PART B Definitions

Words or phrases appearing in the Policy Document in initial capitals will have the meanings given to them below:

Where appropriate, any reference to the singular includes references to the plural, references to the male include references to the female and references to any statute include references to any subsequent changes to that statute.

In case of any conflict between the interpretations of any of the terms of this Policy Document, the Part C (Specific Terms and Conditions) shall override Part B (Definitions) of this Policy Document.

General Terms

Accident means sudden, unforeseen and involuntary event caused by external, visible and violent means.

Accidental Death means death by or due to a bodily injury caused by an Accident, independent of all other causes of death. Accidental Death must be caused within 180 days of any bodily injury.

Annualized Premium means the Premium payable in a Policy Year chosen by the policyholder, excluding the underwriting extra Premium and loadings for modal Premium, if any.

Application Form means the application form and any other information / document provided by the Policyholder to the Company before the inception of this Policy.

Appointee means the person named by the Policyholder to receive payment, under this Policy if the Nominee is a minor at the time payment becomes due.

Base Sum Assured means the amount specified in the Schedule payable according to the terms and conditions of this Policy.

Claimant shall mean the Life Insured (or) the Policyholder (or) the assignee (or) the Nominee where a valid nomination has been effected or the Legal Heirs of the Policyholder/Nominee as the case may be.

Death Sum Assured means the amount payable in case of death of the Life Insured according to the terms and conditions of this Policy.

Grace Period means a period of 30 days from the date the Policy installment Premium become due during which time the Policy is considered to be in force without any interruption as per the terms of the Policy.

IRDAI means the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India.

Lapse means when all benefits under the Policy cease due to non-payment of Premium on due date or within the Grace Period.

Life Insured means the person on whose life this Policy is affected and is named in the Schedule.

Medical Practitioner means a person who holds a valid registration from the Medical Council of any State or Medical Council of India or Council for Indian Medicine or for Homeopathy set up by the Government of India or a State Government and is thereby entitled to practice medicine within its jurisdiction; and is acting within its scope and jurisdiction of license. The registered practitioner should not be the insured or close member of the family

Nominee means the person named by the Policyholder to receive payment, according to the terms and conditions of this Policy.

Policy means this contract of insurance as evidence by the Policy Document.

Policy Anniversary means the anniversary of the Risk Commencement Date.

Policy Commencement Date means the date when this Policy is issued and is specified in the Schedule.

Policy Document means the Terms & Conditions, the Application Form and the Schedule as amended from time to time.

Policy Term means the period between the Risk Commence Date and Policy Expiry Date.

Policy Year means the 12 months period starting from the Risk Commencement Date and accordingly thereafter every subsequent Policy Anniversary.

Pre-Existing Disease means any condition, ailment or injury or related condition(s) for which there were signs or symptoms, and / or were diagnosed, and / or for which medical advice / treatment was received within 48 months prior to the first policy issued by the insurer and renewed continuously thereafter.

Premium means the amount of premium payable by the Policyholder. The Schedule details the amount payable (**Policy Installment Premium**), when it is to be paid (**Premium Frequency**) and the term over which it is to be paid (**Premium Paying Period**).

Revival means restoration of the Policy by the Company, which was discontinued due to the non-payment of Premium, with all the benefits mentioned in the Policy Document, as per the terms and conditions of the Policy.

Risk Commencement Date means the date as specified in the Schedule from which the risk cover starts under this Policy.

Schedule means the document attached to this Policy which provides a snapshot of the Policy and benefits details and any annexure attached to it from time to time and any endorsements the Company has made and, if more than one, then the latest in time.

Surrender Value means the benefit payable on surrender of the Policy in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Policy.

PART C

Specific Terms and Conditions

Section One: Policy Benefits

A) Benefits Options:

The benefits shall be payable as per the Option (1 to 5) chosen by the Policyholder at inception of the Policy.

(a) Option 1: Life Cover

If the Life Insured dies at any time during the Policy Term, while the Policy is in force for full Policy benefits, the Company will pay to the Claimant, the Death Sum Assured under the Policy as per the benefit payout option chosen by policyholder at inception.

However, Death Sum Assured shall be highest of the following:

- a) 10 times the Annualized Premium (OR)
- b) 105% of all the Premium paid as on date of death (excluding underwriting extra and modal loadings, if any) (OR)
- c) Absolute amount payable on death which is equal to Base Sum Assured

(b) Option 2: Life Cover + Terminal Illness

On the first occurrence of any of following events either

- Death of the Life Insured, or
- Diagnosis of Terminal Illness,

any time during the Policy Term, while the Policy is in force for full Policy benefits, the Company will pay to the Claimant, the Death Sum Assured under the Policy as per the death benefit payout option chosen by policyholder at inception.

The Death Sum Assured shall be highest of the following:

- a) 10 times the Annualized Premium (OR)
- b) 105% of all the Premium paid as on date of death (excluding underwriting extra and modal loadings, if any) (OR)
- c) Absolute amount payable on death which is equal to Base Sum Assured

Terminal illness benefit is 100% accelerated benefit. In case Base Sum Assured exceeds Rs. 1 crore, then benefit payment upon diagnosis of Terminal Illness would be restricted to Rs. 1 crore and the Policy would continue for remaining Base Sum Assured (reduced by the extent of the Terminal Illness benefit paid). Terminal Illness benefit will be payable to the Life Insured as lump sum only.

(c) Option 3: Life Cover + Terminal Illness + Accidental Death Benefit

In addition to the benefits payable under Option 2 (Life Cover + Terminal Illness), the Company will pay to the Claimant, an additional accidental death benefit equal to an amount as per policy schedule, in the unfortunate event of death of the Life Insured due to an accident. This Benefit will be payable only as Lump Sum.

Exclusions only for Accidental Death Benefit

The company will not pay accidental death benefit, for any losses associated (either directly or indirectly), voluntarily or involuntarily, with any of the following:

- The Life insured taking part in any hazardous sport or pastime (including, but not limited to, hunting, mountaineering, racing, steeple chasing, bungee jumping, etc.)
- The Life insured flying in any kind of aircraft, other than as a fare-paying passenger on an aircraft of a licensed airline
- The Life insured performing service in any military, police, paramilitary or similar organization
- The Life insured taking part in any strike, industrial dispute, riot, etc.
- The Life insured taking part in any criminal or illegal activity
- Self-inflicted injury, suicide, whether sane or insane
- The Life insured being under the influence of, or the Life insured abusing, any drug, alcohol, narcotic or psychotropic substance not prescribed by a registered medical practitioner
- War, civil commotion, invasion, terrorism, hostilities (whether war be declared or not)
- Nuclear reaction, radiation or contamination

(d) Option 4: Life Cover + Terminal Illness + Critical Illness

In addition to the benefits payable under Option 2 (Life Cover + Terminal Illness), the Company will pay to the Claimant, a lump sum amount to the extent of Critical Illness sum assured chosen at the inception, upon diagnosis of any of the 35 Critical Illnesses.

Critical Illness benefit is an accelerated benefit and the policy will continue with the remaining Base Sum Assured (reduced by the extent of the Critical Illness benefit paid). Premium payment towards Critical Illness benefit will cease after the payment of Critical Illness benefit.

Critical Illness benefit is payable as Lump Sum only, on first occurrence of any of the covered 35 critical illnesses.

(e) Option 5: Life Cover + Terminal Illness + Critical Illness + Accidental Death Benefit

In addition to the benefits payable under Option 4 (Life Cover + Terminal Illness + Critical Illness), the Company will pay to the Claimant, an additional accidental death benefit equal to an amount as per policy schedule, in the unfortunate event of death of the Life Insured due to an accident.

Critical Illness and Terminal illness benefits are accelerated benefits. Critical Illness and Accidental Death Benefit will be payable only as Lump Sum.

