



**KANSAS CITY LIFE  
INSURANCE COMPANY**

Kansas City Life Insurance Company

**GROUP VISION COVERAGE**

**BENEFITS PROVIDED ARE SUPPLEMENTAL AND ARE NOT INTENDED TO COVER ALL VISION EXPENSES**

**OUTLINE OF COVERAGE**

- 1. Read Your Certificate Carefully** — This outline of coverage provides a very brief description of the important features of your certificate. This is not the insurance contract and only the actual certificate provisions will control. The certificate itself sets forth in detail the rights and obligations of both you and Kansas City Life. It is, therefore, important that you **READ YOUR CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY!**
- 2. IMPORTANT:** If you opt to receive vision services that are not covered services under this policy, a provider may charge you his or her standard rates for those services. Prior to providing a patient with vision services that are not a covered benefit, the provider should provide to the patient a treatment plan that includes each anticipated service to be provided and the estimated cost of each service. If you would like more information about vision coverage options, you may call client services at 800-821-6164 Ext. 6045 or your insurance broker. To fully understand your coverage, you may wish to carefully review this evidence of coverage document.
- 3. Classes of Eligible Individuals include:**  
**Class 01:** All full-time employees in active employment in the United States with the Employer working a minimum of 30 hours per week, and eligible retirees.
- 4.** A Covered Person may use the Provider of their choice for the following covered vision services. A Benefit Authorization must be obtained before a Covered Person can use Plan Benefits from an In-Network Provider. Plan Benefits will be paid up to the Allowance shown below. The balance of the charge is the Covered Person's responsibility.

**Plan Benefits**

	<b>FREQUENCY OF USE</b>
<b>Eye Examination</b>	Once every 12 months beginning with the first date of service
<b>Materials Lenses</b>	One complete set of spectacle lenses or contact lenses (in lieu of eyeglasses) Once every 12 months beginning with the first date of service
<b>Materials Frame</b>	Once every 12 months beginning with the first date of service

  

	<b>COPAYMENT</b>
<b>Eye Examination</b>	\$0.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person at the time of examination
<b>Materials</b>	\$0.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person at the time when materials are purchased



<b>COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS</b>	<b>IN-NETWORK BENEFITS (Using an In-Network Provider)</b>	<b>OUT-OF-NETWORK BENEFITS (Using an Out-of-Network Provider) Reimbursement Schedule</b>
<p><b>Eye Examination</b></p> <p>Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.</p>	<p>Covered in full less any applicable Copayment</p>	<p>Up to \$45.00 Allowance</p>
<p><b>Lenses</b></p>	<p><b>(Glass or plastic Single Vision, Lined Bifocal, Lined Trifocal or Lenticular)</b></p> <p>Covered in full less any applicable Copayment</p> <p>Polycarbonate lenses are covered in full for dependent children up to age 26.</p>	<p><b>Single Vision</b> Up to \$30.00 Allowance</p> <p><b>Lined Bifocal</b> Up to \$50.00 Allowance</p> <p><b>Lined Trifocal</b> Up to \$65.00 Allowance</p> <p><b>Lenticular</b> Up to \$100.00 Allowance</p>
<p><b>Frames</b></p>	<p>Covered up to \$150.00 Allowance less any applicable Copayment</p> <p>The In-Network Provider will prescribe and order Covered Person's lenses, verify the accuracy of finished lenses, and assist Covered Person with frame selection and adjustment.</p>	<p>Covered up to \$70.00 Allowance</p>
<p><b>Elective Contact Lenses</b></p> <p>Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.</p>	<p>Covered up to \$150.00 Allowance less any applicable Copayment</p> <p>The Elective Contact Lens Allowance applies to materials only.</p>	<p>Covered up to \$105.00 Allowance</p> <p>The Elective Contact Lens Allowance applies to materials only.</p>
<p><b>Necessary Contact Lenses</b></p> <p>Necessary Contact Lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Doctor.</p> <p>Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.</p>	<p>Covered in full less any applicable Copayment</p>	<p>Covered up to \$210.00 Allowance</p>

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<p><b>Low Vision</b></p> <p>Professional services for severe visual problems not correctable with regular lenses, including:</p> <p>Low Vision Services are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Doctor.</p>	<p><b>Supplemental Testing</b></p> <p>Covered in full*</p> <p>Includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.</p> <p><b>Supplemental Aids</b></p> <p>75% of In-Network Provider's fee, up to \$1,000.00*</p> <p>*Maximum benefit for all Low Vision services and materials is \$1,000.00 every two (2) years and a maximum of two supplemental tests within a two-year period.</p>	<p><b>Supplemental Testing</b></p> <p>Up to \$125.00*</p> <p>Includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.</p> <p><b>Supplemental Aids</b></p> <p>75% of Provider's fee, up to \$1,000.00*</p> <p>*Maximum benefit for all Low Vision services and materials is \$1,000.00 every two (2) years and a maximum of two supplemental tests within a two-year period.</p>

**5. Definition of In-Network Provider**

An optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who has contracted with VSP to provide Plan Benefits to Covered Persons.

**6. Definition of Out-of-Network Provider**

Any optometrist, optician, ophthalmologist, or other licensed and qualified vision care provider who has not contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials to Covered Persons.

**7. Benefits will not be paid for and the term "Covered Vision Expenses" will not include charges for:**

- Services and/or materials not specifically included in the Schedule of Benefits as covered Plan Benefits.
- Plano lenses (lenses with refractive correction of less than  $\pm .50$  diopter).
- Two pair of glasses instead of bifocals.
- Replacement of lenses, frames and/or contact lenses furnished under this Policy which are lost or damaged, except at the normal intervals when Plan Benefits are otherwise available.
- Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
- Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
- Contact lens insurance policies or service agreements.
- Refitting of contact lenses after the initial (90-day) fitting period.
- Contact lens modification, polishing or cleaning.
- Services or materials furnished to a Covered Person before the Effective Date of the Policy or after the date a Covered Person's Insurance ends.
- Services or materials obtained while outside the United States, except for emergency vision care.
- Eye examinations or corrective eyewear required by an Employer as a condition of employment.

**8. Premium rates are subject to change according to the terms of the policy.**

Premium rates may be changed any time:

- 1) this policy is amended to change the eligibility and/or benefits; or

- 2) a subsidiary, division or affiliate is added to or deleted from this policy.

Kansas City Life may determine that a premium rate change is necessary for reasons other than in (1) or (2) above. However, such a rate change will not be made during the first 24 months or occur more often than once in any 6-month period.

Kansas City Life will provide written notification of any increases in premium rates to the last known address of the appropriate insurance producer, if any, at least 45 days prior to the effective date of the increase and to the last known address of the Policyholder at least 60 days prior to the effective date of the increase unless the Policyholder and Kansas City Life both agree otherwise.

**9. The Insured Individual's Insurance will terminate as follows:**

All insurance provided under this policy for an Insured Individual will terminate at 11:59 p.m. on the earliest of the following:

- 1) the date this policy terminates;
- 2) the date this policy is amended or changed to exclude coverage for the class of eligible individuals to which the Insured Individual belongs;
- 3) the date the Insured Individual ceases to be a member of the classes for whom insurance is provided;
- 4) the end of the 31-day grace period for which the Insured Individual has made any required contribution; or
- 5) the date the Insured Individual ceases to be actively-at-work as a full-time employee of the Policyholder except as provided under a covered leave of absence or temporary layoff.

Written notice will be given to the Insured Individual at least 60 days in advance of termination of coverage.

