

**Ohio School Boards
Association**

***Board Members and
Trustees***

**Accidental Death and
Dismemberment Coverage**



THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

Certificate of Coverage

Prudential certifies that insurance is provided according to the Group Contract(s) for each Insured Participant. Your Booklet's Schedule of Benefits shows the Contract Holder and the Group Contract Number(s).

Insured Participant: You are eligible to become insured under the Group Contract if you are in the Covered Classes of the Booklet's Schedule of Benefits and meet the requirements in the Booklet's Who is Eligible section. The When You Become Insured section of the Booklet states how and when you may become insured for each Coverage. Your insurance will end when the rules in the When Your Insurance Ends section so provide. Your Booklet and this Certificate of Coverage together form your Group Insurance Certificate.

Beneficiary for Participant Death Benefits: See the Booklet's Beneficiary Rules.

Coverages and Amounts: The available Coverages and the amounts of insurance are described in the Booklet.

If you are insured, your Booklet and this Certificate of Coverage form your Group Insurance Certificate. Together they replace any older booklets and certificates issued to you for the Coverages in the Booklet's Schedule of Benefits. All Benefits are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes the Group Insurance Certificate.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
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Foreword

We are pleased to present you with this Booklet. It describes the Program of benefits we have arranged for you and what you have to do to be covered for these benefits.

We believe this Program provides worthwhile protection for you and your family.

Please read this Booklet carefully. If you have any questions about the Program, we will be happy to answer them.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: *This Booklet is an important document and should be kept in a safe place. This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage made a part of this Booklet together form your Group Insurance Certificate.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES: *There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions under the Coverage(s) described in this Group Insurance Certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your Coverage(s) and are made a part of your Group Insurance Certificate. Prudential has a website that describes these state-specific requirements. You may access the website at www.prudential.com/etonline. When you access the website, you will be asked to enter your state of residence and your Access Code. **Your Access Code is 50500.***

If you are unable to access this website, want to receive a printed copy of these requirements or have any questions, call Prudential at 1-866-439-9026.

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Schedule of Benefits

Covered Classes: All Participants who are elected and appointed School Board Members of Ohio School Boards Association member school districts.

Program Date: March 1, 2010. This Booklet describes the benefits under the Group Program as of the Program Date.

- This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage together form your Group Insurance Certificate. The Coverages in this Booklet are insured under a Group Contract issued by Prudential. All benefits are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes the Group Insurance Certificate. It alone forms the agreement under which payment of insurance is made.

OPTIONAL ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT COVERAGE

BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER PARTICIPANT INSURANCE:

Amount For Each Benefit Class:

Benefit Classes	Amount of Insurance
All Participants	\$100,000

Amount Limit Due to Age: When you are age 70 or more, your amount of insurance is limited. It is the Limited Percent (for that Age) of the amount for which you would then be insured if there were no limitation. Each Age and the Limited Percent for that Age are shown below.

Age	Limited Percent
70	65
75	45
80	30
85 and more	15

The Limited Percent for an Age takes effect on the day you become insured if you are then that Age. Otherwise, each Limited Percent for an Age takes effect on the first March 1 that occurs while you are that Age.

BENEFIT AMOUNTS UNDER DEPENDENTS INSURANCE:

	Amount of Insurance
On your covered spouse:	\$50,000
On each of your covered children:	\$10,000.

Amount Limit Due to Age: When you are age 70 or more, your spouse's amount of insurance is limited. It is the Limited Percent (for that Age) of the amount for which your spouse would then be insured if there were no limitation. Each Age and the Limited Percent for that Age are shown below.

Age	Limited Percent
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70	65
75	45
80	30
85 and more	15

The Limited Percent for an Age takes effect on the day you become insured if you are then that Age. Otherwise, each Limited Percent for an Age takes effect on the first March 1 that occurs while you are that Age.

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS UNDER PARTICIPANT AND DEPENDENTS INSURANCE:

For the purposes of determining benefits under the Coverage, Amount of Insurance does not include any additional amount payable as shown below.

Additional Amount Payable for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in an Automobile While Using a Seat Belt: \$10,000.

Additional Amount Payable for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in an Automobile While Using an Air Bag: \$5,000.

Additional Amount Payable for Return of Remains: An amount equal to the lesser of:

- (1) the amount of Return of Remains Expenses; and
- (2) \$1,000.

