

# Group Insurance Plan

Hanford Employee Welfare Trust



## NOTICE

**Benefits paid under the Accelerated Benefits provision will reduce the Death Benefit payable for life insurance.**

**Benefits payable under the Accelerated Benefits provision may be taxable. If so, the Employee or the Employee's beneficiary may incur a tax obligation. As with all tax matters, an Employee should consult with a personal tax advisor to assess the impact of this benefit. Accelerated Benefits are not payable if life insurance coverage under the Policy is not in force.**

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## **FOREWORD**

Life insurance provides individuals and their families with financial protection. The Life Insurance Benefit described in this booklet will help secure your family's financial security in the event of your death.

The need for life insurance protection depends on individual circumstances and financial situations. A portion of the cost of this coverage is provided by your Employer. You may need to contribute to the remaining cost of coverage through payroll deduction so that your benefit program is more comprehensive and responsive to your needs.

The following pages describe the main provisions of the life insurance plan available to you.

Insurance benefits described in the following pages will apply to you if your Employer has made this coverage available to you at no cost or you have elected the benefit and authorized payroll deduction for the required premium.



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**GROUP INSURANCE  
CERTIFICATE**

We, the LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA, certify that we have issued a Group Policy, FLX-980014, to Hanford Employee Welfare Trust.

We certify that we insure all eligible persons, who are enrolled according to the terms of the Policy. Your coverage will begin and end according to the terms set forth in this certificate.

This certificate describes the benefits and basic provisions of your coverage. You should read it with care so you will understand your coverage.

This is not the insurance contract. It does not waive or alter any of the terms of the Policy. If questions arise, the Policy will govern. You may examine the Policy at the office of the Policyholder or the Administrator.

This certificate replaces any and all certificates which may have been issued to you in the past under the Policy.



Matthew G. Manders, President



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## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

**Policy Effective Date:** June 1, 2003  
**Certificate Effective Date:** June 1, 2010  
**Policy Anniversary Date:** January 1  
**Policy Number:** FLX-980014

### **Class Definition**

You are eligible for insurance if you are a member of the class defined below.

All retired Employees of the Employer who are less than age 65 and hired prior to January 1, 2004, excluding retired Employees who were United Nuclear Corp (UNC) Pre 1987 Employees.

## **LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS**

If an Insured is eligible under one Class of Eligible Employees and later becomes eligible under a different Class of Eligible Employees, changes in his or her insurance due to the class change will be effective on the date of the change in class.

### **Employee Benefits**

#### **Basic Benefit**

Option 1 - HEWT Paid: \$15,000  
    Guaranteed Issue Amount: \$15,000  
    Maximum Benefit: \$15,000

Option 2 – 50% Retiree Paid and  
50% HEWT Paid

    Guaranteed Issue Amount: The lesser of 1) 1 times Annual Base Salary in effect on the date immediately prior to retirement, rounded to the next higher \$1,000, if not already a multiple thereof or 2) \$50,000.  
    Maximum Benefit: The lesser of 1) 1 times Annual Base Salary in effect on the date immediately prior to retirement, rounded to the next higher \$1,000, if not already a multiple thereof or 2) \$50,000.

Terminal Illness Benefit: 50% of Basic Life Insurance Benefits in force on the date you are determined by the Insurance Company to be Terminally Ill.

**Dependent Benefits (Applies to Dependents of Employees who are under age 65 only)**

Voluntary Benefit

Spouse:	An amount equal to the amount in effect on the date immediately prior to retirement
Dependent Child:	An amount equal to the amount in effect on the date immediately prior to retirement
Spouse Guaranteed Issue Amount:	An amount equal to the amount in effect on the date immediately prior to retirement
Spouse Terminal Illness Benefit	50% of Basic Life Insurance Benefits in force on the date your Spouse is determined by the Insurance Company to be Terminally Ill.

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## WHO IS ELIGIBLE

### Classes of Eligible Persons

#### Employee

If you qualify under the Class Definition shown in the Schedule of Benefits, you are eligible to be insured under the Policy on the Policy Effective Date.

#### Spouse

Your Spouse is eligible to be insured on the date you are eligible or the date he or she becomes your Spouse, if later. You must be insured in order to elect spouse coverage.