Options 4 and 5 are available, only if the policyholder has opted for regular premium option. Also, the premium payment towards the Base Sum Assured greater than 1 crore, if any, would be calculated for Option 1 (Life Cover) only.

B) Benefit Payout Options

At the inception of the Policy, the Policyholder has an option to choose from the following options for the payment of aforesaid Benefit, provided all due premiums have been paid and the policy is in force. These benefit payout options are applicable for Death Benefit only.

Option 1: Lumpsum

Death Sum Assured shall be payable as lump sum immediately on death. Death Sum Assured is equal to the Base Sum Assured, as per the policy schedule..

Option 2: Monthly Income

Base Sum Assured shall be payable in form of monthly income over a period from 60 months (5 years) to 180 months (15 years), as chosen by the policyholder. The level Monthly Income shall be calculated as Level Monthly Factor x Base Sum Assured.

Level Monthly Income Factors varies with period of payout as follows:

Payout	Level	Monthly	
Period	Income Factor		
5	1.8556%		
6	1.58	28%	
7	1.38	84%	
8	1.24	30%	
9	1.13	03%	
10	1.04	.04%	
11	0.96	72%	
12	0.90	64%	
13	0.85	52%	
14	0.81	16%	
15	0.77	40%	

Death Sum Assured: Sum of Level Monthly Incomes payable during payout period.

Option 3: Increasing Monthly Income -

Base Sum Assured shall be payable in form of increasing monthly income over a period from 60 months (5 years) to 180 months (15 years), as chosen by the policyholder. Initial Monthly Income would be calculated as: Increasing Monthly Income Factor x Base Sum Assured. Monthly installment would increase by 10% per annum at simple interest at the end of each completed year.

Increasing Monthly Income Factors vary with period of payout as follows:

Payout	Increasing	Monthly
Period	Income Factor	
5	1.5590%)
6	1.2808%)
7	1.0842%)
8	0.9385%)
9	0.8265%)
10	0.7379%)
11	0.6663%)
12	0.6074%)
13	0.5582%)
14	0.5165%)
15	0.4808%)

Death Sum Assured: Sum of Increasing Monthly Income

payable during payout period.

The flexibility of payout in monthly income form as defined above would be available for payment of Base Death benefit and not for Accelerated Terminal illness, Accelerated Critical illness and Accidental Death Benefit.

Option to convert Monthly Installments in Lump sum:

The Claimant at the time of claim would also have the option to convert the Monthly Installments into lump sum. The lump sum amount would be calculated @ 7.5% per annum discount rate.

C) Benefit Payable on Maturity

The life insurance cover under this Policy ceases upon expiry of the Policy Term. No benefits shall be payable under the Policy.

D) Additional Benefits

a. Life Stage Cover Enhancement Option

Under this option, policyholder can choose to increase Base Sum Assured without any medicals on achieving key milestones in the life. This option can be chosen only at inception of the Policy, however the additional Premium will be charged only when the option is exercised. This option will be available for following events:

- 1) On Policyholder's marriage: An Amount equal to 25% of the Base Sum Assured subject to maximum of Rs. 25 lacs.
- On birth/legal adoption of the first child: An Amount equal to 25% of the Base Sum Assured subject to maximum of Rs. 25 lacs.
- On birth/legal adoption of the second child: An Amount equal to 25% of the Base Sum Assured subject to maximum of Rs. 25 lacs.
- 4) On purchase of a house where a loan has been taken: An Amount equal to 25% of the Base Sum Assured subject to maximum of Rs. 25 lacs or maximum loan amount whichever is lower
 - The maximum additional cover put together under all these events is subject to 50% of original base Sum Assured subject to maximum of Rs. 50 lacs.
 - Such enhancement of the coverage will be subject to additional Premiums. The additional Premium for enhanced cover shall be calculated based on attained age of the Policyholder at the time of cover enhancement, prevailing premium rates and outstanding policy duration.
 - This feature will be available only for a six month period from the date of occurrence of events and provided the insured person is less than 45 years of age at the time of exercising this option.
 - The feature is available to the Life Assured underwritten as a standard life at the time of inception of the policy & only under regular Pay option.
 - The option would not entitle the policyholder for any increase in other benefits (for instance, Critical Illness or Accidental Death Benefit), if any.
 - Minimum outstanding duration should be at least equal to 10 years.

- At the time of exercising this option, Policyholder is obliged to present suitable document to prove the authenticity of occurrence of the event as required by Company.
- The option will be effective from the next Policy anniversary subsequent to the date option is exercised provided requisite premium is received by the Company in respect of such increase.

Section Two: Discontinuation of Premium Payments

- a) If the Premium has not been received in full by its due date or within the Grace Period, the Policy shall automatically lapse at the end of the Grace Period.
- b) A lapsed Policy can be revived as per the Terms and Conditions of this Policy.

Section Three: Payment of Premium

The Premium must be paid on each Policy Anniversary. If the corresponding date does not exist in a particular month, then the last day of that calendar month shall be deemed to be the due date for payment.

Policy Installment Premium shall be deemed to have been paid only when received and realized by the Company.

Section Four: Grace Period

A grace period of 30 days is allowed for all modes of payment of premiums under this plan. If death happens during grace period, the Company will pay the applicable benefit after deducting outstanding Premiums, if any

Section Five: Premium Guarantee

For any policy sold under benefit option 1, 2 and 3, the Premiums shall remain unchanged during the policy tenure.

For any policy sold under benefit option 4 and 5, the rates for critical illness benefit shall be guaranteed for the first 5 years from the commencement and reviewable thereafter on prior approval from the IRDAI. Any revision in the Premium rates shall be notified to you at least three months prior to the date of such revision and you will be given a period of 30 days from the later of the 5th policy anniversary or the policy anniversary (on or immediately following the effective date of the change) to renew the Policy. If you are not willing to continue the Policy with the revised Premium rates, the Policy will lapse. Premium rates, if and when revised, will remain guaranteed for a subsequent block of five Policy years from the date of revision.

Section Six: Exclusions

Pre-existing Disease: Pre-Existing Disease means any condition, ailment or injury or related condition(s) for which

there were signs or symptoms, and / or were diagnosed, and / or for which medical advice / treatment was received within 48 months prior to the first policy issued by the insurer and renewed continuously thereafter.

General Exclusions:

- Apart from the disease specific exclusions, no benefit will be payable if any of the critical illness condition is caused or aggravated directly or indirectly by any of the following:
- Any medical condition which first manifests itself within 180 days of the risk commencement date or reinstatement date whichever is later.
- Any Pre-existing condition
- Any congenital disorder, or related illness.
- Suicide or attempted suicide or intentional self-inflicted injury, by the life insured, whether sane or not at that time.
- Life assured being under the influence of drugs, alcohol, narcotics or psychotropic substance, not prescribed by a Registered Medical Practitioner
- War, invasion, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, terrorist activity, revolution or taking part in a riot or civil commotion, strikes or industrial action.
- Participation by the life assured in a criminal or unlawful act with criminal intent or committing any breach of law including involvement in any fight or affray.
- Treatment for injury or illness caused by avocations / activities such as hunting, mountaineering, steeplechasing, professional sports, racing of any kind, scuba diving, aerial sports, activities such as hand-gliding, ballooning, deliberate exposure to exceptional danger.
- Any underwater or subterranean operation or activity. Racing of any kind other than on foot.
- Existence of any sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) and its related complications or Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or the presence of any Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV).
- Participation by the insured person in any flying activity other than as a bona fide fare paying passenger, in a licensed aircraft.
- Unreasonable failure to seek medical advice, the Life assured has delayed medical treatment in order to circumvent the waiting period or other conditions and restriction applying to this policy.
- Nuclear reaction, Biological, radioactive or chemical contamination due to nuclear accident.
- Ayurvedic, Homeopathy, Unani, herbalist treatment, any other treatments other than Allopathy / western medicines.
- Any treatment of donor for the replacement of an organ

PART D Policy Servicing

Section One: Revival

Revival of a lapsed policy is available up to 2 years from the date of first unpaid premium. The revival of the Policy shall be subject to the Board approved underwriting policy of the Company, as applicable from time to time. The Company reserves the right to obtain additional information before reviving the Policy and also has the right to decline revival of the Policy or impose extra mortality ratings as per the Board approved underwriting manual. The medical expenses, if any, shall be borne by the Policyholder.

