. the provision by the attending Physician of standard diagnosis, chart notes, lab findings, test results, x-rays and/or other forms of objective medical evidence in support of a claim for benefits.

Proof must be submitted in a form or format satisfactory to Liberty.

**"Regular Attendance"** means your personal visits to a Physician which are medically necessary according to generally accepted medical standards to effectively manage and treat your Disability or Partial Disability.

"Retirement Benefit under a Retirement Plan" means money which:

- 1. is payable under a Retirement Plan either in a lump sum or in the form of periodic payments;
- 2. does not represent contributions made by you (payments which represent your contributions are deemed to be received over your expected remaining life regardless of when such payments are actually received); and
- 3. is payable upon:
  - a. early or normal retirement; or
  - b. Disability, if the payment does reduce the amount of money which would have been paid under the plan at the normal retirement age.

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**"Retirement Plan"** means a plan which provides retirement benefits to you and which is not funded wholly by your contributions. The term shall not include a profit-sharing plan, informal salary continuation plan, registered retirement savings plan, stock ownership plan, 401(K) or a non-qualified plan of deferred compensation.

"Schedule of Benefits" means the section of this policy which shows, among other things, the Eligibility Requirements, Eligibility Waiting Period, Elimination Period, Amount of Insurance, Minimum Benefit, and Maximum Benefit Period.

"Sickness" means illness, disease, pregnancy or complications of pregnancy.

"Sponsor" means the entity to whom this policy is issued.

"Sponsor's Retirement Plan" is deemed to include any Retirement Plan:

- 1. which is part of any Federal, State, Municipal or Association retirement system; or
- 2. for which you are eligible as a result of employment with the Sponsor.

"Substance Abuse" means alcohol and/or drug abuse, addiction or dependency.

"**Treatment**" means consulting, receiving care or services provided by or under the direction of a Physician including diagnostic measures, being prescribed drugs and/or medicines, whether you choose to take them or not, and taking drugs and/or medicines.

## **SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES**

#### Who is Eligible for Benefits?

The eligibility requirements for insurance benefits are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### What is Your Eligibility Date for Insurance Benefits?

If you are in an eligible class you will qualify for insurance on the later of:

- 1. this plan's effective date; or
- 2. the day after you complete the Eligibility Waiting Period shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### What Happens During the Initial Enrollment Period?

You may enroll in any one coverage or coverage option shown in the Schedule of Benefits. If you do not choose any coverage or coverage option, enrollment will default to the Core Plan. If your Initial Enrollment Period takes place during or after the Annual Enrollment Period, but before the plan anniversary, your coverage option will apply for (a) the rest of the plan year in which you first become eligible; and (b) the next plan year.

#### What is Your Effective Date of Insurance?

Your insurance will be effective at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time in the governing jurisdiction on the day determined as follows, but only if your application or enrollment for insurance is made with Liberty through the Sponsor in a form or format satisfactory to Liberty.

- 1. For Coverage Applied for During Initial Enrollment Periods:
  - a. you will be insured for non-contributory coverage on your Eligibility Date.
  - b. you will be insured for contributory coverage on the date you make application for insurance if you enroll on or before the 31st day after your Eligibility Date; or

Applicable to Long Term Disability Class 1:

c. if you do not enroll for contributory coverage on or before the 31st day after your Eligibility Date, or you terminated your insurance while continuing to be eligible you must submit an application to Liberty for approval, at your expense. You will be insured on the date Liberty gives its approval.

Applicable to Long Term Disability Class 2:

c. if you do not enroll for contributory coverage on or before the 31st day after your Eligibility Date, or you terminated your insurance while continuing to be eligible you must submit an application and Evidence of Insurability to Liberty for approval, at your expense. You will be insured on the date Liberty gives its approval.

#### What is Your Effective Date of Insurance? (Continued)

#### When will Your Effective Date for Insurance be Delayed?

Your effective date of any initial, increased or additional insurance will be delayed if you are not in Active Employment because of Injury or Sickness. The initial, increased or additional insurance will begin on the date you return to Active Employment.

