

# Guest Protection Program for Tauck Guests

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## Cover Page

Tauck has partnered with Aon Affinity and United States Fire Insurance Company to provide our guests with travel protection. This document holds all of the relevant information you will need in regard to your travel protection plan.

**Please review the following three (3) sections:**

- **Cancellation Fee Waiver**  
*Provided by Tauck*
- **Travel Protection Plan Certificate**  
*Including Applicable State Exceptions*
- **Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services**  
*Provided by On Call International*

## Cancellation Fee Waiver

*The following Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Tauck and is not an insurance benefit.*

If you cancel your trip **FOR ANY REASON**, all land package cancellation fees imposed by Tauck World Discovery will be waived. If you interrupt your Tour en route, a refund for your unused Tauck World Discovery Tour cost will be made (except costs for the Guest Protection Plan, airfare, and any extra Tour rate resulting from partial cancellation).

**Important:** This Cancellation Fee Waiver is provided by Tauck. Details are outlined in the General Information section of Tauck's travel brochure. The travel insurance coverages in the Travel Protection Plan Certificate were arranged by Aon Affinity on behalf of United States Fire Insurance Company. Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services are provided by On Call International. All details outlined in the Travel Protection Plan Certificate pertain only to the coverages indicated in the schedule. This plan is valid only if the appropriate plan cost has been paid.

Please note: The Cancellation Fee Waiver is available only as a supplement to the Guest Protection Program and may not be purchased separately (except for NY residents). For residents of New York state only, you are not required to purchase the Guest Protection Program in order to purchase Tauck's Cancellation Fee Waiver. Please contact 1-877-538-3815 for details.

If you need to cancel your trip, please contact both Tauck World Discovery at 1-800-GO-TAUCK and Aon Affinity at [www.travelclaim.com](http://www.travelclaim.com) (or call 1-866-808-7356) to initiate a claim.

# Travel Protection Plan Certificate

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Benefit Per Trip	Maximum Benefit Amount/Principal Sum
<b>Part A – Travel Arrangement Protection</b>	
Trip Cancellation .....	Total Trip Cost*
Trip Interruption .....	\$10,000
Travel Delay .....	\$1,000
Baggage and Personal Effects .....	\$3,000
Baggage Delay .....	\$500
<i>* Trip Cost, as referred to in this Schedule, means original airfare cost.</i>	
<b>Part B – Travel Insurance Benefits</b>	
24-Hour Accidental Death & Dismemberment .....	\$10,000
Common Carrier Accidental Death & Dismemberment .....	\$30,000
Accident Medical Expense .....	\$20,000
Sickness Medical Expense .....	\$20,000
Emergency Medical Evacuation .....	\$100,000
Repatriation of Remains .....	\$50,000

**United States Fire Insurance Company**

Administrative Office: 5 Christopher Way,  
Eatontown, NJ 07724  
(Hereinafter referred to as "the Company")

This Certificate of Insurance describes all of the travel insurance benefits underwritten by United States Fire Insurance Company, herein referred to as the Company. The insurance benefits vary from program to program. The Insured should contact the Company immediately if he or she believes that the Schedule of Benefits is incorrect.

Signed for the Company,

Chairman and CEO,



Marc J. Adeé

Insurance provided by this Certificate is subject to all of the terms and conditions of the Group Policy. If there is a conflict between the Policy and Certificate, the Policy will govern.

If the Insured is not completely satisfied with the insurance he or she must notify the Company within 10 days of purchase and return the certificate. The Company will give the Insured a full refund of premium provided he or she has not already departed on the Covered Trip or filed a claim.

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**SECTION I. COVERAGES**

**24-HOUR ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT**

This Coverage is provided only if shown as covered in the Schedule of Benefits.

You are eligible for benefits 24 hours a day, up to the Maximum Benefit Amount shown when you sustain an Injury during the Covered Trip which results in a Loss noted below within 181 days of the date of the Injury causing the Loss.

Benefits will be paid as follows:

Type of Loss	Benefit Amount
Loss of life	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of both feet	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of both hands	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of both eyes	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of one hand and one foot	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of one hand and one eye	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of one foot and one eye	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of one hand	50% of Principal Sum
Loss of one foot	50% of Principal Sum
Loss of one eye	50% of Principal Sum

Loss of hand or hands, or foot or feet, means severance at or above the wrist joint or ankle joint, respectively,

Loss of eye or eyes means the total and irrecoverable loss of the entire sight thereof. Only one of the amounts shown above (the largest applicable) will be paid for Injuries resulting from one accident.

The benefit for loss of: (a) two limbs; (b) both eyes; or (c) one limb and one eye is payable only when such loss results from the same accident.

The Principal Sum is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**COMMON CARRIER ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT**

This Coverage is provided only if shown as covered in the Schedule of Benefits.

When You sustain covered Injuries: (a) received while a passenger (not as a pilot, operator or member of the crew) riding in, boarding or alighting from a public conveyance provided by a Common Carrier; and (b) resulting in any of the

following losses within 180 days from the date of the accident; benefits will be paid as follows:

Loss of Life	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of Both Feet, Both Hands or Both Eyes	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of One Hand and One Foot	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of One Hand and One Eye or One Foot and One Eye	100% of Principal Sum
Loss of One Hand, One Foot or One Eye	50% of Principal Sum

Loss of hand or hands, or foot or feet, means severance at or above the wrist joint or ankle joint, respectively,

Loss of eye or eyes means the total and irrecoverable loss of the entire sight thereof. Only one of the amounts shown above (the largest applicable) will be paid for Injuries resulting from one accident.

The benefit for loss of: (a) two limbs; (b) both eyes; or (c) one limb and one eye is payable only when such loss results from the same accident.

These benefits will not duplicate any benefits payable under the policy or any coverage(s) attached to the policy.

The Principal Sum is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

**ACCIDENT MEDICAL EXPENSE**

For the purpose of this benefit: "Covered Expense" means expense incurred for services and supplies: (a) listed below; and (b) ordered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician as Medically Necessary for diagnosis or treatment; which is limited to:

1. The services of a Legally Qualified Physician;
2. Hospital or ambulatory medical-surgical center services (this will also include expenses for a cruise ship cabin or hotel room, not already included in the cost of the Insured's Covered Trip, if recommended as a substitute for a hospital room for recovery of an Injury);
3. transportation furnished by a professional ambulance company to and/or from a Hospital; and

4. prescribed drugs, prosthetics and therapeutic services and supplies.

Benefits will be paid for the expense incurred, up to the Maximum Benefit Amount, if an Insured incurs a Covered Expense as a result of an accidental Injury, which occurs during the Covered Trip. You must receive the initial Medical Treatment for the Injury within 30 days after the date of the accident, which caused the Injury. All services, supplies or treatment must be received within the 52 weeks following the date of the accident.

Benefits will include expenses for emergency dental treatment due to accidental Injury not to exceed \$1,000.

Benefits will not be paid in excess of the Usual and Customary Charges.

These benefits will not duplicate any benefits payable under the policy or any coverage(s) attached to the policy.

The maximum Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### **SICKNESS MEDICAL EXPENSE**

For the purposes of this benefit:

“Covered Expense” means expense incurred for services and supplies: (a) listed below; and (b) ordered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician as Medically Necessary for diagnosis or treatment; which is limited to:

1. The services of a Legally Qualified Physician;
2. Hospital or ambulatory medical-surgical center services (this will also include expenses for a cruise ship cabin or hotel room, not already included in the cost of the Insured’s Covered Trip, if recommended as a substitute for a hospital room for recovery of a Sickness);
3. transportation furnished by a professional ambulance company to and/or from a Hospital; and
4. prescribed drugs, prosthetics and therapeutic services and supplies.

Benefits will be paid for the expense incurred, up to the Maximum Benefit Amount, if You incur a Covered Expense as a result of Sickness, which manifests itself during the Covered Trip. You must receive initial Medical Treatment for the Sickness within 30 days of onset of the Sickness. All

services, supplies or treatment must be received within the 52 weeks following the onset of the Sickness.

Benefits will include expenses for emergency dental treatment not to exceed \$1,000.

Benefits will not be paid in excess of the Usual and Customary Charges.

These benefits will not duplicate any benefits payable under the policy or any coverage(s) attached to the policy.