The Policyholder would be required to pay all outstanding premiums due till the proposed date of revival together with any applicable interest. The rate of interest shall be reset on an annual basis at the beginning of every financial year (April) and would be determined based on the average 10-year G-Sec YTM plus 75 bps rounded down to 25 bps. Average of the benchmark would be taken from the previous financial year for the period 1st July xxxx to 31st Dec xxxx. The source of information for 10 year GSec rate would be "Bloomberg".

The current applicable rate of interest on policy reinstatement is 8.25% per annum which would be applicable for the FY 2016-17.

The Policyholder agrees that there is no obligation on the Company to revive the policy or to restrict the terms upon which the Company may revive the policy, even if he / she have given all documentation. Such a decision shall be in accordance with the Board approved underwriting policy.

Section Two: Surrender of Policy

For regular pay, the policy will not be entitled for any surrender value.

For limited pay, the Policy can be surrendered only after the Premium Payment Term is over, and the Company has received all due Premiums payable under the Policy in full. On Surrender of the Policy, the Company will pay the Surrender Value as calculated using formula below:

70% x (Sum of premiums paid* excluding the first year's complete premium) x (outstanding Policy duration (in months) / (Policy Term (in months))

*Premium paid for this purpose is Premium exclusive of any underwriting extras if any.

After a Policy has been surrendered, the Policy shall terminate and all benefits under the Policy shall cease.

Section Three: Loan

No loan can be availed under this Policy.

Section Four: Free Look Period

Policyholder will have a period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the policy bond to review the terms and conditions of the policy. If the policyholder disagrees to any of those terms or conditions, he has the option to return the policy stating the reasons for his objection. He shall be entitled to a refund of the premiums paid subject to a deduction of appropriate risk premium for the period of risk cover, any expenses incurred by the company towards medical examination of the life insured and the stamp duty charges.

In case of cancellation of the proposal due to non-acceptance of Cotinine test's result by the proposer, we shall refund the premium received after deducting the medical expenses incurred towards the Cotinine test.

Part E

Not Applicable

Part F

General Terms and Conditions

Section One: Suicide Clause

In case of death due to suicide within 12 months:

- i. from the date of inception of the policy, the Company's only obligation under this Policy shall be to pay an amount equal to 80% of total Premium paid (excluding underwriting extra, if any)
- ii. from the date of revival of the policy, the Company's only obligation under this Policy shall be to pay an amount equal to 80% of total Premium paid (excluding underwriting extra, if any)

Section Two: Benefit during Grace Period

If the Life Insured is diagnosed of specified conditions/illnesses or dies during the Grace Period, the Company will pay the benefit payable after deduction of the Premium due under the Policy.

Section Three: Termination of the Policy

This Policy shall immediately and automatically terminate on the occurrence of the first of the following events and the applicable amount, if any have been paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Policy:

- a. The date on which policy completes its tenure
- b. The date of the death of the Life Insured
- c. The date on which the Policy lapses
- d. The date of payment of Surrender Value, if applicable
- e. The date on which 100% of the benefit as per the chosen option is paid.

Section Four: Claim Processing

In order for the Company to make any payment under the Policy that it is necessary that the Company:

Claim process upon diagnosis of a disease

- a) is immediately notified in writing, and preferably within 30 days of the diagnosis of the defined illnesses/conditions. Company may condone the delay in filing a claim beyond 30 days where the claimant can establish that the delay was due to unforeseen circumstances and beyond the control of the claimant.
- receives all reasonable cooperation and is entitled to seek any documentation and information, including but not limited to:
 - (1) The Company's claim form duly completed.
 - (2) Copy of Policy Document.
 - (3) Evidence of Life Insured's date of birth if the Company has not admitted the age of the Life Insured.
 - (4) Claimant's bank details with proof, identity and residence proof.
 - (5) Claimant statement
 - (6) Attending physician's statement
 - (7) First consultation and Follow-up consultation notes
 - (8) Diagnosis certificate from specialist
 - (9) Authorization/Consent Letter to collect medical records from Hospital

- (10) Employer certificate, if employed
- (11) All medical examination reports, incl
 - (a) Laboratory test report
 - (b) X-Ray/CT Scan/MRI Reports & Plates
 - (c) Ultrasonography Report
 - (d) Histopathology Report
 - (e) Clinical/Hospital Reports
 - (f) Any other investigating report
- (12) A precise diagnosis of the treatment for which claim is made which should be attested by a Medical Practitioner.

Claim process upon death:

- a) is immediately notified of the Life Insured's death in writing, and preferably within 90 days of death. Company may condone the delay in filing a claim beyond 90 days where the claimant can establish that the delay was due to unforeseen circumstances and beyond the control of the claimant.
- Receives all reasonable cooperation and is entitled to seek any documentation and information, including but not limited to:
 - (1) The Company's claim form duly completed.
 - (2) Copy of the Policy Document.
 - (3) Evidence of Life Insured's date of birth if the Company has not admitted the age of the Life Insured.
 - (4) The original or a legalized copy of the Life Insured's death certificate showing the circumstances, cause and the date of death.

The Company may on a case to case basis and subject to exceptional circumstances may condone the submission of any of the above mentioned documents/ information while processing the claim.

Section Five: Assignment

The provisions of Assignment are governed by Section 38 of Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.

A Leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 38 of the Insurance Act 1938 is enclosed as Annexure A for reference.

Section Six: Nomination

The provisions of nomination are governed by Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.

A Leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 39 of the Insurance Act 1938 is enclosed as Annexure B for reference.

Section Seven: Miscellaneous

a) Loss of the Policy Document

- If the Policy Document is lost or destroyed then the Company reserves the right to make such investigations into and call for such evidence of the loss of the Policy Document, at the Policyholder's expense, as the Company considers necessary before issuing a duplicate Policy Document.
- ii) If the Company agrees to issue a duplicate Policy Document then:
 - 1. The Policyholder agrees to pay an amount not exceeding Rs. 250/- towards the Company's fee for the issue of a duplicate, and
 - The original Policy Document will cease to be of any legal effect and the Policyholder shall indemnify and keep the Company indemnified and hold the Company harmless from and against any costs, expenses, claims, awards or judgments arising out of or howsoever connected to the original Policy Document.

b) Notices

- All notices meant for the Company whether under this Policy or otherwise must be in writing and delivered to the Company at the address as mentioned below.
- All notices meant for the Policyholder will be in writing and will be sent by the Company to the Policyholder's address shown in the Schedule or any such other address as may be communicated to the Company by the Policyholder.
- iii) The Company shall not be responsible for any consequences related to or arising out of non intimation of changes to the Policyholder's address.

c) Misstatement of Age

If the correct age of the Life Insured is different from that mentioned in the Application Form, the Company will assess the eligibility of the Life Insured for the Policy in accordance with the correct age of the Life Insured.

If on the basis of correct age, the Life Insured is not eligible for the Policy, the Policy shall be cancelled immediately after refunding the Premium received by the Company under the Policy as per the provisions of section 45 of Insurance Act as amended from time to time.

If the age of the Life Insured is higher than the age specified in the Application Form, the Company will decrease the Base Sum Assured and other benefits based on the correct age of Life Insured.

