Tribune Publishing Company
January 1, 2021
DISCLAIMER

Sponsor: Tribune Publishing Company
Policy Number(s): SA3-840-444452-01
Date Provided: January 15, 2021

The following certificate(s) are a true copy of the certificate(s) issued under the policy(ies).

LINCOLN LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON

Tribune Publishing Company
CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

Lincoln Life Assurance Company of Boston welcomes your employer as a client.

Sponsor: Tribune Publishing Company

Policy Number: SA3-840-444452-01

Effective Date: January 1, 2021

When this plan refers to "you" or "your" it means the Employee insured under this plan. This is your Life Insurance certificate of coverage as long as you are eligible for insurance and remain insured.

A few words about this certificate of coverage...

It is written in plain English. A few terms and provisions are written as required by insurance law. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY. If you have any questions about any terms and provisions, please contact the Insurance Administrator at your work location or write to Lincoln. Lincoln will assist you in any way we can to help you understand your benefits.

Also, if the terms of your certificate of coverage and the policy differ, the policy will govern. Your coverage may be terminated or modified in whole or in part under the terms and provisions of the policy.

Dennis R. Hass
PRESIDENT
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SECTION 1 - SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE BENEFITS

What is the Classification of Covered Employees?

Class 18  Former Baltimore Sun Guild union Employees classified as editorial, advertising, circulation, marketing, administration and maintenance Employees who have retired on and after January 1, 2015 with 20 or more years of employment service

Are Employee Contributions Required?

Retired Employees:

Basic Life Insurance Benefits: No
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LIFE INSURANCE

What is the Amount of Insurance Benefit?

Employee Basic Life Insurance

$5,000.00
What are the Evidence of Insurability Requirements?

Any amounts of insurance in excess of the amount shown above that are due solely to salary increases are not subject to Evidence of Insurability.
SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

In this section Lincoln defines some basic terms needed to understand this plan. The male pronoun whenever used in this policy includes the female.

"Active Employment" means you must be actively at work for the Sponsor:

1. on a full-time or part-time basis and paid regular earnings;

2. for at least the minimum number of hours shown in the Schedule of Benefits; and either perform such work:
   a. at the Sponsor’s usual place of business; or
   b. at a location to which the Sponsor’s business requires you to travel.

You will be considered actively at work if you were actually at work on the day immediately preceding:

1. a weekend (except where one or both of these days are scheduled work days);
2. holidays (except when the holiday is a scheduled work day);
3. paid vacations;
4. any non-scheduled work day;
5. an excused leave of absence (except medical leave for your own disabling condition and lay-off); and
6. an emergency leave of absence (except emergency medical leave for your own disabling condition).

"Administrative Office" means Lincoln Life Assurance Company of Boston, 100 Liberty Way, Suite 100, Dover, New Hampshire 03820-4695.

"Annual Enrollment Period" or "Enrollment Period" means the period before each policy anniversary so designated by the Sponsor and Lincoln during which you may enroll for coverage under this policy.
"Confined" means confinement in a hospital, skilled nursing facility or rehabilitation facility.

"Covered Employee" means a Retired Employee whose coverage is in effect. It does not include an employee whose coverage has ended.

"Covered Person" means a Retired Employee insured under this policy.

They also include stepchildren, grandchildren including an eligible child's child, foster children or other children who are dependent on you for support and maintenance.
"Domestic Partner" means an unmarried person of the same or opposite sex with whom you share a committed relationship, are jointly responsible for the other's welfare and financial obligations, at least 18 years of age and mentally competent to consent to a contract, not related by blood to a degree that could prohibit legal marriage in the state where legally residing, maintain the same residence(s) and is not married to or legally separated from anyone else. A Domestic Partner certification must be completed and filed with the Sponsor before the partner can be designated as a Dependent.

"Eligibility Date" means the date you become eligible for insurance under this plan. Eligibility Requirements are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

"Eligibility Waiting Period" means the continuous length of time you must be in Active Employment in an eligible class to reach your Eligibility Date.

"Employee" means a person in Active Employment with the Sponsor.

