

**Group Accident  
Insurance Certificate**

Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy  
(AURA) – NOAO/Gemini

**Life Insurance Company of North America**  
**1601 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19192-2235**  
**A Stock Insurance Company**

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**GROUP ACCIDENT CERTIFICATE**

**THIS CERTIFICATE PROVIDES LIMITED COVERAGE.  
PLEASE READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.**

We, the Life Insurance Company of North America, have issued a Group Policy, OK 964961 to Trustee of the Group Insurance Trust for Employers in the Retail Trade Industry.

We certify that we insure all eligible persons who are enrolled according to the terms of the Group Policy. Your coverage will begin according to the terms set forth in the *Eligibility and Effective Date* provision.

This Certificate describes the benefits and basic provisions of your coverage. It is not the insurance contract and does not waive or alter any terms of the Policy. If questions arise, the Policy language will govern. You may examine the Policy at the office of the Subscriber.

This Certificate replaces all prior Certificates issued to you under the Group Policy.



Matthew G. Manders, President

**THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED UNDER AN ACCIDENT ONLY POLICY. IT DOES NOT PAY  
BENEFITS FOR LOSS CAUSED BY SICKNESS.**

Notice: This certificate of insurance may not provide all benefits and protections provided by law in Arizona. Please read this certificate carefully.

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## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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*This Certificate is intended to be read in its entirety. In order to understand all the conditions, exclusions and limitations applicable to its benefits, please read all the provisions carefully.*

**The Schedule of Benefits provides a brief outline of your coverage and benefits. Please read the Description of Coverages and Benefits Section for full details.**

**Subscriber:** Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA) – NOAO/Gemini

**Effective Date of Subscriber Participation:** January 1, 2010

**Certificate Effective Date:** January 1, 2012

**Covered Class:** Class 1 - All active, full-time Employees regularly working a minimum of 40 hours per week, excluding Gemini Employees.

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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**This Schedule of Benefits shows maximums, benefit periods and any limitations applicable to benefits provided for each Covered Person unless otherwise indicated. Principal Sum, when referred to in this Schedule, means the Employee's Principal Sum in effect on the date of the Covered Accident causing the Covered Injury or Covered Loss unless otherwise specified.**

### Eligibility Waiting Period

The Eligibility Waiting Period is the period of time the Employee must be in a Covered Class to be eligible for coverage.

For Employees hired on or before the Policy Effective Date:	The first of the month following or coincident with date of hire.
For Employees hired after the Policy Effective Date:	The first of the month following or coincident with date of hire.

### Time Period for Loss:

Any Covered Loss must occur within:	365 days of the Covered Accident
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**Maximum Age for Insurance:** None

## BASIC ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS

Employee Principal Sum:	1 times Annual Compensation rounded to the higher \$1,000, if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a maximum of \$250,000.
Minimum:	\$50,000

Changes in the Covered Person's amount of insurance resulting from a change in the Employee's amount of Annual Compensation take effect, subject to any Active Service requirement, on the date of the change in Annual Compensation.

**SCHEDULE OF COVERED LOSSES**

<b>Covered Loss</b>	<b>Benefit</b>
Loss of Life	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Two or More Hands or Feet	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Sight of Both Eyes	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of One Hand or One Foot and Sight in One Eye	100% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Speech and Hearing (in both ears)	100% of the Principal Sum
Quadriplegia	100% of the Principal Sum
Paraplegia	75% of the Principal Sum
Hemiplegia	50% of the Principal Sum
Uniplegia	25% of the Principal Sum
Coma	
Monthly Benefit	1% of the Principal Sum
Number of Monthly Benefits	11
Lump Sum Benefit	100% of the Principal Sum
When Payable	Beginning of the 12 <sup>th</sup> month
Loss of One Hand or Foot	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Sight in One Eye	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Speech	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Hearing (in both ears)	50% of the Principal Sum
Loss of all Four Fingers of the Same Hand	25% of the Principal Sum
Loss of Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand	25% of the Principal Sum
Loss of all the Toes of the Same Foot	20% of the Principal Sum

**Age Reductions**

A Covered Person's Principal Sum will be reduced to the percentage of his Principal Sum in effect on the date preceding the first reduction, as shown below.

<b>Age</b>	<b>Percentage of Benefit Amount</b>
75 but less than 80	65%
80 or over	50%

**ADDITIONAL ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGES**

Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits are provided under the following coverages. Any benefits payable under them are as shown in the *Schedule of Covered Losses* and are not paid in addition to any other Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits.

**EXPOSURE AND DISAPPEARANCE COVERAGE** provides the Principal Sum multiplied by the percentage applicable to the Covered Loss, as shown in the *Schedule of Covered Losses*.

**ADDITIONAL ACCIDENT BENEFITS**

Any benefits payable under these *Additional Accident Benefits* shown below are paid in addition to any other Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits payable.

**SEATBELT AND AIRBAG BENEFIT**

Seatbelt Benefit	25% of the Principal Sum subject to a Maximum Benefit of \$25,000
Airbag Benefit	10% of the Principal Sum subject to a Maximum Benefit of \$10,000
Default Benefit	\$1,000

**SPECIAL EDUCATION BENEFIT**

Surviving Dependent Child Benefit	5% of the Principal Sum subject to a Maximum Benefit of \$2,500
Maximum Number of Annual Payments For Each Surviving Dependent Child	4
Default Benefit	\$1,000

**VOLUNTARY ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS**

Employee Principal Sum:	\$10,000 units
Maximum:	the lesser of 7 times Annual Compensation or \$500,000
Spouse Principal Sum:	\$10,000 units
Maximum:	\$250,000

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**CHILD CARE CENTER BENEFIT**

Benefit Amount	3% of the Employee's Principal Sum subject to a maximum of \$3,000 per year
Maximum Benefit Period	the earlier of 4 years or until the child turns 13 for each surviving Dependent Child

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Default Benefit	\$1,000

**SPOUSE RETRAINING BENEFIT**

Benefit	3% of the Principal Sum subject to a Maximum Benefit of \$3,000
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## **GENERAL DEFINITIONS**

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Please note that certain words used in this Certificate have specific meanings. The words defined below and capitalized within the text of this Certificate have the meanings set forth below.