Additional Amount Payable for Loss as a Result of Felonious Assault: An amount equal to the lesser of:

- (1) 10% of your Amount of Insurance; and
- (2) \$10,000.

Additional Amount Payable for Your Child's Loss: An amount equal to 200% of the amount payable for the one largest amount to which the child is entitled.

Additional Amount Payable for Emergency or Disaster Response Team Member Benefit: An amount equal to the lesser of:

- (1) 10% of your Amount of Insurance; and
- (2) \$10,000.

Additional Monthly Amount Payable for Rehabilitation Expense: An amount equal to the lesser of:

- (1) 1% of the Amount of Insurance on the person; and
- (2) \$100.

This benefit will be paid monthly until the first of these occurs:

- (1) A Doctor determines that the person no longer needs rehabilitation.
- (2) The person fails to furnish any required proof of the person's continuing need for rehabilitation.

- (3) The person fails to submit to a medical exam by Doctors named by Prudential, at Prudential's expense, when and as often as Prudential requires.
- (4) The benefit has been paid for 12 consecutive months.

To Whom Payable: The benefits are payable to you with these exceptions:

- (1) Benefits for any of your Losses that are unpaid at your death or become payable on account of your death will be paid to your Beneficiary or Beneficiaries. (See Beneficiary Rules.)
- (2) If you are not living, benefits for a dependent's Losses are payable to the dependent who suffered the Loss. If that dependent is not living, the benefits will be paid to that dependent's estate.

OTHER INFORMATION

Contract Holder: OHIO SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION

Group Contract No.: AG-50500-OH

Associated Companies: Associated Companies are employers who are the Contract Holder's subsidiaries or affiliates and are reported to Prudential in writing for inclusion under the Group Contract, provided that Prudential has approved such request.

Cost of Insurance: The insurance in this Booklet is Contributory Insurance. You will be informed of the amount of your contribution when you enroll.

Prudential's Address:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
80 Livingston Avenue
Roseland, New Jersey 07068

WHEN YOU HAVE A CLAIM

Each time a claim is made, it should be made without delay. Use a claim form, and follow the instructions on the form.

If you do not have a claim form, contact the Contract Holder.

Who is Eligible to Become Insured

FOR PARTICIPANT INSURANCE

You are eligible to become insured for Participant Insurance while:

- You are in a Covered Class.

Your class is determined by the Contract Holder. This will be done under its rules, on dates it sets. The Contract Holder must not discriminate among persons in like situations. You cannot belong to more than one class for insurance on each basis, Contributory or Non-contributory Insurance, under a Coverage. "Class" means Covered Class, Benefit Class or anything related to work, such as position or Earnings, which affects the insurance available.

This applies if you are an Participant of more than one member school district included under the Group Contract: For the insurance, you will be considered an Participant of only one of those member school districts. Your service with the others will be treated as service with that one.

The rules for obtaining Participant Insurance are in the When You Become Insured section.

FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

You are eligible to become insured for Dependents Insurance while:

- You are eligible for Participant Insurance; and
- You have a Qualified Dependent.

Qualified Dependents:

These are the persons for whom you may obtain Dependents Insurance:

- Your spouse.
- Your unmarried children from live birth to 19 years old.

Your children include your legally adopted children, children placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption, and each of your stepchildren and foster children who depends on you for support and maintenance. A child placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption is considered your Qualified Dependent from the date of placement for adoption, and is treated as though the child were a newborn child born to you.

Exceptions:

- (1) The age 19 limit does not apply to a child who:
 - (a) wholly depends on you for support and maintenance;
 - (b) is enrolled as a full-time student in a school; and
 - (c) is less than the Student Age Limit.

Student Age Limit: 25.

- (2) Your spouse or child is not your Qualified Dependent while:
- (a) on active duty in the armed forces of any country; or
 - (b) insured under the Group Contract as an Participant.

A child will not be considered the Qualified Dependent of more than one Participant. If this would otherwise be the case, the child will be considered the Qualified Dependent of the Participant named in a written agreement of all such Participants filed with the Contract Holder. If there is no written agreement, the child will be considered the Qualified Dependent of:

- (1) the Participant who became insured under the Group Contract with respect to the child, while the child was a Qualified Dependent of only that Participant; and otherwise
- (2) the Participant who has the longest continuous service with the member school district, based on the Contract Holder's records.

The rules for obtaining Dependents Insurance are in the When You Become Insured section.