#### What Happens to Your Coverage During a Family and Medical Leave?

Your coverage may be continued under this plan for an approved family or medical leave of absence for up to 12 weeks following the date coverage would have terminated, subject to the following:

- 1. the authorized leave is in writing;
- 2. the required premium is paid;
- 3. your benefit level, or the amount of earnings upon which your benefit may be based, will be that in effect on the date before the leave begins; and
- 4. continuation of coverage will cease immediately if any one of the following events should occur:
  - a. you return to work;
  - b. this plan terminates;

  - c. you are no longer in an eligible class;d. nonpayment of premium when due by the Sponsor or you;
  - e. your employment terminates.

#### Leave of Absence

The Sponsor may continue your coverage(s) by paying the required premiums, if you are given a leave of absence.

Your coverage will not continue beyond the end of the policy month following the policy month in which the leave of absence begins. In continuing such coverage under this provision, the Sponsor agrees to treat all covered Employees equally.

#### What Happens if There is a Transfer of Insurance Carriers?

In order to prevent loss of coverage for you because of transfer of insurance carriers, this plan will provide coverage for you as follows:

#### If You are not in Active Employment Due to Injury or Sickness

Subject to premium payments, this plan will cover you if:

- 1. at the time of transfer you were covered under the prior carrier's plan; and
- 2. you are not in Active Employment due to Injury or Sickness on the effective date of this plan.

Benefits will be determined based on the lesser of:

- 1. the amount of the Disability benefit that would have been payable under the prior plan and subject to any applicable plan limitations; or
- 2. the amount of Disability benefits payable under this plan. If benefits are payable under the prior plan for the Disability, no benefits are payable under this plan.

#### If You are Disabled Due to a Pre-Existing Condition

If you were insured under the prior carrier's plan at the time of transfer and were in Active Employment and insured under this plan on its effective date, benefits may be payable for a Disability due to a Pre-Existing Condition.

If you can satisfy this plan's Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion, the benefit will be determined according to this plan.

If you cannot satisfy this plan's Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion, then:

- 1. Liberty will apply the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion of the prior carrier's plan; and
- 2. if you would have satisfied the prior carrier's pre-existing condition exclusion, giving consideration towards continuous time coverage under this plan and the prior carrier's plan, the benefit will be determined according to this plan. However, the Maximum Monthly Benefit amount payable under this plan shall not exceed the maximum monthly benefit payable under the prior carrier's plan.

No benefit will be paid if you cannot satisfy the Pre-Existing Condition Exclusions of either plan.

## **SECTION 4 - DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS**

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE

#### **Disability Benefit**

#### When is Your Disability Benefit Payable?

When Liberty receives Proof that you are Disabled due to Injury or Sickness and require the Regular Attendance of a Physician, Liberty will pay you a Monthly Benefit after the end of the Elimination Period, subject to any other provisions of this plan. The benefit will be paid for the period of Disability if you give to Liberty Proof of continued:

- 1. Disability;
- 2. Regular Attendance of a Physician; and
- 3. Appropriate Available Treatment.

The Proof must be given upon Liberty's request and at your expense. In determining whether you are Disabled, Liberty will not consider employment factors including, but not limited to, interpersonal conflict in the workplace, recession, job obsolescence, paycuts, job sharing and loss of a professional or occupational license or certification.

For purposes of determining Disability, the Injury must occur and Disability must begin while you are insured for this coverage.

The Monthly Benefit will not:

- 1. exceed your Amount of Insurance; or
- 2. be paid for longer than the Maximum Benefit Period.

The Amount of Insurance and the Maximum Benefit Period are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### Amount of Disability Monthly Benefit

To figure the amount of your Monthly Benefit:

- 1. Take the lesser of:
  - a. your Basic Monthly Earnings multiplied by the benefit percentage shown in the Schedule of Benefits; or
  - b. the Maximum Monthly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Benefits; and then
- 2. Deduct Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings, (shown in the Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings provision of this policy), from this amount.