### **Active Service**

An Employee will be considered in Active Service with the Employer on any day that is either of the following:

1. one of the Employer's scheduled work days on which the Employee is performing his regular duties on a full-time basis, either at one of the Employer's usual places of business or at some other location to which the Employer's business requires the Employee to travel;
2. a scheduled holiday, vacation day or period of Employer-approved paid leave of absence, other than sick leave, only if the Employee was in Active Service on the preceding scheduled workday.

A person other than an Employee is considered in Active Service if he is none of the following:

1. an Inpatient in a Hospital or receiving Outpatient care for chemotherapy or radiation therapy;
2. confined at home under the care of a Physician for Sickness or injury;
3. Totally Disabled.

### **Age**

A Covered Person's Age, for purposes of initial premium calculations, is his Age attained on the date coverage becomes effective for him under this Policy. Thereafter, it is his Age attained on his last birthday.

### **Aircraft**

A vehicle which:

1. has a valid certificate of airworthiness; and
2. is being flown by a pilot with a valid license to operate the Aircraft.

### **Annual Compensation**

An Employee's annual earnings for normal work established by the Subscriber for his job classification, excluding commissions, bonuses or overtime.

### **Covered Accident**

A sudden, unforeseeable, external event that results, directly and independently of all other causes, in a Covered Injury or Covered Loss and meets all of the following conditions:

1. occurs while the Covered Person is insured under this Policy;
2. is not contributed to by disease, Sickness, mental or bodily infirmity;
3. is not otherwise excluded under the terms of this Policy.

### **Covered Injury**

Any bodily harm that results directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident.

### **Covered Loss**

A loss that is all of the following:

1. the result, directly and independently of all other causes, of a Covered Accident;
2. one of the Covered Losses specified in the *Schedule of Covered Losses*;
3. suffered by the Covered Person within the applicable time period specified in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

### **Covered Person**

An eligible person, as defined in the *Schedule of Benefits*, for whom an enrollment form has been accepted by Us and required premium has been paid when due and for whom coverage under this Policy remains in force. The term Covered Person shall include, where this Policy provides coverage, an eligible Spouse.

### **Employee**

For eligibility purposes, an Employee of the Employer who is in one of the Covered Classes.



**Employer**

The Subscriber and any affiliates, subsidiaries or divisions shown in the *Schedule of Covered Affiliates* and which are covered under this Policy on the date of issue or subsequently agreed to by Us.

**He, His, Him**

Refers to any individual, male or female.

**Hospital**

An institution that meets all of the following:

1. it is licensed as a Hospital pursuant to applicable law;
2. it is primarily and continuously engaged in providing medical care and treatment to sick and injured persons;
3. it is managed under the supervision of a staff of medical doctors;
4. it provides 24-hour nursing services by or under the supervision of a graduate registered nurse (R.N.);
5. it has medical, diagnostic and treatment facilities, with major surgical facilities on its premises, or available on a prearranged basis;
6. it charges for its services.

The term Hospital does not include a clinic, facility, or unit of a Hospital for:

1. rehabilitation, convalescent, custodial, educational or nursing care;
2. the aged, drug addicts or alcoholics;
3. a Veteran's Administration Hospital or Federal Government Hospital unless the Covered Person incurs an expense.

**Inpatient**

A Covered Person who is confined for at least one full day's Hospital room and board. The requirement that a person be charged for room and board does not apply to confinement in a Veteran's Administration Hospital or Federal Government Hospital and in such case, the term 'Inpatient' shall mean a Covered Person who is required to be confined for a period of at least a full day as determined by the Hospital.

**Nurse**

A licensed graduate Registered Nurse (R.N.), a licensed practical Nurse (L.P.N.) or a licensed vocational Nurse (L.V.N.) and who is not:

1. employed or retained by the Subscriber;
2. living in the Covered Person's household; or
3. a parent, sibling, spouse or child of the Covered Person.

**Outpatient**

A Covered Person who receives treatment, services and supplies while not an Inpatient in a Hospital.

**Physician**

A licensed health care provider practicing within the scope of his license and rendering care and treatment to a Covered Person that is appropriate for the condition and locality and who is not:

1. employed or retained by the Subscriber;
2. living in the Covered Person's household;
3. a parent, sibling, spouse or child of the Covered Person.

**Prior Plan**

The plan of insurance providing similar benefits, sponsored by the Employer in effect immediately prior to this Policy's Effective Date.

**Sickness**

A physical or mental illness.

**Spouse**

The Employee's lawful spouse under age 70.

**Subscriber**

Any participating organization that subscribes to the trust to which this Policy is issued.

**Totally Disabled or Total Disability**

Totally Disabled or Total Disability means either:

1. inability of the Covered Person who is currently employed to do any type of work for which he is or may become qualified by reason of education, training or experience; or
2. inability of the Covered Person who is not currently employed to perform all of the activities of daily living including eating, transferring, dressing, toileting, bathing, and continence, without human supervision or assistance.

**We, Us, Our**

Life Insurance Company of North America.

**You, Your**

The person to whom the certificate is issued.

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## **ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATE PROVISIONS**

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### **Subscriber Effective Date**

Accident Insurance Benefits become effective for each Subscriber in consideration of the Subscriber's application, Subscription Agreement and payment of the initial premium when due. Insurance coverage for the Subscriber becomes effective on the Effective Date of Subscriber Participation.

### **Eligibility**

An Employee becomes eligible for insurance under this Policy on the date he meets all of the requirements of one of the Covered Classes and completes any Eligibility Waiting Period, as shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. A Spouse of an eligible Employee becomes eligible for any dependent insurance provided by this Policy on the later of the date the Employee becomes eligible and the date the Spouse meets the applicable definition shown in the *Definitions* section of this Policy. No person may be eligible for insurance under this Policy as both an Employee and a Spouse at the same time.

### **Effective Date for Individuals**

#### *Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits*

Insurance becomes effective for an eligible Employee, subject to the *Deferred Effective Date* provision below, on the latest of the following dates:

1. the effective date of this Policy;
2. the date the Employee becomes eligible.

#### *Voluntary Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits*

Insurance becomes effective for an eligible Employee who applies and agrees to make required contributions within 31 days of eligibility, and subject to the *Deferred Effective Date* provision below, on the latest of the following dates:

1. the effective date of this Policy;
2. the date the Employee becomes eligible;
3. the date We receive the Employee's completed enrollment form and the required first premium, during his lifetime.