The maximum Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### **TRIP CANCELLATION**

This Coverage is made a part of the policy. It is subject to all the provisions of this Coverage.

Benefits will be paid up to the Maximum Benefit Amount purchased to cover You for the unused non-refundable prepaid expenses for Travel Arrangements when You are prevented from taking Your Covered Trip due to:

1. Death involving You or Your Traveling Companion or You or Your Traveling Companions Business Partner or Your Family Member;
2. A covered Sickness or Injury involving You, Your Traveling Companion or Business Partner, or Your Family Member or Your Traveling Companion which necessitates Medical Treatment at the time of cancellation and results in medically imposed restrictions, as certified by a Legally Qualified Physician, which prevents an Insured’s participation in the Covered Trip;
3. Your or Your Traveling Companion being hijacked, quarantined, required to serve on a jury (notice of jury duty must be received after the Effective Date) served with a court order to appear as a witness in a legal action in which You or Your Traveling Companion is not a party (except law enforcement officers);
4. You or Your Traveling Companion’s principal place of residence being rendered uninhabitable by fire or flood, or burglary of primary residence;
5. You or Your or Traveling Companion being directly involved in a traffic accident, which must be

substantiated by a police report, while en route to an Insured’s scheduled point of departure;

6. Unannounced strike that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 6 consecutive hours
7. Weather that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 6 consecutive hours.

Provided such circumstances occurred after Your Effective Date.

All cancellations must be reported to the Travel Supplier within 72 hours of the event causing the need to cancel. If the event delays the reporting of the cancellation beyond the 72 hours, the event should be reported as soon as possible.

The maximum payable under this benefit is the lesser of a) total cost of the Insured’s Covered Trip; or b) the total amount of coverage the Insured purchased.

#### **Single Supplement**

Benefits will be paid, up to the Maximum Benefit Amount, for the additional cost incurred as a result of a change in the per person occupancy rate for prepaid Travel Arrangements if a Traveling Companion has his or her Covered Trip delayed, canceled or interrupted for a covered reason and an Insured does not cancel.

These benefits will not duplicate any benefits payable under the policy or any coverage(s) attached to the policy.

The Maximum Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### **TRIP INTERRUPTION**

This Coverage is made a part of the policy. It is subject to all the provisions of this Coverage.

Benefits will be paid, up to the Maximum Benefit Amount, for the non-refundable, unused portion of the prepaid expenses for Travel Arrangements and/or the Additional Transportation Cost paid to return home or rejoin the Covered Trip, when You are prevented from completing Your Covered Trip due to:

1. Death involving You or Your Traveling Companion or You or Your Traveling Companions Business Partner or Your Family Member;

2. A covered Sickness or Injury involving You, Your Traveling Companion or Business Partner, or Your Family Member or Your Traveling Companion which necessitates Medical Treatment at the time of cancellation and results in medically imposed restrictions, as certified by a Legally Qualified Physician, which prevents an Insured's participation in the Covered Trip;
3. Your or Your Traveling Companion being hijacked, quarantined, required to serve on a jury (notice of jury duty must be received after the Effective Date) served with a court order to appear as a witness in a legal action in which You or Your Traveling Companion is not a party (except law enforcement officers);
4. You or Your Traveling Companion's principal place of residence being rendered uninhabitable by fire or flood, or burglary of primary residence;
5. You or Your or Traveling Companion being directly involved in a traffic accident, which must be substantiated by a police report, while en route to an Insured's scheduled point of departure;
6. Unannounced strike that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 6 consecutive hours;
7. Weather that causes complete cessation of services of Your Common Carrier for at least 6 consecutive hours.

Provided such circumstances occurred after Your Effective Date.

If a Traveling Companion must remain hospitalized, benefits will also be paid for reasonable accommodation and transportation expenses incurred by You to remain with the traveling companion up to \$200 per day.

If You cannot continue travel due to a covered Injury or Sickness not requiring hospitalization, and You must extend Your Covered Trip with additional hotel nights up to \$200 per day (limited to a maximum of \$1,000), due to medically imposed restrictions, as certified by a Legally Qualified Physician.

The maximum payable under this benefit is the lesser of: a) total cost of Your Covered Trip; or b) the total amount of coverage You purchased.

These benefits will not duplicate any benefits payable under the policy or any coverage(s) attached to the policy.

The Maximum Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### **BAGGAGE AND PERSONAL EFFECTS**

This Coverage is provided only if shown as covered in the Schedule of Benefits.

For the purposes of this Benefit:

"Baggage and Personal Effects" means goods being used by an Insured during a Covered Trip. The term Baggage and Personal Effects does not include:

1. animals;
2. automobiles and automobile equipment;
3. boats or other vehicles or conveyances;
4. trailers;
5. motors;
6. aircraft;
7. bicycles, except when checked as baggage with a Common Carrier;
8. household effects and furnishings;
9. antiques and collector's items;
10. sunglasses, contact lenses, artificial teeth, dental bridges or hearing aids;
11. prosthetic limbs;
12. keys, money, credit cards (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein),
13. securities, stamps, tickets and documents (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein);
14. professional or occupational equipment or property, whether or not electronic business equipment.

For Baggage and Personal Effects: Coverage will be provided to You: (a) against all risks of permanent loss, theft or damage to baggage and personal effects; (b) subject to all Exclusions and Limitations in the policy; (c) up to the Maximum Benefit Amount; and (d) occurring while this coverage is in force.

The lesser of the following amounts will be paid:

- a) the actual cash value (cost less proper deduction for depreciation) at the time of loss, theft or damage;
- b) the cost to repair or replace the article with material of a like kind and quality; or
- c) \$250 per article.

A combined maximum of \$500 will be paid for jewelry, watches, articles consisting in whole or in part of silver, gold or platinum, articles trimmed with fur, cameras and their accessories and related equipment.

For Baggage Delay: If, while on a Covered Trip, Your checked baggage is delayed or misdirected by a Common Carrier for more than 24 hours from Your time of arrival at a destination other than at Your place of permanent residence, benefits will be paid, up to the Maximum Benefit Amount, for the actual expenditure for necessary personal effects. You must be a ticketed passenger on a Common Carrier. The Common Carrier must certify the delay or misdirection. Receipts for the purchases must accompany any claim.

Benefits will not be paid for any expenses which have been reimbursed or for any services which have been provided by the Common Carrier, hotel or Travel Supplier; nor will benefits be paid for loss or damage to property specifically schedule under any other insurance.

These benefits will not duplicate any benefits payable under the policy or any coverage(s) attached to the policy.

The Maximum Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### **TRIP DELAY**

This Coverage is provided only if shown as covered in the Schedule of Benefits.

If You are delayed for 6 or more hours while in route to or from a Covered Trip, due to:

1. any delay of a Common Carrier. The delay must be certified by the Common Carrier;
2. a traffic accident in which You or Your Traveling Companion are not directly involved (must be substantiated by a police report);
3. lost or stolen passports, travel documents or money (must be substantiated by a police report); or

4. quarantine, hijacking, strike, natural disaster, terrorism or riot.

Benefits will be paid up to the Maximum Benefit Amount, for:

1. reasonable accommodation and meal expenses necessarily incurred by You for which You have proof of purchase and which were not paid for or provided by any other source; and
2. the non-refundable, unused portion of the prepaid expenses for the Covered Trip as long as the expenses are supported by, proof of purchase and are not reimbursable by any other source.

You must provide the following documentation when presenting a claim for these benefits:

- a) Written confirmation of the reasons for delay from the Common Carrier whose delay resulted in the loss, including but not limited to; scheduled departure and return times and actual departure and return times;

Benefits will not be paid for any expenses, which have been reimbursed, or for any services that have been provided by the Common Carrier.

These benefits will not duplicate any benefits payable under the policy or any coverage(s) attached to the policy.

The maximum Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### **EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION, MEDICAL REPATRIATION AND RETURN OF REMAINS**

This Coverage is provided only if shown as covered in the Schedule of Benefits.

When You suffer loss of life for any reason or incurs a Sickness or Injury during the course of a Covered Trip, the following benefits are payable, up to the Maximum Benefit Amount.