The Monthly Benefit payable will not be less than the Minimum Monthly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Benefits. However, if an overpayment is due to Liberty, the Minimum Monthly Benefit otherwise payable under this provision will be applied toward satisfying the overpayment.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### Partial Disability

#### When is Your Partial Disability Benefit Payable?

When Liberty receives Proof that you are Partially Disabled and have experienced a loss of earnings due to Injury or Sickness and require the Regular Attendance of a Physician, you may be eligible to receive a Monthly Benefit, subject to any other provisions of this plan. To be eligible to receive Partial Disability benefits, you may be employed in your Own Occupation or another occupation, must satisfy the Elimination Period and must be earning between 20.00% and 80.00% of your Basic Monthly Earnings.

A Monthly Benefit will be paid for the period of Partial Disability if you give to Liberty Proof of continued:

- 1. Partial Disability;
- 2. Regular Attendance of a Physician; and
- 3. Appropriate Available Treatment.

The Proof must be given upon Liberty's request and at your expense. In determining whether you are Partially Disabled, Liberty will not consider employment factors including, but not limited to, interpersonal conflict in the workplace, recession, job obsolescence, paycuts, job sharing and loss of a professional or occupational license or certification.

For purposes of determining Partial Disability, the Injury must occur and Partial Disability must begin while you are insured for this coverage.

# How is Your Loss of Earnings Partial Disability Benefit Figured using the Loss of Earnings with Work Incentive Monthly Calculation?

For the first 12 Months, the work incentive benefit will be an amount equal to your Basic Monthly Earnings multiplied by the benefit percentage shown in the Schedule of Benefits, without any reductions from earnings. The work incentive benefit will only be reduced, if the Monthly Benefit payable plus any earnings exceed 100% of your Basic Monthly Earnings. If the combined total is more, the Monthly Benefit will be reduced by the excess amount so that the Monthly Benefit plus your earnings does not exceed 100% of your Basic Monthly Earnings.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### Partial Disability (Continued)

#### How is Your Loss of Earnings Partial Disability Benefit Figured using the Loss of Earnings with Work Incentive Monthly Calculation? (Continued)

Thereafter, the Monthly Benefit will be calculated as follows:

- 1. Your Basic Monthly Earnings minus your earnings received while you are Partially Disabled. This figure represents the amount of lost earnings.
- 2. Multiply the amount of lost earnings by 75%; and then
- 3. deduct Other Income Benefits (shown in the Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings provision of this plan) from this amount.

The Monthly Benefit payable will not be less than the Minimum Monthly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Benefits. However, if an overpayment is due to Liberty, the Minimum Monthly Benefit otherwise payable under this provision will be applied toward satisfying the overpayment.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### Mental Illness and/or Substance Abuse Limitation

#### What Limitations will Apply for Mental Illness and/or Substance Abuse?

The benefit for Disability due to Mental Illness and/or Substance Abuse will not exceed a combined period of 24 months of Monthly Benefit payments while you are insured under this plan.

If you are in a Hospital or Institution for Mental Illness and/or Substance Abuse at the end of the combined period of 24 months, the Monthly Benefit will be paid during the confinement.

If you are not confined in a Hospital or Institution for Mental Illness and/or Substance Abuse, but are fully participating in an Extended Treatment Plan for the condition that caused Disability, the Monthly Benefit will be payable to you for up to a combined period of 36 months.

In no event will the Monthly Benefit be payable beyond the Maximum Benefit Period shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

## LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### Three month Survivor Benefit

#### What Happens to Your Benefit if You Die?

Liberty will pay a lump sum benefit to the Eligible Survivor when Proof is received that you died:

- 1. after Disability had continued for 180 or more consecutive days; and
- 2. while receiving a Monthly Benefit.

The lump sum benefit will be an amount equal to three times your Last Monthly Benefit.

If the survivor benefit is payable to your children, payment will be made in equal shares to the children, including step children and legally adopted children. However, if any of said children are minors or incapacitated, payment will be made on their behalf to the court appointed guardian of the children's property. This payment will be valid and effective against all claims by others representing or claiming to represent the children.

If an overpayment is due to Liberty at the time of your death, the benefit payable under this provision will be applied toward satisfying the overpayment.

## LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### When is Your Cost of Living Adjustment Benefit Payable?

Liberty will pay a Cost of Living Adjustment Benefit you after you have met your Elimination Period and continue to be Disabled from an Injury or Sickness for 12 or more months.