Insurance becomes effective for an Employee's eligible dependents if the Employee applies and agrees to make required contributions within 31 days of the date his dependents become eligible and, subject to the *Deferred Effective Date* provision below, on the latest of the following dates:

1. the effective date of this Policy;
2. the date the Employee becomes eligible;
3. the date the Employee's insurance becomes effective;
4. the date the dependent meets the definition of Spouse;
5. the date We receive a completed enrollment form for Spouse coverage and the required first premium, during each dependent's lifetime.

Insurance becomes effective for a newborn Dependent Child automatically from the moment of the child's live birth.

Insurance for that Dependent Child automatically ends 31 days later unless the Employee has a Spouse or other Dependent Children insured under this Policy or makes a request to cover the child and pays the required initial premium, during the child's lifetime.

### **DEFERRED EFFECTIVE DATE**

#### **Active Service**

The effective date of insurance will be deferred for any Employee or any eligible Spouse who is not in Active Service on the date coverage would otherwise become effective. Coverage will become effective on the later of the date he returns to Active Service and the date coverage would otherwise have become effective.

#### **Effective Date of Changes**

Any increase or decrease in the amount of insurance for the Covered Person resulting from:

1. a change in benefits provided by this Policy; or
2. a change in the Employee's Covered Class will take effect on the date of such change.

Increases will take effect subject to any Active Service requirement.

## **TERMINATION OF INSURANCE**

The insurance on a Covered Person will end on the earliest date below:

1. the date this Policy or insurance for a Covered Class is terminated;
2. the next premium due date after the date the Covered Person is no longer in a Covered Class or satisfies eligibility requirements under this Policy;
3. the last day of the last period for which premium is paid;
4. the next premium due date after the Covered Person attains the maximum Age for insurance under this Policy;
5. with respect to a Spouse, the date of the death of the covered Employee or the date of divorce from the covered Employee.

Termination will not affect a claim for a Covered Loss or Covered Injury that is the result, directly and independently of all other causes, of a Covered Accident that occurs while coverage was in effect.

## **Continuation for Layoff, Leave of Absence, Sabbatical Leave or Family Medical Leave**

Insurance for an Employee and Covered Dependents may be continued until the earliest of the following dates if: (a) an Employee is on a temporary layoff, an Employer-approved leave of absence or an Employer-approved family medical leave; and (b) required premium contributions are paid when due.

1. for a layoff: 2 month(s) after the end of the month in which the layoff begins;
2. for an Employer-approved leave of absence: 12 month(s) after the end of the month in which the leave begins;
3. for an Employer-approved family medical leave: 6 months;
4. for an Employer-approved sabbatical leave: 36 months.

## **Continuation for Military Service**

If an Employee begins a leave of absence to serve in the armed forces, insurance for the Employee and his Covered Dependents will continue until the earliest of the following dates, if the required premium is paid:

1. 36 months;
2. the day the Employee fails to return to work as outlined in the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994.

All of the following will apply when coverage is continued under this provision:

1. any change in benefits that occurs during the period of continuation will apply on the effective date of the change;
2. any Active Service requirement will be waived;
3. the Employee will be given credit for the time he was covered under this Policy prior to the leave.

If an Employee does not continue coverage for himself and his Dependents during such leave and returns to work:

1. the Employee and his Dependents will be covered on the date the Employee returns to work from the leave. The Employee must return to work as outlined in the Uniform Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994;
2. any portion of an eligibility waiting period that has not been completed will not be credited during the Employee's leave.

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## COMMON EXCLUSIONS

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In addition to any benefit-specific exclusions, benefits will not be paid for any Covered Injury or Covered Loss which, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, is caused by or results from any of the following unless coverage is specifically provided for by name in the *Description of Benefits* Section:

1. intentionally self-inflicted injury, suicide or any attempt thereat while sane or insane;
2. commission or attempt to commit a felony or an assault;
3. commission of or active participation in a riot or insurrection;
4. bungee jumping; parachuting; skydiving; parasailing; hang-gliding;
5. declared or undeclared war or act of war;
6. flight in, boarding or alighting from an Aircraft or any craft designed to fly above the Earth's surface:
  - a. except as a passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial airline;
  - b. being flown by the Covered Person or in which the Covered Person is a member of the crew;
  - c. being used for:
    - i. crop dusting, spraying or seeding, giving and receiving flying instruction, fire fighting, sky writing, sky diving or hang-gliding, pipeline or power line inspection, aerial photography or exploration, racing, endurance tests, stunt or acrobatic flying; or
    - ii. any operation that requires a special permit from the FAA, even if it is granted (this does not apply if the permit is required only because of the territory flown over or landed on);
  - d. designed for flight above or beyond the earth's atmosphere;
  - e. an ultra-light or glider;
  - f. being used for the purpose of parachuting or skydiving;
  - g. being used by any military authority, except an Aircraft used by the Air Mobility Command or its foreign equivalent;
7. Sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity, bacterial or viral infection or medical or surgical treatment thereof, except for any bacterial infection resulting from an accidental external cut or wound or accidental ingestion of contaminated food;
8. travel in any Aircraft owned, leased or controlled by the Subscriber, or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates. An Aircraft will be deemed to be 'controlled' by the Subscriber if the Aircraft may be used as the Subscriber wishes for more than 10 straight days, or more than 15 days in any year;
9. a Covered Accident that occurs while engaged in the activities of active duty service in the military, navy or air force of any country or international organization. Covered Accidents that occur while engaged in Reserve or National Guard training are not excluded until training extends beyond 31 days.
10. operating any type of vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug, narcotic or other intoxicant including any prescribed drug for which the Covered Person has been provided a written warning against operating a vehicle while taking it. Under the influence of alcohol, for purposes of this exclusion, means intoxicated, as defined by the law of the state in which the Covered Accident occurred;
11. voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes, unless prescribed or taken under the direction of a Physician and taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage;
12. in addition, benefits will not be paid for services or treatment rendered by a Physician, Nurse or any other person who is:
  - a. employed or retained by the Subscriber;
  - b. providing homeopathic, aroma-therapeutic or herbal therapeutic services;
  - c. living in the Covered Person's household;
  - d. a parent, sibling, spouse or child of the Covered Person.