1. **For Emergency Medical Evacuation:** If the local attending Legally Qualified Physician and the authorized travel assistance company determine that transportation to a Hospital or medical facility is Medically Necessary to treat an unforeseen Sickness or Injury which is acute or life threatening and adequate Medical Treatment is not available in the immediate area, the Transportation

Expense incurred will be paid for the Usual and Customary Charges for transportation to the closest Hospital or medical facility capable of providing that treatment.

If You are in the Hospital for more than 3 consecutive days and Your dependent children who are under 25 years of age and accompanying You on the Covered Trip, are left unattended, Economy Transportation will be paid to return the dependents to their home (with an attendant, if considered necessary by the travel assistance company).

If an Insured is traveling alone and is in the Hospital for more than 7 consecutive days and Emergency Evacuation is not imminent, upon request of the Insured, or next of kin if Insured is incapacitated, benefits will be paid to transport one person, chosen by the Insured, by Economy Transportation, for a single visit to and from his or her bedside.

#### **2. For Medical Repatriation:**

- a) If the local attending Legally Qualified Physician and the authorized travel assistance company determine that it is Medically Necessary for You to return to Your place of permanent residence because of an unforeseen Sickness or Injury which is acute or life-threatening, the Transportation Expense incurred will be paid for Your return to Your permanent residence via:
  - i) one-way Economy Transportation; or
  - ii) commercial upgrade, based on an Insured's condition as recommended by the local attending Legally Qualified Physician and verified in writing.

Transportation must be via the most direct and economical route.

- b) If the local attending Legally Qualified Physician and the authorized travel assistance company determine that it is Medically Necessary for You to return to Your place of permanent residence for continued treatment of an unforeseen Sickness or Injury which is acute or life-threatening, the Transportation Expense incurred will be paid for transportation to the Hospital or medical facility

closest to Your permanent place of residence capable of providing that treatment. Transportation must be by the most direct and economical route. Covered land or air transportation includes, but is not limited to, commercial stretcher, medical escort, or the Usual and Customary Charges for air ambulance, provided such transportation has been pre-approved and arranged by the authorized travel assistance company.

3. **For Return of Remains:** In the event of Your death, the expense incurred will be paid for minimally necessary casket or air tray, preparation and transportation of Your remains to Your place of residence or to the place of burial.

Benefits are paid less the value of Your original unused return travel ticket.

If benefits are payable under this Coverage and You have other insurance that may provide benefits for this same loss, the Company reserves the right to recover from such other insurance. You shall:

- a) notify the Company of any other insurance;
- b) help the Company exercise the Company's rights in any reasonable way that the Company may request, including the filing and assignment of other insurance benefits;
- c) not do anything after the loss to prejudice the Company's rights; and
- d) reimburse to the Company, to the extent of any payment the Company has made, for benefits received from such other insurance.

The Maximum Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

#### **SECTION II. DEFINITIONS**

"Additional Transportation Cost" means the actual cost incurred for one-way Economy Transportation by Common Carrier reduced by the value of an unused travel ticket.

"Business Partner" means an individual who (a) is involved in a legal general partnership with You and or (b) is actively involved in the day to day management of Your business.

"Common Carrier" means any land, sea, and/or air conveyance operating under a valid license for the transportation of passengers for hire.

“Covered Trip” means scheduled trips, tours or cruises for which (a) coverage is requested; and (b) the required premium is submitted prior to the Scheduled Departure Date; (c) a scheduled trip of 90 days or less for which coverage is requested and the premium is paid.

“Economy Transportation” means the lowest published available transportation rate for a ticket on a Common Carrier matching the original class of transportation that the Insured purchased for the Covered Trip.

“Family Member” means Your or a Traveling Companion’s: legal spouse (or common-law spouse where legal); legal guardian; son or daughter (adopted, foster, step or in-law); parent (includes step or in-law); brother or sister (includes step or in-law); grandparent (includes in-law); grandchild; aunt; uncle; niece; or nephew.

“Hospital” means (a) a place which is licensed or recognized as a general hospital by the proper authority of the state in which it is located; (b) a place operated for the care and treatment of resident inpatients with a registered graduate nurse (RN) always on duty and with a laboratory and X-ray facility; (c) a place recognized as a general hospital by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals. Not included is a hospital or institution licensed or used principally: (1) for the treatment or care of drug addicts or alcoholics; or (2) as a clinic continued or extended care facility, skilled nursing facility, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or home for the aged.

“Inclement Weather” means any weather condition that delays the scheduled arrival or departure of a Common Carrier.

“Injury” or “Injuries” means accidental bodily injuries: (a) received while insured under the Policy and any attached coverages; (b) resulting in loss independently of sickness and all other causes; and (c) not excluded from coverage.

“Insured” means the person(s) named on the enrollment form or Roster as the principal Participant, participant’s spouse or participant’s child. Insured is also referred to as You or Your.

“Intoxicated” mean a blood alcohol level that equals or exceeds the legal limit for operating a motor vehicle in the state or jurisdiction where You are located at the time of an incident.

“Legally Qualified Physician” means a physician or a Christian Science Practitioner (a) other than You, a Traveling Companion or a Family Member; (b) practicing within the scope of his or her license; and (c) recognized as a physician in the place where the services are rendered.

“Maximum Benefit Amount” means the maximum amount payable for coverage provided to an Insured as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

“Medical Treatment” means treatment advice or consultation by a Legally Qualified Physician.

“Medically Necessary” means a service or supply which: (a) is recommended by the attending Legally Qualified Physician; (b) is appropriate and consistent with the diagnosis in accord with accepted standards of community practice; (c) could not have been omitted without adversely affecting Your condition or quality of medical care; (d) is delivered at the most appropriate level of care and not primarily for the sake of convenience; and (e) is not considered experimental unless coverage for experimental services or supplies is required by law.

“Pre-existing Condition” means any injury, sickness or condition (including any condition from which death ensues) of the Insured, or Traveling Companion, or Your and/or Traveling Companion’s Family Member or Your Business Partner scheduled or booked to travel with the You for which within the 60-day period prior to the effective date of Your Trip Cancellation coverage under the Policy which (a) manifested itself, became acute or exhibited symptoms which would have caused one to seek diagnosis, care or treatment; (b) required taking prescribed drugs or medicine, unless the condition for which the prescribed drug or medicine is taken remains controlled without any change in the required prescription; or (c) required medical treatment or treatment was recommended by a Legally Qualified Physician.

“Scheduled Departure Date” means the date on which You are originally scheduled to leave on the Covered Trip.

“Scheduled Return Date” means the date on which You are originally scheduled to return to the point of origin or the original final destination.

“Sickness” means an illness or disease that is diagnosed or treated by a Legally Qualified Physician after the effective date of insurance and while You are covered under the Policy.

“Strike” means any stoppage of work: (a) as a result of a combined effort of workers which was unannounced and unpublished at the time travel services were purchased; and (b) which interferes with the normal departure and arrival of a Common Carrier.

“Third Party” means a person or entity other than You or the Company.

“Transportation Expense” means: (a) the cost of conveyance of You and any medical personnel (if Medically Necessary); and (b) Medically Necessary services or supplies.

“Travel Arrangements” means: (a) transportation; (b) accommodations; and (c) other specified services arranged by the Travel Supplier for the covered trip.

“Traveling Companion” means a person or persons with whom a covered person has coordinated travel arrangements and intends to travel with during the trip.

“Travel Supplier” means Tauck.

“Usual and Customary Charges” means those comparable charges for similar treatment, services and supplies in the geographic area where treatment is performed.

### SECTION III. INSURING PROVISIONS

Insured’s Term of Coverage:

**For Trip Cancellation:** Coverage begins on the date and time the appropriate premium for this Certificate is received by Tauck. This is Your “Effective Date” and time for Trip Cancellation.

**For Trip Delay:** Coverage is in force while en route to and from the Covered Trip.

**For all other coverages:** Coverage begins at the point and time of departure on the Scheduled Departure Date. Coverage ends at the point and time of return on Your Scheduled Return Date.

In the event the Scheduled Departure Date and/or the Schedule Return Date are delayed, or the point and time of departure and/or point and time of return are changed because of circumstances over which neither the Travel Supplier nor You have control Your term of coverage shall be automatically adjusted accordance with the Travel Supplier’s notice to the Company of the delay or change.