#### When will You be Eligible for this Benefit?

You will be eligible for a Cost of Living Adjustment Benefit if you:

- 1. have been Disabled for 12 consecutive months following your Elimination Period; and
- 2. are receiving Disability benefits on December 1st.

You will continue to be eligible for additional Cost of Living Adjustment Benefits on each subsequent December 1st if you are continuously receiving Disability benefits under this plan.

#### How is Your Cost of Living Adjustment Monthly Benefit Figured?

To figure the amount of your Cost of Living Adjustment Benefit:

- 1. multiply your net monthly Disability benefit by the lesser of the change in CPI or 3.00%; and
- 2. add the amount determined above to your net monthly Disability benefit.

The Cost of Living Adjustment Benefit is not subject to the Maximum Monthly Benefit as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

The Cost of Living Adjustment Benefit will cease to be payable on the earliest of:

- 1. the date you cease to be Disabled;
- 2. the date you die; or
- 3. the end of the Maximum Benefit Period.

#### What is Your Cost of Living Adjustment Net Monthly Benefit?

The net Monthly Benefit means the amount determined by reducing your amount of Monthly Benefit by Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings stated in this plan. For the purpose of calculating adjustments, the net Monthly Benefit will include any prior years' Cost of Living Adjustments.

#### LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### Workplace Modification Benefit

#### When is Your Workplace Modification Benefit Payable?

If you are Disabled or Partially Disabled and receiving a benefit from Liberty, a benefit may be payable to the Sponsor as part of your benefit for modifications to the workplace to accommodate your return to work or to assist you in remaining at work.

Liberty will reimburse the Sponsor for up to 100% of reasonable costs the Sponsor incurs for the modification, up to the greater of:

- 1. \$2,000.00; or
- 2. the equivalent of 2 months of your Monthly Benefit.

To qualify for this benefit:

- 1. the Disability or Partial Disability must prevent you from performing some or all of the Material and Substantial Duties of your occupation; and
- 2. any proposed modifications must be approved in writing and signed by you, the Sponsor and Liberty; and
- 3. the Sponsor must agree to make the modifications to the workplace to reasonably accommodate your return to work or to assist you in remaining at work.

The Sponsor's costs for the approved modifications will be reimbursed after:

- 1. the proposed modifications have been made; and
- 2. written proof of the expenses incurred by the Sponsor has been provided to Liberty; and
- 3. Liberty has received proof that you have returned to and/or remain at work.

# LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### **Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings**

#### What are Your Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings?

#### Other Income Benefits means:

- 1. The amount for which you are eligible under:
  - a. Workers' or Workmen's Compensation Laws;
  - b. Occupational Disease Law;
  - c. Title 46, United States Code Section 688 (The Jones Act);
  - d. Railroad Retirement Act;
  - e. any governmental compulsory benefit act or law; or
  - f. any other act or law of like intent.
- 2. The amount of any Disability benefits which you are eligible to receive under:
  - a. any other group insurance plan of the Sponsor;
  - b. any governmental retirement system as a result of your employment with the Sponsor.
- 3. The amount of benefits you receive under the Sponsor's Retirement Plan as follows:
  - a. the amount of any Disability Benefits under a Retirement Plan, or Retirement Benefits under a Retirement Plan you voluntarily elect to receive as retirement payment under the Sponsor's Retirement Plan; and
  - b. the amount you receive as retirement payments when you reach the later of age 62, or normal retirement age as defined in the Sponsor's plan.
- 4. The amount of Disability and/or Retirement Benefits under the United States Social Security Act, the Canada Pension Plan, the Quebec Pension Plan, or any similar plan or act, which:
  - a. you receive or are eligible to receive; and
  - b. your spouse, child or children receive or are eligible to receive because of your Disability; or
  - c. your spouse, child or children receive or are eligible to receive because of your eligibility for retirement benefits.
- 5. Any amount you receive from any unemployment benefits.

# LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings (Continued)

## What are Your Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings? (Continued)

Other Income Earnings means:

- 1. the amount of earnings you earn or receive from any form of employment including severance; and
- 2. any amount you receive from any formal or informal sick leave or salary continuation plan(s).