For eligibility purposes, your Spouse must be a lawful Spouse and not legally separated from, divorced from, or widowed by you.

#### Dependent Child

Your Dependent Child is eligible to be insured on the date you are eligible or the date the child becomes a Dependent Child, if later.

In no event will a Dependent Child be eligible to be insured more than once under the Policy.

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## WHEN COVERAGE BEGINS

You, your Spouse and Dependent Children will be insured for an amount not to exceed the Guaranteed Issue Amount on the date you become eligible, if you are not required to contribute to the cost of this insurance.

If you are required to contribute to the cost of this insurance, you may elect insurance for yourself, your Spouse and Dependent Children only by authorizing payroll deduction in a form approved by the Employer and us. The effective date of this insurance depends on the date and amount of insurance elected.

If you elect coverage within 31 days after you become eligible to enroll or increase coverage, the Guaranteed Issue Amount will be effective on the latest of the following dates:

1. The Policy Effective Date.
2. The date you authorize payroll deduction for this insurance.
3. The date the Employer or Insurance Company receives the completed enrollment request.

If we receive your enrollment request more than 31 days after you become eligible to elect coverage, insurance is effective on the date we agree in writing to provide this coverage. We will require an eligible person to satisfy the Insurability Requirement before we agree to insure him or her.

If coverage for a Dependent Child is in force and you acquire another Dependent Child, coverage for that child is effective on the date he or she qualifies as a Dependent Child.

If your Spouse or Dependent Children are not in Active Service on the date insurance would otherwise go into effect, it will be effective on the date your Spouse or Dependent Children return to Active Service.

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## WHEN COVERAGE ENDS

Coverage will end on the earliest of the following dates:

1. the date you are eligible for coverage under a plan intended to replace this coverage;
2. the date we terminate the Policy;
3. the date you, your Spouse or Dependent Children are no longer in an eligible class;
4. the date coinciding with the end of the last period for which required premiums are paid;
5. the date you are no longer in Active Service;
6. for an Employee, Spouse or Dependent Child, the date the Employer cancels participation under the Policy; and
7. the date your coverage ends, for any insured Spouse or Dependent Child.

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## WHAT IS COVERED

### LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

#### **Death Benefit**

If an Insured dies, we will pay the Life Insurance Benefit in force for that Insured on the date of his or her death.

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#### **Accelerated Benefits**

Any benefits payable under this Accelerated Benefits provision will reduce the Death Benefit payable for Life Insurance. Any automatic increases in Life Insurance Benefits will end when benefits are payable under this provision.

#### ***Terminal Illness Benefit***

We will pay a Terminal Illness Benefit if we determine you or your Spouse are Terminally Ill. The amount of this benefit is 50% of the Life Insurance Benefit in effect for you or your Spouse on the date we determine you are Terminally Ill up to the Maximum Benefit Amount shown in your Schedule of Benefits for this option. The Terminal Illness Benefit is payable only once in an Insured's lifetime.

#### ***Determination of Terminal Illness***

For the purpose of determining the existence of a Terminal Illness, we will require you to submit the following proof.

1. A written diagnosis and prognosis by two Physicians licensed to practice in the United States.
2. Supportive evidence satisfactory to us, including but not limited to radiological, histological or laboratory reports documenting the Terminal Illness.

We may require, at our expense, you to be examined and a review of the documented evidence by a Physician of our choice.

"Terminal Illness" means a person is diagnosed by a Physician to have a prognosis of 24 months or less to live.

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#### **Conversion Privilege for Life Insurance**

If coverage ends for any reason except non-payment of premium, any Insured may apply for a conversion policy of life insurance.

The conversion insurance may be a type of life insurance currently being offered for conversion by us at your age and in the amount requested. It may not be term insurance and it may not be for an amount greater than the Life Insurance Benefits in force under the Policy. Conversion life insurance will not provide accident, disability or other benefits.

However, if coverage ends because the Policy is terminated or amended to terminate any class of Insureds, or the Employer cancels participation under the Policy, coverage cannot be converted unless you have been insured under the Policy for at least 3 years. In this case, the amount of conversion insurance will be the lesser of Life Insurance Benefit in force under the Policy or \$10,000.

