

YOUR
GROUP
LIFE INSURANCE
PLAN

For Employees of
State of North Carolina

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**RELIASTAR LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55440**

ReliaStar Life Insurance Company (ReliaStar Life) certifies that it has issued the Group Policy listed below to the Policyholder. All benefits are controlled by the terms and conditions of the Group Policy.

The Group Policy is on file in the Policyholder's office. You may look at the Group Policy there.

**Group Policy Number
68077-0GAT**

**Policyholder
State of North Carolina**

The Dependent's Insurance part of this certificate applies to you only if you are insured for it.

Your beneficiary is the last beneficiary you named, according to the records on file in ReliaStar Life's Home Office or on file with the Plan Administrator, if applicable. You may change your beneficiary any time, according to the terms of the Group Policy.

The certificate summarizes and explains the parts of the Group Policy which apply to you. This certificate is not an insurance policy. In any case of differences or errors, the Group Policy rules.

This certificate replaces any other certificates ReliaStar Life may have given you under the Group Policy.



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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Supplemental Life Insurance

Class	Amount of Life Insurance*
All Eligible Employees	Your choice of \$20,000 to a maximum of \$500,000 in increments of \$10,000

*Your amount of insurance will decrease to 50% on your 75th birthday.

Your age reduction will be based on your attained age as of January 1st of each year. You will not be able to increase your coverage at annual enrollment once your coverage starts reducing due to age.

Dependent Life Insurance

Class	Amount of Insurance
• Spouse	Choice of \$20,000 to a maximum of \$500,000 in increments of \$10,000. This amount cannot exceed 100% of your elected amount.
• Child (each) – Birth to 26 years	Choice of \$5,000 or \$10,000

The amount of dependent's insurance on your spouse will decrease to 50% on your 75th birthday. Your spouse's age reduction will be based on your attained age as of January 1st of each year. You will not be able to increase your spouse's coverage at annual enrollment once your spouse's coverage starts reducing due to age.

Proof of Good Health

Proof of good health is required for amounts in excess of the limits described below. Coverage is subject to the Group Policy's proof of good health requirements that are in force on the effective date of coverage. Any increase to coverage is subject to the Group Policy's proof of good health requirements that are in force on the effective date of the increase. For proof of good health, a completed Evidence of Insurability form must be submitted to ReliaStar Life for approval.

Employee-Supplemental Life Insurance	Limit without Proof
• Initial eligibility...	\$200,000
• Application at annual enrollment for employees who had no supplemental coverage...	\$20,000
• Application at annual enrollment for an increase to existing supplemental coverage by \$10,000 or \$20,000 when new coverage combined with existing supplemental coverage does not exceed...	\$200,000
• Application within 31 days of a qualified change in family status for new coverage or an increase to existing coverage when new coverage combined with existing supplemental coverage does not exceed...	\$200,000
• All other applications for new coverage more than 31 days after the date you become eligible for insurance...	None. Proof of good health is required.

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- All other applications for an increase to existing supplemental coverage... None. Proof of good health is required.

Dependent Life Insurance

Limit without Proof

- Initial eligibility for dependent coverage... \$50,000 on your spouse, and \$10,000 on your child(ren).
- Application at annual enrollment for dependent spouses who had no supplemental coverage... \$20,000 on your spouse
- Application at annual enrollment for an increase to existing dependent spouse coverage by \$10,000 or \$20,000 when new coverage combined with existing dependent coverage does not exceed... \$50,000 on your spouse
- Application at annual enrollment for an increase to existing dependent child coverage by \$5,000 when new coverage combined with existing dependent coverage does not exceed... \$10,000 on your child
- Application at annual enrollment for dependent spouse or child(ren) who had no supplemental coverage and who have not been previously denied coverage... \$20,000 on your spouse, and \$10,000 on your child(ren).
- Application within 31 days of a qualified change in family status for new dependent spouse coverage or an increase to existing dependent spouse coverage when new coverage combined with existing coverage does not exceed... \$50,000 on your spouse
- Application within 31 days of a qualified change in family status for new dependent child coverage or an increase to existing dependent child coverage when new coverage combined with existing coverage does not exceed... \$10,000 on your child
- All other applications for new dependent coverage more than 31 days after the date you become eligible for dependent's insurance... None. Proof of good health is required.
- All other applications for an increase to existing dependent coverage... None. Proof of good health is required.