Other Income Benefits, except retirement benefits, must be payable as a result of the same Disability for which Liberty pays a benefit. The sum of Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings will be deducted in accordance with the provisions of this policy.

# LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

## **Estimation of Benefits**

#### How will Your Benefits be Estimated?

Liberty will reduce your Disability or Partial Disability benefits by the amount of Other Income Benefits that we estimate are payable to you and your dependents.

Your Disability benefit will not be reduced by the estimated amount of Other Income Benefits if you:

- 1. provide satisfactory proof of application for Other Income Benefits;
- 2. sign a reimbursement agreement under which, in part, you agree to repay Liberty for any overpayment resulting from the award or receipt of Other Income Benefits;
- 3. if applicable, provide satisfactory proof that all appeals for Other Income Benefits have been made on a timely basis to the highest administrative level unless Liberty determines that further appeals are not likely to succeed; and
- 4. if applicable, submit satisfactory proof that Other Income Benefits have been denied at the highest administrative level unless Liberty determines that further appeals are not likely to succeed.

Liberty will not estimate or reduce for any benefits under the Sponsor's pension or retirement benefit plan according to applicable law, until you actually receive them.

In the event that Liberty overestimates the amount payable to you from any plans referred to in the Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings provision of this plan, Liberty will reimburse you for such amount upon receipt of written proof of the amount of Other Income Benefits awarded (whether by compromise, settlement, award or judgement) or denied (after appeal through the highest administrative level).

#### When May Liberty Provide Social Security Assistance?

Liberty may help you in applying for Social Security Disability Income Benefits. In order to be eligible for assistance you must be receiving a Monthly Benefit from Liberty. Such assistance will be provided only if Liberty determines that assistance would be beneficial.

# LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

#### What Happens if You Receive a Lump Sum Payment?

Other Income Benefits from a compromise, settlement, award or judgement which are paid to you in a lump sum and are meant to compensate you for any one or more of the following:

- 1. loss of past or future wages;
- 2. impaired earnings capacity;
- 3. lessened ability to compete in the open labor market;
- 4. any degree of permanent impairment; and
- 5. any degree of loss of bodily function or capacity;

will be prorated on a monthly basis as follows:

- 1. over the period of time such benefits would have been paid if not in a lump sum; or
- 2. if such period of time cannot be determined, the lesser of:
  - a. the remainder of the Maximum Benefit Period; or
  - b. 5 years.

#### What Happens if You Receive any Cost of Living Increases?

After the first deduction for each of the Other Income Benefits, the Monthly Benefit will not be further reduced due to any cost of living increases payable under the Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings provision of this plan. This provision does not apply to increases received from any form of employment.

#### What Happens if Your Benefit Period is Less than a Month?

For any period for which a Long Term Disability benefit is payable that does not extend through a full month, the benefit will be paid on a prorated basis. The rate will be 1/30th for each day for such period of Disability.

#### When will Your Long Term Disability Benefits be Discontinued?

The Monthly Benefit will cease on the earliest of:

- 1. the date you fail to provide Proof of continued Disability or Partial Disability and Regular Attendance of a Physician;
- 2. the date you fail to cooperate in the administration of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documents needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due;

# LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

## When will Your Long Term Disability Benefits be Discontinued? (Continued)

The Monthly Benefit will cease on the earliest of: (Continued)

- 3. the date you refuse to be examined or evaluated at reasonable intervals;
- 4. the date you refuse to receive Appropriate Available Treatment;
- 5. the date you refuse a job with the Sponsor where workplace modifications or accommodations were made to allow you to perform the Material and Substantial Duties of the job;
- 6. the date you are able to work in your Own Occupation on a part-time basis, but choose not to;
- 7. the date your current Partial Disability earnings exceed 80.00% of your Basic Monthly Earnings;

Because your current earnings may fluctuate, Liberty will average earnings over three consecutive months rather than immediately terminating your benefit once 80.00% of Basic Monthly Earnings has been exceeded.

- 8. the date you are no longer Disabled according to this plan;
- 9. the end of the Maximum Benefit Period; or
- 10. the date you die.

# LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

## **Successive Periods of Disability**

## What Happens if You Return to Work and Become Disabled Again?

With respect to this plan, **"Successive Periods of Disability**" means a Disability which is related or due to the same cause(s) as a prior Disability for which a Monthly Benefit was payable.

A Successive Period of Disability will be treated as part of the prior Disability if, after receiving Disability benefits under this plan, you:

- 1. return to your Own Occupation on an Active Employment basis for less than six continuous months; and
- 2. perform all the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Occupation.

To qualify for the Successive Periods of Disability benefit, you must experience more than a 20% loss of Basic Monthly Earnings.

Benefit payments will be subject to the terms of this plan for the prior Disability.

If you return to your Own Occupation on an Active Employment basis for six continuous months or more, the Successive Period of Disability will be treated as a new period of Disability. You must complete another Elimination Period.

If you become eligible for coverage under any other group long term disability coverage, this Successive Periods of Disability provision will cease to apply to you.

# **SECTION 5 - EXCLUSIONS**

## GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

#### What Disabilities are Not Covered?

This plan will not cover any Disability due to:

- 1. war, declared or undeclared, or any act of war;
- 2. intentionally self-inflicted injuries, while sane or insane;
- 3. active Participation in a Riot;
- 4. the committing of or attempting to commit a felony or misdemeanor;
- 5. cosmetic surgery unless such surgery is in connection with an Injury or Sickness sustained while you are covered under this plan; or
- 6. a gender change, including, but not limited to, any operation, drug therapy or any other procedure related to a gender change.

No benefit will be payable during any period of incarceration.

With respect to this provision, **Participation** shall include promoting, inciting, conspiring to promote or incite, aiding, abetting, and all forms of taking part in, but shall not include actions taken in defense of public or private property, or actions taken in your defense, if such actions of defense are not taken against persons seeking to maintain or restore law and order including, but not limited to police officers and fire fighters.

With respect to this provision, **Riot** shall include all forms of public violence, disorder or disturbance of the public peace, by three or more persons assembled together, whether or not acting with a common intent and whether or not damage to persons or property or unlawful act or acts is the intent or the consequence of such disorder.

# SECTION 5 - EXCLUSIONS (Continued)

# LONG TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE

# **Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion(s)**

# What Other Disabilities are Not Covered?

This plan will not cover any Disability or Partial Disability:

- 1. which is caused or contributed to by, or results from, a Pre-Existing Condition; and
- 2. which begins in the first 12 months immediately after your effective date of coverage.

"**Pre-Existing Condition**" means a condition resulting from an Injury or Sickness for which you were diagnosed or received Treatment within three months prior to your effective date of coverage.

# **SECTION 6 - TERMINATION PROVISIONS**

## When will Your Insurance End?

You will cease to be insured on the earliest of the following dates:

- 1. the date this plan terminates, but without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the time of termination;
- 2. the date you are no longer in an eligible class;
- 3. the date your class is no longer included for insurance;
- 4. the last day for which any required Employee contribution has been made;
- 5. the date employment terminates. Cessation of Active Employment will be deemed termination of employment, except the insurance will be continued for an Employee absent due to Disability during:
  - a. the Elimination Period; and
  - b. any period during which premium is being waived.
- 6. the date you cease active work due to a labor dispute, including any strike, work slowdown, or lockout.

Liberty reserves the right to review and terminate all classes insured under this plan if any class(es) cease(s) to be covered.

# **SECTION 7 - GENERAL PROVISIONS**

#### Is Assignment Allowed?

No assignment of any present or future right or benefit under this policy will be allowed.

#### How will Liberty Conform With State Statutes?

Any provision of this plan which, on its effective date, is in conflict with the statutes of the governing jurisdiction of this plan is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statute.

#### What are Liberty's Examination Rights?

Liberty, at its own expense, may have the right and opportunity to have the claimant, whose Injury or Sickness is the basis of a claim, examined or evaluated at reasonable intervals deemed necessary by Liberty. This right may be used as often as reasonably required.

#### Who has the Authority for Interpretation of this Plan?

Liberty shall possess the authority, in its sole discretion, to construe the terms of this plan and to determine benefit eligibility hereunder. Liberty's decisions regarding construction of the terms of this plan and benefit eligibility shall be conclusive and binding.