When You Become Insured

FOR PARTICIPANT INSURANCE

Your Participant Insurance under a Coverage will begin the first day on which:

- You have enrolled, if the Coverage is Contributory; and
- You are eligible for Participant Insurance; and
- You are in a Covered Class for that insurance; and
- That Coverage is part of the Group Contract.

For Contributory Insurance, you must enroll on a form approved by Prudential and agree to pay the required contributions. Your Employer will tell you whether contributions are required and the amount of any contribution when you enroll.

At any time, the benefits for which you are insured are those for your class, unless otherwise stated.

FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

Your Dependents Insurance under a Coverage for a person will begin the first day on which all of these conditions are met:

- You have enrolled for Dependents Insurance under the Coverage, if the Coverage is Contributory.
- The person is your Qualified Dependent.

- You are in a Covered Class for that insurance.
- You are insured for Participant Insurance under the optional accident Coverage of the Group Contract, if any.
- Dependents Insurance under that Coverage is part of the Group Contract.

For Contributory Insurance, you must enroll each Qualified Dependent for whom you wish to be covered on a form approved by Prudential and agree to pay the required contributions. Your Employer will tell you whether contributions are required and the amount of any contribution when you enroll.

At any time, the Dependents Insurance benefits for which you are insured are those for your class, unless otherwise stated.

Change in Family Status: It is important that you inform the Employer promptly when you first acquire a Qualified Dependent, and when you no longer have a Qualified Dependent. Forms are available for reporting these changes.

Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

FOR YOU AND YOUR DEPENDENTS

This Coverage pays benefits for accidental Loss which results from an accident.

Loss means the person's:

- (1) loss of life.
- (2) total and permanent loss of sight.
- (3) total and permanent loss of speech.
- (4) total and permanent loss of hearing.
- (5) loss of hand or foot by severance at or above the wrist or ankle.
- (6) loss of thumb and index finger of the same hand by severance at or above the point at which they are attached to the hand.
- (7) loss due to Quadriplegia, Paraplegia or Hemiplegia.
- (8) Loss of Use of a hand or foot.
- (9) loss due to Coma.

A. BENEFITS.

Benefits for accidental Loss are payable only if all of these conditions are met:

- (1) The person sustains an accidental bodily Injury while a Covered Person.
- (2) The Loss results directly from that Injury and from no other cause.
- (3) The person suffers the Loss within 365 days after the accident. But, if the Loss is due to Coma, that Loss:
 - (a) begins within 365 days after the accident;
 - (b) continues for 31 consecutive days; and
 - (c) is total, continuous and permanent at the end of that 31-day period.

Any benefit for a Loss due to Coma will not begin until the end of the 31-day period in (b) above.

For the purposes of the Coverage:

- (1) Exposure to the elements will be considered an accidental bodily Injury.

- (2) It will be presumed that the person has suffered a Loss of life if the person's body has not been found within one year of disappearance, stranding, sinking or wrecking of any vehicle in which the person was an occupant.

Not all such Losses are covered. See Losses Not Covered below.

Benefit Amount Payable: The amount payable depends on the type of Loss as shown below. All benefits are subject to the Limits below.

	Percent of the Person's Amount of Insurance
Loss of or by Reason of:	
Life	100
Sight of Both Eyes	100
Speech and Hearing in Both Ears	100
Both Hands	100
Both Feet	100
One Hand and One Foot	100
One Hand and Sight of One Eye	100
One Foot and Sight of One Eye	100
Quadriplegia	100
Paraplegia.....	75
Sight of One Eye.....	50
Speech	50
Hearing in Both Ears.....	50
One Hand	50
One Foot.....	50
Hemiplegia.....	50
Thumb and Index Finger of the Same Hand	25
Hearing in One Ear	25
Coma	1% per month for 100 months

Limit Per Accident:

No more than the Amount of Insurance on a person at the time of the accident will be paid for all Losses resulting from Injuries sustained in that accident.

Optional Settlement: If an amount becomes payable under this Coverage at death, the person to whom it is payable and Prudential may then mutually agree to payment in other than one sum. This may be done only if that person is a natural person taking in that person's own right.

B. LOSSES NOT COVERED.

A Loss is not covered if it results from any of these:

- (1) Suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane.
- (2) Intentionally self-inflicted Injuries, or any attempt to inflict such Injuries.
- (3) Sickness, whether the Loss results directly or indirectly from the Sickness.