If the age of the Life Insured is lower than the age specified mentioned in the Application Form, the Company will refund excess Premium received (without interest) based on the correct age of Life Insured.

d) Currency & Territorial Limits

All Premium and any amounts payable under the Policy are payable within India and in the currency of the Policy specified in the Schedule.

e) Governing Law & Jurisdiction

Any and all disputes or differences arising out of or in respect of this Policy shall be governed by and determined in accordance with Indian law and shall be subject to the jurisdiction of Indian Courts.

f) Entire Contract

The Policy Document comprises the entire contract between the Policyholder and the Company, and it cannot be changed or altered unless the Company approves it in writing by endorsement on the Schedule and, where required, the approval of the IRDAI has been obtained.

g) Taxes

In respect of any payment made or to be made under this Policy, the Company shall deduct or charge taxes (including GST) and other levies as applicable from time to time, at such rates as notified by the Government of India or a body authorised by the Government of India from time to time.

h) Fraud and misrepresentation

Fraud, misrepresentation and forfeiture shall be dealt with in accordance with Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time.

A Leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938 is enclosed as Annexure C for reference.

i) Terminal Illness Conditions

Terminal Illness is defined as an advanced or rapidly progressing incurable disease which, in the opinion of two Independent Medical Practitioner specializing in treatment of such illness, is highly likely to lead to death within 6 months from the date of notification of claim

The terminal illness must be diagnosed and confirmed by medical consultants registered with the Indian Medical Association and approved by the Company.

The Company reserves the right for independent assessment. Terminal Illness due to AIDS is excluded. Subsequent Death benefit will be reduced to the extent of payout under terminal illness benefit.

j) Critical Illness Conditions

1. Alzheimer's Disease

Progressive and permanent deterioration of memory and intellectual capacity as evidenced by accepted standardised questionnaires and cerebral imaging. The diagnosis of Alzheimer's disease must be confirmed by an appropriate consultant and supported by the Company's appointed doctor. There must be significant reduction in mental and social functioning requiring the continuous supervision of the life assured. There must also be an inability of the Life Assured to perform (whether aided or unaided) at least 3 of the following 6 "Activities of Daily Living" for a continuous period of at least 3 months:

Activities of Daily Living are defined as:

1. Washing – the ability to wash in the bath or shower (including getting into and out of the bath or shower) or wash satisfactorily by other means;

2. Dressing – the ability to put on, take off, secure and unfasten all garments and, as appropriate, any braces, artificial limbs or other surgical appliances;

3. Transferring – the ability to move from a bed to an upright chair or wheelchair and vice versa;

4. Toileting – the ability to use the lavatory or otherwise manage bowel and bladder functions so as to maintain a satisfactory level of personal hygiene;

5. Feeding – the ability to feed oneself once food has been prepared and made available.

6. Mobility - the ability to move from room to room without requiring any physical assistance.

The following are excluded:

- Drug-induced or toxic causes of Parkinsonism
- Any other type of irreversible organic disorder/dementia
- Non-organic disease such as neurosis and psychiatric
- illnesses; and • Alcohol-related brain damage.

2. Aplastic Anaemia

Chronic Irreversible persistent bone marrow failure which results in Anaemia, Neutropenia and Thrombocytopenia requiring treatment with at least TWO of the following:

- Regular blood product transfusion;
- Marrow stimulating agents;
- Immunosuppressive agents; or
- Bone marrow transplantation.

The diagnosis and suggested line of treatment must be confirmed by a Haematologist acceptable to the Company using relevant laboratory investigations, including bonemarrow biopsy. Two out of the following three values should be present:

- Absolute neutrophil count of 500 per cubic millimetre or less;
 Absolute erythrocyte count of 20 000 per cubic millimetre or
- less; and
- Platelet count of 20 000 per cubic millimetre or less.

Temporary or reversible aplastic anaemia is excluded.

3. Blindness

Total, permanent and irreversible loss of all vision in both eyes as a result of illness or accident.

The Blindness is evidenced by :

- i. corrected visual acuity being 3/60 or less in both eyes or ;
- ii. the field of vision being less than 10 degrees in both eyes.

The diagnosis of blindness must be confirmed and must not be correctable by aids or surgical procedure.

4. Benign Brain Tumour

Benign brain tumour is defined as a life threatening, noncancerous tumor in the brain, cranial nerves or meninges within the skull. The presence of the underlying tumor must be confirmed by imaging studies such as CT scan or MRI.

The brain tumor must result in at least one of the following and must be confirmed by the relevant medical specialist.

i. Permanent Neurological deficit with persisting clinical symptoms for a continuous period of atleast 90 consecutive days or

ii. Undergone surgical resection or radiation therapy to treat the brain tumor

The following conditions are excluded:

Cysts

b)

- Granulomas
- Malformations in the arteries and veins of the brain,
- · Hematomas;
- Abscesses
- pituitary tumors,
- Tumors of skull bones and tumors of spinal cord;

5. Brain Surgery

The actual undergoing of surgery to the brain under general anaesthesia during which a craniotomy with removal of bone flap to access the brain is performed. The following are excluded:

a) Burr hole procedures, transphenoidal procedures and other minimally invasive procedures such as irradiation by gamma knife or endovascular embolizations, thrombolysis and stereotactic biopsy

Brain surgery as a result of an accident

6. Cancer of specified severity

I. A malignant tumor characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells with invasion and destruction of normal tissues. This diagnosis must be supported by histological evidence of malignancy. The term cancer includes leukemia, lymphoma and sarcoma.

II. The following are excluded -

- i. All tumors which are histologically described as carcinoma in situ, benign, pre-malignant, borderline malignant, low malignant potential, neoplasm of unknown behavior, or non-invasive, including but not limited to: Carcinoma in situ of breasts, Cervical dysplasia CIN-1, CIN - 2 and CIN-3.
- ii. Any non-melanoma skin carcinoma unless there is evidence of metastases to lymph nodes or beyond;
- iii. Malignant melanoma that has not caused invasion beyond the epidermis;
- All tumors of the prostate unless histologically classified as having a Gleason score greater than 6 or having progressed to at least clinical TNM classification T2N0M0
- All Thyroid cancers histologically classified as T1N0M0 (TNM Classification) or below;
- vi. Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia less than RAI stage 3
- vii. Non-invasive papillary cancer of the bladder histologically described as TaN0M0 or of a lesser classification,
- viii. All Gastro-Intestinal Stromal Tumors histologically classified as T1N0M0 (TNM Classification) or below and with mitotic count of less than or equal to 5/50 HPFs;
- ix. All tumors in the presence of HIV infection.

7. Myocardial Infarcation- First Heart Attack Of Specified Severity

The first occurrence of heart attack or myocardial infarction which means the death of a portion of the heart muscle as a result of inadequate blood supply to the relevant area. The diagnosis of Myocardial Infarction should be evidenced by all of the following criteria:

a) a history of typical clinical symptoms consistent with the diagnosis of Acute Myocardial Infarction (for e.g. typical chest pain)

b) new characteristic electrocardiogram changes

c) elevation of infarction specific enzymes, Troponins or other specific biochemical markers.

The following are excluded:

• Other acute Coronary Syndromes

Any type of angina pectoris.

• A rise in cardiac biomarkers or Troponin T or I in absence of overt ischemic heart disease OR following an intra-arterial cardiac procedure.

8. Cardiomyopathy

An impaired function of the heart muscle, unequivocally diagnosed as Cardiomyopathy by a Registered Medical Practitioner who is a cardiologist, and which results in permanent physical impairment to the degree of New York Heart Association classification Class III or Class IV, or its equivalent, based on the following classification criteria:

Class III - Marked functional limitation. Affected patients are comfortable at rest but performing activities involving less than ordinary exertion will lead to symptoms of congestive cardiac failure.