**10. The Insured Individual's Insurance will continue as follows:**

If this policy requires an Insured Individual to be actively-at-work, and an Insured Individual is absent from work because of a temporary lay-off, the Policyholder, acting on a basis that does not discriminate for or against any person, may consider the Insured Individual still employed until the Policyholder notifies Kansas City Life differently or stops paying premiums for the Insured Individual. However, in any event, insurance cannot be continued in this way for longer than the maximum continuation period stated below.

<b>For Absence Due To:</b>	<b>Maximum Continuation Period</b>
Temporary lay-off	One Month

**11. The procedure for filing a claim is as follows:**

All claims for benefits should be submitted on Our forms. All claims for Out-of-Network benefits should be submitted on Our forms. You or the Provider should obtain claim forms from the Policyholder or Us. If We fail to provide You with claim forms within 15 days of Your request, You shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this certificate as to proof of loss upon submitting, within the time fixed in the certificate for filing proofs of loss, written proof covering the occurrence, the character and the extent of the loss for which claim is made.

All In-Network benefits will be paid directly to the Provider. Out-of-Network benefits will be paid to You unless You provide written authorization for payment to the Provider.

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# Group Insurance Benefits

## Lake Tahoe Unified School District

Vision Insurance

Class 01



**KANSAS CITY LIFE  
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## ***Notice of Protection Provided by California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association***

This notice provides a brief summary regarding the protections provided to policyholders by the California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association (“the Association”). The purpose of the Association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within certain limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer of the Association becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. Insurance companies licensed in California to sell life insurance, health insurance, annuities, and structured settlement annuities are members of the Association. The protection provided by the Association is not unlimited and is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting insurers. This protection was created under California law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

Below is a brief summary of the coverages, exclusions, and limits provided by the Association. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law, nor does it in any way change anyone's rights or obligations or the rights or obligations of the Association.

### **COVERAGE**

#### ***Persons Covered***

Generally, an individual is covered by the Association if the insurer was a member of the Association and the individual lives in California at the time the insurer is determined by a court to be insolvent. Coverage is also provided to policy beneficiaries, payees, or assignees, whether or not they live in California.

#### ***Amounts of Coverage***

The basic coverage protections provided by the Association are as follows.

##### ***Life Insurance, Annuities, and Structured Settlement Annuities***

For life insurance policies, annuities, and structured settlement annuities, the Association will provide the following:

##### ***Life Insurance***

- 80% of death benefits but not to exceed \$300,000
- 80% of cash surrender or withdrawal values but not to exceed \$100,000

##### ***Annuities and Structured Settlement Annuities***

- 80% of the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash withdrawal and net cash surrender values but not to exceed \$250,000

The maximum amount of protection provided by the Association to an individual, for all life insurance, annuities, and structured settlement annuities is \$300,000, regardless of the number of policies or contracts covering the individual.

##### ***Health Insurance***

The maximum amount of protection provided by the Association to an individual, as of July 1, 2016, is \$546,741. This amount will increase or decrease based upon changes in the health care cost component of the consumer price index to the date on which an insurer becomes an insolvent insurer. Changes to this amount will be posted on the Association's website [www.califega.org](http://www.califega.org).

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## **COVERAGE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE**

The Association may not provide coverage for this policy. Coverage by the Association generally requires residency in California. You should not rely on coverage by the Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.

The following policies and persons are among those that are excluded from Association coverage:

- A policy or contract issued by an insurer that was not authorized to do business in California when it issued the policy or contract
- A policy issued by a health care service plan (HMO), a hospital or medical service organization, a charitable organization, a fraternal benefit society, a mandatory state pooling plan, a mutual assessment company, an insurance exchange, or a grants and annuities society
- If the person is provided coverage by the guaranty association of another state
- Unallocated annuity contracts; that is, contracts which are not issued to and owned by an individual and which do not guaranty annuity benefits to an individual
- Employer and association plans, to the extent they are self-funded or uninsured
- A policy or contract providing any health care benefits under Medicare Part C or Part D
- An annuity issued by an organization that is only licensed to issue charitable gift annuities
- Any policy or portion of a policy which is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as certain investment elements of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract
- Any policy of reinsurance unless an assumption certificate was issued
- Interest rate yields (including implied yields) that exceed limits that are specified in Insurance Code Section 1067.02(b)(2)(C)

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### **NOTICES**

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. Policyholders with additional questions should first contact their insurer or agent. To learn more about coverages provided by the Association, please visit the Association's website at [www.califega.org](http://www.califega.org), or contact either of the following:

California Life and Health Insurance  
Guarantee Association  
PO Box 16860  
Beverly Hills, CA 90209-3319  
(323) 782-0182

California Department of Insurance  
Consumer Communications Bureau  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90013  
(800) 927-4357

**Insurance companies and agents are not allowed by California law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to solicit, induce, or encourage you to purchase any form of insurance. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and California law, then California law will control.**



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*Important Notice*

*We are here to serve you...*

As our policyholder, your satisfaction is very important to us. Should any questions arise regarding your insurance, please contact your agent. If you have additional questions, you may contact:

**Group Department  
Kansas City Life Insurance Company  
3520 Broadway  
PO Box 219425  
Kansas City, MO 64121-9425  
Telephone: 816-753-7000**

*If you are not satisfied...*

If you are unable to obtain satisfaction from the agent or the company, you may write or call:

**Consumer Services Bureau  
California Department of Insurance  
300 South Spring Street  
Los Angeles, California 90013  
Consumer Hotline: 1-800-927-HELP  
(1-800-927-4357)  
Out-of-area callers: 1-213-897-8921  
Hearing-impaired callers: 1-800-482-4833 (4TDD)**





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### **Certificate of Vision Insurance**

Kansas City Life Insurance Company certifies that in accordance with and subject to the terms of the Group Master Policy, the Insured Individual is insured for the coverage described in this certificate. The Group Master Policy provides the coverage described in this certificate for certain Insured Individuals covered under the Policy.

This certificate describes the Vision Insurance coverage provided by the Group Master Policy. This certificate supersedes and replaces any which may have been issued to You previously.

Signed for Kansas City Life Insurance Company, a stock company, at its Home Office, 3520 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

Secretary

President, CEO, and Vice Chairman

# Guide to Certificate Provisions

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## Schedule of Benefits

**Policyholder:**  
Lake Tahoe Unified School District

**Group Number:**  
GV-27216

**Classes of Eligible Individuals:**

All full-time employees in active employment in the United States with the Employer working a minimum of 30 hours per week.

You must be an Employee of the Employer in an eligible class.

Temporary and seasonal workers are excluded from coverage. Persons who are not legal residents or citizens of the United States are not eligible for coverage.

**Probationary Waiting Period:** As noted in Your Employer's Group Vision Insurance Policy

### Plan Benefits

	FREQUENCY OF USE
<b>Eye Examination</b>	Once every 12 months beginning with the first date of service
<b>Materials</b>  <b>Lenses</b>	One complete set of spectacle lenses or contact lenses (in lieu of eyeglasses) Once every 12 months beginning with the first date of service
<b>Materials</b>  <b>Frame</b>	Once every 12 months beginning with the first date of service

	COPAYMENT
<b>Eye Examination</b>	\$0.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person at the time of examination
<b>Materials</b>	\$0.00 shall be payable by the Covered Person at the time when materials are purchased

Any Copayments required under this plan shall be the responsibility of the Covered Person receiving Plan Benefits. Copayments are to be paid at the time services are rendered or materials ordered. Amounts which exceed plan Allowances, annual maximum benefits, or any other stated plan limitations are not considered Copayments but are also the responsibility of the Covered Person.

A Covered Person may use the Provider of their choice for the following covered vision services. Plan Benefits will be paid up to the Allowance shown below. The balance of the charge is the Covered Person's responsibility.

