

## State Notices

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES:** There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions described in the group insurance certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your coverage. State-specific requirements that may apply to your coverage are summarized below. In addition, updated state-specific requirements are published on our website. You may access the website at <https://www.thehartford.com/>. If you are unable to access this website, want to receive a printed copy of these requirements, or have any questions or complaints regarding any of these requirements or any aspect of your coverage, please contact your Employee Benefits Manager; or you may contact us or one of our contracted administrators as follows:

**The insurance carrier for the policy is:**

**The Hartford  
Group Benefits Division,  
Customer Service  
P.O. Box 2999  
Hartford, CT 06104-2999  
1-800-523-2233**

**The Claims Administrator for the policy is:**

**WebTPA  
P.O. Box 99906  
Grapevine, TX 76099  
1-866-547-4205**

If you have a complaint and contacts between you, us, your agent, or another representative have failed to produce a satisfactory solution to the problem, some states require we provide you with additional contact information. If your state requires such disclosure, the contact information is listed below with the other state requirements and notices.

If your policy is governed under the laws of Maryland, any of the benefits, provisions or terms that apply to the state you reside in as shown below will apply only to the extent that such state requirements are more beneficial to you.

### **Alaska:**

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.
2. The **Spouse** definition will always include domestic partners, civil unions, and any other legal union recognized by state law.

### **Arizona:**

1. **NOTICE:** The Certificate may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read the Certificate carefully.

### **Arkansas:**

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**  
Arkansas Insurance Department  
Consumer Services Division  
1200 West Third Street  
Little Rock, AR 72201-1904  
Toll Free: 1(800) 852-5494  
Local: 1(501) 371-2640

### **California:**

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section does not apply to You. The following requirement applies to You:

#### **Eligibility Determination**

We, and not Your Employer or plan administrator, have the responsibility to fairly, thoroughly, objectively and timely investigate, evaluate and determine the Covered Person's eligibility for benefits for any claim the Covered Person or the Covered Person's estate make on the Policy. We will:

- (a) obtain with the Covered Person's cooperation and authorization if required by law, only such information that is necessary to evaluate his/her claim and decide whether to accept or deny his/her claim for benefits. We may obtain this information from the Covered Person's Notice of Claim, submitted proofs of loss, statements, or other materials provided by the Covered Person or others on the Covered Person's behalf; or, at Our expense. We may obtain necessary information, or have the Covered Person

physically examined when and as often as We may reasonably require while the claim is pending. In addition, and at the Covered Person's option and at his/her expense, the Covered Person may provide Us and We will consider any other information, including but not limited to, reports from a Physician or other expert of the Covered Person's choice. The Covered Person should provide Us with all information that he/she want Us to consider regarding his/her claim;

- (b) as a part of Our routine operations, We will apply the terms of the Policy for making decisions, including decisions on eligibility, receipt of benefits and claims, or explaining policies, procedures and processes;
- (c) if We approve the Covered Person's claim, We will review Our decision to approve his/her claim for benefits as often as is reasonably necessary to determine his/her continued eligibility for benefits;
- (d) if We deny the Covered Person's claim, We will explain in writing to the Covered Person the basis for an adverse determination in accordance with the Policy as described in the provision entitled Claim Denial.

In the event We deny the Covered Person's claim for benefits, in whole or in part, he/she can appeal the decision to Us. If the Covered Person chooses to appeal Our decision, the process he/she must follow is set forth in the Policy provision entitled **Claim Appeal**. If the Covered Person does not appeal the decision to Us, then the decision will be Our final decision.

2. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**

State of California Insurance Department  
Consumer Communications Bureau  
300 South Spring Street, South Tower  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
Toll Free: 1(800) 927-HELP  
TDD Number: 1(800) 482-4833  
Web Address: [www.insurance.ca.gov](http://www.insurance.ca.gov)

**Colorado:**

- 1. Reference to fraud in the **Statements** provision, located in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.
- 2. The **Spouse** definition also includes any individual who is a partner to a civil union, a registered domestic partnership, or other relationship allowed by state law.

**Florida:**

- 1. **NOTICE:** The benefits of the Policy providing your coverage are governed primarily by the laws of a state other than Florida; unless the Policy issue state is Florida. Please contact Your Employer with any questions. The preceding does not apply if the policy was issued in the state of Florida.