### SECTION IV. GENERAL LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS

Benefits are not payable for Sickness, Injuries or losses of You, Your Traveling Companion or Your Traveling Companion’s Family Member, or Your Business Partner:

1. resulting from an act of declared or undeclared war;
2. while participating in maneuvers or training exercises of an armed service;



3. while piloting or learning to pilot or acting as a member of the crew of any aircraft;
4. received as a result or consequence of being Intoxicated, as specifically defined in the policy, or under the influence of any controlled substance unless administered on the advice of a Legally Qualified Physician;
5. to which a contributory cause was the commission of or attempt to commit a felony or being engaged in an illegal occupation;
6. due to normal childbirth or pregnancy through the first 6 months of pregnancy, or voluntarily induced abortion;
7. for dental treatment (except as coverage is otherwise specifically provided herein);
8. which exceed the Maximum Benefit Amount for each attached coverage as shown in the Schedule of Benefits: or;
9. due to a Pre-existing Condition, as defined in the Policy. The Pre-existing Condition Limitation does not apply to: (a) Emergency Medical Evacuation, Medical Repatriation and Return of Remains coverage; or (b) to coverage purchased within 10 days from the time the initial Covered Trip deposit is paid.

The following limitation applies to Trip Cancellation: All cancellations must be reported directly to the Travel Supplier within 72 hours of the event causing the need to cancel, unless the event prevents it, and then as soon as is reasonably possible. If the cancellation is not reported within the specified 72-hour period, the Company will not pay for additional charges, which would not have, been incurred had You notified the Travel Supplier in the specified period. If the event prevents You from reporting the cancellation, the 72-hour notice requirement does not apply; however, You must, if requested, provide proof that said event prevented him or her from reporting the cancellation within the specified period.

#### **Additional Limitations and Exclusions Specific to Baggage and Personal Effects**

Benefits are not payable for any loss caused by or resulting from:

- a) breakage of brittle or fragile articles;
- b) wear and tear or gradual deterioration;
- c) confiscation or appropriation by order of any government or custom's rule;
- d) theft or pilferage while left in any unlocked vehicle;
- e) property illegally acquired, kept, stored or transported;
- f) Your negligent acts or omissions; or

- g) property shipped as freight or shipped prior to the Scheduled Departure Date.

#### **SECTION V. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Notice of Claim:** Notice of claim must be reported within 20 days after a loss occurs or as soon as is reasonably possible. You or someone on Your behalf may give the notice. The notice should be given to the Company or designated representative and should include sufficient information to identify the Insured.

**Claim Forms:** When notice of claim is received by the Company or designated representative, forms for filing proof of loss will be furnished. If these forms are not sent within 15 days, the proof of loss requirements can be met by sending a written statement of what happened. This statement must be received within the time given for filing proof of loss.

**Proof of Loss:** Proof of loss must be provided within 90 days after the date of the loss or as soon as is reasonably possible. Proof must, however, be furnished no later than 12 months from the time it is otherwise required, except in the absence of legal capacity.

**Time of Payment of Claims:** The Company or its designated representative will pay the claim after receipt of acceptable proof of loss.

**Payment of Claims:** Benefits for loss of life are payable to the Insured's beneficiary. If a beneficiary is not otherwise designated by the Insured, benefits for loss of life will be paid to the first of the following surviving preference beneficiaries:

- a) the Insured's spouse;
- b) the Insured's child or children jointly;
- c) the Insured's parents jointly if both are living or the surviving parent if only one survives;
- d) the Insured's brothers and sisters jointly; or
- e) the Insured's estate.

All or a portion of all other benefits provided by the Policy may, at the option of the Company, be paid directly to the provider of the service(s). All benefits not paid to the provider will be paid to the Insured.

Other than for loss of life, if any benefit is payable to: (a) You or the Insured's beneficiary who is minor or otherwise not able to give a valid release; or (b) the Insured's estate: the Company may pay up to \$1,000 to the Insured's beneficiary or any relative to whom the Company finds entitled to the payment. Any payment made in good faith shall fully discharge the Company to the extent of such payment.

**Physician Examination and Autopsy:** The Company, at the expense of the Company, may have You examined when and as often as is reasonable while the claim is pending. The Company may have an autopsy done (at the expense of the Company) where it is not forbidden by law.

**Legal Actions:** No legal action for a claim can be brought against us until 60 days after we receive proof of loss. No legal action for a claim can be brought against us more than 3 years after the time required for giving proof of loss. This 3-year time period is extended from the date proof of loss is filed and the date the claim is denied in whole or in part.

**Concealment and Misrepresentation:** The entire coverage will be void, if before, during or after a loss, any material fact or circumstance relating to this insurance has been concealed or misrepresented.

**Excess Insurance:** The insurance provided by this Policy shall be in excess of all other valid and collectible Insurance or indemnity. If at the time of the occurrence of any loss there is other valid and collectible insurance or indemnity in place, the Company shall be liable only for the excess of the amount of loss, over the amount of such other insurance or indemnity, and applicable deductible. Recovery of losses from other parties does not result in a refund of premium paid.

**Other Insurance with the Company:** You may be covered under only one travel policy with the Company for each Covered Trip. If You are covered under more than one such policy, You may select the coverage that is to remain in effect. In the event of death, the selection will be made by the beneficiary or estate. Premiums paid (less claims paid) will be refunded for the duplicate coverage that does not remain in effect.

**Subrogation:** If the Company has made a payment for a loss under this coverage, and the person to or for whom payment was made has a right to recover damages from the Third Party responsible for the loss, the Company will be subrogated to that right. You shall help the Company exercise the Company's rights in any reasonable way that the Company may request: nor do anything after the loss to prejudice the Company's rights: and in the event You recover damages from the Third Party responsible for the loss, the Insured will hold the proceeds of the recover for the Company in trust and reimburse the Company to the extent of the Company's previous payment for the loss.

### **Additional Claims Provisions Specific to Baggage**

Insured's Duties After Loss of or Damage to Property or Delay of Baggage: In case of loss, theft, damage or delay of baggage or personal effects, and Insured must:

- a) take all reasonable steps to protect, save or recover the property;
- b) promptly notify, in writing, either the police, hotel proprietors, ship lines, airlines, railroad, bus, airport or other station authorities, tour operators or group leaders, or any Common Carrier or bailee who has custody of Your property at the time of loss;
- c) produce records needed to verify the claim and its amount, and permit copies to be made;
- d) provide to the Company, within 90 days from the date of loss, a detailed proof of loss signed and sworn to: and
- e) be examined, if requested.

**Reductions in the Amount of Insurance:** The applicable benefit amount will be reduced by the amount of benefits, if any, previously paid for any loss or damage under this coverage for this Covered Trip.

## **SECTION VI. COORDINATION OF BENEFITS**

### **Applicability**

The Coordination of Benefits ("COB") provision applies to This Plan when an Insured has health care coverage under more than one Plan. "Plan" and "This Plan" are defined below.

If this COB provision applies, the order of benefit determination rules should be looked at first. Those rules determine whether the benefits of This Plan are determined before or after those of another Plan. The benefits of This Plan:

- (a) will not be reduced when, under the order of benefit determination rules, This Plan determines its benefits before another Plan; but
- (b) may be reduced when, under the order of benefit determination rules, another Plan determines its benefits first. This reduction is described further in the section entitled Effect on the Benefits of This Plan.

### **Definitions**

**"Plan"** is a form of coverage written on an expense incurred basis that provides benefits or services for, or because of, medical or dental care or treatment. "Plan" includes:

- (a) group insurance and group remittance subscriber contracts;
- (b) uninsured arrangements of group coverage;
- (c) group coverage through HMO's and other prepayment, group practice and individual practice Plans; and
- (d) blanket contracts, except blanket school accident coverages or a similar group when the Policy:

"Plan" does not include individual or family: (a) insurance contracts; (b) direct payment subscriber contracts; (c) coverage through HMO's; or (d) coverage under other prepayment, group practice and individual practice Plans.

**"This Plan"** is the parts of this blanket contract that provide benefits for health care expenses on an expense incurred basis.