Supplemental Life Insurance Continued under the Portability Option

The amount of your Supplemental Life Insurance that can be continued is limited to the lesser of the amount of your Supplemental Life Insurance on the date you elect portability or \$500,000. You may elect to continue a lesser amount based on the amounts available to active employees.

Any reductions in coverage due to age will apply to all coverage continued under the portability option.

Dependent Life Insurance Continued under the Portability Option

The amount of Dependent Life Insurance that may be continued for each dependent is limited to the lesser of the amount of your Dependent Life Insurance on the date you elect portability, or the amount of your Life

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Insurance that is continued. You must elect portability of your Supplemental Life Insurance in order to continue your Dependent Life Insurance.

Any reductions in coverage due to age will apply to all coverage continued under the portability option.

EMPLOYEE'S INSURANCE

Eligibility

You are eligible on the first day of the month following the date you start continuous service with the Policyholder.

You must meet the following conditions to become insured:

- Be eligible for the insurance.
- Be actively at work.
- Apply for the insurance, if you have to pay any part of the premium.
- Give to ReliaStar Life proof of good health, which it approves, as required on the Schedule of Benefits.

Effective Date of Employee's Insurance

Your insurance starts on the latest of the following dates:

- The first of the month following the date you become eligible.
- The first of the month following the date you return to active work if you are not actively at work on the first of the month following the date incurrence would otherwise start. **Exception:** Your insurance starts on a nonworking day if you were actively at work on your last scheduled working day before the nonworking day.
- The first of the month following the date you apply for insurance, if you have to pay any part of the premium.
- The first of the month following the date ReliaStar Life approves your proof of good health, if proof is required.

Effective Date of Change in Amount of Insurance

If there is an increase in the amount of your insurance, the increase will take effect on:

- The first day of the month on or after the date of the increase, if you are actively at work on the date of the increase.
- The date you return to active work if you are not actively at work on the first day of the month on or after the date of the increase.
- The first day of the month on or after the date of the increase, if the first day of the month is a nonworking day and you were actively at work on your last scheduled working day before the nonworking day.

If proof of good health is required, the increase will take effect on the later of the dates indicated above or the date ReliaStar Life approves your proof of good health.

The amount of your insurance decreases on the date of change in your class or earnings. If you elect to decrease your insurance, the decrease will take effect on the first day of the month on or after the date of the elected decrease.

Qualified Changes in Family Status

The following events are considered to be qualified changes in family status:

- Marriage or divorce.
- Death of your dependent.
- Birth or adoption of a child.
- Certain changes in your or your spouse's employment status (e.g., an increase or reduction in hours of employment).

Only benefit changes which are consistent with the change in family status are permitted. You must notify the Policyholder of your change in family status and complete a new enrollment form within 31 days after the qualifying event.

You may contact the Policyholder for additional details.

Termination of Insurance

Your insurance stops on the earliest of the following dates:

- For coverage not continued under the portability option, the last day of the month during which you were last actively at work for the Policyholder.

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- For coverage not continued under the portability option, the last day of the month during which you are no longer eligible for insurance under the Group Policy.
- For coverage not continued under the portability option, the last day of the month during which you retire.
- For coverage continued under the portability option, the date you attain age 70.
- The date the Policyholder replaces the Supplemental Life Insurance under this plan with a similar life insurance plan through another insurance carrier, if you are actively at work for the Policyholder on that date.
- The date the Group Policy stops.
- The end of the period for which you paid premiums, if you do not make the next required premium contribution when due.

ReliaStar Life stops providing a specific benefit to you on the date that benefit is no longer provided under the Group Policy.

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

Certain employers are subject to the FMLA. If you have a leave from active work certified by your employer, then for purposes of eligibility and termination of coverage you will be considered to be actively at work. Your coverage will remain in force so long as you continue to meet the requirements as set forth in the FMLA.