To apply for conversion insurance, you must submit an application to us and pay the required premium within 31 days after coverage under the Policy ends. Evidence of insurability is not required. Premium for the conversion insurance will be based on your age and class of risk and the type and amount of coverage issued.

Conversion insurance will become effective on the 31st day after the date coverage under the Policy ends, if your application is received by us and the required premium is paid on that date.

If you die during the 31 day conversion period, the Death Benefit will be paid under the Policy regardless of whether you applied for conversion insurance. If a conversion policy is issued, it will be in exchange for any benefits payable for that type and amount of insurance under the Policy.

#### *Extension of Conversion Period*

If you are eligible for conversion insurance and are not notified of this right at least 15 days prior to the end of the 31 day conversion period, the conversion period will be extended. You will have 15 days from the date notice is given to apply for conversion insurance. In no event will the conversion period be extended beyond 90 days. Notice, for the purpose of this section, means written notice presented to you by your Employer or mailed to your last known address as reported by your Employer.

If you die during the extended conversion period, but more than 31 days after your coverage under the Policy terminates, Life Insurance Benefits will not be paid under the Policy. If your application for conversion insurance is received by us and the required premium is paid, Life Insurance Benefits will be payable under the conversion insurance.

#### *Prior Conversion Limitation*

If you are covered under a life insurance conversion policy previously issued by us under the Policy, you will not be eligible to exercise this Conversion Privilege unless the prior coverage has ended. This does not apply to any amount of insurance that was previously converted under the Policy due to a reduction in your Life Insurance Benefits based on age or a change in class.

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### **LIFE INSURANCE EXCLUSIONS**

If an Insured commits suicide, while sane or insane, within 2 years from the date the Insured's insurance under the Policy becomes effective, Voluntary Life Insurance Benefits will be limited to a refund of the premiums paid on the Insured's behalf. The suicide exclusion applies from the effective date of any additional benefits or increases in Life Insurance Benefits.

Except for any amount of benefits in excess of the Prior Plan's benefits, this exclusion will not apply to any person covered under the Prior Plan for more than two years. If a person was not insured for two years under the Prior Plan, credit will be given for the time he or she was insured.

If a Dependent Child commits suicide and is survived by other Dependent Children covered under the same certificate, no refund of premiums will be paid.

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## **CLAIM PROVISIONS**

### **Notice of Claim**

Written notice of claim, or notice by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, must be given to us within 31 days after a covered loss occurs or begins or as soon as reasonably possible. If written notice, or notice by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, is not given in that time, the claim will not be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. Notice can be given at our home office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania or to our agent. Notice should include the Employer's name, the Policy Number and the claimant's name and address.

Written notice, or any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, of a diagnosis of a Terminal Illness on which claim is based must be given to us within 60 days after the diagnosis. If notice is not given in that time, the claim will not be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that written notice, or any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, was given as soon as reasonably possible.

### **Claim Forms**

When we receive notice of claim, we will send claim forms for filing proof of loss. If we do not send claim forms within 15 days after notice is received by us, the proof requirements may be met by submitting, within the time required under the "Proof of Loss" section, written proof, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, of the nature and extent of the loss.

### **Claimant Cooperation Provision**

If you fail to cooperate with us in our administration of your claim, we may terminate 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.

### **Insurance Data**

The Employer is required to cooperate with us in the review of claims and applications for coverage. Any information we provide to the Employer in these areas is confidential and may not be used or released by the Employer if not permitted by applicable laws.

### **Proof of Loss**

You must provide written proof of loss to us, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, within 90 days after the date of the loss for which a claim is made. If written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, is not given in that 90 day period, the claim will not be invalidated nor reduced if it is shown that it was given as soon as was reasonably possible. In any case, written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, must be given not more than one year after the 90 day period. If written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, is provided outside of these time limits, the claim will be denied. These time limits will not apply due to lack of legal capacity.

Written proof, or any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, of loss for Accelerated Benefits must be furnished 90 days after the date of diagnosis. This proof must describe the occurrence, character and diagnosis for which claim is made.

In case of claim for any other loss, proof must be furnished within 90 days after the date of such loss.