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## CONVERSION PRIVILEGE

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1. If the Covered Person's insurance or any portion of it ends for any of the following reasons:
  - a. employment or membership ends;
  - b. eligibility ends (except for age for the Employee or Covered Spouse);the Covered Person may have Us issue converted accident insurance on an individual policy or an individual certificate under a designated group policy. The Covered Person may apply for an amount of coverage that is:
  - a. in \$1,000 increments;
  - b. not less than \$25,000, regardless of the amount of insurance under the group policy; and
  - c. not more than the amount of insurance he had under the group policy, except as provided above, up to a maximum amount of \$250,000.

The Covered Person must be under age 70 to get a converted policy.

If the Covered Person's insurance or any portion of it ends for non-payment of premium, he may not convert. If the Covered Person's insurance ends for a reason described in 2. below, conversion is subject to that section.

The converted policy or certificate will cover accidental death and dismemberment. The policy or certificate will not contain disability or other additional benefits. The Covered Person need not show Us that he is insurable.

If the Covered Person has converted his group coverage and later becomes insured under the same group plan as before, he may not convert a second time unless he provides, at his own expense, proof of insurability or proof the prior converted policy is no longer in force.

The Covered Person must apply for the individual policy within 31 days after his coverage under this Group Policy ends and pay the required premium, based on Our table of rates for such policies, his Age and class of risk. If the Covered Person has assigned ownership of his group coverage, the owner/assignee must apply for the individual policy.

If the Covered Person suffers a Covered Loss or dies during this 31-day period as the result of an accident that would have been covered under this Group Policy, We will pay as a claim under this Group Policy the amount of insurance that the Covered Person was entitled to convert. It does not matter whether the Covered Person applied for the individual policy or certificate. If such policy or certificate is issued, it will be in exchange for any other benefits under this Group Policy.

The individual policy or certificate will take effect on the day following the date coverage under the Group Policy ended; or, if later, the date application is made.

### **Exclusions**

The converted policy may exclude the hazards or conditions that apply to the Covered Person's group coverage at the time it ends. We will reduce payment under the converted policy by the amount of any benefits paid under the group policy if both cover the same loss.

2. If the Covered Person's insurance ends because this Group Policy is terminated or is amended to terminate insurance for the Covered Person's class, and he has been covered under this Group Policy or, any group accident insurance issued to the Employer which the Group Policy replaced, for at least five years, the Covered Person may have Us issue an individual policy or certificate of accident insurance subject to the same terms, conditions and limitations listed above. However, the amount he may apply for will be limited to the lesser of the following:
  - a. coverage under this Group Policy less any amount of group accident insurance for which he is eligible on the date this Group Policy is terminated or for which he became eligible within 31 days of such termination, or
  - b. \$10,000.

**Extension of Conversion Period**

If the Covered Person is eligible to convert and is 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. The Covered Person will have 15 days from the date notice is given to apply for a converted policy or certificate. In no event will the conversion period be extended beyond 90 days. Notice, for the purpose of this section, means written notice presented to the Covered Person by the Subscriber or mailed to the Covered Person's last known address as reported by the Subscriber.

If the Covered Person sustains a Covered Loss or dies during the extended conversion period, but more than 31 days after his coverage under the Group Policy terminates, benefits will not be paid under the Group Policy. If the Covered Person's application for a converted policy or certificate is received by Us and the required premium is paid, benefits may be payable under the converted policy or certificate.

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## **CLAIM PROVISIONS**

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### **Notice of Claim**

Written or authorized electronic/telephonic notice of claim must be given to Us within 31 days after a Covered Loss occurs or begins or as soon as reasonably possible. If written or authorized electronic/telephonic notice is not given in that time, the claim will not be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that written or authorized electronic/telephonic notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. Notice can be given to Us at Our Home Office in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, such other place as We may designate for the purpose, or to Our authorized agent. Notice should include the Subscriber's name and policy number and the Covered Person's name, address, policy and certificate number.

### **Claim Forms**

We will send claim forms for filing proof of loss when We receive notice of a claim. If such forms are not sent within 15 days after We receive notice, the proof requirements will be met by submitting, within the time fixed in this Policy for filing proof of loss, written or authorized electronic proof of the nature and extent of the loss for which the claim is made.

### **Claimant Cooperation Provision**

Failure of a claimant to cooperate with Us in the administration of the claim may result in termination of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documents needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due.

### **Proof of Loss**

Written or authorized electronic proof of loss satisfactory to Us must be given to Us at Our office, within 90 days of the loss for which claim is made. If (a) benefits are payable as periodic payments and (b) each payment is contingent upon continuing loss, then proof of loss must be submitted within 90 days after the termination of each period for which We are liable. If written or authorized electronic notice is not given within that time, no claim will be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that such notice was given as soon as reasonably possible. In any case, written or authorized electronic proof must be given not more than one year after the time it is otherwise required, except if proof is not given solely due to the lack of legal capacity.

### **Time of Payment of Claims**

We will pay benefits due under this Policy for any loss other than a loss for which this Policy provides any periodic payment immediately upon receipt of due written or authorized electronic proof of such loss. Subject to due written or authorized electronic proof of loss, all accrued benefits for loss for which this Policy provides periodic payment will be paid monthly unless otherwise specified in the benefits descriptions and any balance remaining unpaid at the termination of liability will be paid immediately upon receipt of proof satisfactory to Us.

### **Payment of Claims**

All benefits will be paid in United States currency. Benefits for loss of life will be payable in accordance with the *Beneficiary* provision and these Claim Provisions. All other proceeds payable under this Policy, unless otherwise stated, will be payable to the covered Employee or to his estate.

If We are to pay benefits to the estate or to a person who is incapable of giving a valid release, We may pay \$1,000 to a relative by blood or marriage whom We believe is equitably entitled. Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this provision will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment and release Us from all liability.

### **Physical Examination and Autopsy**

We, at Our own expense, have the right and opportunity to examine You and Your Spouse when and as often as We may reasonably require while a claim is pending and to make an autopsy in case of death where it is not forbidden by law.

### **Legal Actions**

No action at law or in equity may be brought to recover under this Policy less than 60 days after written or authorized electronic proof of loss has been furnished as required by this Policy. No such action will be brought more than three years after the time such written proof of loss must be furnished.



**Beneficiary**

The beneficiary is the person or persons You name or change on a form executed by You and satisfactory to Us. This form may be in writing or by any electronic means agreed upon between Us and the Subscriber. Consent of the beneficiary is not required to affect any changes, unless the beneficiary has been designated as an irrevocable beneficiary, or to make any assignment of rights or benefits permitted by this Policy. Any Accidental Death Benefit payable at the death of your Spouse will be paid to You or Your estate.