Continuation of Life Insurance

If you are no longer eligible for Life Insurance because you stop active work, the Policyholder may continue your insurance. Premiums must be paid. Your continuation of insurance is subject to all other terms of the Group Policy.

The length of time your insurance continues depends on the reason you stop active work.

Your continuation of insurance stops on the earliest of the following dates:

- The end of the period for which your premiums were paid, if the next premium contribution is not paid on time.
- The date the Group Policy stops.
- The end of the first policy month after the policy month during which you stop active work, if you stop active work due to non-medical leave of absence, temporary layoff, or the Policyholder suspending operations.
- For coverage not continued under the portability option, the date your Life Insurance has been continued for 12 months if you stop active work due to sickness or accidental injury.

Portability

Portability means you have the option to continue your Supplemental Life Insurance if certain conditions are met. You must elect portability before you reach age 70 for Supplemental Life Insurance.

To continue your insurance, you must elect portability within 31 days of the date your Supplemental Life Insurance terminates due to the following:

- You retire or terminate employment with the Policyholder, if coverage is in effect for active employees under the Group Policy; or
- The Policyholder terminates coverage for active employees under the Group Policy and does not replace it with a similar life insurance plan; or
- You are no longer eligible for insurance under the Group Policy; or
- All other continuation under the Group Policy ends.

In all cases, you must pay premiums directly to ReliaStar Life beginning on the first day of the month following the date you elect portability.

If your Supplemental Life Insurance reduces due to age or a change in employment status, this is not considered a termination of insurance. Please refer to the **Conversion Rights** section for more information about conversion following reductions in coverage.

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If you continued coverage under the portability option and then later become eligible as an active employee for Employee's Insurance under a Group Policy issued by ReliaStar Life, then your amount of coverage continued under the portability option will be reduced by your amount of insurance as an active employee.

Reinstatement

ReliaStar Life will reinstate your insurance not eligible for portability if you stop work and then return to work within 31 days. You will be eligible for insurance on the date you return to active work with the Policyholder.

DEPENDENT'S INSURANCE

Eligibility

You are eligible for Dependent's Insurance on the later of the following dates:

- The date you are eligible for Employee's Supplemental Life Insurance.
- The date you first acquire a dependent as defined.

You must meet all of the following conditions to become insured for Dependent's Insurance:

- Be insured for Employee's Supplemental Life Insurance.
- Apply for Dependent's Insurance, if you must pay any part of the premium. You must apply for all dependents you have within 31 days of the date you are initially eligible for Dependent's Insurance.
- Give ReliaStar Life proof of good health for your dependent, which it approves, as required on the Schedule of Benefits.

If you and your spouse are insured as employees under the Group Policy, either you or your spouse, but not both, can apply for Dependent's Insurance. If the spouse carrying the Dependent's Insurance stops being insured as an employee, the other spouse may become insured for Dependent's Insurance by applying within 31 days.

Effective Date of Dependent's Insurance

Your dependent's insurance starts on the latest of the following dates:

- The date you become eligible for Dependent's Insurance.
- The date your dependent is no longer confined at home or in any facility for care and treatment of sickness or accidental injury, for any dependent, other than a newborn, who is confined at home or in such facility on the date your dependent's insurance starts.
- The date ReliaStar Life approves your dependent's proof of good health, if ReliaStar Life requires proof.
- The date you apply for Dependent's Insurance, if you have to pay any part of the premium.

If you acquire a new dependent and additional premium is required, you must apply within 31 days of acquiring the new dependent. If you acquire a new dependent while insured for Dependent's Insurance, and no additional premium is required, you should complete an enrollment form.

A newborn child will be covered from the date of eligibility. A foster or adopted child will be covered from the date of placement in the home.

Effective Date of Change in Amount of Insurance

If there is an increase in the amount of your dependent's insurance, the increase will take effect on the latest of the following dates:

- The first day of the month on or after the date you are eligible to increase Dependent's Insurance.
- The date your dependent is no longer confined at home or in any facility for care and treatment of sickness or accidental injury, if your dependent is so confined on the first day of the month on or after the date of the increase.
- The date ReliaStar Life approves your dependent's proof of good health, if proof is required.