- (4) Medical or surgical treatment of Sickness, whether the Loss results directly or indirectly from the treatment.
- (5) Any bacterial or viral infection. But, this does not include:
 - (a) a pyogenic infection resulting from an accidental cut or wound; or
 - (b) a bacterial infection resulting from accidental ingestion of a contaminated substance.
- (6) Taking part in any insurrection.
- (7) War, or any act of war. War means declared or undeclared war, and includes resistance to armed aggression.
- (8) An accident that occurs while the person is serving on full-time active duty for more than 30 days in any armed forces. But this does not include Reserve or National Guard active duty for training.
- (9) Commission of or attempt to commit an assault or a felony.
- (10) Travel or flight in any vehicle used for aerial navigation, if any of these apply:
 - (a) The person is riding as a passenger in any aircraft not intended or licensed for the transportation of passengers.
 - (b) The person is performing as a pilot or a crew member of any aircraft.
 - (c) The person is riding as a passenger in an aircraft owned, operated, controlled or leased by or on behalf of the Contract Holder or any of its subsidiaries or affiliates.

This includes getting in, out, on or off any such vehicle.
- (11) Being legally intoxicated or under the influence of any narcotic unless administered or consumed on the advice of a Doctor.

The Claim Rules and the "To Whom Payable" part of the Schedule of Benefits apply to the payment of the benefits.

Additional Benefits under Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

FOR YOU AND YOUR DEPENDENTS

An additional benefit may be payable for a Loss for which a benefit is payable under the other terms of this Coverage or would be payable except for the Limitations of those terms. Any such benefit is payable in addition to any other benefit payable under this Coverage. The additional amount payable for each additional benefit is shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Any additional conditions that apply to an additional benefit are shown below. An additional benefit is payable only if those conditions are met.

(1) **Additional Benefit for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in an Automobile While Using a Seat Belt:**

This additional benefit for the person's Loss of life only applies if this test is met.

The person sustains an accidental bodily Injury resulting in the Loss while:

- (a) the person is a driver or passenger in an Automobile;
- (b) the person is wearing a Seat Belt in the manner prescribed by the vehicle's manufacturer; and
- (c) the actual use of a Seat Belt at the time of the Injury is verified in an official report of the accident, or is certified in writing by the investigating official(s).

Losses Not Covered under this Additional Benefit: A Loss is not covered under this additional benefit if it results from driving or riding in any Automobile used in a race or a speed or endurance test, for acrobatic or stunt driving, or for any illegal purpose.

(2) **Additional Benefit for Loss of Life as a Result of an Accident in an Automobile While Using an Air Bag:**

This additional benefit for the person's Loss of life only applies if this test is met.

The person sustains an accidental bodily Injury resulting in the Loss while:

- (a) the person is a driver or passenger in an Automobile;
- (b) the person is wearing a Seat Belt in the manner prescribed by the vehicle's manufacturer;
- (c) the actual use of a Seat Belt at the time of the Injury is verified in an official report of the accident, or is certified in writing by the investigating official(s);
- (d) the Automobile is equipped with a factory-installed Air Bag; and
- (e) a properly functioning Air Bag was deployed for the seat that the person occupied.

Losses Not Covered under this Additional Benefit: A Loss is not covered under this additional benefit if it results from driving or riding in any Automobile used in a race or a speed or endurance test, for acrobatic or stunt driving, or for any illegal purpose.

(3) Additional Benefit for Return of Remains:

This additional benefit for return of remains only applies if the person suffers a Loss of life and such Loss occurs outside a 150 mile radius of the person's home. It is payable for Return of Remains Expenses incurred to return the person's body home to the United States or Canada.

(4) Additional Benefit for Loss as a Result of Felonious Assault:

This additional benefit only applies if you suffer a Loss that is the result of a Felonious Assault which occurs:

- (a) because of your employment; and
- (b) while you are Working for Your Employer or on an Authorized Business Trip.

(5) Additional Benefit for Your Child's Loss:

This additional benefit for a Qualified Dependent Child's Loss only applies if both of these tests are met:

- (a) that Loss is not a Loss of Life; and
- (b) that Child is insured for Dependents Insurance under the Coverage on the date of the accident that results in that Loss.

This benefit is not payable if the child dies within 90 days of the accident.

