### 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**

**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.

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

**Dengue Fever** means a fever which is diagnosed as Dengue Haemorrhagic fever and/or Dengue Shock Syndrome.

**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.

**Hospital** means any institution established for in-patient care and day care treatment of illness and / or injuries and which has been registered as a hospital with the local authorities under the Clinical Establishments (Registrations and Regulation) Act, 2010 or under the enactments specified under the Schedule of Section 56(1) of the said Act OR complies with all minimum criteria as under:

- Has qualified nursing staff under its employment round the clock;
- Has at least 10 in-patient beds in towns having a population of less than 10,00,000 and at least 15 in-patient beds in all other places;
- Has qualified medical practitioner(s) in charge round the clock;
- Has a fully equipped operation theatre of its own where surgical procedures are carried out;
- Maintains daily records of patients and makes these accessible to the insurer's authorized personnel.

**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(s) on whose life this Policy is/are effected and is/are named in the Schedule.

**Maturity Date** means the Policy Expiry Date specified in the Schedule and when the coverage under the Policy ends.

**Medical Practitioner** means a person who holds a valid registration from the Medical Council of any state of India and is thereby entitled to practice medicine within its jurisdiction; and is acting within the scope and jurisdiction of his license and who is neither the life insured himself nor related to the life insured by blood or marriage.

**Medically Necessary** means any treatment, tests, medication, or stay in Hospital or part of a stay in Hospital which

- is required for the medical management of the illness or injury suffered by the insured;
- must not exceed the level of care necessary to provide safe, adequate and appropriate medical care in scope, duration, or intensity;
- must have been prescribed by a Medical Practitioner;
- must conform to the professional standards widely accepted in international medical practice or by the medical community in India.

**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.

**Policyholder** means the person named in the Schedule who has concluded this Policy with the Company. Policyholder is the owner of the Policy.

**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.

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

**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

The benefit equal to the Sum Insured shall be payable on the diagnosis of the Dengue Fever (as defined above) on meeting all of the following conditions:

- a) Decreasing platelet levels- less than 100,000 cells/mm3 and
- b) Increasing in hematocrit more than 20% of the highest normal value and
- c) Immunoglobulins/PCR test showing positive results for Dengue and
- Attending physician's certification for diagnosis of Dengue Haemorrhagic fever and/or Dengue Shock Syndrome and
- e) Minimum 48 In-patient care consecutive hours of hospitalization in a Hospital for Medically Necessary Treatment of Dengue

During each Policy Year, a maximum of one claim shall be payable to each Life Insured and no carry forward to the next Policy Year shall be allowed. However, the cover will continue for each Life Insured after a claim is made till the end of the Policy Term or the date on which a claim is made in the last Policy Year, whichever is earlier, subject to payment of all due premiums by the Policyholder.

Further, while making the claim payment in a particular policy year, Company will not deduct unpaid installment premiums for the corresponding policy year except for the premium due to be paid during the grace period.

No Maturity Benefit shall be payable under this policy.

#### Section Two: Discontinuation of Premium Payments (Not applicable to Single Premium Policy)

- 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.
- 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: Waiting Period

A waiting period of 15 days will apply from the date of commencement/revival of the cover, whichever is later. The Company will not entertain any claim arising due to diagnosis within the waiting period under this policy.

#### Section Five: Premium Guarantee

The Premiums shall remain unchanged for a period of three years from the date of issuance of Policy. Upon the completion of three Policy years, the Premiums may be revised by us subject to IRDAI's approval. 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 Premium Due Date (on or after the effective date of change) to renew the Policy. If you are not willing to continue the Policy with the revised Premium rates, the Policy will lapse.

In case of Single Premium Policy, premium shall remain unchanged during the entire Policy Term.

#### Section Six: Exclusions

No benefit will be payable in any of the following:

- a) For any Treatment other than Dengue Haemorrhagic fever and/or Dengue Shock Syndrome;
- b) Treatment requiring less than 48 hours of hospitalization;
- c) Diagnosis and Treatment outside India;
- d) Dengue Fever that is not diagnosed by a Physician who does not qualify within the definition of Medical Practitioner;
- e) Any claim arising due to diagnosis of Dengue Fever during the waiting period of 15 days from the date of commencement/revival, whichever is later

### PART D Policy Servicing

#### Section One: Revival

A lapsed policy can be revived within five years from the date of first unpaid Premium and before Maturity Date. The Company will revive the Policy only if the Company has received written notice from the Policyholder along with the requisite documents / information and the outstanding Premium with interest specified by the Company.

In case premium rates get revised during the revival period, then the unpaid premiums to be paid by the policyholder upon revival shall be based on the corresponding rates i.e. original premium amount for the period when original premium rates were applicable and revised premium amount for the period from the date of revision of premium rates till the date of revival, along with the applicable interest.

The revival of the Policy shall be effective from the date on which the Company has issued a written endorsement confirming the revival of the Policy. The Policyholder understands and agrees that there is no obligation on the Company to revive the Policy or to revive it on the same terms, and the revival is subject to the underwriting requirements of the Company as applicable from time to time.

If the Policy is revived by the Company, the Policyholder will also become entitled to full Policy benefits from the date of revival for the Policy Year(s), as per the terms and conditions of the Policy.

#### Section Two: Surrender of Policy

A Single Premium Policy acquires an immediate Surrender Value.

On Surrender of such Policy, the Company will pay the Surrender Value as mentioned below:

50% of Single Premium paid (excluding taxes, if any) \* (Unexpired Policy Term in completed months / 60)

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

No Surrender Value shall be payable under a Regular Premium paying policy.

#### Section Three: Loan

No loan can be availed under this Policy.