If you elect to decrease your insured dependent's insurance, the decrease will take effect on the first day of the month on or after the date of the elected decrease. All other decreases will take effect on the date of the decrease.

Termination of Insurance

Your dependent's insurance stops on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date the Dependent's Insurance part of the Group Policy stops.
- The date the Group Policy terminates.
- The end of the period for which you made your last premium contribution for Dependent's Insurance if you do not make the next required contribution when due.
- The date your insurance stops.
- The date you retire.
- The date your dependent's insurance is converted under the Conversion Right.
- The last day of the month during which your insured dependent is no longer a dependent as defined.

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- The date your Life Insurance premiums are waived under the Waiver of Life Insurance Premium Disability Benefit provision of the Group Policy.

ReliaStar Life stops providing a specific benefit under your dependent's insurance on the date that benefit is no longer provided under the Group Policy.

Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993

If your coverage remains in force due to a certified leave under the FMLA, then your dependents' coverage will also remain in force so long as you continue to meet the requirements as set forth in the FMLA.

Continuation of Insurance

Your insured dependent's insurance may be continued. Premiums must be paid. Your insured dependent's insurance stops at the end of the period for which the last premium was paid if the next premium is not paid on time. Your insured dependent's continuation is subject to all other terms of the Group Policy.

You Stop Active Work

If you stop active work and your insurance is being continued, your dependent's insurance will also be continued as shown in the Employee's Insurance part of this certificate.

Handicapped Dependent Child

If your insured dependent child is physically handicapped or mentally retarded and reaches the maximum age for Dependent's Insurance, you may continue this child's insurance as long as all required premiums are paid. You must give ReliaStar Life proof that:

- The child is handicapped and not self-supporting.
- The child became handicapped before reaching the maximum age for Dependent's Insurance.
- The child is dependent on you for support.

Proof must be given within 31 days after the date the child reaches the maximum age for insurance.

Before granting a continuation of this child's insurance, ReliaStar Life may require that a doctor examine the child. ReliaStar Life will specify the doctor and pay the fee for all exams ReliaStar Life requires. During the 2 years after the child reaches the maximum age, ReliaStar Life may ask for regular proof of the child's continued handicap. After the 2 year period, ReliaStar Life will not ask for proof, including doctor's exams, more often than once a year.

This handicapped child's continuation stops on the **earliest** of the following dates:

- The date the child becomes covered under any other group plan.
- The date the child is no longer handicapped.
- The date you do not give ReliaStar Life proof of the child's handicap when requested.
- The end of the period for which you paid premiums for this continuation, if you do not make the next required premium contribution when due.
- The date your Dependent's Insurance would otherwise stop under the Group Policy.

The Conversion Right will be available to your insured dependent child when all continuation is exhausted.

Portability

You may continue your Dependent Life Insurance if you elected portability of your Life Insurance.

If you elected portability of Dependent's Insurance and then later become eligible as an active employee for Dependent's Insurance under a Group Policy issued by ReliaStar Life, then your amount of Dependent's Insurance continued under the portability option will be reduced by your amount of Dependent's Insurance as an active employee.

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Employee's Life Insurance

ReliaStar Life pays a death benefit to your beneficiary if written proof is received that you have died while this insurance is in force. The death benefit is the amount of Life Insurance for your class shown on the Schedule of Benefits in effect on the date of your death.

ReliaStar Life pays the death benefit for all causes of death. However, for Supplemental Life Insurance, if you commit suicide, while sane or insane, within 2 years of the date your insurance starts, ReliaStar Life will refund the amount of premiums paid for your Supplemental Life Insurance under the Group Policy instead of paying a death benefit.

Beneficiary

The beneficiary is named to receive the proceeds to be paid at your death. You may name more than one beneficiary. The Policyholder cannot be the beneficiary.

You may name, add or change beneficiaries by written request as described below. You may also choose to name a beneficiary that you cannot change without his or her consent. This is an irrevocable beneficiary.

You may name, add or change beneficiaries by written request if all of the following conditions are met:

- Your coverage is in force.
- ReliaStar Life has written consent of all irrevocable beneficiaries.
- You have not assigned the ownership of your insurance. The rights of an assignee are described in the Assignment section.