## Plan Benefits (Continued)

**In-Network Provider Services:** To utilize Plan Benefits, Covered Persons may select an In-Network Provider, schedule an appointment, and inform the doctor's office that they are Covered Persons of VSP. The In-Network Provider will contact VSP to obtain a Benefit Authorization. If a Covered Person receives Plan Benefits from an In-Network Provider without Benefit Authorization, any services or materials received from the doctor will be treated as benefits from an Out-of-Network Provider.

**Out-of-Network Provider Services:** When Covered Persons elect to utilize the services of an Out-of-Network Provider, benefit payments for services from such Out-of-Network Provider will be determined according to the Plan's Out-of-Network Provider benefit fee schedule if Out-of-Network Provider reimbursement is available. COVERED PERSONS MAY BE LIABLE FOR MORE THAN THE COPAYMENT. The Out-of-Network Provider may bill Covered Persons for that Provider's standard rates, regardless of the amount of our Plan Benefits. If Covered Person is eligible for and obtains Plan Benefits from an Out-of-Network Provider, Covered Person remains liable for the provider's full fee. Covered Person will be reimbursed by Us in accordance with the Out-of-Network Provider Reimbursement Schedule shown below, less any applicable Copayments.

COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS	IN-NETWORK BENEFITS (Using an In-Network Provider)	OUT-OF-NETWORK BENEFITS (Using an Out-of-Network Provider) Reimbursement Schedule
<p><b>Eye Examination</b></p> <p>Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.</p>	<p>Covered in full less any applicable Copayment</p>	<p>Up to \$45.00 Allowance</p>
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<p><b>Elective Contact Lenses</b></p> <p>Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits available herein.</p>	<p>Covered up to \$150.00 Allowance less any applicable Copayment</p> <p>The Elective Contact Lens Allowance applies to materials only.</p>	<p>Covered up to \$105.00 Allowance</p> <p>The Elective Contact Lens Allowance applies to materials only.</p>

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<p><b>Low Vision</b></p> <p>Professional services for severe visual problems not correctable with regular lenses, including:</p> <p>Low Vision Services are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's Doctor.</p>	<p><b>Supplemental Testing</b></p> <p>Covered in full*</p> <p>Includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.</p> <p><b>Supplemental Aids</b></p> <p>75% of In-Network Provider's fee, up to \$1,000.00*</p> <p>*Maximum benefit for all Low Vision services and materials is \$1,000.00 every two (2) years and a maximum of two supplemental tests within a two-year period.</p>	<p><b>Supplemental Testing</b></p> <p>Up to \$125.00*</p> <p>Includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.</p> <p><b>Supplemental Aids</b></p> <p>75% of Provider's fee, up to \$1,000.00*</p> <p>*Maximum benefit for all Low Vision services and materials is \$1,000.00 every two (2) years and a maximum of two supplemental tests within a two-year period.</p>



## Definition of Certain Terms

### **Actively-at-Work**

You will be considered to be actively-at-work with Your Employer on a day, which is one of Your Employer's scheduled workdays if You are performing, in the usual way, all of the regular duties of Your job on a full time basis on that day. You will be deemed to be actively-at-work on a day, which is not one of Your Employer's scheduled workdays, only if You were actively-at-work on the preceding scheduled workday.

### **Active Full-time Employee**

An employee who works the minimum number of regularly scheduled hours for the Employer indicated on the Schedule of Benefits. An Employee is not someone who is temporary or seasonal; who is a consultant to the Employer; who is a subcontractor or independent contractor; or who is a member of the board of directors of the Employer. Owners, partners and sole proprietors are considered to be Employees only if they work the minimum number of regularly scheduled hours for the Employer.

### **Allowance**

The flat dollar amount payable under this Policy for eye examinations, the fitting of eyeglasses, or Materials received and/or purchased by the Covered Person.

### **Annual Enrollment Period**

The period of time, established by the Employer, during which You have an opportunity to select Your benefits and Your Dependent's benefits for the coming year.

### **Benefit Authorization**

A process used to confirm eligibility of a Covered Person and identify those Plan Benefits to which Covered Person is entitled.

### **Copayments**

Those amounts required to be paid by or on behalf of a Covered Person for Plan Benefits which are not fully covered, and which are payable at the time services are rendered or materials ordered.

### **Covered Person**

All individuals and dependents whose insurance is in force under the policy.

### **Eligibility Date**

The date a full-time employee in an eligible class satisfies the probationary waiting period shown in Section 1. Policy Data.

### **Enrollment, Enrollment Form**

The written request for enrollment in the plan of insurance by an eligible person on a form acceptable to Us.

### **In-Network Provider**

An optometrist or ophthalmologist licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who has contracted with VSP to provide Plan Benefits to Covered Persons.

### **Insured Individual**

An individual whose insurance is in force under the terms of the Policy.

### **Insured Dependent**

A Spouse or Child(ren) whose insurance is in force under the terms of the Policy. The term Spouse will include the registered domestic partner (as defined by California Family Code Section 297) of an Individual Insured.

### **Kansas City Life**

Kansas City Life Insurance Company, a Missouri corporation, with its Home Office located at 3520 Broadway, Kansas City, Missouri 64111 and the telephone number is (816) 753-7000.

### **Life Event**

Life Event means one of the following: 1) Your marriage or divorce; 2) the death of Your spouse; 3) the birth or adoption of Your child; 4) the death of Your child; 5) a change in the employment status of Your spouse; or 6) a change in Your employment status.

### **Materials**

Frames and lenses provided to a Covered Person for ophthalmic correction under the terms and

conditions of the Policy.

**Out-of-Network Provider**

Any optometrist, optician, ophthalmologist, or other licensed and qualified vision care provider who has not contracted with VSP to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials to Covered Persons.

**Plan Benefits**

The vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of coverage under the Policy.

**Policy**

The contract of insurance made by Kansas City Life and the Policyholder.

**Policyholder**

The firm or other organization in whose name the Policy is issued. The term Policyholder will include only those Subsidiaries, Divisions, and Affiliates listed in the Policy.

**We, Us, and Our**

Kansas City Life Insurance Company also referred to as Kansas City Life.

**You/Your**

The individual who is insured under this plan. The words "You" and "Your" with respect to any benefits, rights and privileges outlined in this certificate, refer to the employee.

## Eligibility and Effective Dates

### Who can be insured?

All members of the eligible classes shown on the Schedule of Benefits can be insured.

### When am I eligible to be insured?

You are eligible to be insured on the latest of:

- 1) the policy effective date;
- 2) the date You become a member of an eligible class shown on the Schedule of Benefits; or
- 3) the date You complete the probationary waiting period (if any).

The probationary waiting period may differ for current and new Insured Individuals. The probationary waiting periods are shown in the Vision Insurance Policy.

### When does my insurance begin?

To become insured, You must complete, sign, and submit an enrollment form to the Policyholder within 31 days of Your eligibility date.

Your insurance begins on the later of the following dates, but only if You are a member of an eligible class on the date insurance is to begin:

- 1) the first day of the policy month which coincides with or next follows the date You are first eligible, if You submit the enrollment form on or before the date You are first eligible;
- 2) the first day of the policy month, which coincides with or next follows the date You submit the enrollment form, if You submit the enrollment form within 31 days after the date You are first eligible;
- 3) the first day of the policy month which follows the Annual Enrollment Period; or
- 4) the date You submit the enrollment form, if You submit the enrollment form within 31 days of a Life Event.

You cannot apply for insurance or for a change in Your insurance option at any other time.

If You are not a member of an eligible class on the date insurance is to begin, such insurance will begin on the first day of the policy month following Your entry into an eligible class.

### When am I eligible for insurance for my dependents?

You are eligible for insurance for Your dependents on the later of:

- 1) the date You are eligible to be insured; or
- 2) the date You acquire an eligible dependent.