If it is not reasonably possible to submit proof of loss within these time periods, we will not deny or reduce any claim if proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible. Proof must, in any case, be furnished not more than a year later, except for lack of legal capacity.

**Time of Payment**

Benefits due under the Policy for a loss, other than a loss for which the Policy provides installment payments, will be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof of such loss.

Subject to the receipt of satisfactory written proof of loss, all accrued benefits for loss for which the Policy provides installment payments will be paid monthly; any balance remaining unpaid upon the termination of liability will be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof, unless otherwise stated in the Description of Benefits.

**To Whom Payable**

Death Benefits will be paid to the Insured's named beneficiary, if any, on file at the time of payment or to the certificate owner if alive. If there is no named beneficiary or surviving beneficiary, Death Benefits will be paid to the first surviving class of the following living relatives: spouse; child or children; mother or father; brothers or sisters; or to the executors or administrators of the Insured's estate. We may reduce the amount payable by any indebtedness due.

All benefits payable under the Accelerated Benefits section are payable to the Insured, if living. If the Insured dies prior to the payment of an eligible claim for an Accelerated Benefit, benefits will be paid in accordance with the provisions applicable to the payment of Life Insurance proceeds, unless the Insured has directed us otherwise in writing. However, any payment made by us prior to notice of the Insured's death shall discharge us of any benefit that was paid.

All other benefits unless otherwise stated in the Policy, will be payable to the Insured or the certificate owner if other than the Insured.

Any other accrued benefits which are unpaid at your death may, at our option, be paid either to your beneficiary or to the executor or administrator of your estate.

If we pay benefits to the executor or administrator of your estate or to a person who is incapable of giving a valid release, we may pay up to \$1,000 to a relative by blood or marriage whom we believe is equitably entitled. This good faith payment satisfies our legal duty to the extent of that payment.

**Change of Beneficiary**

You may change your beneficiary at any time by giving written notice to the Employer or to us. The beneficiary's consent is not required for this or any other change which you may make unless your designation of beneficiary is irrevocable.

No change in beneficiary will take effect until the request is received by the Employer or us. When this request is received, it will take effect as of the date of the request. If you die before the request is received, we will not be liable for any payment that was made before receipt of the request.

**Physical Examination and Autopsy**

We may, at our expense, exercise the right to examine any person for whom a claim is pending as often as we may reasonably require. Also, we may, at our expense, require an autopsy unless prohibited by law.

**Legal Actions**

No action at law or in equity may be brought to recover benefits under the Policy less than 60 days after written proof of loss, or proof by any other electronic/telephonic means authorized by us, has been furnished as required by the Policy. No such action shall be brought more than 3 years after the time satisfactory proof of loss is required to be furnished.

**Time Limitations**

If any time limit stated in the Policy for giving notice of claim or proof of loss, or for bringing any action at law or in equity, is less than that permitted by the law of the state in which you live when the Policy is issued, then the time limit provided in the Policy is extended to agree with the minimum permitted by the law of that state.

**Physician/Patient Relationship**

You have the right to choose any Physician who is practicing legally. We will in no way disturb the Physician/patient relationship.

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**ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS****Premiums**

The premiums for this Policy will be based on the rates currently in force, the plan and the amount of insurance in effect.

If an Insured's coverage amount is reduced due to acceleration of a Death Benefit, premium will be based on the amount of coverage in force on the day before the reduction took place. If the Insured's coverage amount is reduced due to his or her attained age, premium will be based on the amount of coverage in force on the day after the reduction took place.

**Your Grace Period**

If your required premium is not paid on the Premium Due Date, there is a 31 day grace period after each premium due date after the first. If the required premium is not paid during the grace period, insurance will end on the last day for which premium was paid.

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**GENERAL PROVISIONS****Incontestability**

All statements made by the Employer or by an Insured are representations not warranties. No statement will be used to deny or reduce benefits or be used as a defense to a claim, unless a copy of the instrument containing the statement has been furnished to the claimant. In the event of death or legal incapacity, the beneficiary or representative must receive the copy.

After two years from an Insured's effective date of insurance, or from the effective date of any added or increased benefits, no such statement will cause insurance to be contested.

**Misstatement of Age**

If an Insured's age has been misstated, we will adjust all benefits to the amounts that would have been purchased for the correct age.