A beneficiary designation or change will become effective on the date You execute it. However, We will not be liable for any action taken or payment made before We record notice of the change at our Home Office.

If more than one person is named as beneficiary, the interests of each will be equal unless You have specified otherwise. The share of any beneficiary who does not survive You or Your Spouse will pass equally to any surviving beneficiaries unless otherwise specified.

If there is no named beneficiary or surviving beneficiary, or if You die while benefits are payable to You, We may make direct payment to the first surviving class of the following classes of persons:

1. spouse;
2. child or children;
3. mother or father;
4. sisters or brothers;
5. your estate or the estate of your Spouse.

**Recovery of Overpayment**

If benefits are overpaid, We have the right to recover the amount overpaid by either of the following methods.

1. A request for lump sum payment of the overpaid amount.
2. A reduction of any amounts payable under this Policy.

If there is an overpayment due when You or Your Spouse die, We may recover the overpayment from Your or Your Spouse's estate.

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## **ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS**

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### **Premiums**

All premium rates are expressed in, and all premiums are payable in, United States currency. The premiums for this Policy will be based on the rates set forth in the Policy, the plan and amounts of insurance in effect. If You and Your Spouse's insurance amounts are reduced due to age, premium will be based on the amounts of insurance in force on the day after the reduction took place.

### **Grace Period**

A Grace Period of 31 days will be granted for payment of required premiums under this Policy. Insurance under this Policy for You and Your Spouse will remain in force during the Grace Period. We will reduce any benefits payable for any claims incurred during the grace period by the amount of premium due. If no such claims are incurred and premium is not paid during the grace period, insurance will end on the last day of the period for which premiums were paid.

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## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

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### **Misstatement of Fact**

If You or Your Spouse have misstated any fact, all amounts payable under this Policy will be such as the premium paid would have purchased had such fact been correctly stated.

### **Multiple Certificates**

You may have in force only one certificate of insurance at a time under this Policy. If at any time You have been issued more than one certificate, then only the largest shall be in effect. We will refund premiums paid for the others for any period of time that more than one certificate was issued.

### **Assignment**

We will be bound by an assignment of a Covered Person's insurance under this Policy only when the original assignment or a certified copy of the assignment, signed by the Covered Person and any irrevocable beneficiary, is filed with Us. The assignee may exercise all rights and receive all benefits assigned only while the assignment remains in effect and insurance under this Policy and the Covered Person's certificate remains in force.

### **Incontestability of Your and Your Spouse's Insurance**

All statements made by You and Your Spouse are considered representations and 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 is, or has been, furnished to the claimant.

After two years from Your and Your Spouse's effective date of insurance, or from the effective date of increased benefits, no such statement will cause insurance or the increased benefits to be contested except for fraud or lack of eligibility for insurance.

In the event of death or incapacity, the beneficiary or representative shall be given a copy.

### **Clerical Error**

Insurance for You and Your Spouse will not be affected by error or delay in keeping records of insurance under this Policy. If such error or delay is found, We will adjust the premium fairly.

### **Policy Changes**

We may agree with the Subscriber to modify a plan of benefits without Your and Your Spouse's consent.

### **Workers' Compensation Insurance**

This Policy is not in place of and does not affect any requirements for coverage under any Workers' Compensation law.

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## DESCRIPTION OF COVERAGES AND BENEFITS

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**This Description of Coverages and Benefits Section describes the Accident Coverages and Benefits provided to You. Benefit amounts, benefit periods and any applicable aggregate and benefit maximums are shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. Certain words capitalized in the text of these descriptions have special meanings within this Certificate and are defined in the *General Definitions* section. Please read these and the *Common Exclusions* sections in order to understand all of the terms, conditions and limitations applicable to these coverages and benefits.**

### ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT BENEFITS

**Covered Loss** We will pay the benefit for any one of the Covered Losses listed in the *Schedule of Benefits*, if the Covered Person suffers a Covered Loss resulting directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident within the applicable time period specified in the *Schedule of Benefits*.

If the Covered Person sustains more than one Covered Loss as a result of the same Covered Accident, benefits will be paid for the Covered Loss for which the largest available benefit is payable. If the loss results in death, benefits will only be paid under the Loss of Life benefit provision. Any Loss of Life benefit will be reduced by any paid or payable Accidental Dismemberment benefit. However, if such Accidental Dismemberment benefit equals or exceeds the Loss of Life benefit, no additional benefit will be paid.

**Definitions** **Loss of a Hand or Foot** means complete Severance through or above the wrist or ankle joint.

**Loss of Sight** means the total, permanent loss of all vision in one eye which is irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means.

**Loss of Speech** means total and permanent loss of audible communication which is irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means.

**Loss of Hearing** means total and permanent loss of ability to hear any sound in both ears which is irrecoverable by natural, surgical or artificial means.

**Loss of a Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand or Four Fingers of the Same Hand** means complete Severance through or above the metacarpophalangeal joints of the same hand (the joints between the fingers and the hand).

**Loss of Toes** means complete Severance through the metatarsalphalangeal joint.

**Paralysis or Paralyzed** means total loss of use of a limb. A Physician must determine the loss of use to be complete and irreversible.

**Quadriplegia** means total Paralysis of both upper and both lower limbs.

**Hemiplegia** means total Paralysis of the upper and lower limbs on one side of the body.

**Paraplegia** means total Paralysis of both lower limbs or both upper limbs.

**Uniplegia** means total Paralysis of one upper or one lower limb.

**Coma** means a profound state of unconsciousness which resulted directly and independently from all other causes from a Covered Accident, and from which the Covered Person is not likely to be aroused through powerful stimulation. This condition must be diagnosed and treated regularly by a Physician. Coma does not mean any state of unconsciousness intentionally induced during the course of treatment of a Covered Injury unless the state of unconsciousness results from the administration of anesthesia in preparation for surgical treatment of that Covered Accident.

**Severance** means the complete and permanent separation and dismemberment of the part from the body.

**Exclusions** The exclusions that apply to this benefit are in the *Common Exclusions* section.

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#### **ADDITIONAL ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGES**

Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits are provided under the following coverages. Any benefits payable under them are shown in the *Schedule of Covered Losses* and will not be paid in addition to any other Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits payable.