The date acquired for eligible dependents is as follows:

- 1) a spouse is deemed acquired on the date of marriage;
- 2) a natural child is deemed acquired on the date of birth;
- 3) an adopted child is deemed acquired on the date of placement for the purpose of adoption and continues to be eligible unless the placement is disrupted prior to legal adoption and the child is removed from placement;
- 4) a stepchild is deemed acquired on the date of marriage to the natural parent; and
- 5) a grandchild or other child is deemed acquired on the first date he or she meets the definition of "child" as shown below.

### Who are eligible dependents?

Eligible dependents are:

- 1) Your spouse; and/or
- 2) each unmarried child who is:
  - a) under 26 years of age (until the end of the month in which the child turns age 26);
  - b) age 26 or over if the child:

- i) is incapable of earning a living due to mental or physical handicap on the day before reaching the age limit;
- ii) depends on You for more than half of his or her support on that day; and
- iii) remains incapacitated and dependent as described. You must submit proof of incapacity and dependency to Kansas City Life within 31 days after the child reaches the age limit. Kansas City Life can require proof of continued incapacity and dependency but not more than once each year after the two-year period following the child reaching that age limit.

At least 90 days prior to the date the child attains the limiting age, Kansas City Life will send notice to the employee stating that the dependent child's coverage will terminate upon attainment of the limiting age unless the employee submits proof of incapacity and dependency by the required date.

Child includes only:

- 1) Your natural child or adopted child; and/or
- 2) Your stepchild (including existing children of a new domestic partnership, as defined by California Family Code Section 297), grandchild, or other child who lives with You in a regular parent-child relationship.

No one can be insured as a dependent of more than one Insured Individual.

No one on active duty in the Armed Forces of any country can be insured as a dependent.

No one can be insured as a dependent if eligible for insurance as an Insured Individual, except if You and Your spouse can be insured as an Insured Individual, one (and only one) of You may insure the other for vision care expenses.

#### **When does insurance for dependents begin?**

To insure Your dependents, You must complete, sign, and submit an enrollment form to the Policyholder within 31 days after Your dependent becomes eligible. Your request must include all Your dependents then eligible.

The dependent's insurance begins for each dependent then eligible on the later of:

- 1) the date Your insurance begins;
- 2) the first day of the policy month which coincides with or next follows:
  - a) the date You are first eligible for insurance for Your dependents, if You submit the enrollment form on or before the date You are first eligible for insurance for Your dependents;
  - b) the date You submit the enrollment form, if You submit the enrollment form within 31 days after the date You are first eligible for insurance for Your dependents;
  - c) the first day of the policy month which follows the Annual Enrollment Period; or
  - d) the date You submit the enrollment form, if You submit the enrollment form within 31 days of a Life Event.

You cannot apply for insurance or for a change in Your dependent's insurance option at any other time.

You must inform Kansas City Life and the Policyholder in writing when Your last dependent is no longer eligible. The Policyholder has forms available for this purpose. Kansas City Life will not give refunds or credits for Your payment toward the cost of insurance for Your dependents for any period before the later of:

- 1) the date Your last dependent's insurance ends; or
- 2) 90 days before the date Kansas City Life is informed.

#### **Dependents acquired after Your coverage is effective.**

Newborns are covered from the date of birth to the next premium due date that is at least 31 days after the child's birth. To continue coverage after this date You must request the coverage in writing and agree to make any required contributions.

Minor children placed for adoption are covered immediately on the date of placement. All other dependents will be covered from the date of eligibility, if written request and payment of any required premium is submitted within 31 days.

## General Provisions

### Entire Contract; Changes

This policy (the application of the employer, if any, and the individual applications, if any, of the employees) constitute(s) the entire contract between the parties, and any statement made by the employer or by any employee shall, in the absence of fraud, be deemed a representation and not a warranty. No such statement shall (avoid the insurance or reduce the benefits under this policy or) be used in defense to a claim hereunder unless it is contained in a written application, nor shall any such statement of the employer, except a fraudulent misstatement, be used at all to void this policy after it has been in force for three years from the date of its issue, nor shall any such statement of any employee eligible for coverage under the policy, except a fraudulent misstatement, be used at all in defense to a claim for loss incurred or disability (as defined in the policy) commencing after the insurance coverage with respect to which claim is made has been in effect for three years from the date it became effective.

No change in this policy shall be valid unless approved by an executive officer of Kansas City Life and unless such approval be endorsed herein or attached hereto. No agent has authority to change this policy or waive any of its provisions.

### Grace Period

A grace period of 31 days will be granted for the payment of premiums accruing after the first premium, during which grace period the policy shall continue in force, but the employer shall be liable to Kansas City Life for the payment of the premium accruing for the period the policy continues in force.

### Notice of Claim

Written notice of claim must be given to Kansas City Life within 180 days after the occurrence or commencement of any loss covered by the policy, or as soon thereafter as is reasonably possible. Notice given by or on behalf of the claimant to Kansas City Life at 3520 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64111, or to any authorized agent of Kansas City Life, with information sufficient to identify the insured employee, shall be deemed notice to Us.

### Claim Forms

Kansas City Life, upon receipt of a written notice of claim, will furnish to the claimant such forms as are usually furnished by it for filing proofs of loss. If such forms are not furnished within 15 days after the giving of such notice the claimant shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this policy as to proof of loss upon submitting, within the time fixed in the policy for filing proofs of loss, written proof covering the occurrence, the character and the extent of the loss for which claim is made.

### Proof of Loss

Written proof of loss must be furnished to Kansas City Life, in case of claim for loss for which this policy provides any periodic payment contingent upon continuing loss, within 180 days after the termination of the period for which the insurer is liable, and in case of claim for any other loss, within 180 days after the date of such loss. Failure to furnish such proof within the time required shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to give proof within such time, provided such proof is furnished as soon as reasonably possible and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity of the employee, later than one year from the time proof is otherwise required.

### Time of Payment of Claim

Indemnities payable under this policy for any loss other than loss for which this policy provides periodic payments will be paid (to the insured employee) as they accrue immediately upon receipt of due written proof of such loss. Subject to due written proof of loss, all accrued indemnity for loss for which this policy provides periodic payment will be paid (to the insured employee) and any balance remaining unpaid upon the termination of the period of liability will be paid immediately upon receipt of due written proof.

### Payment of Claims

Subject to any written direction of the insured employee in an application or otherwise all or a portion of any indemnities provided by this policy on account of hospital, nursing, medical or surgical service may, at Kansas City Life's option, and unless the insured employee requests otherwise in writing not later than the time for filing proof of such loss, be paid directly to the hospital or person rendering such services, but it is not required that the service be rendered by a particular hospital or person.

### Physical Examinations and Autopsy

Kansas City Life, at its own expense, shall have the right and opportunity to examine the person of any individual whose injury or sickness is the basis of claim when and as often as it may reasonably require during the Pendency of a claim hereunder and to make an autopsy in case of death, where it is not forbidden by law.

## **Legal Actions**

No action at law or in equity shall be brought to recover on this policy prior to the expiration of 60 days after written proof of loss has been furnished in accordance with the requirements of this policy. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of three years after the time written proof of loss is required to be furnished.

## **Termination Provisions**

### **When does insurance terminate?**

Insurance under the Policy for You or Your dependents will end at 11:59 p.m. on the earliest of:

- 1) the date the Policy terminates;
- 2) the date the Policy is amended or changed to end the insurance for the class of eligible individuals to which You belong;
- 3) the date You cease to be a member of a class for whom insurance is provided;
- 4) the date that ends the 31-day grace period for which You last made any required payment toward the cost of insurance for You or Your dependents;
- 5) the date You cease to be actively-at-work as a full-time employee of the employer, if the Policy requires You to be actively-at-work except as provided under a covered leave of absence or temporary layoff;
- 6) the date Your dependents cease to be eligible;
- 7) the date, which You or Your dependent enters the Armed Forces, other than for reserve duty of 30 days or less.