**Workers' Compensation Insurance**

The Policy is not in lieu of and does not affect any requirements for insurance under any Workers' Compensation Insurance Law.

### **Assignment of Benefits**

We will not be affected by the assignment of your certificate until the original assignment or a certified copy of the assignment is filed with us. We will not be responsible for the validity or sufficiency of an assignment. An assignment of benefits will operate so long as the assignment remains in force provided insurance under the Policy is in effect. This insurance may not be levied on, attached, garnisheed, or otherwise taken for a person's debts. This prohibition does not apply where contrary to law.

### **Clerical Error**

A person's insurance will not be affected by error or delay in keeping records of insurance under the Policy. If such an error is found, the premium will be adjusted fairly.

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## **DEFINITIONS**

Please note, certain words used in this document have specific meanings. These terms will be capitalized throughout this document. The definition of any word, if not defined in the text where it is used, may be found either in this Definitions section or in the Schedule of Benefits.

### **Active Service**

A person other than an Employee is considered in Active Service if he or she is able to perform all the activities another person of the same age and sex could normally perform and is not any of the following:

1. A patient in a hospital or hospice, or receiving outpatient care for chemotherapy or radiation therapy.
2. Confined at home under the care of a Physician for sickness or injury.
3. Unable to perform any of the Activities of Daily Living expected of a person of the same age without human supervision or assistance. The Activities of Daily Living are defined as follows:
  - a) Mobility - moving from one place to another by means of walking, with or without equipment, or using a wheelchair.
  - b) Dressing - putting on and taking off all necessary items of clothing including braces and artificial limbs if they are usually worn.
  - c) Toileting - cleansing self after elimination and adjusting clothing before and after using the toilet.
  - d) Transferring - moving in or out of a bed, chair or other seat, with or without equipment.
  - e) Feeding - getting food into the body, by any means, after it has been prepared and made available to the person.
4. Receiving disability benefits from any source due to his or her sickness or injury.

### **Dependent Child**

Your unmarried child if he or she meets the following requirements:

1. A child 15 days of age but less than 23 years old;
2. A child who is 23 or more years old, primarily supported by you and incapable of self-sustaining employment by reason of mental or physical handicap. Proof of the child's condition and dependence must be submitted to us within 31 days after the date the child ceases to qualify as a Dependent for the reasons listed above. During the next two years, we may, from time to time, require proof of the continuation of such condition and dependence. After that, we may require proof no more than once a year.

The term "child" means a child born to or legally adopted by you. It includes a child during any waiting period prior to the finalization of the child's adoption. It also means a stepchild living with you.

**Employee**

For eligibility purposes, you are an Employee if you work for the Employer and are in one of the "Classes of Eligible Employees." Otherwise, you are an Employee if you are an employee of the Employer who is insured under the Policy. The term includes a retired Employee who satisfies the Class Definition shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**Employer**

The Policyholder and any affiliates or subsidiaries covered under the Policy. The Employer is acting as an agent of the Insured for transactions relating to this insurance. The actions of the Employer shall not be considered the actions of the Insurance Company.

**Insurance Company**

The Insurance Company underwriting the Policy is named on your certificate cover page. References to the Insurance Company have been changed to "we", "our", "ours", and "us" throughout the certificate.

**Insured**

You are an Insured if you are eligible for insurance under the Policy, insurance is elected for you, the required premium is paid and your coverage is in force under the Policy.

**Physician**

Physician means a licensed doctor practicing within the scope of his or her license and rendering care and treatment to an Insured that is appropriate for the condition and locality. The term does not include you, your spouse, your immediate family (including parents, children, siblings, or spouses of any of the foregoing, whether the relationship derives from blood or marriage), or a person living in your household.

**Prior Plan**

The Prior Plan refers to the plan of insurance providing similar benefits to you, sponsored by the Employer and in effect directly prior to the Policy Effective Date.

**Spouse**

Your current lawful spouse.