#### When can this Plan be Contested?

The validity of this plan shall not be contested, except for non-payment of premiums, after it has been in force for two years from the date of issue. The validity of this plan shall not be contested on the basis of a statement made relating to insurability by you after such insurance has been in force for two years during your lifetime, and shall not be contested unless the statement is contained in a written instrument signed by you.

#### When can Legal Proceedings Begin?

A claimant or the claimant's authorized representative cannot begin any legal action:

- 1. until 60 days after Proof of claim has been given; or
- 2. more than three years after the time Proof of claim is required.

#### What Happens if Your Age is Misstated?

If your age has been misstated, an equitable adjustment will be made in the premium. If the amount of the benefit is dependent upon your age, the amount of the benefit will be the amount you would have been entitled to if your correct age were known.

A refund of premium will not be made for a period more than 12 months before the date Liberty is advised of the error.

# SECTION 7 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

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#### When Must Liberty be Notified of a Claim?

- 1. Notice of claim must be given to Liberty within 20 days of the date of the loss on which the claim is based. If that is not possible, Liberty must be notified as soon as it is reasonably possible to do so. Such notice of claim must be received in a form or format satisfactory to Liberty.
- 2. When written notice of claim is applicable and has been received by Liberty, you will be sent claim forms. If the forms are not received within 15 days after written notice of claim is sent, you can send to Liberty written Proof of claim without waiting for the forms.

#### When Must Liberty Receive Proof of Claim?

- 1. Satisfactory Proof of loss must be given to Liberty no later than 90 days after the end of the Elimination Period.
- 2. Failure to furnish such Proof within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to furnish such Proof within such time. Such Proof must be furnished as soon as reasonably possible, and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity of the claimant, later than one year from the time Proof is otherwise required.
- 3. Proof of continued loss, continued Disability or Partial Disability, when applicable, and Regular Attendance of a Physician must be given to Liberty within 30 days of the request for such Proof.

Liberty reserves the right to determine if your Proof of loss is satisfactory.

#### Who are Claims Paid To?

The benefit is payable to you. But, if a benefit is payable to your estate, or if you are a minor, or you are not competent, Liberty has the right to pay up to \$5,000 to any of your relatives or any other person whom Liberty considers entitled thereto by reason of having incurred expense for the maintenance, medical attendance or burial. If Liberty in good faith pays the benefit in such a manner, any such payment shall fulfill Liberty's responsibility for the amount paid.

#### What are Liberty's Rights of Recovery?

Liberty has the right to recover any overpayment of benefits caused by, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. fraud;
- 2. any error made by Liberty in processing a claim; or
- 3. your receipt of any Other Income Benefits.

Liberty may recover an overpayment by, but not limited to, the following:

- 1. requesting a lump sum payment of the overpaid amount;
- 2. reducing any benefits payable under this policy;
- 3. taking any appropriate collection activity available including any legal action needed; and
- 4. placing a lien, if not prohibited by law, in the amount of the overpayment on the proceeds of any Other Income Benefits, whether on a periodic or lump sum basis.

It is required that full reimbursement be made to Liberty.

# SECTION 7 - GENERAL PROVISIONS (Continued)

# How will Statements Made In Your Application Affect Your Coverage?

In the absence of fraud, all statements made in any application are considered representations and not warranties (absolute guarantees). No representation by:

- 1. the Sponsor in applying for this plan will make it void unless the representation is contained in the signed Application; or
- 2. you in enrolling for insurance under this plan will be used to reduce or deny a claim unless a copy of the Enrollment Form, signed by you if required, is or has been given to you, your beneficiary or personal representative.

#### When Must Payment of Claim be Made?

When we receive satisfactory proof of your claim, the benefit payable under this plan will be paid within 60 days of receipt of such proof. The benefit payable under this plan may be paid at least monthly, depending on the coverage for which your claim is made, during any period for which we are liable. Any balance remaining unpaid upon the termination of the period of liability will be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof.

#### How does the Policy Affect Workers' Compensation?

This plan and the coverages provided are not in lieu of, nor will they affect any requirements for coverage under any Workers' Compensation Law or other similar law.