"Enrollment Form" is the document completed by you, if required, when enrolling for coverage. This form must be satisfactory to Lincoln.

"Evidence of Insurability" means a statement of proof of the Covered Person's medical history upon which acceptance for insurance will be determined by Lincoln.
"Family and Medical Leave" means a leave of absence for the birth, adoption or foster care of a child, or for the care of your child, spouse or parent or for your own serious health condition as those terms are defined by the Federal Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) and any amendments, or by applicable state law.

"Family Status Change" means any one of the following events that may occur:

1. your marriage or divorce;
2. your filing or rescinding of a Domestic Partner certification;
3. the birth of a child to you;
4. the adoption of a child by you;
5. the death of your spouse or Domestic Partner or child;
6. the commencement or termination of employment of your spouse or Domestic Partner;
7. the change from part-time employment to full-time employment by you or your spouse or Domestic Partner;
8. the change from full-time employment to part-time employment by you or your spouse or Domestic Partner;
9. the taking of unpaid leave of absence by you or your spouse or Domestic Partner.
"Initial Enrollment Period" means one of the following periods during which you may first enroll for coverage under this policy:

1. if you are eligible for insurance on the plan effective date, a period before the plan effective date set by the Sponsor and Lincoln.

2. if you become eligible for insurance after the plan effective date, the period which ends 31 days after your Eligibility Date.

"Injury" means bodily impairment resulting directly from an accident and independently of all other causes.

"Non-Medical Maximum" means an amount of insurance on a Covered Person which is not subject to Evidence of Insurability. The Non-Medical Maximum amounts are shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Any amounts of insurance in excess of the Non-Medical Maximums are subject to Evidence of Insurability. Evidence of Insurability will be at your expense.

"Physician" means a person who:

1. is licensed to practice medicine and is practicing within the terms of his license; or

2. is a licensed practitioner of the healing arts in a category specifically favored under the health insurance laws of the state where the treatment is received and is practicing within the terms of his license.

It does not include you, any family member or domestic partner.
"Due Proof" means the evidence in support of a claim for benefits and includes, but is not limited to, the following:

1. a claim form completed and signed (or otherwise formally submitted) by you or your beneficiary claiming benefits;

2. an attending Physician’s statement completed and signed (or otherwise formally submitted) by the Covered Person’s attending Physician; and

3. the provision by the attending Physician of standard diagnosis, chart notes, lab findings, test results, x-rays and/or other forms of objective medical evidence in support of a claim for benefits;

4. a certified copy of a death certificate.

Due Proof must be submitted to Lincoln.

"Retired Employee" means a person is so classified by the Sponsor.

"Schedule of Benefits" means the section of this plan which shows, among other things, the Eligibility Requirements, Eligibility Waiting Period, and Amount of Insurance Benefit.

"Sickness" means disease or illness including related conditions and recurrent symptoms of the sickness. Sickness also includes pregnancy.

"Sponsor" means the entity to whom this plan is issued.
SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES

What are the Eligibility Requirements for Employee Insurance Benefits?

The eligibility requirements for insurance benefits are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

What is your Eligibility Date for Insurance Benefits?

Employee Coverage:

If you are in an eligible class you will qualify for insurance on the later of:

1. this plan's effective date; or
2. the day after you complete the Eligibility Waiting Period shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

What Happens During the Annual Enrollment Period?

During each Annual Enrollment Period, you may keep your coverage at the same level or make any one of the following changes in coverage for the next plan year, subject to any Evidence of Insurability Requirements as shown in the Schedule of Benefits:

1. decrease your coverage;
2. increase your coverage including enrolling for the first time.

If you fail to enroll for a change in your coverage option during any Annual Enrollment Period you will continue to be insured for the same coverage option during the next plan year, unless you experience a Family Status Change.
What Happens when you Experience a Family Status Change?

When you experience a Family Status Change, you may keep your coverage at the same level or make any one of the following changes in coverage, subject to any Evidence of Insurability Requirements as shown in the Schedule of Benefits:

1. decrease your coverage;
2. increase your coverage including enrolling for the first time.