All requests are subject to the approval of ReliaStar Life. A change will take effect as of the date it is signed but will not affect any payment ReliaStar Life makes or action it takes before receiving your notice.

Payment of Proceeds

ReliaStar Life pays proceeds to the beneficiary. If there is more than one beneficiary, each receives an equal share, unless you have requested otherwise, in writing. To receive proceeds, a beneficiary must be living on the earlier of the following dates:

- The date ReliaStar Life receives proof of your death.
- The tenth day after your death.

If there is no eligible beneficiary or if you did not name one, ReliaStar Life pays the proceeds in the following order:

1. Your spouse.
2. Your natural and adopted children.
3. Your parents.
4. Your estate.

The person must be living on the tenth day after your death.

Settlement Options

Settlement options are alternative ways of paying the proceeds under the Group Policy. Proceeds is the amount of each benefit ReliaStar Life pays when you die or when you receive a lump sum amount under the Accelerated Death Benefit. To find out more about settlement options, please contact the Policyholder.

Waiver of Life Insurance Premium Disability Benefit

ReliaStar Life waives your Life Insurance premium that becomes due while you are totally disabled. The premium will be waived if you satisfy certain conditions. When ReliaStar Life waives a premium, the amount of Life Insurance equals the amount that would have been provided if you had not become totally disabled. That amount will reduce or stop according to the Schedule of Benefits in effect on the date total disability begins.

When ReliaStar Life waives a premium it includes Life Insurance, Accelerated Death Benefit, and Waiver of Premium. It does not include Dependent's Insurance, or any other benefits as elected under this certificate which were effective at the time of disability.

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Conditions, Notice and Proof of Total Disability

ReliaStar Life requires written notice of claim and proof of total disability to waive your premium. All of the following conditions must also be met:

- Total disability must begin before your 60th birthday.
- You are insured for the Waiver of Life Insurance Premium Disability Benefit on the date you become totally disabled.
- You continue to be totally disabled.
- Your insurance is in force when you suffer the sickness or accidental injury causing the total disability.
- All premiums are paid up to the date the Waiver of Premium is approved by ReliaStar Life.

ReliaStar Life needs written notice of claim before it waives any premium. This notice must be received –

- while you are living,
- while you are totally disabled, and
- within one year from the date total disability begins. If you cannot give ReliaStar Life notice within one year, your claim is still valid if you show you gave ReliaStar Life notice as soon as reasonably possible.

ReliaStar Life needs proof of your total disability before any premiums can be waived. ReliaStar Life may require you to have a physical exam by a doctor it chooses. ReliaStar Life pays for that exam. ReliaStar Life can only require one exam a year after premiums have been waived for 2 full years.

When ReliaStar Life approves your proof of total disability, premiums are waived as of the date you became totally disabled. ReliaStar Life refunds, to the Policyholder, any premium paid for a period during which you were totally disabled. It is the Policyholder's responsibility to refund to you any part of the premium you paid.

Termination of Waiver of Premium

ReliaStar Life stops waiving premiums on the earliest of the following dates:

- The date you are no longer totally disabled.
- The date you do not give ReliaStar Life proof of total disability when asked.
- The date you attain age 70.

If ReliaStar Life stops waiving your premiums, your Life Insurance will stay in force only if all of the following conditions are met:

- The Life Insurance under the Group Policy is still in force.
- You are eligible for Employee's Insurance under the Group Policy.
- Your premium payments are resumed.

The amount of Life Insurance that stays in force will be the amount shown on the Schedule of Benefits in effect on the date your premium payments are resumed.

You will not be eligible to continue insurance under the portability option when ReliaStar Life stops waiving your premiums.

If you buy an individual policy under the Conversion Right of the Group Policy during the first year of your total disability, your Life Insurance may be restored. ReliaStar Life will cancel the individual policy as of its issue date if within 12 months of the date you become totally disabled you –

- file a claim under this provision and ReliaStar Life approves it, and
- surrender the individual policy without claim, except for refund of premium.

When ReliaStar Life cancels your individual policy, ReliaStar Life –

- refunds all premiums paid for the individual policy.
- restores your Life Insurance under the Group Policy.
- retains the beneficiary named under the individual policy as beneficiary under the Group Policy, unless you ask ReliaStar Life to change the beneficiary in writing.