#### Section Four: Free Look Period

The Policyholder shall have a period of 15 days (30 days in case of the policy sold through distance marketing mode) from the receipt of this Policy Document to review the terms and conditions of this Policy and if the Policyholder disagrees with any of the terms and conditions, Policyholder has the option to return this Policy stating the reasons for the objections upon which the Company shall refund to the Policyholder the Premium paid subject to deduction of Risk Premium for the period of risk cover, any expenses incurred by the Company towards medical examination of the Life Insured and stamp duty charges.

Part E Charges - Not Applicable

### Part F General Terms and Conditions

#### Section One: Benefit during Grace Period

If the Life Insured is diagnosed of Dengue Fever during the Grace Period, the Company will pay the benefit payable after deduction of the Premium due under the Policy.

#### Section Two: 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 Maturity Date
- b) The date of the death of the Life Insured
- c) The date on which the Policy lapses
- d) The date on which the Policy is surrendered

#### Section Three: Claim Processing

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

- a) is immediately notified in writing, and preferably within 90 days of the diagnosis of the Dengue Fever. 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.
- b) is provided with the opportunity of establishing to its satisfaction that a claim is payable.
- c) 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) Copies of medical reports, investigation reports and treatment papers of the Life Insured.
  - (6) Copy of the Discharge Summary.
  - (7) A precise diagnosis of the treatment for which claim is made which should be attested by a Medical Practitioner.

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 Four: 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 Five: 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 as amended from time to time is enclosed as Annexure B for reference.

#### Section Six: Miscellaneous

- a) Loss of the Policy Document
- i) 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
  - 2. 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.

#### 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 & Agent's Authority

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.

The insurance agent is authorised to arrange the completion and submission of the Policyholder's Application Form. The insurance agent is not authorised to amend the Policy Document, or to accept any notice on the Company's behalf or to accept payments on the Company's behalf. If any money meant for the Company in any form is paid to an insurance agent then such payment is made at the Policyholder's risk and the agent will be acting only as the Policyholder's representative.

#### 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 as amended from time to time is enclosed as Annexure C for reference.

## PART G

### Other Details

**Grievance Redressal** 

- I) 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 : <u>contactus@pramericalife.in</u> Email for Senior Citizen: <u>seniorcitizen@pramericalife.in</u> Website: <u>www.pramericalife.in</u>

Communication Address : Customer Service, Pramerica Life Insurance Ltd., (Erstwhile DHFL Pramerica Life Insurance 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 Life Insurance 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 - 500032

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.

Any person who has a grievance against an insurer, may himself or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee, make a complaint in writing to the Insurance Ombudsman within whose territorial jurisdiction the branch or office of the insurer complained against or the residential address or place of residence of the complainant is located.

The complaint shall be in writing, duly signed by the complainant or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee and shall state clearly the name and address of the complainant, the name of the branch or office of the insurer against whom the complaint is made, the facts giving rise to the complaint, supported by documents, the nature and extent of the loss caused to the complainant and the relief sought from the Insurance Ombudsman.

No complaint to the Insurance Ombudsman shall lie unless

(a) The complainant makes a written representation to the insurer named in the complaint and—

(i) Either the insurer had rejected the complaint, or

(ii) The complainant had not received any reply within a period of one month after the insurer received his representation, or

(iii) The complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to him by the insurer

(b) The complaint is made within one year-

(i) After the order of the insurer rejecting the representation is received, or

(ii) After receipt of decision of the insurer which is not to the satisfaction of the complainant, or

(iii) After expiry of a period of one month from the date of sending the written representation to the insurer if the insurer named fails to furnish reply to the complainant

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

Link http://www.gbic.co.in/ombudsman.html

#### Address & Contact Details of Ombudsmen Centres

Office of The Governing Body of Insurance Council (Monitoring Body for Offices of Insurance Ombudsman) 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, Jeevan Seva Annexe, Santacruz(West), Mumbai – 400054. Tel no: 26106671/6889. Email id: <u>inscoun@gbic.co.in</u> 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, <b>Ahmedabad – 380 001.</b> Tel.: 079 - 25501201/02/05/06 Email:bimalokpal.ahmedabad@ecoi.co.in	Gujarat, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Janak Vihar Complex, 2nd Floor, 6, Malviya Nagar, Opp. Airtel Office, Near New Market, <b>Bhopal – 462 003.</b> Tel.: 0755 - 2769201 / 2769202 Fax: 0755 - 2769203 Email:bimalokpal.bhopal@ecoi.co.in	Madhya Pradesh Chattisgarh
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 62, Forest park, <b>Bhubneshwar – 751 009.</b> Tel.: 0674 - 2596461 /2596455 Fax: 0674 - 2596429 Email:bimalokpal.bhubaneswar@ecoi.co.in	Orissa	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, S.C.O. No. 101, 102 & 103, 2nd Floor, Batra Building, Sector 17 – D, <b>Chandigarh – 160 017.</b> Tel.: 0172 - 2706196 / 2706468 Fax: 0172 - 2708274 Email:bimalokpal.chandigarh@ecoi.c o.in	Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir, Chandigarh.
Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Fatima Akhtar Court, 4th Floor, 453, Anna Salai, Teynampet, <b>CHENNAI – 600 018.</b> 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, <b>New Delhi – 110 002.</b> 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, <b>Lucknow - 226 001.</b> 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, <b>Hyderabad - 500 004.</b> 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, <b>Guwahati – 781001(ASSAM).</b> 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), <b>Mumbai - 400 054.</b> 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, <b>Jaipur - 302 005.</b> 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, <b>Pune – 411 030.</b> 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, <b>Bengaluru – 560 078.</b> 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, <b>U.P-201301.</b> 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, <b>Patna 800 006.</b> 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.
- 4. 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.
- 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 isa. 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.
- 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. 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:

- 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 question 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.
- 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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