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**AMENDATORY RIDER  
COVERAGE FOR REGISTERED DOMESTIC PARTNERS  
(APPLICABLE TO POLICIES ISSUED IN WASHINGTON STATE)**

Policyholder: Hanford Employee Welfare Trust

Policy No. FLX-980014

Effective Date: June 1, 2010

This rider amends the Policy and Certificate to which it is attached. It is effective on the Effective Date shown above, and expires when the Policy expires. When attached to a certificate this rider expires at the same time as the certificate, unless it expires at an earlier date.

To obtain insurance for a Registered Domestic Partner, the Employee must satisfy, with respect to that Partner, the Policy conditions for becoming insured that apply to a Spouse. Coverage for that Partner will end when the Domestic Partnership is ended as described below, and when coverage for a Spouse would otherwise end.

The amount of insurance with respect to any Registered Domestic Partner is the amount that applies to Spouse as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

A Dependent Child of the Registered Domestic Partner will be covered under the Policy if the child meets the definition of Dependent Child shown in the Definitions section of the Policy, and is living with and financially dependent upon the Employee. The Dependent Child of the Registered Domestic Partner must satisfy the Policy conditions for becoming insured that apply to a Dependent Child. The amount of insurance with respect to the Dependent Child of a Registered Domestic Partner is that amount that applies to the Dependent Child as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Coverage for the Dependent Child of a Registered Domestic Partner will end when the Registered Domestic Partner's coverage ends, and when coverage for a Dependent Child would otherwise end.

Death benefits with respect to any Registered Domestic Partner, or his or her Dependent Child, payable to the beneficiary chosen by the Domestic Partner, if any; otherwise, to the Employee.

Death benefits for an Employee who is in a legally established Domestic Partnership with his or her Registered Domestic Partner will be payable to the Employee's named beneficiary, if any, on file at the time of payment. If there is no such named beneficiary or surviving beneficiary, Death Benefits will be paid to the first of the Employee's surviving class of the following: spouse or Registered Domestic Partner; child or children; mother or father; brothers or sisters; or to the executors or administrators of the Insured's estate. The Insurance Company may reduce the amount payable by any indebtedness due.

**DEFINITION**

“Registered Domestic Partner” means a person who has entered into a Domestic Partnership with the Employee registered under any state which legally recognizes Domestic Partnerships or Civil Unions, and which confers on the Employee and Domestic Partner legal rights and obligations substantially similar to lawful marriage. Such person will continue to be recognized as a Registered Domestic Partner unless and until: (1) the Domestic Partnership is dissolved under applicable law; or (2) either the Employee or the Domestic Partner marries another person.

Except for the above this rider does not change the Policy or Certificate to which it is attached.

LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matthew G. Manders". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'G'.

Matthew G. Manders, President

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
for**

**Hanford Employee Welfare Trust Life Insurance Plan**

**required by the Employee Retirement  
Income Security Act of 1974**

As a Plan participant in Hanford Employee Welfare Trust's Insurance Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protection under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

You should refer to the attached Certificate for a description of when you will become eligible under the Plan, the amount and types of benefits available to you, and the circumstances under which benefits are not available to you or may end. The Certificate, along with the following Supplemental Information, makes up the Summary Plan Description as required by ERISA.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAN**

- The Plan is established and maintained by Hanford Employee Welfare Trust, the Plan Sponsor.
- The Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 91-2017261.
- The Plan Number is 550.
- The Insurance Plan is administered directly by the Plan Administrator with benefits provided, in accordance with the provisions of the group insurance contract, FLX-980014, issued by LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.
- The Plan Administrator is:        Hanford Employee Welfare Trust  
   P.O. Box 650 H2-23  
   Richland, WA 99352

The Plan Administrator has authority to control and manage the operation and administration of the Plan.

- The Plan Sponsor may terminate, suspend, withdraw or amend the Plan, in whole or in part, at any time, subject to the applicable provisions of the Policy. (Your rights upon termination or amendment of the Plan are set forth in your Certificate.)
- The agent for service of legal process is the Hanford Employee Welfare Trust Life Insurance Plan.
- The Plan of benefits is financed by the Employer and Employees.
- The date of the end of the Plan Year is December 31.