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Dependent's Life Insurance

ReliaStar Life pays a death benefit in the amount of the Dependent's Life Insurance shown on the Schedule of Benefits. ReliaStar Life pays according to the Schedule of Benefits in effect on the date your insured dependent dies.

ReliaStar Life pays the death benefit for all causes of death. However, for Dependent Life Insurance, if your insured dependent, while sane or insane, commits suicide within 2 years from the date his or her coverage starts, ReliaStar Life will refund the amount of premiums already paid for Dependent Life Insurance instead of paying a death benefit.

ReliaStar Life requires that proof of your insured dependent's death be mailed to ReliaStar Life at its Home Office.

ReliaStar Life pays benefits for your insured dependent's death to you, if you are living on the earlier of the following:

- The date ReliaStar Life receives proof of your insured dependent's death at its Home Office.
- The tenth day after your insured dependent's death.

If you are not living on either of these dates, ReliaStar Life pays the proceeds to the following in the order listed:

1. Your spouse, if living.
2. Your estate.

CONVERSION RIGHTS

Life Insurance

You or your insured dependent may convert this insurance to an individual life insurance policy if any part of your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance under the Group Policy stops. Proof of good health is not required.

Conditions for Conversion

You or your insured dependent may convert this Life Insurance if it stops for any of the following reasons:

- For coverage not continued under the portability option, you are no longer actively at work.
- For coverage not continued under the portability option, you are no longer eligible for Employee's Insurance under the Group Policy.
- For coverage continued under the portability option, you have reached the maximum age limit under the Group Policy.
- The Group Policy is changed or cancelled, and your Life Insurance under the Group Policy has been in effect for at least 5 years in a row.
- For your Life Insurance –
 - the amount of Life Insurance is reduced.
 - the premium is no longer being waived under the Waiver of Life Insurance Premium Disability Benefit, and your group Life Insurance stops.
- For your dependent's Life Insurance –
 - your dependent's Life Insurance stops.
 - your dependent is no longer a dependent as defined.
 - your dependent's Life Insurance shown on the Schedule of Benefits is reduced.
 - your Life Insurance premiums are waived because of total disability.
 - if you become divorced, your insured spouse may convert.
 - you die.

You or your insured dependent may convert this insurance by applying and paying the first premium for an individual policy within 31 days after any part of your or your insured dependent's insurance stops.

ReliaStar Life or the Policyholder must be notified. ReliaStar Life will supply you or your insured dependent with a conversion form to complete and return.

If your insured dependent is too young to contract for life insurance, the following people may apply in this order:

1. You, while living.
2. Your spouse, while living.
3. The court-appointed guardian of your insured dependent.

Type of Converted Policy

You or your insured dependent may purchase any individual nonparticipating policy offered by ReliaStar Life, except term insurance. The new policy must provide for a level amount of insurance and have premiums at least equal to those of ReliaStar Life's whole life plan with the lowest premium.

If your previous coverage included additional benefits such as disability, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance or the Accelerated Death Benefit, the new insurance will not include these benefits.

Amount of Conversion Coverage

If your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance is changed or cancelled because the Group Policy is changed or cancelled, and your Life Insurance under the Group Policy has been in effect for at least 5 years in a row, the amount of the individual policy is limited to the lesser of –

- \$10,000 or
- the amount of your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance which stops, minus the amount of other group insurance for which you or your insured dependent becomes eligible, within 31 days of the date your or your insured dependent's insurance stops.

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If your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance stops for any reason other than the above, the amount of your or your insured dependent's individual policy may be any amount up to the amount of your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance that stopped.

Effective Date

The new policy takes effect 31 days after the part of your or your insured dependent's Life Insurance being converted stops.

If you or your insured dependent dies within the 31-day period allowed for making application to convert, ReliaStar Life will pay a death benefit to your or your insured dependent's beneficiary in the amount you or your insured dependent were entitled to convert. ReliaStar Life will pay the amount whether or not application was made. ReliaStar Life will return any premium paid for the individual policy to your or your insured dependent's beneficiary named under the Group Policy.