#### **EXPOSURE AND DISAPPEARANCE COVERAGE**

Benefits for Accidental Death and Dismemberment, as shown in the *Schedule of Covered Losses*, will be payable if a Covered Person suffers a Covered Loss which results directly and independently of all other causes from unavoidable exposure to the elements following a Covered Accident.

If the Covered Person disappears and is not found within one year from the date of the wrecking, sinking or disappearance of the conveyance in which the Covered Person was riding in the course of a trip which would otherwise be covered under this Policy, it will be presumed that the Covered Person's death resulted directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident.

**Exclusions** The exclusions that apply to this coverage are in the *Common Exclusions* Section.

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#### **ADDITIONAL ACCIDENT BENEFITS**

Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefits are provided under the following Additional Benefits. Any benefits payable under them will be paid in addition to any other Accidental Death and Dismemberment benefit payable.

#### **CHILD CARE CENTER BENEFIT**

We will pay benefits shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* for the care of each surviving Dependent Child in a Child Care Center if death of the covered Employee results directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident and all of the following conditions are met:

1. coverage for his Dependent Children was in force on the date of the Covered Accident causing his death; and
2. one or more surviving Dependent Children is under Age 13 and:
  - a. was enrolled in a Child Care Center on the date of the Covered Accident; or
  - b. enrolls in a Child Care Center within 90 days from the date of the Covered Accident.

This benefit will be payable to the Surviving Spouse if the Spouse has custody of the child. If the Surviving Spouse does not have custody of the child, benefits will be paid to the child's legally appointed guardian. Payments will be made at the end of each 12 month period that begins after the date of the covered Employee's death. A claim must be submitted to Us at the end of each 12 month period. A 12 month period begins:

1. when the Dependent Child enters a Child Care Center for the first time, within the period specified in (2b) above, after the covered Employee's death; or
2. on the first of the month following the covered Employee's death, if the Dependent Child was enrolled in a Child Care Center before the covered Employee's death.

Each succeeding 12 month period begins on the day immediately following the last day of the preceding period. Pro rata payments will be made for periods of enrollment in a Child Care Center of less than 12 months.

**Definitions** For purposes of this benefit:  
**Child Care Center** is a facility which:  
1. is licensed and run according to laws and regulations applicable to child care facilities; and  
2. provides care and supervision for children in a group setting on a regular, daily basis.  
A Child Care Center does not include any of the following:  
1. a Hospital;  
2. the child's home;  
3. care provided during normal school hours while a child is attending grades one through twelve.

**Exclusions** The exclusions that apply to this benefit are in the *Common Exclusions* Section.  
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### **SEATBELT AND AIRBAG BENEFIT**

We will pay the benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*, subject to the conditions and exclusions described below, when the Covered Person dies directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident while wearing a seatbelt and operating or riding as a passenger in an Automobile. An additional benefit is provided if the Covered Person was also positioned in a seat protected by a properly-functioning and properly deployed Supplemental Restraint System (Airbag).

Verification of proper use of the seatbelt at the time of the Covered Accident and that the Supplemental Restraint System properly inflated upon impact must be a part of an official police report of the Covered Accident or be certified, in writing, by the investigating officer(s) and submitted with the Covered Person's claim to Us.

If such certification or police report is not available or it is unclear whether the Covered Person was wearing a seatbelt or positioned in a seat protected by a properly functioning and properly deployed Supplemental Restraint System, We will pay a default benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* to the Covered Person's beneficiary.

In the case of a child, seatbelt means a child restraint, as required by state law and approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, properly secured and being used as recommended by its manufacturer for children of like Age and weight at the time of the Covered Accident.

**Definitions** For purposes of this benefit:  
**Supplemental Restraint System** means an airbag that inflates upon impact for added protection to the head and chest areas.  
  
**Automobile** means a self-propelled, private passenger motor vehicle with four or more wheels which is a type both designed and required to be licensed for use on the highway of any state or country. Automobile includes, but is not limited to, a sedan, station wagon, sport utility vehicle, or a motor vehicle of the pickup, van, camper, or motor-home type. Automobile does not include a mobile home or any motor vehicle which is used in mass or public transit.

**Exclusions** The exclusions that apply to this benefit are in the *Common Exclusions* Section.  
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### **SPECIAL EDUCATION BENEFIT**

We will pay the benefit, up to the Maximum Benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*, for each qualifying Dependent Child who is insured under the covered Employee's certificate on the date he dies. The Covered Person's death must result, directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident for which an Accidental Death Benefit is payable under this Policy. This benefit is subject to the conditions and exclusions described below.

A qualifying Dependent Child must:

1. a. be enrolled as a full-time student in an accredited school of higher learning beyond the 12<sup>th</sup> grade level on the date of the covered Employee's Covered Accident; or  
b. be at the 12<sup>th</sup> grade level on the date of the covered Employee's Covered Accident and then enroll as a full-time student at an accredited school of higher learning within 365 days from the date of the Covered Accident and continue his education as a full-time student.
2. continue his education as a full-time student in such accredited school of higher learning; and

3. incur expenses for tuition, fees, books, room and board, transportation and any other costs payable directly to, or approved and certified by, such school.

Payments will be made to each qualifying Dependent Child or to the child's legal guardian, if the child is a minor at the end of each year for the number of years shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*. We must receive proof satisfactory to Us of the Dependent Child's enrollment and attendance within 31 days of the end of each year. The first year for which a Special Education Benefit is payable will begin on the first of the month following the date the covered Employee died, if the surviving Dependent Child was enrolled on that date in an accredited school of higher learning beyond the 12th grade; otherwise on the date he enrolls in such school. Each succeeding year for which benefits are payable will begin on the date following the end of the preceding year.

If no Dependent Child qualifies for Special Education Benefits within 365 days of the covered Employee's death, We will pay the default benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits* to the covered Employee's beneficiary.

**Exclusions** The exclusions that apply to this benefit are in the *Common Exclusions* Section.  
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### **SPOUSE RETRAINING BENEFIT**

We will pay expenses incurred, as described below, up to the Maximum Benefit shown in the *Schedule of Benefits*, to enable the covered Employee's Spouse to obtain occupational or educational training needed for employment if the covered Employee dies directly and independently of all other causes from a Covered Accident. A covered Spouse must have been insured under this Policy on the date of the covered Employee's death to be eligible for this benefit. This benefit is subject to the conditions and exclusions described below.