**"Primary Plan"** is one whose benefits for a person's health care coverage must be determined without taking the existence of any other Plan into consideration. A Plan is a Primary Plan if either:

- (a) the Plan either has no order of benefit determination rules, or it has rules which differ from those in the contract; or
- (b) all Plans that cover the person use the same order of benefits determination rules as in this contract, and under those rules the Plan determines its benefits first.

**"Secondary Plan"** is one that is not a Primary Plan. If a person is covered by more than one Secondary Plan, the order of benefit determination rules of this contract decides the order in which their benefits are determined in relation to each other. The benefits of each Secondary Plan may take into consideration the benefits of the Primary Plan or Plans and the benefits of any other Plan, which, under the rules of this contract, has its benefits, determined before those of that Secondary Plan.

**"Allowable Expense"** is the necessary, reasonable, and customary item of expense for health care; when the item of expense is covered at least in part under any of the Plans involved.

The difference between the cost of a private hospital room and a semi-private hospital room is not considered an Allowable Expense under the above definition unless the patient's stay in a private hospital room is medically necessary in terms of generally accepted medical practice.

When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered both an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid.

**"Claim"** is a request that benefits of a Plan be provided or paid. The benefits claimed may be in the form of: (a) services (including supplies); (b) payment for all or a portion of the expenses incurred; or (c) a combination of (a) and (b).

**"Claim Determination Period"** is the period of time, which must not be less, than 12 consecutive months, over which Allowable Expenses are compared with total benefits payable in the absence of COB, to determine: (a) whether over insurance exists; and (b) how much each Plan will pay or provide.

For the purposes of this contract, Claim Determination Period is the period of time beginning with the effective date of coverage and ending 12 consecutive months following the date of loss or longer as may be determined by the proof of loss provision.

### **Order of Benefit Determination Rules**

When This Plan is a Primary Plan, its benefits are determined before those of any other Plan and without considering another Plan's benefits.

When This Plan is a Secondary Plan, its benefits are determined after those of any other Plan only when, under these rules, it is secondary to that other Plan.

When there is a basis for a Claim under This Plan and another Plan, This Plan is a Secondary Plan that has its benefits determined after those of the other Plan, unless:

- (a) the other Plan has rules coordinating its benefits with those of This Plan; and
- (b) both those rules and This Plan's rules, as described below, require that This Plan's benefits be determined before those of the other Plan.

### **Rules**

This Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules which applies:

- (a) Nondependent/Dependent Rule. The benefits of the Plan which covers the person as an employee, member or subscriber (that is, other than as a dependent) are determined before those of the Plan that covers the person as a dependent.

- (b) Longer/Shorter Length of Coverage Rule. The benefits of the Plan that covered an employee, member or subscriber longer are determined before those of the Plan that covered that person for the shorter time.

To determine the length of time a person has been covered under a Plan, two Plans shall be treated as one if the claimant was eligible under the second within 24 hours after the first ended. Thus, the start of a new Plan does not include: (a) a change in the amount or scope of a Plan's benefits; (b) a change in the entity which pays, provides or administers the Plan's benefits; or (c) a change from one type of Plan to another. The claimant's length of time covered under a Plan is measured from the claimant's first date of coverage under that Plan. If that date is not readily available, the date the claimant first became a member of the group shall be used as the date from which to determine the length of time the claimant's coverage under the present Plan has been in force.

#### **Effect on the Benefits of This Plan When it is Secondary**

The benefits of This Plan will be reduced when it is a Secondary Plan so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans during a Claim Determination Period are not more than the total Allowable Expenses, not otherwise paid, which were incurred during the Claim Determination Period by the person for whom the Claim is made. As each Claim is submitted, This Plan determines its obligation to pay for Allowable Expenses based on all Claims that were submitted up to that point in time during the Claim Determination Period.

#### **Right to Receive and Release Needed Information**

Certain facts are needed to apply these COB rules. We have the right to decide which facts are needed. We may get needed facts from or give them to any other organization or person. We need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under This Plan must give us any facts we need to pay the Claim.

#### **Facility of Payment**

A payment made under another Plan may include an amount that should have been paid under This Plan. If it does, we may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under This Plan. We will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case "payment

made" means reasonable monetary value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

#### **Right of Recovery**

If the amount of the payments made by us is more than we should have paid under this COB provision, we may recover the excess from one or more of: (a) the persons we have paid or for whom we have paid; (b) insurance companies; or (c) other organizations.

#### **Non-complying Plans**

This Plan may coordinate its benefits with a Plan that is excess or always secondary or which uses order of benefit determination rules which are inconsistent with those of This Plan (non-complying Plan) on the following basis:

- (a) If This Plan is the Primary Plan, This Plan will pay its benefits on a primary basis;
- (b) if This Plan is the Secondary Plan, This Plan will pay its benefits first, but the amount of the benefits payable will be determined as if This Plan were the Secondary Plan. In this situation, our payment will be the limit of This Plan's liability; and
- (c) if the non-complying Plan does not provide the information needed by This Plan to determine its benefits within 30 days after it is requested to do so, we will assume that the benefits of the non-complying Plan are identical to This Plan and will pay benefits accordingly. However, we will adjust any payments made based on this assumption whenever information becomes available as to the actual benefits of the non-complying Plan.

#### **STATE EXCEPTIONS**

**NEW HAMPSHIRE:** The definition of "Family Member" is amended to read:

"Family Member" means an Insured's or a Traveling Companion's: legal spouse or common-law spouse where legal; legal guardian; son or daughter (adopted, foster or step); child placed for adoption with the Insured or Traveling Companion; son-in-law; daughter-in-law; grandmother; grandmother-in-law; grandfather; grandfather-in-law; grandchild; aunt; uncle; niece; or nephew; brother, step-brother; sister; step-sister; brother-in-law; sister-in-law; mother; mother-in-law; father; father-in-law; step-parent.

The definition of "Hospital" is amended to read:

"Hospital" means (a) a place that operates according to law in the state where it is located; and b) a place operated for the care and treatment of resident inpatients with a registered graduate nurse (RN) always on duty and with a laboratory and X-ray facility: Not included is a hospital or institution licensed or used principally: (1) for the treatment or care of drug addicts or alcoholics; or (2) as a clinic continued or extended care facility, skilled nursing facility, convalescent home, rest home, nursing home or home for the aged.

"Proof of Loss" is amended to read:

Proof of Loss: Proof of loss must be provided within 90 days after the date of the loss or as soon as is reasonably possible.

**NEW YORK:** The following language is amended to read:

#### **ACCIDENT MEDICAL EXPENSE**

This Coverage is provided only if shown as covered on the Schedule of Benefits.

For purposes of this benefit:

"Covered Expense" means expense incurred for services and supplies: (a) listed below; and (b) ordered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician as Medically Necessary for diagnosis or treatment; which are limited to:

1. the services of a Legally Qualified Physician;
2. Hospital or ambulatory medical-surgical center services (this will also include expenses for a cruise ship cabin or hotel room, not already included in the cost of the Insured's Covered Trip, if recommended as a substitute for a hospital room for recovery of an Injury);
3. transportation furnished by a professional ambulance company to and/or from a Hospital; and
4. prescribed drugs, prosthetics and therapeutic services and supplies.

Benefits will be paid for the Covered Expense incurred, up to the Maximum Benefit Amount, if an Insured incurs a Covered Expense as a result of an accidental Injury which occurs during the Covered Trip. Only Covered Expenses incurred during the Covered Trip will be reimbursed. Expenses incurred after the Covered Trip are not covered.

Benefits will include expenses for emergency dental treatment due to accidental Injury not to exceed \$1,000.

Benefits will not be paid in excess of the Usual and Customary Charges.

**NEW YORK MANDATES:** Under New York Law, certain mandated benefits are required to be provided under a medical expense policy.

The Company will pay benefits as applicable to this program for such mandates.

The Maximum Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

### **SICKNESS MEDICAL EXPENSE**

This Coverage is made a part of the policy to which it is attached. It is subject to all policy provisions of this Coverage.