(6) Additional Benefit for Emergency or Disaster Response Team Member:

This additional benefit only applies if you suffer a Loss that results from an accident (including while riding in, getting into or out of an ambulance, airplane or helicopter) that occurs:

- (a) while you are a participating member of the Contract Holder's emergency or disaster response team;
- (b) while you are responding to a bona fide emergency or disaster as determined by the Contract Holder; and
- (c) while you are Working for Your Employer.

(6) Additional Benefit for Monthly Rehabilitation Expense:

This additional benefit for Rehabilitation Expense only applies if both of these tests are met:

- (a) You suffer a Loss.
- (b) A Doctor determines that rehabilitation is necessary to aid you in returning to the normal activities of a person of the same age and gender.

Definitions under Optional Accidental Death and Dismemberment Coverage

FOR YOU AND YOUR DEPENDENTS

Some of the terms used in the Coverage:

Air Bag: An inflatable safety device that: (1) meets published federal safety standards; (2) is installed by the Automobile's manufacturer; and (3) is not altered after that installation.

Automobile: A validly registered:

- (1) vehicle that may be legally driven with the standard issue class of motor vehicle driver's license and no additional class of license is necessary to operate this vehicle; or
- (2) four wheel, two axle private passenger motor vehicle.

But Automobile does not include: (1) a motor vehicle intended for off-road use; or (2) a motor vehicle being used without the owner's permission.

Coma: A profound state of unconsciousness from which the person cannot be aroused, even by powerful stimulation, as determined by the person's Doctor.

Commuting to and from Work: Leaving your primary residence and going directly to your Regular Place of Employment; and returning from your Regular Place of Employment and going directly to your primary residence. Such commuting must take place during a regular workday.

Felonious Assault: A Physical Attack by another person resulting in bodily harm to you. But, a Felonious Assault is not a moving violation as defined under the applicable state motor vehicle laws.

Hemiplegia: The total and permanent paralysis of the upper and lower limbs on one side of the body.

Loss of Use: The total and permanent loss of function.

Paraplegia: The total and permanent paralysis of both lower limbs.

Physical Attack: Any willful or unlawful use of force or violence upon you with the intent to cause bodily Injury to you. The Physical Attack must be considered a felony or misdemeanor in the jurisdiction in which it occurs.

Quadriplegia: The total and permanent paralysis of both upper and both lower limbs.

Regular Place of Employment: The member school district at which you spend at least 50% of your working hours and which is located within 100 miles of your primary residence. Satellite offices located within 100 miles of your primary residence are also included.

Rehabilitation Expense: An expense that a Doctor has determined is necessary to enable the injured person to return to the normal activities of a person of the same age and gender. Rehabilitation Expense includes: (1) the expense for treatment by a rehabilitation therapist who is

licensed, registered and/or certified to provide such treatment; and (2) the expense of confinement in a health care facility for rehabilitation.

Return of Remains Expenses: Expenses for: (1) embalming; (2) cremation; (3) a coffin; and (4) transportation of the remains.

Seat Belt: Any: (1) passive restraint device for an adult that meets published federal safety standards, is installed by the Automobile's manufacturer and is not altered after that installation; or (2) federally approved, properly installed child safety seat.

Working for Your Employer: Performing the duties of your job with the member school district either on or off your Employer's premises. But the term does not include Commuting to and from Work, vacations or leaves of absence.

General Information

BENEFICIARY RULES

The rules in this section apply to insurance payable on account of your death, when the Coverage states that they do. But, if there is an assignment, these rules are modified by the Limits on Assignments section.

"Beneficiary" means a person chosen, on a form approved by Prudential, to receive the insurance benefits.

You have the right to choose a Beneficiary for each Coverage under this Prudential Group Contract.

If there is a Beneficiary for the insurance under a Coverage, it is payable to that Beneficiary. Any amount of insurance under a Coverage for which there is no Beneficiary at your death will be payable to the first of the following: your (a) surviving spouse; (b) surviving child(ren) in equal shares; (c) surviving parents in equal shares; (d) surviving siblings in equal shares; (e) estate. This order will apply unless otherwise provided in the Limits on Assignments.

You may change the Beneficiary at any time without the consent of the present Beneficiary. The Beneficiary change form must be filed through the Contract Holder. The change will take effect on the date the form is signed. But it will not apply to any amount paid by Prudential before it receives the form.