## **WHAT YOU SHOULD DO AND EXPECT IF YOU HAVE A CLAIM**

When you are eligible to receive benefits under the Plan, you must request a claim form or obtain instructions for submitting your claim telephonically or electronically, from the Plan Administrator. All claims you submit must be on the claim form or in the electronic or telephonic format provided by the Insurance Company. You must complete your claim according to directions provided by the Insurance Company. If these forms or instructions are not available, you must provide a written statement of proof of loss. After you have completed the claim form or written statement, you must submit it to the Hanford Employee Welfare Trust Life Insurance Plan.

The Hanford Employee Welfare Trust Life Insurance Plan has appointed the Insurance Company as the named fiduciary for adjudicating claims for benefits under the Plan, and for deciding any appeals of denied claims. The Insurance Company shall have the authority, in its discretion, to interpret the terms of the Plan, to decide questions of eligibility for coverage or benefits under the Plan, and to make any related findings of fact. All decisions made by the Insurance Company shall be final and binding on Participants and Beneficiaries to the full extent permitted by law.

The Insurance Company has 45 days from the date it receives your claim for disability benefits, or 90 days from the date it receives a claim for any other benefit, to determine whether or not benefits are payable to you in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Policy. The Insurance Company may require more time to review your claim if necessary due to circumstances beyond its control. If this should happen, the Insurance Company must notify you in writing that its review period has been extended for up to two additional periods of 30 days (in the case of a claim for disability benefits), or one additional period of 90 days (in case of any other benefit). If this extension is made because you must furnish additional information, these extension periods will begin when the additional information is received. You have up to 45 days to furnish the requested information.

During the review period, the Insurance Company may require a medical examination of the Insured, at its own expense; or additional information regarding the claim. If a medical examination is required, the Insurance Company will notify you of the date and time of the examination and the physician's name and location. It is important that you keep any appointments made since rescheduling examinations will delay the claim process. If additional information is required, the Insurance Company must notify you, in writing, stating the information needed and explaining why it is needed.

If your claim is approved, you will receive the appropriate benefit from the Insurance Company.

If your claim is denied, in whole or in part, you must receive a written notice from the Insurance Company within the review period. The Insurance Company's written notice must include the following information:

1. The specific reason(s) the claim was denied.
2. Specific reference to the Policy provision(s) on which the denial was based.
3. Any additional information required for your claim to be reconsidered, and the reason this information is necessary.
4. In the case of any claim for a disability benefit, identification of any internal rule, guideline or protocol relied on in making the claim decision, and an explanation of any medically-related exclusion or limitation involved in the decision.
5. A statement informing you of your right to appeal the decision, and an explanation of the appeal procedure, including a statement of your right to bring a civil action under Section 502(a) of ERISA if your appeal is denied.

### **Appeal Procedure for Denied Claims**

Whenever a claim is denied, you have the right to appeal the decision. You (or your duly authorized representative) must make a written request for appeal to the Insurance Company within 60 days (180 days in the case of any claim for disability benefits) from the date you receive the denial. If you do not make this request within that time, you will have waived your right to appeal.

Once your request has been received by the Insurance Company, a prompt and complete review of your claim must take place. This review will give no deference to the original claim decision, and will not be made by the person who made the initial claim decision. During the review, you (or your duly authorized representative) have the right to review any documents that have a bearing on the claim, including the documents which establish and control the Plan. Any medical or vocational experts consulted by the Insurance Company will be identified. You may also submit issues and comments that you feel might affect the outcome of the review.

The Insurance Company has 60 days from the date it receives your request to review your claim and notify you of its decision (45 days, in the case of any claim for disability benefits). Under special circumstances, the Insurance Company may require more time to review your claim. If this should happen, the Insurance Company must notify you, in writing, that its review period has been extended for an additional 60 days (or 45 days, in the case of any claim for disability benefits). Once its review is complete, the Insurance Company must notify you, in writing, of the results of the review and indicate the Plan provisions upon which it based its decision.

## **YOUR RIGHTS AS SET FORTH BY ERISA**

As a participant in Hanford Employee Welfare Trust's Insurance Plan you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

### **Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits**

Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefit Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the plan's annual financial report. The plan administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

### **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for plan participants ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your plan, called "fiduciaries" of the plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other 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 welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

### **Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of 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 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.

### **Assistance with Your Questions**

If you have any questions about your 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 Employee Benefit Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefit Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefit Security Administration.

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