This benefit will be payable if the covered Employee dies within one year of a Covered Accident and is survived by his Spouse who:

1. enrolls, within three years after the covered Employee's death in any accredited school for the purpose of retraining or refreshing skills needed for employment; and
2. incurs expenses payable directly to, or approved and certified by, such school.

**Exclusions** The exclusions that apply to this benefit are in the *Common Exclusions* Section.  
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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
for**

**A.U.R.A., Inc. Group Life Insurance Plan**

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

As a Plan participant in Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA) – NOAO/Gemini'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 Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA) – NOAO/Gemini, the Plan Sponsor.
- The Employer Identification Number (EIN) is 86-0138043.
- The Plan Number is 510.
- The Insurance Plan is administered directly by the Plan Administrator with benefits provided, in accordance with the provisions of the group insurance contract, OK 964961, issued by LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.
- The Plan Administrator is: Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA) – NOAO/Gemini  
950 N. Cherry Ave.  
Tucson, AZ 85719  
520-318-8158

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 Plan Administrator.
- 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 Plan Administrator.

The Plan Administrator 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 Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy (AURA) – NOAO/Gemini'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.

**MODIFYING PROVISIONS AMENDMENT**

Subscriber: Association of Universities for Research in Astronomy  
(AURA) – NOAO/Gemini

Policy No.: OK 964961

Amendment Effective Date: January 1, 2010

This amendment is attached to and made part of the Policy specified above and the Certificates issued under it. Its provisions are intended to conform this Policy to the laws of the state in which the insured resides.

The Policy and any Certificates delivered under the Group Policy are amended as follows:

**Arkansas residents:**

1. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of Covered Accident does not include reference to an external event.
2. Terrorist Act exclusion is not permitted.

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**Louisiana residents:**

1. Under *Common Exclusions*, the following changes are made.  
If applicable, "Voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes, unless prescribed or taken under the direction of a Physician and taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage" is replaced by the following:  
"Voluntary ingestion of any narcotic drug, poison, gas or fumes, unless prescribed or taken under the direction of a Physician and taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage"

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**Missouri residents:**

1. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of Covered Accident does not include reference to an external event.
2. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of *Totally Disabled or Total Disability* means either:
  - a) the inability of the Covered Person who is currently employed to perform the material and substantial duties of the Covered Person's occupation for a period of at least twelve months. After the initial benefit period, total disability shall mean the Covered Person's inability to perform the material and substantial duties of any occupation for which the Covered Person is qualified by education, training or experience; or
  - b) the inability of the Covered Person who is not currently employed to perform all of the activities of daily living including eating, transferring, dressing, toileting, bathing, and continence, without human supervision or assistance.
3. Under the *Common Exclusions*, the following changes are made.
  - a) If applicable, "intentionally self-inflicted Injury, suicide or any attempt thereat while sane or insane" is replaced by the following:

"intentionally self-inflicted Injury, suicide or any attempt thereat while sane"

- b) If applicable, "Sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity, bacterial or viral infection or medical or surgical treatment thereof, except for any bacterial infection resulting from an accidental external cut or wound or accidental ingestion of contaminated food" is replaced by the following:

"Sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity, bacterial or viral infection or medical or surgical treatment thereof, except for any bacterial infection resulting from an accidental cut or wound or accidental ingestion of contaminated substances"

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**Montana residents:**

1. Under the *Definitions* section, the definition of *Sickness* is replaced with the following:

**Sickness**            A physical or mental illness including pregnancy

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**New Hampshire residents:**

1. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of *Covered Accident* does not include reference to an external event.
2. If applicable, the definition of *Emergency Room Treatment* is replaced with the following:

**Emergency Room Treatment**    Emergency medical services and care given in a Hospital as an out or inpatient, for a sudden, unexpected onset of a medical condition that manifests itself by symptoms of sufficient severity that in the absence of immediate medical attention could be expected to result in any of the following:

1. serious jeopardy to the covered Employee's health;
2. serious impairment to bodily functions; or
3. serious dysfunction of any bodily organ or part.

3. The definition of *Hospital* is replaced with the following.

**Hospital**                            An institution that meets all of the following:

1. it is operated pursuant to applicable law;
2. it is primarily and continuously engaged in providing medical care and treatment to sick and injured persons;
3. it is managed under the supervision of a staff of medical doctors;
4. it provides 24-hour nursing services by or under the supervision of a graduate registered nurse (R.N.);
5. it has medical, diagnostic and treatment facilities, with major surgical facilities on its premises, or available on a prearranged basis;
6. it charges for its services.

Hospital shall include a Veteran's Administration Hospital or Federal Government Hospital and the requirement that a patient must incur an expense as an Inpatient shall be waived.

The term Hospital does not include a clinic, facility, or unit of a Hospital for:

1. rehabilitation, convalescent, custodial, educational or nursing care;
2. the aged, drug addicts or alcoholics;
3. a Veteran's Administration Hospital or Federal Government Hospitals unless the Covered Person incurs an expense.

4. Under the *Claim Provisions* section, the following changes are made.

A. The provision titled Proof of Loss is replaced with the following.

**Proof of Loss**

Written or authorized electronic proof of loss satisfactory to Us must be given to Us at Our office, within 90 days of the loss for which claim is made. If (a) benefits are payable as periodic payments and (b) each payment is contingent upon continuing loss, then proof of loss must be submitted within 90 days after the termination of each period for which We are liable. If written or authorized electronic notice is not given within that time, no claim will be invalidated or reduced if it is shown that such notice was given as soon as reasonably possible.

B. The provision titled Payment of Claims is replaced with the following.

**Payment of Claims**

All benefits will be paid in United States currency. Benefits for loss of life will be payable in accordance with the Beneficiary provision and these Claim Provisions. All other proceeds payable under this Policy, unless otherwise stated, will be payable to the covered Employee or to his estate.

If We are to pay benefits to the estate or to a person who is incapable of giving a valid release, We may pay up to an amount not exceeding \$1,000 to a relative by blood or marriage whom We believe is equitably entitled. Any payment made by Us in good faith pursuant to this provision will fully discharge Us to the extent of such payment and release Us from all liability.