If there is more than one Beneficiary but the Beneficiary form does not specify their shares, they will share equally. If a Beneficiary dies before you, that Beneficiary's interest will end. It will be shared equally by any remaining Beneficiaries, unless the Beneficiary form states otherwise.

If you and a Beneficiary die in the same event and it cannot be determined who died first, the insurance will be payable as if that Beneficiary died before you.

LIMITS ON ASSIGNMENTS

You may assign your insurance under a Coverage. Unless the Schedule of Benefits states otherwise, insurance under any Coverage providing death benefits or periodic benefits on account of disability may be assigned only as a gift assignment. Any rights, benefits or privileges that you have as a Participant may be assigned. This includes any right you have to choose a Beneficiary or to convert to another contract of insurance. Prudential will not decide if an assignment does what it is intended to do. Prudential will not be held to know that one has been made unless it or a copy is filed with Prudential through the Contract Holder.

This paragraph applies only to insurance for which you have the right to choose a Beneficiary, when that right has been assigned. If an assigned amount of insurance becomes payable on account of your death and, on the date of that death, there is no Beneficiary chosen by the assignee, it will be payable to:

- (1) the assignee, if living; or
- (2) the estate of the assignee, if the assignee is not living.

It will not be payable as stated in the Beneficiary Rules.

DEFINITIONS

Calendar Year: A year starting January 1.

Contributory Insurance, Non-contributory Insurance: Contributory Insurance is insurance for which the Contract Holder has the right to require your contributions. Non-contributory Insurance is insurance for which the Contract Holder does not have the right to require your contributions. The Schedule of Benefits shows whether insurance under a Coverage is Contributory Insurance or Non-contributory Insurance.

Coverage: A part of the Booklet consisting of:

- (1) A benefit page labeled as a Coverage in its title.
- (2) Any page or pages that continue the same kind of benefits.
- (3) A Schedule of Benefits entry and other benefit pages or forms that by their terms apply to that kind of benefits.

Covered Person under a Coverage: A Participant who is insured for Participant Insurance under that Coverage; a Qualified Dependent for whom an Participant is insured for Dependents Insurance, if any, under that Coverage.

Dependents Insurance: Insurance on the person of a dependent.

Doctor: A licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of the license.

Earnings: This is the gross amount of money paid to you by the Employer in cash for performing the duties required of your job. Bonuses, overtime pay, Earnings for more than 40 hours per week, and all other benefits are not included.

Participant: A person who is described in the Covered Classes. The term also applies to that person for any rights after insurance ends.

Participant Insurance: Insurance on the person of a Participant.

Injury: Injury to the body of a Covered Person.

Prudential: The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Sickness: Any disorder of the body or mind of a Covered Person, but not an Injury; pregnancy of a Covered Person, including abortion, miscarriage or childbirth.

You: A Participant.

CLAIM RULES

These rules apply to payment of benefits under all accident Coverages.

Proof of Loss: Prudential must be given written proof of the loss for which claim is made under the Coverage. This proof must cover the occurrence, character and extent of that loss. It must be furnished within 90 days after the date of the loss. But, if any Coverage provides for periodic payment of benefits at monthly or shorter intervals, the proof of loss for each such period must be furnished within 90 days after its end.

A claim will not be considered valid unless the proof is furnished within these time limits. However, it may not be reasonably possible to do so. In that case, the claim will still be considered valid if the proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible.

When Benefits are Paid: Benefits are paid when Prudential receives written proof of the loss. But, if a Coverage provides that benefits are payable at equal intervals of a month or less, Prudential will not have to pay those benefits more often.

Physical Exam and Autopsy: Prudential, at its own expense, has the right to examine the person whose loss is the basis of claim. Prudential may do this when and as often as is reasonable while the claim is pending. Prudential also has the right to arrange for an autopsy in case of accidental death, if it is not forbidden by law.

Legal Action: No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on the Group Contract until 60 days after the written proof described above is furnished. No such action shall be brought more than three years after the end of the time within which proof of loss is required.

INCONTESTABILITY OF INSURANCE TO WHICH THE CLAIM RULES APPLY

This limits Prudential's use of your statements in contesting an amount of that insurance for which you are insured. These are statements made to persuade Prudential to effect an amount of that insurance. They will be considered to be made to the best of your knowledge and belief. These rules apply to each statement:

- (1) It will not be used in a contest to avoid or reduce that amount of insurance unless:
 - (a) It is in a written application signed by you; and
 - (b) A copy of that application is or has been furnished to you.
- (2) It will not be used in the contest after that amount of insurance has been in force, before the contest, for at least two years during your lifetime.