**Idaho:**

- 1. **Questions and Complaints:**  
Idaho Department of Insurance  
Consumer Affairs  
700 W. State Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
PO Box 83720  
Boise, ID 83720-0043  
Toll Free: 1(800) 721-3272  
Web Address: [www.DOI.Idaho.gov](http://www.DOI.Idaho.gov)

**Illinois:**

- 1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.
- 2. **For Your Questions and Complaints**  
Illinois Department of Insurance  
Consumer Services Station  
Springfield, IL 62767  
Consumer Assistance: 1(866) 445-5364  
Officer of Consumer Health Insurance: 1(877) 527-9431
- 3. In accordance with Illinois law, insurers are required to provide the following **NOTICE** to applicants of insurance policies issued in Illinois.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS**  
**The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act**  
**Effective June 1, 2011**

The Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act (“the Act”) creates a legal relationship between two persons of the same or opposite sex who form a civil union. The Act provides that the parties to a civil union are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded or recognized by the laws of Illinois to spouses. The law further provides that a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms “spouse,” “family,” “immediate family,” “dependent,” “next of kin,” and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships as those terms are used throughout Illinois law. This includes the terms “marriage” or “married,” or variations thereon. Insurance policies are required to provide identical benefits and protections to both civil unions and marriages. If policies of insurance provide coverage for children, the children of civil unions must also be provided coverage. The Act also requires recognition of civil unions or same sex civil unions or marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions.

For more information regarding the Act, refer to 750 ILCS 75/1 *et seq.* Examples of the interaction between the Act and existing law can be found in the Illinois Insurance Facts, Civil Unions and Insurance.

#### Indiana:

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**

**Public Information/Market Conduct**

**Indiana Department of Insurance**

311 W. Washington St. Suite 300

Indianapolis, IN 46204-2787

1(317) 232-2395

2. The term CONTRACT is replaced with CERTIFICATE in Medicare Supplement **NOTICE** found on the first page of the Certificate.

#### Kansas:

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section, does not apply to you. The following requirement applies to you:

**Policy Interpretation:** Pursuant to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (ERISA), Your Employer has delegated to Us the fiduciary responsibility to determine eligibility for benefits and to construe and interpret all terms and provisions of The Policy. Therefore, We are fiduciary for The Policy and We have the continuing duty to act prudently and in the interest of You, Your beneficiaries and the other plan participants. If You have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, then You may file suit in state or federal court for a review of Your eligibility or entitlement to benefits under The Policy. This provision only applies where the interpretation of The Policy is governed by ERISA.

#### Louisiana:

1. The **Reinstatement after Military Service** provision, if not shown in the **Continuation Provisions** section, applies to you:

**Reinstatement after Military Service:** If:

(a) Your coverage terminates because You enter active military service; and

(b) You are rehired within 12 months of the date You return from active military service

then coverage for You may be reinstated, provided You request such reinstatement within 30 days of the date You return to work.

The reinstated coverage will:

(a) be the same coverage amounts in force on the date coverage terminated; and

(b) not be subject to any Waiting Period for Coverage; and

(c) be subject to all the terms and provisions of the Policy.

#### Maine:

1. **NOTICE:** The laws of the State of Maine require notification of the right to designate a third party to receive notice of cancellation, to change such a designation and, to have the Policy reinstated if the insured suffers from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity and the ground for cancellation was the insured's nonpayment of premium or other lapse or default on the part of the insured.

Within 10 days after a request by an insured, a Third Party Notice Request Form shall be mailed or personally delivered to the insured.

**Michigan:**

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.

**Minnesota:**

1. **Notice of Claim**, as shown in the **Claim Provisions** section, should be sent to:  
WebTPA, Inc.  
P.O. Box 99906  
Grapevine, TX 76099.
2. Payment of claim will occur immediately after Our receipt of due written Proof of Loss, regardless of what is stated in the **Time of Payment of Claims**, located in the **Claim Provisions** section of the certificate.

**Missouri:**

1. The term CONTRACT is replaced with CERTIFICATE in the Medicare Supplement **NOTICE** found on the first page of the Certificate.

**New Hampshire:**

1. Reference to fraud in the **Statements** provision located in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.
2. If it is not reasonably possible to give proof during the time period referenced in the **Proof of Loss** provision, located in the **Claim Provisions** section, then proof must be provided as soon as reasonably possible.
3. Coverage terminates at age 26 for Dependent Child(ren) who are not handicapped or disabled.
4. The time period stated for legal action to start in the **Legal Actions** provision shown in the **General Provisions** section can not be less than 3 years after the time **Proof of Loss** is required to be given.