Class IV - Inability to carry out any activity without discomfort. Symptoms of congestive cardiac failure are present even at rest. With any increase in physical activity, discomfort will be experienced. The Diagnosis of Cardiomyopathy has to be supported by echographic findings of compromised ventricular performance. Irrespective of the above, Cardiomyopathy directly related to alcohol or drug abuse is excluded

9. Stroke Resulting in Permanent Symptoms

Any cerebrovascular incident producing permanent neurological sequelae. This includes infarction of brain tissue, thrombosis in an intracranial vessel, haemorrhage and embolization from an extracranial source. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner and evidenced by typical clinical symptoms as well as typical findings in CT Scan or MRI of the brain. Evidence of permanent neurological deficit lasting for atleast 3 months has to be produced.

The following are excluded:

Transient ischemic attacks (TIA).

Traumatic injury of the brain

• Vascular disease affecting only the eye or optic nerve or vestibular functions.

10. Open Chest CABG

The actual undergoing of heart surgery to correct blockage or narrowing in one or more coronary artery(s), by coronary artery bypass grafting done via a sternotomy (cutting through the breast bone) or minimally invasive keyhole coronary artery bypass procedures. The diagnosis must be supported by a coronary angiography and the realization of surgery has to be confirmed by a cardiologist.

The following is excluded: Angioplasty and/or any other intra-arterial procedures

11. Major surgery of the Aorta

The actual undergoing of surgery for a disease or injury of the aorta needing excision and surgical replacement of the diseased part of the aorta with a graft.

The term "aorta" means the thoracic and abdominal aorta but not its branches

Surgery performed using only minimally invasive or intraarterial techniques are excluded.

12. Open Heart Replacement or Repair of Heart Valves

The actual undergoing of open-heart valve surgery is to replace or repair one or more heart valves, as a consequence of defects in, abnormalities of, or disease-affected cardiac valve(s).

The diagnosis of the valve abnormality must be supported by an echocardiography and the realization of surgery has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner.

Catheter based techniques including but not limited to, balloon valvotomy/valvuloplasty are excluded.

13. Primary (Idiopathic) Pulmonary hypertension

An unequivocal diagnosis of Primary (Idiopathic) pulmonary hypertension by a cardiologist or specialist in respiratory medicine with evidence of right ventricular enlargement and the pulmonary artery pressure above 30 mmHG on Cardiac Cauterization. There must be permanent irreversible physical impairment to the degree of at least Class IV of the New York Heart Association Classification of cardiac impairment.

The NHYA Classification of Cardiac Impairment are as follows

i. Class III : Marked limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest, but less than ordinary activity causes symptoms.
ii. Class IV : Unable to engage in any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms may be present even at rest.

Pulmonary hypertension associated with lung disease, chronic hypoventilation, pulmonary thromboembolic disease, drugs and toxins, disease of the left side of the heart, congenital heart disease and any secondary cause are specifically excluded.

14. Deafness

Total and irreversible loss of hearing in both ears as a result of illness or accident . The diagnosis must be supported by pure tone audiogram test and certified by an ear, nose and throat (ENT) specialist.

Total means "the loss of hearing to the extent that the loss is greater than 90 decibels across all frequencies of hearing" in both ears.

15. Loss of Speech

Total and irrecoverable loss of the ability to speak as a result of injury or disease to the vocal cords. The inability to speak must be established for a continuous period of 12 months. The diagnosis must be supported by medical evidence furnished by an Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) specialist.

All psychiatric related causes are excluded.

16. Medullary Cystic Disease

Medullary Cystic Disease where the following criteria are met

· the presence in the kidney of multiple cysts in the renal medulla accompanied by the presence of tubular atrophy and interstitial fibrosis:

• clinical manifestations of anaemia, polyuria, and progressive deterioration in kidney function; and

• the Diagnosis of Medullary Cystic Disease is confirmed by renal biopsy.

Isolated or benign kidney cysts are specifically excluded from this benefit.

17. Motor Neurone Disease with permanent symptoms

Motor neurone disease diagnosed by a specialist medical practitioner as spinal muscular trophy, progressive bulbar palsy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or primary lateral sclerosis.

There must be progressive degeneration of corticospinal tracts and anterior horn cells or bulbar efferent neurons. There must be current significant and permanent functional neurological impairment with objective evidence of motor dysfunction that has persisted for a continuous period of at least 3 months.

18. Multiple Sclerosis with persisting symptoms

The unequivocal diagnosis of Definite Multiple Sclerosis confirmed and evidenced by all of the following:

• investigations including typical MRI findings, which unequivocally confirm the diagnosis to be multiple sclerosis; and

 there must be current clinical impairment of motor or sensory function, which must have persisted for a continuous period of at least 6 months,

Other causes of neurological damage such as SLE and HIV are excluded.

19. Parkinson's Disease

The unequivocal diagnosis of primary idiopathic Parkinson's disease (all other forms of Parkinsonism are excluded) made by a consultant neurologist. This diagnosis must be supported by all of the following conditions:

• The disease cannot be controlled with medication; and

· Objective signs of progressive impairment; and

• There is an inability of the Life assured to perform (whether aided or unaided) at least 3 of the following five (6) "Activities of Daily Living" for a continuous period of at least 6 months.

The Activities of Daily Living are:

1. Washing: the ability to wash in the bath or shower (including getting into and out of the bath or shower) or wash satisfactorily by other means;

2. Dressing: the ability to put on, take off, secure and unfasten all garments and, as appropriate, any braces, artificial limbs or other surgical appliances:

3. Transferring: the ability to move from a bed to an upright chair or wheelchair and vice versa;

4. Mobility: the ability to move indoors from room to room on level surfaces;

5. Toileting: the ability to use the lavatory or otherwise manage bowel and bladder functions so as to maintain a satisfactory level of personal hygiene;

6. Feeding: the ability to feed oneself once food has been prepared and made available

20. Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) with Lupus Nephritis

A multi-system, mutlifactorial, autoimmune disease characterized by the development of autoantibodies directed against various self-antigens. In respect of this Contract, Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE) will be restricted to those forms of systemic lupus erythematosus which involve the kidneys (Class III to Class V Lupus Nephritis, established by renal biopsy, and in accordance with the WHO Classification). The final diagnosis must be confirmed by a certified doctor specializing in Rheumatology and Immunology. There must be positive antinuclear antibody test.

Other forms, discoid lupus, and those forms with only haematological and joint involvement will be specifically excluded.

WHO Classification of Lupus Nephritis:

Class I: Minimal change Lupus Glomerulonephritis -Negative, normal urine.

Class II: Messangial Lupus Glomerulonephritis - Moderate Proteinuria, active sediment

Class III: Focal Segmental Proliferative Lupus

Glomerulonephritis – Proteinuria, active sediment Class IV: Diffuse Proliferative Lupus Glomerulonephritis -Acute nephritis with active sediment and / or nephritic syndrome.

Class V: Membranous Lupus Glomerulonephritis - Nephrotic Syndrome or severe proteinuria.

21. Apallic Syndrome

Universal necrosis of the brain cortex, with the brain stem remaining intact. Diagnosis must be definitely confirmed by a Registered Medical practitioner who is also a neurologist holding such an appointment at an approved hospital. This condition must be documented for at least one (1) month.

22. End-stage Lung Disease

End stage lung disease, causing chronic respiratory failure, as confirmed and evidenced by all of the following:

FEV 1 test results consistently less than 1 litre measured on 3 occasions 3 months apart; and

Requiring continuous permanent supplementary oxygen therapy for hypoxemia;

Arterial blood gas analyses with partial oxygen pressures of 55mmHg or less (PaO2 < 55mm Hg); and

Dyspnea at rest.

23. Coma of specified severity

A state of unconsciousness with no reaction or response to external stimuli or internal needs.