Premiums

Premiums for the new policy are based on your or your insured dependent's age on the date of conversion.

CLAIM PROCEDURES

Submitting a Claim

You, your insured dependent or someone on your behalf must send ReliaStar Life written notice of the loss on which your claim will be based. The notice must –

- include information to identify you or your insured dependent, like your name, address and Group Policy number.
- be sent to ReliaStar Life or to the authorized administrator.
- be sent within 91 days after the loss for which claim is based has occurred or as soon as reasonably possible.

Claim Forms

ReliaStar Life or its authorized administrator will send proof of loss claim forms within 15 days after ReliaStar Life receives notice of claim.

Completed proof of loss claim forms or other written proof of loss detailing how the loss occurred must be sent to ReliaStar Life within 91 days after the loss or as soon as reasonably possible.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Life Insurance Assignment

You can change the owner of your Life Insurance under the Group Policy by sending ReliaStar Life written notice. This change is an absolute assignment. You cannot make an absolute assignment to the Policyholder. You transfer all your rights and duties as owner to the new owner. The new owner can then make any change the Group Policy allows. A request for an absolute assignment –

- does not change the insurance or the beneficiary.
- applies only if ReliaStar Life receives your notice.
- takes effect from the date signed.
- does not affect any payment ReliaStar Life makes or action ReliaStar Life takes before receiving your notice.

A collateral assignment is not allowed.

ReliaStar Life assumes no responsibility for the validity of any assignment. You are responsible to see that the assignment is legal in your state and that it accomplishes the goals that you intend.

Legal Action

Legal action may not be taken to receive benefits until 60 days after the date proof of loss is submitted according to the requirements of the Group Policy. Legal action must be taken within 3 years after the date proof of loss must be submitted.

If the Policyholder's state requires longer time limits, ReliaStar Life will comply with the state's time limits.

Incontestability

Your and your dependent's insurance has a contestable period starting with the effective date of your insurance and continuing for 2 years while you are living. During that 2 years, ReliaStar Life can contest the validity of your and your dependent's insurance because of inaccurate or false information received relating to your and your insured dependent's insurability. Only statements that are in writing and signed by you or your insured dependent can be used to contest the insurance.

DEFINITIONS

Active Work, Actively at Work – the employee is physically present at his or her customary place of employment with the intent and ability of working the scheduled hours and doing the normal duties of his or her job on that day.

Child –

- your natural or adopted child.
- a child for whom you have legal obligation for purposes of adoption.
- a child who is primarily dependent on you for support and lives with you in a permanent parent-child relationship, and who is your stepchild, your foster child, or a child for whom you are a legal guardian.

Dependent –

- your lawful spouse.
- your unmarried from birth but less than 26 years of age.

The term “dependent” does not include –

- a married child.
- a spouse or child living outside the United States.
- a spouse or child eligible for Employee's Insurance under the Group Policy.
- a spouse or child on active military duty.
- a parent of you or your spouse.
- a spouse or child who does not give proof of good health when requested, or whose proof is not approved.

Employee – an active State agency or university employee working 20 or more hours per week in a permanent, probationary or time limited position.

Group Policy – the written group insurance contract between ReliaStar Life and the Policyholder.

Nonworking Day – a day on which the employee is not regularly scheduled to work, including time off for the following:

- Vacations.
- Personal holidays.
- Weekends and holidays.
- Approved nonmedical leave of absence.
- Paid Time Off for nonmedical-related absences.

Nonworking day does not include time off for any of the following:

- Medical leave of absence. Time off for a medical leave of absence will be considered a scheduled working day.
- Temporary layoff.
- The Policyholder suspending its operations, in part or total.
- Strike.

Policyholder – State of North Carolina

ReliaStar Life – ReliaStar Life Insurance Company, at its Home Office in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Total Disability, Totally Disabled – your inability, due to sickness or accidental injury, to work at or perform the material and substantial duties of any job suited to your education, training or experience.

Written, In Writing – signed, dated and received at ReliaStar Life's Home Office in a form ReliaStar Life accepts.

You, Your – an employee insured for Employee's Insurance under the Group Policy.