When Your Insurance Ends

PARTICIPANT AND DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

Your Participant Insurance under a Coverage or your Dependents Insurance under a Coverage will end when the first of these occurs:

- Your membership in the Covered Classes for the insurance ends for any reason.
- The part of the Group Contract providing the insurance ends.
- Your school district is no longer a member of the association.
- For Contributory Insurance under a Coverage of the Group Contract, you fail to pay, when due, any contribution required. But, if Participant Insurance is Contributory, failure to contribute for Dependents Insurance will not cause your Participant Insurance to end.
- The insurance is Dependents Insurance under the accident Coverage and your Participant Insurance under the optional accident Coverage of the Group Contract, if any, ends.

If you make a written request to the Employer to end the Dependents Insurance for a Qualified Dependent under the accident Coverage, the insurance for that person will end.

Your Dependents Insurance for a Qualified Dependent under a Coverage will end when that person ceases to be a Qualified Dependent for that Coverage.

**The Claims and Appeals section
is not part of the
Group Insurance Certificate.**

Plan Benefits Provided by

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
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This Group Contract underwritten by The Prudential Insurance Company of America provides insured benefits. For all purposes of this Group Contract, the Employer/Policyholder acts on its own behalf or as an agent of its Participants. Under no circumstances will the Employer/Policyholder be deemed the agent of The Prudential Insurance Company of America, absent a written authorization of such status executed between the Employer/Policyholder and The Prudential Insurance Company of America. Nothing in these documents shall, of themselves, be deemed to be such written execution.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America as Claims Administrator has the sole discretion to interpret the terms of the Group Contract, to make factual findings, and to determine eligibility for benefits. The decision of the Claims Administrator shall not be overturned unless arbitrary and capricious.

Claim Procedures

1. Determination of Benefits

Prudential shall notify you of the claim determination within 45 days of the receipt of your claim. This period may be extended by 30 days if such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide your claim, shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. This period may be extended for an additional 30 days beyond the original 30-day extension if necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the additional extension, the reason for the additional extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide on your claim, shall be furnished to you within the first 30-day extension period if an additional extension of time is needed. However, if a period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the period for making the benefit determination by Prudential will be tolled (i.e., suspended) from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If your claim for benefits is denied, in whole or in part, you or your authorized representative will receive a written notice from Prudential of your denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by you and shall include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the denial,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the benefit determination was based,
- (c) a description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect a claim and an explanation of why such information is necessary,
- (d) a description of Prudential's appeals procedures and applicable time limits, and

- (e) if an adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination will be provided free of charge upon request.

2. Appeals of Adverse Determination

If your claim for benefits is denied or if you do not receive a response to your claim within the appropriate time frame (in which case the claim for benefits is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may appeal your denied claim in writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

A full review of the information in the claim file and any new information submitted to support the appeal will be conducted by Prudential, utilizing individuals not involved in the initial benefit determination. This review will not afford any deference to the initial benefit determination.

Prudential shall make a determination on your claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to an additional 45 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date that Prudential expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled (i.e., suspended) from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the determination was based,
- (c) a statement that you are entitled to receive upon request and free of charge reasonable access to, and make copies of, all records, documents and other information relevant to your benefit claim upon request,
- (d) a description of Prudential's review procedures and applicable time limits,
- (e) a statement that you have the right to obtain upon request and free of charge, a copy of internal rules or guidelines relied upon in making this determination, and
- (f) a statement describing any appeals procedures offered by the plan.

If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

If the appeal of your benefit claim is denied or if you do not receive a response to your appeal within the appropriate time frame (in which case the appeal is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may make a second, voluntary appeal of your denial in

writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your second appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

Prudential shall make a determination on your second claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to an additional 45 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which Prudential expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

Your decision to submit a benefit dispute to this voluntary second level of appeal has no effect on your right to any other benefits under this plan. If you elect to initiate a lawsuit without submitting to a second level of appeal, the plan waives any right to assert that you failed to exhaust administrative remedies. If you elect to submit the dispute to the second level of appeal, the plan agrees that any statute of limitations or other defense based on timeliness is tolled during the time that the appeal is pending.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part for a second time, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include the same information that was included in the first adverse determination letter. If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