Written notice will be given to You at least 60 days in advance of termination of coverage.

### **Can my coverage continue while I am not actively-at-work?**

The Policyholder may (but is not required to) consider You a member of an eligible class (and continue Your insurance) even though You are:

- 1) put on approved leave of absence;
- 2) temporarily laid-off and the Policyholder expects to call You back to work.

The Policyholder must treat all Insured Individuals the same for purposes of continuing insurance.

If Your insurance is so continued, it will end on the earliest of:

- 1) the date the Policyholder notifies Kansas City Life that You are no longer a member of an eligible class; or
- 2) the date that ends the 31-day grace period for which the Policyholder last paid the premium for You; or
- 3) the date that ends the maximum continuation period for which the insurance can be continued.

The maximum continuation period is as follows:

- for FMLA or State FML – leave period permitted by the federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 and any amendments or by applicable state law
- for temporary lay-off – one month

## Benefits Payable

### What benefits are payable?

Subject to all the terms of the Policy, we will pay for covered vision expenses incurred by You and Your Covered Dependents as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Benefits will be payable after the Covered Person has paid any applicable Copayment. Benefits for certain covered vision expenses may be provided in the form of an Allowance.

We will provide the In-Network Benefits shown in the Schedule of Benefits for covered vision expenses incurred by Covered Persons if the examination is provided by or materials are purchased from an In-Network Provider.

We will provide the Out-of-Network Benefits shown in the Schedule of Benefits for covered vision expenses incurred by Covered Persons if the examination is provided by or materials are purchased from an Out-of-Network Provider. You must pay the entire amount at the time of service, after which the Allowance will be reimbursed to You. There is no guarantee that the amount reimbursed will be sufficient to pay the cost of services or materials in full.

Services from an Out-of-Network Provider are in lieu of services from an In-Network Provider.

### Are You required to get a Benefit Authorization?

A Benefit Authorization must be obtained before a Covered Person can use Plan Benefits from an In-Network Provider. When a Covered Person seeks Plan Benefits from an In-Network Provider, the Covered Person must schedule an appointment and identify himself/herself as a Covered Person under this policy so the In-Network Provider can obtain a Benefit Authorization from VSP. VSP shall provide a Benefit Authorization to the In-Network Provider to authorize the administration of Plan Benefits to the Covered Person. Each Benefit Authorization will contain an expiration date and must be used by the Covered Person to obtain Plan Benefits prior to the date the Benefit Authorization expires.

VSP shall issue Benefit Authorizations in accordance with the latest eligibility information furnished by the Policyholder and the Covered Person's past service utilization, if any. Any Benefit Authorization so issued by VSP shall constitute a certification to the In-Network Provider that payment will be made to In-Network Provider, irrespective of a later loss of eligibility of the Covered Person, as long as Plan Benefits are utilized prior to the Benefit Authorization expiration date.

## Covered Vision Expenses

Subject to the Limitations and Exclusions, covered vision expenses include charges made by a Provider for the following vision care services while You or Your Dependents, if any, are insured for these benefits.

Covered vision expenses include expenses for Eye examinations and Materials shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

### Eye Examination

Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.

Eye examinations from an In-Network Provider are subject to the Copayment shown in the Schedule of Benefits. The Covered Person must contact an In-Network Provider before an eye examination. The In-Network Provider will verify that person's eligibility for Covered Expenses with Us before the examination takes place. The Provider will submit the Covered Person's claim directly to Us.

Benefits under the Policy for eye examinations from an Out-of-Network Provider are payable up to the Allowance shown in the Plan Description or the actual charge for the eye examination, whichever is less. A Covered Person is responsible for any amount in excess of the Allowance.

### Materials

- 1) Lenses – Glass or plastic single vision, lined bifocal, lined trifocal or lenticular. Polycarbonate lenses are covered in full for dependent children up to age 26.
- 2) Frames – If vision correction is recommended by a Provider, Covered Vision Expenses will include the fitting of eyeglasses and follow-up adjustments.

- 3) Contact Lenses – Elective Contact Lenses and Necessary Contact Lenses. Necessary Contact Lenses are prescribed by the Provider when a specific criterion is met to correct extreme visual acuity problems that cannot be corrected with regular lenses. Contact Lenses are provided in place of spectacle lens and frame benefits.

The above materials are subject to the Copayment for In-Network Benefits shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Frames and lenses from an Out-of-Network Provider are payable up to the Allowance shown in the Schedule of Benefits for Out-of-Network Materials or the actual charge for the frames and lenses, whichever is less. A Covered Person is responsible for any amount in excess of the Allowance shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

### **Low Vision Program**

Low Vision services are prescribed by the Provider when specific criterion is met for professional services for severe visual problems not correctable with regular lenses. Supplemental testing includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of visual aids where indicated. Benefits are payable up to the Allowance, subject to the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits for the Covered Vision Expense.

## **Limitations and Exclusions**

### **What are the limitations and exclusions?**

Benefits will not be paid for and the term "Covered Vision Expenses" will not include charges for:

- 1) Services and/or materials not specifically included in the Schedule of Benefits as covered Plan Benefits.
- 2) Plano lenses (lenses with refractive correction of less than  $\pm .50$  diopter).
- 3) Two pair of glasses instead of bifocals.
- 4) Replacement of lenses, frames and/or contact lenses furnished under this Policy which are lost or damaged, except at the normal intervals when Plan Benefits are otherwise available.
- 5) Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
- 6) Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes.
- 7) Contact lens insurance policies or service agreements.
- 8) Refitting of contact lenses after the initial (90-day) fitting period.
- 9) Contact lens modification, polishing or cleaning.
- 10) Services or materials furnished to a Covered Person before the Effective Date of the Policy or after the date a Covered Person's Insurance ends.
- 11) Services or materials obtained while outside the United States, except for emergency vision care.
- 12) Eye examinations or corrective eyewear required by an Employer as a condition of employment.

## **California Continuation Benefits Replacement Act (Cal-COBRA)**

**NOTICE: These provisions are only applicable to certain plans as defined under the Act. Not all employers or groups are subject to this law. For further details to determine if this continuation coverage is available, please contact the person who handles the Policyholder's insurance matters.**

The California Continuation Benefits Replacement Act (Cal-COBRA) signed into law effective January 1, 1998 requires that any employer meeting the definition under the Act allow a qualified beneficiary to continue group health coverage, including dental and vision care coverages after it would otherwise end, as a result of a qualifying event. Continuation coverage will be provided under the plan with the same terms and conditions that apply to similarly situated individuals.

### **A. Definitions**



**Employer** means any employer that:

- 1) meets the definition of "small employer" as set forth in California Insurance Code Section 10700;
- 2) employed 2-19 eligible employees on at least 50 percent of its working days during the preceding calendar year or, if the employer was not in business during any part of the preceding calendar year, employed 2 to 19 eligible employees on at least 50 percent of its working days during the preceding calendar quarter; and
- 3) is not subject to Section 4980B of the United States Internal Revenue Code (Federal COBRA) or Chapter 18 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act.

**Qualified Beneficiary** means any individual who, on the day before the qualifying event, is an insured under a group benefit plan. An individual will not be considered to be a qualified beneficiary if:

- 1) The individual is entitled or becomes entitled to Medicare benefits. Entitlement to Medicare Part A only constitutes entitlement to benefits under Medicare.
- 2) The individual is covered or becomes covered under another group benefit plan which does not impose any exclusion or limitation with respect to any preexisting condition.
- 3) The individual is covered, becomes covered, or is eligible to coverage under Federal COBRA, Chapter 18 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, or Chapter 6A of the Public Health Service Act.
- 4) The qualified beneficiary fails to meet the notification requirements as stated within the Enrollment provision below.
- 5) The qualified beneficiary fails to submit the correct premium amount for continuation of coverage, or fails to satisfy other terms and conditions of the plan contract.