This diagnosis must be supported by evidence of all of the following:

 no response to external stimuli continuously for at least 96 hours;

· life support measures are necessary to sustain life; and

· permanent neurological deficit which must be assessed at least 30 days after the onset of the coma.

The condition has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner. Coma resulting directly from alcohol or drug . abuse is excluded.

24. End stage liver disease

Permanent and irreversible failure of liver function that has resulted in all three of the following:

· Ascites ;and

· Permanent jaundice ;and

Hepatic encephalopathy.

Liver failure secondary to alcohol or drug abuse is excluded.

25. Kidney Failure requiring regular dialysis

End stage renal disease presenting as chronic irreversible failure of both kidneys to function, as a result of which either regular renal dialysis (hemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis) is instituted or renal transplantation is carried out. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner.

26. Loss of Limbs

The physical separation of two or more limbs, at or above the wrist or ankle level limbs as a result of injury or disease. This will include medically necessary amputation necessitated by injury or disease. The separation has to be permanent without any chance of surgical correction.

Loss of Limbs resulting directly or indirectly from self-inflicted injury, alcohol or drug abuse is excluded.

27. Major Burns

There must be third-degree burns with scarring that cover at least 20% of the body's surface area. The diagnosis must confirm the total area involved using standardized, clinically accepted, body surface area charts covering 20% of the body surface area.

28. Major Head Trauma

Accidental head injury resulting in permanent neurological deficit to be assessed no sooner than 3 months from the date of the Accident. This diagnosis must be supported by unequivocal findings on Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Computerized Tomography, or other reliable imaging techniques. The Accident must be caused solely and directly by accidental, violent, external and visible means and independently of all other causes.

The Accidental Head injury must result in an inability to perform at least three (3) of the following Activities of Daily Living either with or without the use of mechanical equipment, special devices or other aids or adaptations in use for disabled persons. For the purpose of this benefit, the word "permanent" shall mean beyond the scope of recovery with current medical knowledge and technology.

The following are excluded:

(a) Spinal cord injury; and

The Activities of Daily Living are:

1. Washing: the ability to wash in the bath or shower (including getting into and out of the bath or shower) or wash satisfactorily by other means;

2. Dressing: the ability to put on, take off, secure and unfasten all garments and, as appropriate, any braces, artificial limbs or other surgical appliances;

3. Transferring: the ability to move from a bed to an upright chair or wheelchair and vice versa;

4. Mobility: the ability to move indoors from room to room on level surfaces;

5. Toileting: the ability to use the lavatory or otherwise manage bowel and bladder functions so as to maintain a satisfactory level of personal hygiene;

6. Feeding: the ability to feed oneself once food has been prepared and made available.

29. Permanent paralysis of limbs

Total and irreversible loss of use of two or more limbs as a result of injury or disease of the brain or spinal cord. A specialist medical practitioner must be of the opinion that the paralysis will be permanent with no hope of recovery and must be present for more than 3 months

The condition must be confirmed by a consultant Neurologist on basis of appropriate Imaging techniques such as CT/MRI scans.

30. Major Organ/bone Marrow transplant

The actual undergoing of a transplant of:

i. One of the following human organs: heart, lung, liver, kidney, pancreas, that resulted from irreversible end-stage failure of the relevant organ, or

ii. Human bone marrow using haematopoietic stem cells. The undergoing of a transplant has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner.

- II. The following are excluded:
- i. Other stem-cell transplants
- ii. Where only islets of langerhans are transplanted

31. Muscular dystrophy

Diagnosis of muscular dystrophy by a Registered Medical Practitioner who is a neurologist based on three (3) out of four (4) of the following conditions:

(a) Family history of other affected individuals;

(b) Clinical presentation including absence of sensory disturbance, normal cerebro- spinal fluid and mild tendon reflex reduction;

(c) Characteristic electromyogram; or

(d) Clinical suspicion confirmed by muscle biopsy.

The condition must result in the inability of the Life Assured to perform (whether aided or unaided) at least three (3) of the six (6) 'Activities of Daily Living' as defined, for a continuous period of at least six (6) months.

32. Poliomyelitis

The occurrence of Poliomyelitis where the following conditions are met:

1. Poliovirus is identified as the cause and is proved by Stool Analysis,

2. Paralysis of the limb muscles or respiratory muscles must be present and persist for at least 3 months.

33. Pneumonectomy

The undergoing of surgery on the advice of a consultant medical specialist to remove an entire lung for any physical injury or disease.

34. Fulminant Viral Hepatitis

A submassive to massive necrosis of the liver by the Hepatitis virus, leading precipitously to liver failure. This diagnosis must be supported by all of the following:

• rapid decreasing of liver size as confirmed by abdominal ultrasound; and

• necrosis involving entire lobules, leaving only a collapsed reticular framework(histological evidence is required); and

• rapid deterioration of liver function tests; and

· deepening jaundice; and

• hepatic encephalopathy.

Hepatitis B infection carrier alone does not meet the diagnostic criteria.

This excludes Fulminant Viral Hepatitis caused by alcohol, toxic substance or drug.

35. Loss of independent Existence

Confirmation by a Consultant Physician of the loss of independent existence due to illness or trauma, lasting for a minimum period of 6 months and resulting in permanent inability to perform at least three (3) of the following Activities of Daily Living either with or without the use of mechanical equipment, special devices or other aids and adaptations in use for disabled persons. For the purpose of this benefit, the word "permanent", shall mean beyond the scope of recovery with current medical knowledge and technology

PART G Other Details

Grievance Redressal

- In case of any clarification or query please contact your Company Salesperson.
- II) The Company may be contacted at:

Customer Service Help Line: 1800-102-7070 (Toll Free) (9.30 am to 6.30 pm from Monday to Saturday) Email : contactus@pramericalife.in

Email for Senior Citizen: seniorcitizen@pramericalife.in Website: www.pramericalife.in

Communication Address: Customer Service, Pramerica Life Insurance Ltd. (Erstwhile DHFL Pramerica Company Ltd.), 4th Floor, Building No. 9 B, Cyber City, DLF City Phase III, Gurgaon– 122002 Office hours: 9.30 am to 6.30 pm from Monday to Friday

III) Grievance Redressal Officer : If the response received from the Company is not satisfactory or no response is received within two weeks(Business Days) of contacting the Company, the matter may be escalated to:

Email- customerfirst@pramericalife.in

Grievance Redressal Officer Pramerica Life Insurance Ltd. (Erstwhile DHFL Pramerica Company Ltd.), 4th Floor, Building No. 9 B, Cyber City, DLF City Phase III, Gurgaon– 122002

GRO Contact Number: 0124 - 4697069 Office hours: 9.30 am to 6.30 pm from Monday to Friday

IV) IRDAI - Grievance Redressal Cell: If after contacting the Company, the Policyholders query or concern is not resolved satisfactorily or within 15 days timelines the Grievance Redressal Cell of the IRDAI may be contacted.

Call Center Toll Free number – 155255 Email Id- complaints@irda.gov.in Complaints against Life Insurance Companies: Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Consumer Affairs Department Sy. No. 115/1, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad, Telangana – 500032 Tel: 040 - 20204000

V) Insurance Ombudsman:

The office of the **Insurance Ombudsman** has been established by the Government of India for the redressal of any grievance in respect of life insurance policies.

In case you are not satisfied with the decision/resolution of the Company, you may approach the Insurance Ombudsman if your grievance pertains to:

- I) Insurance claim that has been rejected or dispute of a claim on legal construction of the policy
- I) Delay in settlement of claim
- III) Dispute with regard to premium
- IV) Non-receipt of your insurance document

The address of the Insurance Ombudsman are attached herewith and may also be obtained from the following link on the internet

Link

http://www.irda.gov.in/ADMINCMS/cms/NormalData La yout.aspx?page=PageNo234&mid=7.2

The complaint should be made in writing duly signed by the complainant or by his legal heirs with full details of the complaint and the contact information of complainant.