**New Mexico:**

1. Coverage terminates at age 26 for Dependent Child(ren) who are not handicapped or disabled.

**New York:**

1. **NOTICE:** The insurance evidenced by this certificate provides ACCIDENT insurance only. It does NOT provide basic hospital, basic medical or major medical insurance as defined by the New York State Department of Financial Services.

IMPORTANT NOTICE — THIS POLICY DOES NOT PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR SICKNESS

**North Carolina:**

1. **Notice of Claim**, as shown in the **Claim Provisions** section, should be sent to:  
WebTPA, Inc.  
P.O. Box 99906  
Grapevine, TX 76099.
2. Payment of claim will occur immediately after Our receipt of due written Proof of Loss, regardless of what is stated in the **Time of Payment of Claims**, located in the **Claim Provisions** section of the certificate.
3. **Proof of Loss**, as shown in the **Claim Provisions** section, must be provided within 180 days from the date of loss.
4. Reference to fraud in **Time Limit on Certain Defenses** provision, located in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.

**Oregon:**

1. We cannot require that You prove that Your child was born in wedlock, living with You, or claimed as a dependent on Your or Your Spouse's tax return in order for Your child be eligible for Dependent coverage, as shown in the **Definitions** section.
2. The **Spouse** definition will always include domestic partners, civil unions, and any other arrangement allowable by state law.

**Rhode Island:**

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section, is not applicable.
2. The following continuation requirement applies to you:  
Family Military Leave of Absence: If Your spouse or child enters active full-time military service outside of the continental United States, Hawaii, Puerto Rico or Alaska, and You:
  - a) have been employed with the same employer for at least two years; and
  - b) have completed 1,250 hours of service during a 12 month period immediately prior to the date Military Leave of Absence would begin; and

- c) have exhausted all the other time made available to You by Your Employer except sick time and short term disability;  
then Your coverage may be continued for up to 30 days. If the leave ends prior to the agreed upon date, this continuation will cease immediately.

To elect a Family Military Leave of Absence, You must notify Your Employer at least 14 days prior to the date the leave would begin if the leave would consist of five or more consecutive work days. For a leave of less than five days, the Employee should give notice as soon as reasonable possible.

**South Dakota:**

1. The definition of **Physician** will include a Family Member if such person is the only doctor in the area acting within the scope of practice.

**Texas:**

1. The **Policy Interpretation** provision, if shown in the **General Provisions** section of the Certificate, is not applicable.

**2. IMPORTANT NOTICE**

To obtain information or make a complaint:

You may call The Hartford's toll-free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at:

1-800-523-2233

You may also write to The Hartford at:

P.O. Box 2999  
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights, or complaints at:

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 490-1007

Web: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

E-mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

**PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:**

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim, you should contact the agent or the company first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

**ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:**

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

**AVISO IMPORTANTE**

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja:

Usted puede llamar al número de teléfono gratuito de The Hartford's para obtener información o para presentar una queja al:

1-800-523-2233

Usted también puede escribir a The Hartford:

P.O. Box 2999  
Hartford, CT 06104-2999

Usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información sobre compañías, coberturas, derechos, o quejas al:

1-800-252-3439

Usted puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas a:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 490-1007

Web: [www.tdi.texas.gov](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

E-mail: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

**DISPUTAS POR PRIMAS DE SEGUROS O RECLAMACIONES:**

Si tiene una disputa relacionada con su prima de seguro o con una reclamación, usted debe comunicarse con el agente o la compañía primero. Si la disputa no es resuelta, usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

**ADJUNTE ESTE AVISO A SU PÓLIZA:**

Este aviso es solamente para propósitos informativos y no se convierte en parte o en condición del documento adjunto.

**Virginia:**

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**

Life and Health Division  
Bureau of Insurance  
P.O. Box 1157  
Richmond, VA 23209  
1(804) 371-9741 (inside Virginia)  
1(800) 552-7945 (outside Virginia)

**Washington:**

1. **Accident Benefits** and **Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits** or covered expenses incurred because of an accidental injury shall be paid if the covered death occurs, or the covered services are incurred, within one year of the accident.

**Wisconsin:**

1. **For Your Questions and Complaints:**

To request a Complaint Form:  
Office of the Commissioner of Insurance  
Complaints Department  
P.O. Box 7873  
Madison, WI 53707-7873  
1(800) 236-8517 (outside of Madison)  
1(608) 266-0103 (in Madison)