**Qualifying Event** means any of the following events that, but for the election of continuation of coverage under this provision, would result in a loss of coverage for the qualified beneficiary under the group benefit plan.

- 1) The death of the covered employee.
- 2) The termination of employment or reduction of hours of the covered employee's employment, except that termination for gross misconduct does not constitute a qualifying event.
- 3) The divorce or legal separation of the covered employee from the covered employee's spouse.
- 4) The loss of dependent status by a dependent enrolled in the group benefit plan.
- 5) With respect to a covered dependent only, the covered employee's entitlement of benefits under Medicare (Title XVIII of the United States Social Security Act).

## **B. Enrollment**

### **Notice Requirements**

The qualified beneficiary must request the continuation of coverage in writing and deliver such notice, by first-class mail, or other reliable means of delivery, to the health services plan (or to the employer if the employer has contracted with the insurer to perform the administrative services under Cal-COBRA) within the 60-day period following the later of:

- 1) the date that the enrollee's coverage under the group benefit plan terminated or will terminate by reason of a qualifying event;
- 2) the date the enrollee was sent notice of the ability to continue coverage.

### **Premium Payments**

The first premium payment must be delivered by first class mail, certified mail or other reliable means of delivery, including personal delivery, express mail, or private courier company to the health services plan (or the employer if the employer has contracted with the plan to perform the administrative services under Cal-COBRA) in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

- 1) the first premium must be delivered within 45 days of the date of the qualified beneficiary provided written notice to the health services plan; and

- 2) the first premium payment must equal an amount sufficient to pay any required premiums and all premiums due.

Failure to submit the correct premium amount within the 45-day period will disqualify the qualified beneficiary from receiving continuation coverage.

### **Monthly Cost**

The premium will be due monthly and will not be more than 110% of the applicable rate charged for a similarly situated individual under the group benefit plan.

### **C. Continuation Period**

Continuation coverage shall terminate for those qualified beneficiaries at the first to occur of the following:

- 1) For those who are eligible for continuation coverage as a result of a termination of employment or reduction in work hours, the date 36 months following the date the qualified beneficiary's benefits under the contract would otherwise have terminated by reason of a qualifying event.
- 2) For those who are eligible for continuation coverage as a result of:
  - a. the death of an employee,
  - b. a loss of dependent status,
  - c. divorce or legal separation, or
  - d. the employee's eligibility for Medicare (for dependent coverage), the date 36 months following the date the qualified beneficiary's benefits under the contract would otherwise have terminated by reason of a qualifying event.
- 3) For those qualified beneficiaries who are eligible for continuation coverage and are determined to be disabled by the Social Security Administration at any time during the first 60 days of continuation coverage, and the spouse or dependent who has elected coverage, the date 36 months following the date the qualified beneficiary's benefits under the contract would otherwise have terminated by reason of a qualifying event. The qualified beneficiary must notify the insurer, or the employer or administrator that contracts to perform administrative services, of the social security determination within 60 days of the date of the determination letter and prior to the end of the original 36-month continuation coverage period in order to be eligible for coverage based on this criteria.
- 4) For those who fail to make premium payments, at the end of the period for which premium payments were made.
- 5) In the case of a qualified beneficiary who is initially eligible for and elects continuation coverage as a result of termination of employment or reduction of hours, as defined within paragraph (2) of "Qualifying Event", but who has another qualifying event as described in paragraphs (1), (3), (4) or (5) of "Qualifying Event", within 36 months of the date of the first qualifying event, and the qualified beneficiary has notified the plan, or the employer or administrator under contract to provide the administrative services, of the second qualifying event within 60 days of the date of the second qualifying event, the date 36 months after the date of the first qualifying event.
- 6) The employer, or any successor employer, ceases to provide any group benefit plan to his or her employees. See Additional Provisions below.
- 7) The qualified beneficiary moves out of the insurer's service area or the qualified beneficiary commits fraud or deception in the use of the insurer's services.

An individual who becomes a qualified beneficiary shall continue to receive coverage until continuation coverage is terminated at the qualified beneficiary's election or the period of time provided for continuation coverage as defined in Section C. Continuation Period, whichever comes first, even if the employer that sponsored the group benefit plan subsequently becomes subject to Section 4980B of the United States Internal Revenue Code or Chapter 18 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act, 29 U.S.C. Section 1161 et seq.

## D. Additional Provisions

### Change in Group Benefit Plans

If the continuation coverage would terminate prior to the end of the period the qualified beneficiary would have remained covered as a result of a termination of an agreement between the group benefit plan and the employer, and a new group benefit plan is available for active employees, then the qualified beneficiary may continue coverage based on the following terms and conditions:

- 1) the coverage will continue for the balance of the period that the qualified beneficiary would have remained covered under the prior plan;
- 2) notice must be provided to the new group benefit plan within 30 days after receiving notice of the termination of the prior plan;
- 3) any requirements for enrollment in and payment to, the new group benefit plan must be met.

Coverage will terminate if the qualified beneficiary fails to comply with 2) or 3) above.

### Newborn or Adopted Children

Any child who is born to or is placed for adoption with a former employee who is a qualified beneficiary during the period of continuation coverage, shall be considered a qualified beneficiary and entitled to receive coverage benefits as well for the remainder of the period that the former employee is covered under the plan. Notice must be provided within 30 days of the child's birth or placement of adoption.

For purposes of this section:

"COBRA" means Section 4980B of Title 26 of the United States Code, Section 1161 et seq. of Title 29 of the United States Code, and Section 300bb of Title 42 of the United States Code, as added by the

Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985 (Public Law 99-272) and as amended.

"Cal-COBRA" means the continuation coverage that must be offered pursuant to Article 1.7 (commencing with Section 10128.50) of Chapter 1 of Part 2 of Division 2 of the Insurance Code.

## Coordination of Benefits ("COB")

This coordination of benefits (COB) provision applies to **this plan** when a Covered Person has health care coverage under more than one **plan**. **Plan** and **this plan** are defined here. If this COB provision applies, the order of benefit determination rules should be looked at first. Those rules determine whether the benefits of **this plan** are determined before or after those of another **plan**. The benefits of **this plan**:

- a) Shall not be reduced when, under the order of benefit determination rules, **this plan** determines its benefits before another **plan**; but
- b) May be reduced when, under the order of benefits determination rules, another **plan** determines its benefits first.

### DEFINITIONS

**Plan** is any of these which provides benefits or services for vision care:

- a) Group insurance or group-type coverage, whether insured or uninsured. This includes prepayment, group practice, or individual practice coverage. It also includes coverage other than school accident-type coverage.

- b) Coverage under a governmental **plan** or coverage required or provided by law. This does not include a state **plan** under Medicaid (Title XIX, Grants to States for Medical Assistance Programs, of the United States Social Security Act).

Each contract or other arrangement for coverage under (a) or (b) is a separate **plan**. Also, if an arrangement has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is a separate **plan**.

**This plan** is the part of the group contract that provides benefits for vision care expenses.

**Primary plan/secondary plan.** The order of benefit determination rules state whether **this plan** is a **primary plan** or **secondary plan** as to another **plan** covering the person. When **this plan** is a **primary plan**, its benefits are determined before those of the other **plan** and without considering the other **plan's** benefits. When **this plan** is a **secondary plan**, its benefits are determined after those of the other **plan** and may be reduced because of the other **plan's** benefits. When there are more than two **plans** covering the person, **this plan** may be a **primary plan** as to one or more other **plans** and may be a **secondary plan** as to a different **plan(s)**.