5. Under the *General Provisions* section, the following changes are made.

A. The provision titled Incontestability (A Covered Person's Insurance) is replaced with the following.

**Incontestability**

A Covered Person's Insurance

All statements made by a Covered Person are considered representations and not warranties. No statement will be used to deny or reduce benefits or be used as a defense to a claim, unless a signed copy of the instrument containing the statement is, or has been, furnished to the claimant.

After two years from the Covered Person's effective date of insurance, or from the effective date of increased benefits, no such statement will cause insurance or the increased benefits to be contested except for fraud or lack of eligibility for insurance.

In the event of death or incapacity, the beneficiary or representative shall be given a copy.

6. Exclusion for Terrorist Act does not apply.

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**North Carolina residents:**

1. If eligibility for insurance is not based on employment status, a Covered Person is considered in Active Service if confined at home under the care of a Physician for Sickness or Injury.
2. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of Covered Accident does not include reference to an external event.
3. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of Employee is modified to require that an Employee work at least 30 hours week.

4. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of Hospital is modified to include State tax-supported institutions.
5. Under the *Common Exclusions*, the following changes are made.
  - a. If applicable, "injuries compensable under Workers' Compensation law or any similar law" is replaced by the following:  
"injuries paid or payable under Workers' Compensation law or any similar law"
6. Under the *Claim Provisions*, the following changes are made.
  - a. *Proof of Loss* must be provided within 180 days of date of loss.
  - b. The amount payable to an equitably entitled individual may not exceed \$3,000.

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**South Carolina residents:**

1. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of Covered Accident does not include reference to an external event.
2. Under the *Claim Provisions*, the following changes are made.
  - a. The *Claimant Cooperation Provision* does not apply.
  - b. The provision titled *Physical Examination and Autopsy* is replaced with the following:  
**Physical Examination and Autopsy**  
We, at Our own expense, have the right and opportunity to examine the Covered Person when and as often as We may reasonably require while a claim is pending. If an autopsy is performed, it will be in the State of South Carolina and during the period of contestability unless prohibited by law.
  - c. The provision titled *Legal Actions* is replaced with the following:  
**Legal Actions**  
No action at law or in equity may be brought to recover under this Policy less than 60 days after written or authorized electronic proof of loss has been furnished as required by this Policy. No such action will be brought more than six years after the time such written proof of loss must be furnished.
3. Under the *General Provisions*, the following changes are made.  
The *Multiple Certificates* provision does not apply.

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**South Dakota residents:**

1. If applicable, the definition of Rehabilitation Facility is replaced with the following:

**Rehabilitation Facility**

A legally operating institution or part of an institution which has a transfer agreement with one or more Hospitals and which:

1. is primarily engaged in providing comprehensive multi-disciplinary physical rehabilitative services or rehabilitation Inpatient care;
2. is duly licensed by the appropriate government agency to provide such services; or
3. is required to be accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or the Commission of Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities.

A Rehabilitation Facility does not include institutions which provide only minimal care, custodial care, care for the terminally ill, part-time care, or services or facilities for drug abuse or alcoholism.

2. Under the *Common Exclusions* section, the following changes are made.
  - a) If applicable, "the Covered Person's intoxication as determined according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Covered Accident occurred" is replaced with the following:
 

"the Covered Person's driving while intoxicated or driving under the influence of a controlled substance while committing a felony"
  - b) If applicable, "voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes, unless prescribed or taken under the direction of a Physician and taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage" is replaced with the following:
 

"voluntary ingestion of any poison, gas or fumes"
  - c) If applicable, "injuries compensable under Workers' Compensation law or any similar law" is replaced with the following:
 

"injuries paid by Workers' Compensation"
  - d) The following Exclusions are not permitted:
    1. the Covered Person being legally intoxicated as determined according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Covered Accident occurred;
    2. the Covered Person being Intoxicated. "Intoxicated" means having a blood alcohol level of .08 or higher;
    3. the Covered Person operating a motorized vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or drugs as defined according to the laws of the jurisdiction in which the Accident occurred;
    4. voluntary ingestion of any narcotic, drug, poison, gas or fumes, unless prescribed or taken under the direction of a Physician and taken in accordance with the prescribed dosage;
    5. occupational injuries for which benefits are not paid under the Workers' Compensation Law or any similar law;
    6. operating any type of vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or any drug , narcotic or other intoxicant including any prescribed drug for which the Covered Person has been provided a written warning against operating a vehicle while taking it. Under the influence of alcohol, for purposes of this exclusion, means intoxicated, as defined by the law of the state in which the Covered Accident occurred.
    7. the Covered Person was driving a Private Passenger Automobile at the time of the Covered Accident that resulted in the Covered Loss; and he was intoxicated, as that term is defined by the laws of the state in which the Covered Accident occurred.

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### **West Virginia residents:**

1. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of Covered Accident does not include reference to an external event.
2. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of Hospital does not require that an institution be licensed as a Hospital pursuant to applicable law, but does require that an institution operate pursuant to applicable law.
3. Under the *General Definitions* section, the definition of Totally Disabled or Total Disability is replaced with the following:
 

**Totally Disabled or Total Disability**

Totally Disabled or Total Disability means either:

  1. inability of the Covered Person who is currently employed to perform substantially all of the material duties of his job, or any other job for which he is or may become qualified by reason of education, training or experience; or
  2. inability of the Covered Person who is not currently employed to perform all of the activities of daily living including eating, transferring, dressing, toileting, bathing, and continence, without human supervision or assistance.



4. Under the *Eligibility and Effective Date* section, the provision titled *Continuation for Layoff, Leave of Absence or Family Medical Leave* is amended to include continuation for involuntary layoff for up to 18 months after the date the involuntary layoff begins.
5. Under the *Common Exclusions* section, the following changes are made:
  - a. The first paragraph is replaced with the following:

In addition to any benefit-specific exclusions, benefits will not be paid for any Covered Injury or Covered Loss which, directly, in whole or in part, is caused by or results from any of the following unless coverage is specifically provided for by name in the *Description of Benefits* Section:
  - b. If applicable, "Sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity, bacterial or viral infection or medical or surgical treatment thereof, except for any bacterial infection resulting from an accidental external cut or wound or accidental ingestion of contaminated food" is replaced by the following:

"Sickness, disease, bodily or mental infirmity, bacterial or viral infection or medical or surgical treatment thereof, except for any bacterial infection resulting from an accidental cut or wound or accidental ingestion of contaminated food"

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Signed for the  
**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 initial 'M'.

Matthew G. Manders, President

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