For purposes of this benefit:

“Covered Expense” means expense incurred for services and supplies: (a) listed below; and (b) ordered or prescribed by a Legally Qualified Physician as Medically Necessary for diagnosis or treatment; which are limited to:

1. the services of a Legally Qualified Physician;
2. Hospital or ambulatory medical-surgical center services (this will also include expenses for a cruise ship cabin or hotel room, not already included in the cost of the Insured's Covered Trip, if recommended as a substitute for a hospital room for recovery of a Sickness);
3. transportation furnished by a professional ambulance company to and/or from a Hospital; and
4. prescribed drugs, prosthetics and therapeutic services and supplies.

Benefits will be paid for the Covered Expense incurred, up to the Maximum Benefit Amount, if an Insured incurs a Covered Expense as a result of Sickness which first manifests itself during the Covered Trip. Only Covered Expenses incurred during the Covered Trip will be reimbursed. Expenses incurred after the Covered Trip are not covered.

Benefits will include expenses for emergency dental treatment not to exceed \$1,000.

Benefits will not be paid in excess of the Usual and Customary Charges.

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**NEW YORK MANDATES:** Under New York Law, certain mandated benefits are required to be provided under a medical expense policy.

The Company will pay benefits as applicable to this program for such mandates.

The Maximum Benefit Amount is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

### **Definitions:**

“Hospital” means a short-term, acute, general hospital, that:

- (a) is primarily engaged in providing, by or under the continuous supervision of physicians, to inpatients, diagnostic services and therapeutic services for diagnosis, treatment and care of injured or sick persons;
- (b) has organized departments of medicine and major surgery;
- (c) has a requirement that every patient must be under the care of a physician or dentist;
- (d) provides 24-hour nursing service by or under the supervision of a registered professional nurse (R.N.);
- (e) if located in New York State, has in effect a hospitalization review plan applicable to all patients which meets at least the standards set forth in section 1861(k) of United States Public Law 89-97, (42 USCA 1395x[k]);
- (f) is duly licensed by the agency responsible for licensing such hospitals; and

Is not, other than incidentally, a place of rest, a place primarily for the treatment of tuberculosis, a place for the aged, a place for drug addicts, alcoholics, or a place for convalescent, custodial, educational, or rehabilitative care.

“Pre-Existing Condition” means the existence of symptoms in You, Your Traveling Companion, You or Your Traveling Companion's Family Member that would ordinarily cause a prudent person to seek diagnosis, care or treatment within a 60-day period preceding the effective date of Your coverage, or a condition for which medical advice or treatment was recommended by a Physician or received from a Physician within a 60-day period preceding the effective date of Your coverage.

## **CLAIMS PROCEDURE**

### **1. EMERGENCIES ARISING DURING YOUR COVERED TRIP:**

Please contact On Call International (refer to Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services section).

**2. TRIP CANCELLATIONS:** Contact Tauck World Discovery at 1-800-GO-TAUCK and Aon Affinity IMMEDIATELY to notify them of your cancellation and to avoid any non-covered expenses due to late reporting. Aon Affinity will then forward the appropriate claim form which must be completed by You and THE ATTENDING PHYSICIAN, if applicable.

**3. ALL OTHER CLAIMS:** Report your claim as soon as possible to Aon Affinity. Provide the policy number, Your travel dates, and details describing the nature of Your loss. Upon receipt of this information, Aon Affinity will promptly forward You the appropriate claim form to complete.

Online: [www.travelclaim.com](http://www.travelclaim.com)

Phone: 1-(866) 808-7356 or 1-(516) 342-7292

Mail: Aon Affinity Travel Practice  
900 Stewart Avenue  
Garden City, NY 11530

Office Hours: 8:00 AM – 10:00 PM (EST), Monday – Friday  
9:00 AM – 5:00 PM (EST), Saturday

**Important:** In order to facilitate prompt claims settlement upon your return, be sure to obtain as applicable: detailed medical statements from Physicians in attendance where the Accident or Sickness occurred; receipts for medical services and supplies; receipts from the Hospital; police reports or claims reports from the parties responsible (e.g. airline, cruise line, hotel, etc.) for any loss, theft, damage or delay. In the event of a baggage claim, receipts for any lost or damaged items will be required. In the event of a Baggage Delay or Trip Delay claim, receipts for any additional covered expenses will be required, as well as verification of the delay. You must receive initial treatment within thirty (30) days of the Accident, which caused the Injury, or the onset of the Sickness.

When used throughout this document “The Company”, “Our”, “We”, or “Us” means:  
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## **PRIVACY POLICY AND PRACTICES**

The Company values your business and your trust. In order to administer insurance policies and provide you with effective customer service, we must collect certain information about our customers. We want you to know that we are committed to protecting your private information and we will comply with all federal and state privacy laws. Below is a Privacy Notice describing our policy regarding the collection and disclosure of personal information. Please review this Notice and keep a copy of it with your records.

### **Your Privacy is Our Concern**

When you apply to The Company for insurance or make a claim against a policy written by The Company, you disclose information about yourself to us. There are legal requirements governing the collection, use, and disclosure of such information. The Company maintains physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with state and federal regulations to guard your personal information. We also limit employee access to personally identifiable information to those with a business reason for knowing such information. The Company instructs our employees as to the importance of the confidentiality of personal information, and takes measures to enforce employee privacy responsibilities.

### **What kind of information do we collect about you and from whom?**

We obtain most of our information from you. The application or claim form you complete, as well as any additional information you provide, generally gives us most of the information we need to know. Sometimes we may contact you by phone or mail to obtain additional information. We may use information about you from other transactions with us, our affiliates, or others. Depending on the nature of your insurance transaction, we may need additional information about you or other individuals proposed for coverage. We may obtain the additional information we need from third parties, such as other insurance companies or agents, government agencies, medical personnel, the state motor vehicle department, information clearinghouses, credit reporting agencies, courts, or public records. A report from a consumer reporting agency may contain information as to creditworthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, hobbies, occupation, personal characteristics, or mode of living.

### **What do we do with the information collected about you?**

If coverage is declined or the charge for coverage is increased because of information contained in a consumer report we obtained, we will inform you, as required by state law or the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. We will also give you the name and address of the consumer reporting agency making the report. We may retain information about our former customers and may disclose that information to affiliates and non-affiliates only as described in this notice.

### **To whom do we disclose information about you?**

We may disclose all the information that we collect about you, as described above. We may disclose such information about you to our affiliated companies, such as:

- Insurance companies;
- Insurance agencies;
- Third party administrators;
- Medical bill review companies; and
- Reinsurance companies.

We may also disclose nonpublic personal information about you to affiliated and nonaffiliated third parties as permitted by law. You have a right to access and correct the personal information we collect, maintain, and disclose about you.

### **How to contact Us**

You may obtain a more detailed description of the information practices prescribed by law by contacting us at the address below. Remember to include your name, address, policy number, and daytime phone number.

Privacy Policy Coordinator  
Fairmont Specialty  
5 Christopher Way, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Eatontown, New Jersey 07724

When used throughout this document “Company”, “Our”, “We”, or “Us” means:  
**United States Fire Insurance Company**

## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

When you submit a claim and that claim is denied, we will provide a written statement containing the reasons for the Adverse Determination. You have the right to request a review of any Company decision or action pertaining to our contractual relationship and to appeal any adverse claim determination we’ve made by filing a Grievance. These procedures have been developed to ensure a full investigation of a Grievance through a formal process.

### **DEFINITIONS**

A “**Grievance**” is a written complaint requesting a change to a previous claim decision, claims payment, the handling or reimbursement of health care services, or other matters pertaining to your coverage and our contractual relationship.

An “**Adverse Determination**” is a determination by the Company or its designated utilization review organization that (i) a service, treatment, drug, or device, is experimental, investigational, specifically limited or excluded by your coverage; or (ii) a facility admission, the availability of care, continued stay or other health care services proposed or furnished have been reviewed and, based upon the information provided, does not meet the contractual requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness and therefore, the benefit coverage is denied, reduced or terminated in whole or in part.

### **INFORMAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

You, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf may submit an oral complaint to us within 60-days after an event that causes a dispute. Telephoning allows you to discuss your complaint or concerns and gives us the opportunity to immediately resolve the problem.

If we don’t have all the information necessary to review your complaint, we will request any additional information within 5 business days of receiving your complaint. After we receive all the necessary information, we will provide you, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf with our written decision within 30-days after receiving the complaint and all necessary information.