**Allowable expense** means a necessary, reasonable, and customary item of expense for vision care, when the item of expense is covered at least in part by one or more **plans** covering the person for whom the claim is made. When benefits are reduced under a **primary plan** because a covered person does not comply with the **plan** provisions, the amount of that reduction will not be considered an **allowable expense**. An example of these provisions is preferred provider arrangements.

**Claim determination period** means a calendar or plan year. However, it does not include any part of a year during which a person has no coverage under **this plan** or any part of a year before the date this COB provision or similar provision takes effect.

## **ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES**

### **GENERAL**

When there is a basis for a claim under **this plan** and another **plan**, **this plan** is a **secondary plan** which has its benefits determined after those of the other **plan**, unless:

- a) The other **plan** has rules coordinating its benefits with those of **this plan**; and
- b) Both those rules and **this plan's** rules require that **this plan's** benefits be determined before those of the other **plan**.

### **RULES**

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

- a) Nondependent/dependent. The benefits of the **plan** which covers the person as an employee, member or subscriber (that is, other than as a dependent) are determined before those of the **plan** which covers the person as a dependent;
- b) Dependent child/parents not separated or divorced. Except as stated in paragraph (c), when **this plan** and another **plan** cover the same child as a dependent of different persons, called parents:
  - i. The benefits of the **plan** of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in a year are determined before those of the **plan** of the parent whose birthday falls later in that year; but
  - ii. If both parents have the same birthday, the benefits of the **plan** which covered one (1) parent longer are determined before those of the **plans** which covered the other parent for a shorter period of time. However, if the other **plan** does not have the rule described previously in Rules, (i) or (ii) and if, as a result, the **plans** do not agree on the order of benefits, the rule in the other **plan** will determine the order of benefits.
- c) Dependent child/separated or divorced. If two or more **plans** cover a person as a dependent child of divorced or separated parents, benefits for the child are determined in this order:
  - i. First, the **plan** of the parent with custody of the child;
  - ii. Then, the **plan** of the spouse of the parent with the custody of the child; and
  - iii. Finally, the **plan** of the parent not having custody of the child. However, if the specific terms of a court decree state that one (1) of the parents is responsible for the health care expense of the child and the entity obligated to pay or provide the benefits of the **plan** of that parent or spouse of the other parent has actual

knowledge of those terms, the benefits of that **plan** are determined first. The **plan** of the other parent shall be the **secondary plan**. This paragraph does not apply with respect to any **claim determination period** or plan year during which any benefits are actually paid or provided before the entity has that actual knowledge.

- d) Joint custody. If the specific terms of a court degree state that the parents shall share joint custody, without stating that one of the parents is responsible for the health care expenses of the child, the **plans** covering the child shall follow the order of benefit determination rules outlined in paragraph (b), above.
- e) Active/inactive Enrollee. The benefits of a **plan** which covers a person as an Enrollee who is neither laid off nor retired are determined before those of a **plan** which covers that person as a laid off or retired Enrollee. The same would hold true if a person is a dependent of a person covered as a retiree and an Enrollee. If the other **plan** does not have this rule and if, as a result, the **plans** do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.
- f) Continuation coverage. If a person whose coverage is provided under a right of continuation pursuant to federal or state law also is covered under another **plan**, the following shall be the order of benefit determination:
  - i. First, the benefits of a **plan** covering the person as an employee, member, or subscriber (or as that person's dependent); and
  - ii. Second, the benefits under the continuation coverage. If the other **plan** does not have the rule described here and if, as a result, the **plans** do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.
- g) Longer/shorter length of coverage. If none of the previous rules determines the order of benefits, the benefits of the **plan** which covered an employee, member, or subscriber longer are determined before those of the **plan** which covered that person for the shorter term.

#### **EFFECT ON THE BENEFITS OF THIS PLAN**

##### **WHEN THIS SECTION APPLIES**

This section applies when, in accordance with the Order of Benefit Determination Rules, **this plan** is a **secondary plan** as to one or more other **plans**. In that event the benefits of **this plan** may be reduced under this section. Other plan(s) are referred to as the "other plans" in "Reduction in this plan's benefits," immediately following.

##### **REDUCTION IN THIS PLAN'S BENEFITS**

The benefits of **this plan** will be reduced when the sum of:

- (a) The benefits that would be payable for the **allowable expense** under **this plan** in the absence of this COB provision; and
- (b) The benefits that would be payable for the **allowable expenses** under the other plans, in the absence of provisions with a purpose like that of this COB provision, whether or not claim is made, exceeds those **allowable expenses** in a **claim determination period**. In that case, the benefits of **this plan** will be reduced so that they and the benefits payable under the other plans do not total more than those **allowable expenses**. When the benefits of **this plan** are reduced as described previously, each benefit is reduced in proportion. It is then charged against any applicable benefit limit of **this plan**.

##### **RIGHT TO RECEIVE AND RELEASE NEEDED INFORMATION**

Certain facts are needed to apply these COB rules. Kansas City Life Insurance Company has the right to decide which facts it needs. It may get needed facts from or give them to any other organization or person. Kansas City Life Insurance Company need not tell, or get the consent of, any person to do this. Each person claiming benefits under **this plan** must give Kansas City Life Insurance Company any facts it needs to pay the claim.

##### **FACILITY OF PAYMENT**

A payment made under another **plan** may include an amount which should have been paid under **This Plan**. If it does, Kansas City Life Insurance Company may pay that amount to the organization which made the payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under **this plan**. Kansas City Life Insurance Company will not have to pay that amount again.

## **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount of the payments made by Kansas City Life Insurance Company is more than it should have paid under this COB provision, it may recover the excess from one or more of:

- a) The person it has paid or for whom it has paid;
- b) Insurance companies; or
- c) Other organizations.

Subrogation will not be allowed in any **plan** as distinguished from the rights to recovery.

## **Claim Provisions**

### **How do I file a claim?**

All claims for benefits should be submitted on Our forms. All claims for Out-of-Network benefits should be submitted on Our forms. You or the Provider should obtain claim forms from the Policyholder or Us. If We fail to provide You with claim forms within 15 days of Your request, You shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this certificate as to proof of loss upon submitting, within the time fixed in the certificate for filing proofs of loss, written proof covering the occurrence, the character, and the extent of the loss for which claim is made.

### **When are benefits payable?**

Subject to written proof of loss, any benefits payable under the Policy will be paid immediately.

All In-Network benefits will be paid directly to the Provider. Out-of-Network benefits will be paid to You unless You provide written authorization for payment to the Provider. Any accrued benefits unpaid at the time of Your death will either be paid to Your beneficiary or to Your estate.

### **When must a claim be filed to receive benefits?**

Written notice of a claim must be given to Us within 180 days after the incurred date of the Covered Vision Expense or as soon thereafter as reasonably possible. Notice given by or on behalf of the Covered Person to any of Our authorized agents, with information sufficient to identify the Covered Person, shall be deemed notice to the insurer. Failure to give notice within such time shall not invalidate nor reduce any claim if it shall be shown not to have been reasonably possible to give such notice and that notice was given as soon as was reasonably possible. If an In-Network Provider is used, notice of claim will be given to Us directly by the Provider on behalf of the Covered Person.

### **What notification will You receive if Your claim is denied?**

If a claim for benefits is wholly or partly denied, You will be furnished with written notification of the decision. This written decision will:

- 1) give the specific reason(s) for the denial;
- 2) make specific reference to the policy provisions on which the denial is based;
- 3) provide a description of any additional information necessary to prepare a claim and an explanation of why it is necessary; and
- 4) provide an explanation of the review procedure.