As per provision 13(3) of the Redressal of Public Grievances Rules 1998, the complaint to the Ombudsman can be made only if the grievance has been rejected by the Grievance Redressal Machinery of the Insurer within a period of one year from the date of rejection by the insurer if it is not simultaneously under any litigation.

Address & Contact Details of Ombudsmen

Office of The Governing Body of Insurance Council

(Monitoring Body for Offices of Insurance Ombudsman)

3rd Floor, Jeevan Seva Annexe, Santacruz(West), Mumbai – 400054. Tel no: 26106671/6889.

Email id: inscoun@gbic.co.in website: www.gbic.co.in

If you have a grievance, approach the grievance cell of Insurance Company first.

If complaint is not resolved/ not satisfied/not responded for 30 days then

You can approach The Office of the Insurance Ombudsman (Bimalokpal)

Please visit our website for details to lodge complaint with Ombudsman.

Office Details	Jurisdiction of Office Union Territory, District	Office Details	Jurisdiction of Office Union Territory, District
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Prakash Building, 6th floor, Tilak Marg, Relief Road, Ahmedabad – 380 001. Tel.: 079 - 25501201/02/05/06 Email:bimalokpal.ahmedabad@ecoi.co.in	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu	ra & Nagar Haveli, Near New Market, Bhopal – 462 003.	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 62, Forest park, Bhubneshwar – 751 009. Tel.: 0674 - 2596461 /2596455 Fax: 0674 - 2596429 Email:bimalokpal.bhubaneswar@ecoi.co.in	Orissa	rissa office of the Insurance Ombudsman, S.C.O. No. 101, 102 & 103, 2nd Floor, Batra Building, Sector 17 – D, Chandigarh – 160 017. Tel.: 0172 - 2706196 / 2706468 Fax: 0172 - 2708274 Email:bimalokpal.chandigarh@ecoi.c o.in	
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Fatima Akhtar Court, 4th Floor, 453, Anna Salai, Teynampet, CHENNAI – 600 018. Tel.: 044 - 24333668 / 24335284 Fax: 044 - 24333664 Email:bimalokpal.chennai@ecoi.co.in	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry Town and Karaikal (which are part of Pondicherry).	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2/2 A, Universal Insurance Building, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi – 110 002. Tel.: 011 - 23239633 / 23237532 Fax: 011 - 23230858 Email: bimalokpal.delhi@ecoi.co.in	Delhi.
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 6th Floor, Jeevan Bhawan, Phase-II, Nawal Kishore Road, Hazratganj, Lucknow - 226 001. Tel.: 0522 - 2231330 / 2231331 Fax: 0522 - 2231310 Email: bimalokpal.lucknow@ecoi.co.in	Districts of Uttar Pradesh : Laitpur, Jhansi, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Banda, Chitrakoot, Allahabad, Mirzapur, Sonbhabdra, Fatehpur, Pratapgarh, Jaunpur,Varanasi, Gazipur, Jalaun, Kanpur, Lucknow, Unnao, Sitapur, Lakhimpur, Bahraich, Barabanki, Raebareli, Sravasti, Gonda, Faizabad, Amethi, Kaushambi, Balrampur, Basti, Ambedkarnagar, Sultanpur, Maharajgang, Santkabirnagar, Azamgarh, Kushinagar, Gorkhpur, Deoria, Mau, Ghazipur, Chandauli, Ballia, Sidharathnagar.	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 6-2-46, 1st floor, "Moin Court", Lane Opp. Saleem Function Palace, A. C. Guards, Lakdi-Ka-Pool, Hyderabad - 500 004. Tel.: 040 - 65504123 / 23312122 Fax: 040 - 23376599 Email:bimalokpal.hyderabad@ecoi.co .in	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Yanam and part of Territory of Pondicherry

Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Nivesh, 5th Floor, Nr. Panbazar over bridge, S.S. Road, Guwahati – 781001(ASSAM). Tel.: 0361 - 2132204 / 2132205 Fax: 0361 - 2732937 Email:bimalokpal.guwahati@ecoi.co.in	Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tripura	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 3rd Floor, Jeevan Seva Annexe, S. V. Road, Santacruz (W), Mumbai - 400 054. Tel.: 022 - 26106552 / 26106960 Fax: 022 - 26106052 Email:bimalokpal.mumbai@ecoi.co.in	Goa, Mumbai Metropolitan Region excluding Navi Mumbai & Thane.
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Nidhi – II Bldg., Gr. Floor, Bhawani Singh Marg, Jaipur - 302 005. Tel.: 0141 - 2740363 Email:bimalokpal.jaipur@ecoi.co.in	Rajasthan	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Darshan Bldg., 3rd Floor, C.T.S. No.s. 195 to 198, N.C. Kelkar Road, Narayan Peth, Pune – 411 030. Tel.: 020-41312555 Email:bimalokpal.pune@ecoi.co.in	Maharashtra, Area of Navi Mumbai and Thane excluding Mumbai Metropolitan Region
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Soudha Building,PID No. 57- 27-N-19 Ground Floor, 19/19, 24th Main Road, JP Nagar, Ist Phase, Bengaluru – 560 078. Tel.: 080 - 26652048 / 26652049 Email: bimalokpal.bengaluru@ecoi.co.in	Karnataka	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Bhagwan Sahai Palace 4th Floor, Main Road, Naya Bans, Sector 15, Distt: Gautam Buddh Nagar, U.P-201301. Tel.: 0120-2514250 / 2514252 / 2514253 Email: bimalokpal.noida@ecoi.co.in	State of Uttaranchal and the following Districts of Uttar Pradesh: Agra, Aligarh, Bagpat, Bareilly, Bijnor, Budaun, Bulandshehar, Etah, Kanooj, Mainpuri, Mathura, Meerut, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Oraiyya, Pilibhit, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Firozbad, Gautambodhanagar, Ghaziabad, Hardoi, Shahjahanpur, Hapur, Shamli, Rampur, Kashganj, Sambhal, Amroha, Hathras, Kanshiramnagar, Saharanpur.
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 1st Floor,Kalpana Arcade Building,, Bazar Samiti Road, Bahadurpur, Patna 800 006. Tel.: 0612-2680952 Email: bimalokpal.patna@ecoi.co.in	Bihar, Jharkhand		

Annexure - 'A'

Section 38 - Assignment and Transfer of Insurance Policies

Assignment or transfer of a policy should be in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

- 1. This policy may be transferred/assigned, wholly or in part, with or without consideration.
- 2. An Assignment may be effected in a policy by an endorsement upon the policy itself or by a separate instrument under notice to the Insurer.
- 3. The instrument of assignment should indicate the fact of transfer or assignment and the reasons for the assignment or transfer, antecedents of the assignee and terms on which assignment is made.
- The assignment must be signed by the transferor or assignor or duly authorized agent and attested by at least one witness.
- 5. The transfer of assignment shall not be operative as against an insurer until a notice in writing of the transfer or assignment and either the said endorsement or instrument itself or copy there of certified to be correct by both transferor and transferee or their duly authorized agents have been delivered to the insurer.
- 6. Fee to be paid for assignment or transfer can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
- On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should Grant a written acknowledgement of receipt of notice. Such notice shall be conclusive evidence against the insurer of duly receiving the notice.
- 8. If the insurer maintains one or more places of business, such notices shall be delivered only
 - at the place where the policy is being serviced.
- The insurer may accept or decline to act upon any transfer or assignment or endorsement, if it has sufficient reasons to believe that it is
 - a. not bonafide or
 - b. not in the interest of the policyholder or
 - c. not in public interest or
- d. is for the purpose of trading of the insurance policy.
- 10. Before refusing to act upon endorsement, the Insurer should record the reasons in writing and communicate the same in writing to Policyholder within 30 days from the date of policyholder giving a notice of transfer or assignment.
- 11. In case of refusal to act upon the endorsement by the Insurer, any person aggrieved by the refusal may prefer a claim to IRDAI within 30 days of receipt of the refusal letter from the Insurer.
- 12. The priority of claims of persons interested in an insurance policy would depend on the date on which the notices of assignment or transfer is delivered to the insurer; where there are more than one instruments of transfer or assignment, the priority will depend on dates of delivery of such notices. Any dispute in this regard as to priority should be referred to Authority.
- Every assignment or transfer shall be deemed to be absolute assignment or transfer and the assignee or transferee shall be deemed to be absolute assignee or transferee, except
- a. where assignment or transfer is subject to terms and conditions of transfer or assignment OR