If the problem cannot be resolved in this manner, you still have the right to submit a written request for the complaint to be reviewed through the Formal Grievance Procedure, as outlined below.

### **FORMAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

A formal Grievance may be submitted by you, your authorized representative, or in the event of an Adverse Determination, by a provider acting on your behalf.

If you file a formal Grievance, you will have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information you feel are relevant to the Grievance, regardless of whether those materials were considered in the initial Adverse Determination.

#### **First Level Review**

Within 3 working business days after receiving the Grievance, we must acknowledge the Grievance and provide you, your authorized representative or a provider with the name, address, and telephone number of the coordinator handling the Grievance and information on how to submit written material. The person(s) who reviews the Grievance will not be the same person(s) who made the initial Adverse Determination. During the review, all information, documents, and other materials submitted relating to the claim will be considered, regardless of whether they were considered in making the previous claim decision. The Insured will not be allowed to attend, or have a representative attend, a First Level Review. The Insured may, however, submit written material for consideration by the reviewer(s).

When the Grievance is based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, the review will be conducted by, or in consultation with, a medical doctor with appropriate training and expertise to evaluate the matter.

Following our review of your Grievance, we must issue a written decision to you and, if applicable, to your representative or provider, within 20-days after receiving the Grievance. The written decision must include:

- (1) The name(s), title(s) and professional qualifications of any person(s) participating in the First Level Review process.
- (2) A statement of the reviewer’s understanding of the Grievance.
- (3) The specific reason(s) for the reviewer’s decision in clear terms and the contractual basis or medical rationale used as the basis for the decision in sufficient detail for the Insured to respond further to our position.
- (4) A reference to the evidence or documentation used as the basis for the decision.

- (5) If the claim denial is based on medical necessity, experimental treatment or similar exclusion, instructions for requesting an explanation of the scientific or clinical rationale used to make the determination.
- (6) A statement advising you of your right to request a Second Level Review, if applicable, and a description of the procedure and timeframes for requesting a Second Level Review.

### **Second Level Review**

The Second Level Review process is available if you are not satisfied with the outcome of the First level Review for an Adverse Determination. Within ten business days after receiving a request for a Second Level Review, we will advise you of the following:

- (1) the name, address, and telephone number of a person designated to coordinate the Grievance review for the Company;
- (2) a statement of your rights, including the right to:
  - attend the Second Level Review
  - present his/her case to the review panel;
  - submit supporting materials before and at the review meeting;
  - ask questions of any member of the review panel;
  - be assisted or represented by a person of his/her choice, including a provider, family member, employer representative, or attorney.
  - request and receive from us free of charge, copies of all relevant documents, records and other information that is not confidential or privileged that were considered in making the Adverse Determination.

We must convene a review panel and hold a review meeting within 45-days after receiving a request for a Second Level Review. We will notify you in writing of the meeting date at least 15-days prior to the date. The review meeting will be held during regular business hours at a location reasonable accessible to you. In cases where a face-to-face meeting is not practical for geographic reasons, we will offer you the opportunity to communicate with the review panel at our expense by conference call or other appropriate technology. Your right to a full review may not be conditioned on whether or not you appear at the meeting.

If you choose to be represented by an attorney, we may also be represented by an attorney. If we choose to have an attorney present to represent our interests, we will notify you at least 15 working days in advance of the review that an attorney will be present and that you may wish to obtain legal representation of your own.

The panel must be comprised of persons who:

- (1) were not previously involved in any matter giving rise to the Second Level Review;
- (2) are not employees of the Company or Utilization Review Organization; and
- (3) do not have a financial interest in the outcome of the review.

A person previously involved in the Grievance may appear before the panel to present information or answer questions.

All persons reviewing a Second Level Grievance involving a Utilization Review non-certification or a clinical issue will be providers who have appropriate expertise, including at least one clinical peer. If we use a clinical peer on an appeal of a Utilization Review non-certification or on a First Level Review, we may use one of our employees on the Second Level Review panel if the panel is comprised of 3 or more persons.

We must issue a written decision to you and, if applicable, to your representative or provider, within 10 business days after completing the review meeting. The decision must include:

- (1) the name(s), title(s) and qualifying credentials of the members of the review panel;
- (2) a statement of the review panel's understanding of the nature of the Grievance and all pertinent facts;
- (3) the review panel's recommendation to the Company and the rationale behind the recommendation;
- (4) a description of, or reference to, the evidence or documentation considered by the review panel in making the recommendation;
- (5) in the review of a Utilization Review non-certification or other clinical matter, a written statement of the clinical rationale, including the clinical review criteria, that was used by the review panel to make the determination;
- (6) the rationale for the Company's decision if it differs from the review panel's recommendation;
- (7) a statement that the decision is the Company's final determination in the matter;
- (8) notice of the availability of the Commissioner's office for assistance, including the telephone number and address of the Commissioner's office.

**EXPEDITED REVIEW**

You are eligible for an expedited review when the timeframes for an Informal, formal First Level review or Second Level review would reasonably appear to seriously jeopardize your life or health, or your ability to regain maximum function. An expedited review is also available for all Grievances concerning an admission, availability of care, continued stay or health care service for a person who has received emergency services, but who has not been discharged from a facility.

A request for an expedited review may be submitted orally or in writing. An expedited review must be evaluated by an appropriate clinical peer in the same or similar specialty as would typically manage the case being reviewed. If we don't have the information necessary to decide an appeal, we will send you notification of precisely what is required within 24-hours of our receipt of your Grievance. All necessary information, including our decision, will be transmitted by telephone, facsimile, or the most expeditious method available. Provided we have enough information to make a decision, you, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf will be notified of the determination as expeditiously as the medical condition requires, but in no event more than 72-hours after the review has commenced. Written confirmation of our decision will be provided within 2 working business days of the decision and will contain the same items described in the written decision requirements for First Level reviews.

If the expedited review does not resolve the situation, you, your representative or a provider acting on your behalf may submit a written Grievance. We will not provide an expedited review for retrospective reviews of Adverse Determinations.



## **GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES**

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#### **DEFINITIONS**

A “**Grievance**” is a written complaint requesting a change to a previous claim decision, claims payment, the handling or reimbursement of health care services, or other matters pertaining to your coverage and our contractual relationship.

An “**Adverse Determination**” is a determination by the Company or its designated utilization review organization that (i) a service, treatment, drug, or device, is experimental, investigational, specifically limited or excluded by your coverage; or (ii) a facility admission, the availability of care, continued stay or other health care services proposed or furnished have been reviewed and, based upon the information provided, does not meet the contractual requirements for medical necessity, appropriateness, health care setting, level of care or effectiveness and therefore, the benefit coverage is denied, reduced or terminated in whole or in part.

#### **INFORMAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

If you have a complaint about a claim denial, you, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf may call our Customer Services department to informally resolve your complaint. Telephoning allows you to discuss your complaint or concerns and gives us the opportunity to further explain the issue or immediately resolve the problem.

If we don't have all the information necessary to review your complaint, we will request any additional information within 5-business days of receiving your complaint. After we receive all the necessary information, we will provide you, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf with our written decision within 15-days after receiving the complaint and all necessary information.

If the problem cannot be resolved in this manner, you still have the right to submit a written request for the complaint to be reviewed through the Formal Grievance Procedure, as outlined below.

#### **FORMAL GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE**

In the event of an Adverse Determination, you, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf may submit a formal Grievance within 180-days following receipt of the Adverse Determination.

If you file a formal Grievance, you will have the opportunity to submit written comments, documents, records and other information you feel are relevant to the Grievance, regardless of whether those materials were considered in the initial Adverse Determination.

In the event you fail to submit all information needed to decide the appeal. We will notify you in writing of precisely what is required. You will have 45-days within which to respond to our request and provide sufficient information. If you fail to provide the necessary information within that timeframe, we may deny the appeal on the basis of incompleteness.

#### **Internal First Level Review**

Within 3-working business days after receiving the Grievance, we must acknowledge the Grievance and provide you, your authorized representative or a provider with the name, address, and telephone number of the coordinator handling the Grievance and information on how to submit written material. The person(s) who reviews the Grievance will not be the same person(s) who made the initial Adverse Determination. During the review, all information, documents, and other materials submitted relating to the claim will be considered, regardless of whether they were considered in making the previous claim decision. The Insured will not be allowed to attend, or have a representative attend, an Internal First Level Review. The Insured may, however, submit written material for consideration by the reviewer(s).