### **What recourse do You have if Your claim is denied?**

On any denied claim, You or Your representative may appeal to Us for a full and fair review. You may:

- 1) request a review upon written application within 180 days of the claim denial;
- 2) review pertinent documents; and
- 3) submit issues and documents in writing.

We will make a decision no more than 30 days after the receipt of the request, except in special circumstances (such as the need to hold a hearing), but in no case more than 120 days after the request for review is received. The written decision will include specific references to the policy provisions on which the decision is based.

## Claim Procedures for Vision Insurance Plans

### How to File a Claim

To file a claim for benefits for yourself or your insured dependents, you must complete a claim form. You can get a claim form from the Policyholder or from Kansas City Life.

Send the completed claim form and bills to Kansas City Life. You may assign your vision care benefits. Unless you assign your benefits to a health care provider, payment will be made to you.

### Claim Procedures

- a) For Post-Service claims, a decision will be made on your claim within 30 days after receipt. The time for decision may be extended for an additional 15 day period provided that, prior to any extension period, Kansas City Life notifies you in writing that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, identifies those matters and gives the date by which it expects to render its decision. If your claim is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide your claim, you will have 45 days from receipt of the notice to provide the specified information.
- b) For Pre-Service claims, a decision will be made on your claim within 15 days after receipt. The time for decision may be extended for an additional 15 day period provided that, prior to any extension period, Kansas City Life notifies you in writing that an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan, identifies those matters and gives the date by which it expects to render its decision. If your claim is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide your claim, you will have 45 days from receipt of the notice to provide the specified information.
- c) For Urgent Care claims, a decision will be made on your claim within 72 hours after receipt, unless you fail to submit information necessary to decide your claim. If this is the case, Kansas City Life will notify you no later than 24 hours after receipt of the claim of the specific information needed. You will then have 48 hours to provide the specified information.

If your claim for benefits is wholly or partially denied, any notice of adverse benefit determination will:

- a) state the specific reason(s) for determination;
- c) reference specific plan provision(s) on which the determination is based;
- d) describe additional material or information necessary to complete the claim and why such information is necessary;
- e) describe plan procedures and time limits for appealing the determination, and your right to obtain information about those procedures and the right to sue in federal court; and
- f) disclose any internal rule, guidelines, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse determination or provide that such information will be provided free of charge upon request.

### Appealing Denial of Claims

You are entitled to full and fair review of the denial of a claim which has been wholly or partially denied. The procedure for review is as follows:

- a) We must receive your written request within 180 business days of the notice of denial.
- b) You may review pertinent documents and submit issues and comments in writing.
- c) For Post-Service claims, a decision will be made on your request for review within 60 days after receipt unless special circumstances require an extension of time for processing.
- d) For Pre-Service claims, a decision will be made on your request within 30 days after receipt unless special circumstances require an extension of time for processing.
- e) For Urgent Care claims, a decision will be made within 72 hours after receipt.
- f) The review will be conducted by a person different from the person who made the initial determination and such person will not be the original decision maker's subordinate.
- g) The written decision will include specific references to the plan provisions on which the decision is based and will include any other information required by applicable law.
- h) The above appeal procedure will pre-empt any state requirements on internal appeals except to the extent that both federal and state requirements can be met.

## **COBRA CONTINUATION OF COVERAGE**

(applies only to groups of 20 or more, as defined below)

### **What is COBRA Continuation?**

It is a federal continuation of coverage requirement. Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA) applies to any employer (except the federal government and religious organizations) who:

- maintains a group health plan; and
- normally employs 20 or more employees on a typical business day during the preceding calendar year. For this purpose, "employee" means all owners, partners, and common-law employees (full-time and part-time).

Federal law requires that certain group plans allow qualified persons who would otherwise lose coverage under the plan as a result of a qualifying event, to elect to continue group health coverage after it would otherwise end.

See your Employer for details on this continuation provision. All compliance obligations under COBRA are the responsibility of the Employer and Employee.



## **This Notice Describes How Medical Information About You May Be Used and Disclosed and How You Can Get Access to this Information. Please Review It Carefully.**

As used in this notice, "WE" and "OUR" refer to the functions of Kansas City Life Insurance Company and its insurance subsidiaries, Old American Insurance Company and Sunset Life Insurance Company of America, which are covered by federal laws and regulations governing use and disclosure of personally identifiable health information ("protected health information" or "PHI"). The functions which are covered by these rules include: administration of Kansas City Life's group dental and group vision policies. "YOU" means a named insured of a group health insurance policy or an enrollee in the health or dental benefit plan.

### ***Our Duties.***

We are required by the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 to maintain the privacy of your PHI and to provide you with this Notice of our privacy practices and legal duties. We must abide by the terms of this Notice. We reserve the right to change the terms of this notice and to make the new terms effective as to all of the PHI that we maintain about you. In that case we will provide you with a new Notice by mailing it to the address you have last provided us, or with your consent by sending it to you electronically.

### ***Your Rights.***

You have a right to access, inspect and copy the PHI we maintain about you. We may impose a reasonable fee where permitted by law.

You have the right to request that we amend your PHI. We may deny your request if we did not create the PHI you want us to amend, or for other reasons. If we do not agree to amend your PHI as you request, you may submit a short statement of dispute and we will include it with your records.

You have the right to an accounting of disclosures we have made of your PHI to others after April 14, 2003, except for disclosures related to your treatment, payment or other health care operations. We may impose a reasonable fee if you make such a request more than once in any 12-month period.

You have the right to request that we place additional restrictions on our use or disclosure of your PHI. We are not required to agree to additional restrictions.

You have the right to request that we communicate with you in confidence about your PHI by providing us with an alternate means or location. You must inform us that this is required to avoid endangering you.

If we provide you this Notice by electronic means, you have the right to request a paper copy.

You may exercise any of the rights stated in this section of the Notice by making your request in writing and sending it to us, postage prepaid, at the address shown at the end of this Notice.

### ***Where We Get Your PHI.***

We get most health history and treatment information from you or somebody you have authorized to provide it to us. For instance, we get medical information about you in order to pay a health insurance benefit or to pay providers of medical treatment.

### ***Permitted Disclosures of Your PHI.***

We are allowed to use and disclose your PHI without your authorization as necessary to conduct or service our business or when disclosure is legally required. For instance, we may use and disclose your PHI as needed to pay claims, set premiums, reinsure policies and underwrite for health care coverage. If you are an enrollee of an employee dental or medical benefit plan, we may disclose limited PHI to your plan's sponsor to permit the sponsor to perform plan administration functions. We may also disclose your PHI when we are required to do so by law (for instance, by subpoena, administrative order or discovery request), or as requested by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. If you want us to disclose your PHI to any other person or entity, you must give a written authorization. You may revoke your authorization at any time in writing.

We will not otherwise disclose your PHI to an affiliate or any third party who helps administer our business unless they agree in writing to maintain its confidentiality, use it only as intended and if feasible destroy it when no longer needed.

We do not sell your PHI or disclose it to anyone for purposes unrelated to our services.

We will comply with applicable health information privacy law of any state which is more stringent than and not pre-empted by federal law.

***Complaints.***

If you want further information or have any questions about our privacy practices, please contact us using the information provided in this section. You also may submit a written complaint to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. We will not retaliate against you in any way if you file a complaint.

Contact: Privacy Official, Legal Department, Kansas City Life Insurance Company, PO Box 219139, Kansas City, MO 64121-9139. Or, telephone us at 800-874-5254 ext. 6046.

***Questions or Additional Information***

Should you have any questions or want additional information about your coverage, this notice, or our privacy practices; please contact KCL Group Administration, PO Box 219425, Kansas City, MO 64121-9425, phone 1-800-874-5254 ext. 6046.