- b. where the transfer or assignment is made upon condition that
 - the proceeds under the policy shall become payable to policyholder or nominee(s) in the event of assignee or transferee dying before the insured OR
 - the insured surviving the term of the policy Such conditional assignee will not be entitled to obtain a loan on policy or surrender the policy. This provision will prevail notwithstanding any law or custom having force of law which is contrary to the above position.
- 14. In other cases, the insurer shall, subject to terms and conditions of assignment, recognize the transferee or assignee named in the notice as the absolute transferee or assignee and such person
 - a. shall be subject to all liabilities and equities to which the transferor or assignor was subject to at the date of transfer or assignment and
 - b. may institute any proceedings in relation to the policy
 - c. obtain loan under the policy or surrender the policy without obtaining the consent of the transferor or assignor or making him a party to the proceedings
- 15. Any rights and remedies of an assignee or transferee of a life insurance policy under an Assignment or transfer effected before commencement of the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 shall not be affected by this section.

[Disclaimer: This is not a comprehensive list of amendments of Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act 2015 and only a simplified version prepared for general information. Policy Holders are advised to refer to the Insurance Act as amended from time to time for complete and accurate details.]

Annexure - 'B'

Section 39 - Nomination by policyholder

Nomination of a life insurance Policy is as below in accordance with Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

- The policyholder of a life insurance on his own life may nominate a person or persons to whom money secured by the policy shall be paid in the event of his death.
- 2. Where the nominee is a minor, the policyholder may appoint any person to receive the money secured by the policy in the event of policyholder's death during the minority of the nominee. The manner of appointment to be laid down by the insurer.
- 3. Nomination can be made at any time before the maturity of the policy.
- 4. Nomination may be incorporated in the text of the policy itself or may be endorsed on the policy communicated to the insurer and can be registered by the insurer in the records relating to the policy.
- 5. Nomination can be cancelled or changed at any time before policy matures, by an endorsement or a further endorsement or a will as the case may be.
- 6. A notice in writing of Change or Cancellation of nomination must be delivered to the insurer for the insurer to be liable to such nominee. Otherwise, insurer will not be liable if a bonafide payment is made to the person named in the text of the policy or in the registered records of the insurer.
- 7. Fee to be paid to the insurer for registering change or cancellation of a nomination can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
- On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should grant a written acknowledgement to the policyholder of having registered a nomination or cancellation or change thereof.
- 9. A transfer or assignment made in accordance with Section 38 shall automatically cancel the nomination except in case of assignment to the insurer or other transferee or assignee for purpose of loan or against security or its reassignment after repayment. In such case, the nomination will not get cancelled to the extent of insurer's or transferee's or assignee's interest in the policy. The nomination will get revived on repayment of the loan.
- 10. The right of any creditor to be paid out of the proceeds of any policy of life insurance shall not be affected by the nomination.
- In case of nomination by policyholder whose life is insured, if the nominees die before the policyholder, the proceeds are payable to policyholder or his heirs or legal representatives or holder of succession certificate.
- In case nominee(s) survive the person whose life is insured, the amount secured by the policy shall be paid to such survivor(s).
- 13. Where the policyholder whose life is insured nominates
 - his
 - a. parents or
 - b. spouse or c. children or
 - d. spouse and children
 - e. or any of them

the nominees are beneficially entitled to the amount payable by the insurer to the policyholder unless it is proved that policyholder could not have conferred such beneficial title on the nominee having regard to the nature of his title.

- 14. If nominee(s) die after the policyholder but before his share of the amount secured under the policy is paid, the share of the expired nominee(s) shall be payable to the heirs or legal representative of the nominee or holder of succession certificate of such nominee(s).
- 15. The provisions of sub-section 7 and 8 (13 and 14 above) shall apply to all life insurance policies maturing for payment after the commencement of Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015.
- 16. If policyholder dies after maturity but the proceeds and benefit of the policy has not been paid to him because of his death, his nominee(s) shall be entitled to the proceeds and benefit of the policy.
- 17. The provisions of Section 39 are not applicable to any life insurance policy to which Section 6 of Married Women's Property Act, 1874 applies or has at any time applied except where before or after Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act 2015, a nomination is made in favour of spouse or children or spouse and children whether or not on the face of the policy it is mentioned that it is made under Section 39. Where nomination is intended to be made to spouse or children or spouse and children under Section 6 of MWP Act, it should be specifically mentioned on the policy. In such a case only, the provisions of Section 39 will not apply.

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Annexure - 'C'

Section 45 – Policy shall not be called in question on the ground of mis-statement after three years

Provisions regarding policy not being called into question in terms of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 are as follows:

- 1. No Policy of Life Insurance shall be called in question on any ground whatsoever after expiry of 3 yrs from
 - a. the date of issuance of policy or
 - b. the date of commencement of risk or
 - c. the date of revival of policy or
 - d. the date of rider to the policy whichever is later.
- 2. On the ground of fraud, a policy of Life Insurance may be called in guestion within 3 years from
 - a. the date of issuance of policy or
 - b. the date of commencement of risk or
 - c. the date of revival of policy or
 - d. the date of rider to the policy
- whichever is later.

For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which such decision is based.

- 3. Fraud means any of the following acts committed by insured or by his agent, with the intent to deceive the insurer or to induce the insurer to issue a life insurance policy:
 - a. The suggestion, as a fact of that which is not true and which the insured does not believe to be true;
 - b. The active concealment of a fact by the insured having knowledge or belief of the fact;
 - c. Any other act fitted to deceive; and
 - d. Any such act or omission as the law specifically declares to be fraudulent.
- Mere silence is not fraud unless, depending on circumstances of the case, it is the duty of the insured or his agent keeping silence to speak or silence is in itself equivalent to speak
- 5. No Insurer shall repudiate a life insurance Policy on the ground of Fraud, if the Insured /beneficiary can prove that the misstatement was true to the best of his knowledge and there was no deliberate intention to suppress the fact or that such mis-statement of or suppression of material fact are within the knowledge of the insurer. Onus of disproving is upon the policyholder, if alive, or beneficiaries.
- 6. Life insurance Policy can be called in question within 3 years on the ground that any statement of or suppression of a fact material to expectancy of life of the insured was incorrectly made in the proposal or other document basis which policy was issued or

revived or rider issued. For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which decision to repudiate the policy of life insurance is based.

- 7. In case repudiation is on ground of mis-statement and not on fraud, the premium collected on policy till the date of repudiation shall be paid to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, within a period of 90 days from the date of repudiation.
- 8. Fact shall not be considered material unless it has a direct bearing on the risk undertaken by the insurer. The onus is on insurer to show that if the insurer had been aware of the said fact, no life insurance policy would have been issued to the insured.
- 9. The insurer can call for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so and no policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the policy are adjusted on subsequent proof of age of life insured. So, this Section will not be applicable for questioning age or adjustment based on proof of age submitted subsequently.

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