When the Grievance is based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, the review will be conducted by, or in consultation with, a medical doctor with appropriate training and expertise to evaluate the matter.

Following our review of your Grievance, we must issue a written decision to you and, if applicable, to your representative or provider, within 30-days after receiving the Grievance. The written decision must include:

- (1) The name(s), title(s) and professional qualifications of any person(s) participating in the Internal First Level Review process.
- (2) A statement of the reviewer's understanding of the Grievance.
- (3) The specific reason(s) for the reviewer's decision in clear terms and the contractual basis or medical rationale used as the basis for the decision in sufficient detail for the Insured to respond further to our position.

- (4) A reference to the evidence or documentation used as the basis for the decision.
- (5) If the claim denial is based on medical necessity, experimental treatment or similar exclusion, instructions for requesting an explanation of the scientific or clinical rationale used to make the determination.
- (6) A statement advising you of your right to request an External Second Level Review, if applicable, and a description of the procedure and timeframes for requesting an External Second Level Review and options for bringing a legal action.

### **External Second Level Review**

The External Second Level Review process is available if you are not satisfied with the outcome of the Internal First Level Review for an Adverse Determination or if you have requested an Informal or Internal First Level Review and did not receive a decision from the Company within the time frames allowed for such reviews. Within 10-business days after receiving a request for an External Second Level Review, we or our designated utilization review organization will provide you and the selected independent review organization with the following:

- (1) The name, address, and telephone number of a person designated to coordinate the Grievance review for the Company;
- (2) A statement of your rights, including the right to:
  - Attend the External Second Level Review;
  - Present his/her case to the review panel;
  - Submit supporting materials before and at the review meeting;
  - Ask questions of any member of the review panel;
  - Be assisted or represented by a person of his/her choice, including a provider, family member, employer representative, or attorney;
  - Request and receive from us free of charge, copies of all relevant documents, records and other information that is not confidential or privileged that were considered in making the Adverse Determination;
- (3) A copy of your health insurance contract, evidence of coverage, benefit summary, or similar document;
- (4) All relevant medical records;
- (5) A summary of the applicable issues, including a statement of our final determination;
- (6) The clinical review criteria used and the clinical reasons for the determination;
- (7) Any communications between you and us regarding the Informal or Internal First Level Review; and
- (8) All other documents, information, or criteria relied upon by us in making our determination.

We will convene a review panel and hold a review meeting within 45-days after receiving a request for an External Second Level Review. We will notify you in writing of the meeting date at least 15-days prior to the date. The review meeting will be held during regular business hours at a location reasonable accessible to you. In cases where a face-to-face meeting is not practical for geographic reasons, we will offer you the opportunity to communicate with the review panel at our expense by conference call or other appropriate technology. Your right to a full review may not be conditioned on whether or not you appear at the meeting.

If you choose to be represented by an attorney, we may also be represented by an attorney. If we choose to have an attorney present to represent our interests, we will notify you at least 15-working days in advance of the review that an attorney will be present and that you may wish to obtain legal representation of your own.

The panel must be comprised of persons who:

- (1) Were not previously involved in any matter giving rise to the External Second Level Review;
- (2) Are not employees of the Company or Utilization Review Organization; and
- (3) Do not have a financial interest in the outcome of the review.

A person previously involved in the Grievance may appear before the panel to present information or answer questions.

All persons reviewing an External Second Level Grievance involving a Utilization Review non-certification or a clinical issue must be providers who have appropriate expertise, including at least one clinical peer. If we use a clinical peer on an appeal of a Utilization Review non-certification or on an Internal First Level Review, we may use one of our employees on the External Second Level Review panel if the panel is comprised of 3 or more persons.

A written statement of the External Second Level Review panel's decision will be issued to you and, if applicable, to your representative or provider, within 10-business days after completing the review meeting. The decision will include:

- (1) The name(s), title(s) and qualifying credentials of the members of the review panel;
- (2) A statement of the review panel's understanding of the nature of the Grievance and all pertinent facts;
- (3) The review panel's recommendation to the Company and the rationale behind the recommendation;

- (4) A description of, or reference to, the evidence or documentation considered by the review panel in making the recommendation;
- (5) In the review of a Utilization Review non-certification or other clinical matter, a written statement of the clinical rationale, including the clinical review criteria, that was used by the review panel to make the determination;
- (6) The rationale for the Company's decision if it differs from the review panel's recommendation;
- (7) A statement that the decision is the Company's final determination in the matter;
- (8) Notice of the availability of the Commissioner's office for assistance, including the telephone number and address of the Commissioner's office.

#### **EXPEDITED REVIEW**

You are eligible for an expedited review when the timeframes for an Informal, Internal First Level Review or External Second Level Review would reasonably appear to seriously jeopardize your life or health, or your ability to regain maximum function. An expedited review is also available for all Grievances concerning an admission, availability of care, continued stay or health care service for a person who has received emergency services, but who has not been discharged from a facility.

A request for an expedited review may be submitted orally or in writing. An expedited review must be evaluated by an appropriate clinical peer in the same or similar specialty as would typically manage the case being reviewed. If we don't have the information necessary to decide an appeal, we will send you notification of precisely what is required within 24-hours of our receipt of your Grievance. All necessary information, including our decision, will be transmitted by telephone, facsimile, or the most expeditious method available. Provided we have enough information to make a decision, you, your authorized representative, or a provider acting on your behalf will be notified of the determination as expeditiously as the medical condition requires, but in no event more than 72-hours after the review has commenced. Written confirmation of our decision will be provided within 2-working business days of the decision and will contain the same items described in the written decision requirements for an Internal First Level Review.

If the expedited review does not resolve the situation, you, your representative or a provider acting on your behalf may submit a written Grievance. We will not provide an expedited review for retrospective review of Adverse Determinations.

**You and your plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation.  
One way to find out what may be available is to read your policy carefully, or contact your local U.S. Department of Labor Office,  
or the New Hampshire Department of Insurance.**

**The New Hampshire Insurance Department is available to assist you with insurance related problems and questions.**

**You may inquire:**

**By writing to: NH Insurance Department  
21 South Fruit Street  
Concord, NH 03301-7317**

**By telephone: 603-271-2261, direct or toll-free at 1-800-852-3416**

# Worldwide Emergency Assistance Services

*The following assistance services are provided by On Call International and are not an insurance benefit.*

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- **CareFree™ Travel Assistance**
- **Medical Assistance**
- **Emergency Services**

## **CareFree™ Travel Assistance**

### Travel Arrangements

- Arrangements for last-minute flight and hotel changes
- Luggage Locator (reporting/tracking of lost, stolen or delayed baggage)
- Hotel finder and reservations
- Airport transportation
- Rental car reservations and automobile return
- Coordination of travel for visitors to bedside
- Return travel for dependent/minor children
- Assistance locating the nearest embassy or consulate
- Cash transfers
- Assistance with bail bonds

### Pre-Trip Information

- Destination guides (hotels, restaurants, etc.)
- Weather updates and advisories
- Passport requirements
- Currency exchange
- Health and safety advisories

### Documents and Communication

- Assistance with lost travel documents or passports
- Live email and phone messaging to family and friends
- Emergency message relay service
- Multilingual translation and interpretation services

## **Medical Assistance Services**

- Medical case management, consultation and monitoring
- Medical Transportation
- Dispatch of a doctor or specialist
- Referrals to local medical and dental service providers
- Worldwide medical information, up-to-the-minute travel medical advisories, and immunization requirements
- Prescription drug replacement
- Replacement of eyeglasses, contact lenses and dental appliances

## **Emergency Services**

- Emergency evacuation
- Repatriation of mortal remains
- Emergency medical and dental assistance
- Emergency legal assistance
- Emergency medical payment assistance
- Emergency family travel arrangements

CareFree™ Travel Assistance, Medical Assistance and Emergency Services can be accessed by calling On Call International at **1-866-509-7710** or, from outside the U.S. or Canada, call collect: **1-603-328-1703**.