You must apply for the change in coverage within 31 days of the date of the Family Status Change. Such changes in coverage must be due to or consistent with the reason that the change in coverage was permitted. A change in coverage is consistent with a Family Status Change only if it is necessary or appropriate as the result of the Family Status Change.

What is Your Effective Date for Insurance?

Insurance will be effective at 12:01 A.M. Standard Time in the governing jurisdiction on the day determined as follows, but only if your application or enrollment for insurance is made with Lincoln through the Sponsor in a form or format satisfactory to Lincoln.

Employee Coverage:

1. For non-contributory coverage not subject to Evidence of Insurability, you will be insured on your Eligibility Date.
2. For non-contributory coverage subject to Evidence of Insurability, you will be insured on the later of the date Lincoln gives approval or your Eligibility Date.

Evidence of Insurability will be at your Expense.
SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES
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What is Your Effective Date of Insurance? (Continued)

When will Your Effective Date for Retired Employee Insurance be Delayed?

If a Covered Retired Employee is Confined on the date the increase or addition is to take effect, it will take effect when the confinement ends.
SECTION 4 - INSURANCE BENEFITS

RETIRE

EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE

Benefits

When is Your Life Insurance Benefit Payable?

When Lincoln receives Due Proof of your death, Lincoln will pay the proceeds of the Life Insurance in force on your life under this plan. The benefit payable is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Conversion Privilege

What is the Conversion Privilege?

Conversion Privilege at Individual Termination or Reduction of Benefits:

If all or part of your coverage ends, you may convert the amount that ends to an individual Life Insurance policy. Conversion is subject to the following conditions:

1. within 31 days after coverage ends or is reduced, you must make written application to Lincoln and pay the first premium payment.
2. the individual policy will be issued without Evidence of Insurability. It will contain Life Insurance benefits only. The policy will be one then being offered by Lincoln. The premium due will be based on the premium schedule of Lincoln's conversion policy that applies to your class of risk and age at the birthday nearest to the effective date of the individual policy.

The individual policy will be effective 31 days after your group coverage ends.

Conversion Privilege at Class or Plan Termination:

If coverage ends for all employees or for your class, you are entitled to a limited conversion privilege. You must have been covered for at least 5 years. You must apply for the individual policy in the same manner as described above. The amount you may convert is limited to the lesser of:

1. the amount you were covered for on the date the group coverage terminated less any group insurance you become eligible for within 31 days; or
2. $10,000.

The individual policy will be effective 31 days after your group coverage ends.

Death Within the 31 Days Allowed for Conversion:

If you die within the 31 days allowed for conversion, Lincoln will pay to your beneficiary the amount you were eligible to convert. Such insurance will be paid as a claim under this policy. Any premiums paid for a converted policy will be refunded.
SECTION 5 - EXCLUSIONS

LIFE INSURANCE EXCLUSIONS

No benefits are payable for any loss for death that results from or is caused by:

1. suicide occurring within 24 months after the Covered Person's initial effective date of insurance with the Sponsor; and

2. suicide occurring within 24 months after the date any increases or additional insurance become effective for the Covered Person under this Policy.

The suicide exclusion will apply to any amounts of insurance for which the Covered Person pays all or part of the premium.

The suicide exclusion will also apply to any amount that is subject to Evidence of Insurability Lincoln approved.
SECTION 6 - TERMINATION PROVISIONS

Termination of a Covered Person's Insurance

A Covered Person will cease to be insured on the earliest of the following dates:

1. the date this policy terminates, but without prejudice to any claim originating prior to the time of termination;

2. the date you are no longer in an eligible class;

3. the date your class is no longer included for insurance;

4. the date employment (status as an active Employee) or eligibility ends for any reason; or

5. the date you cease to be in Active Employment due to a labor dispute, including any strike, work slowdown, or lockout.

Lincoln reserves the right to review and terminate all classes insured under this policy if any class(es) cease(s) to be covered.
SECTION 7 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

Is Assignment Allowed?

The coverage under this plan is not assignable by the Sponsor without Lincoln's written consent. You may assign all of your present and future right, title, interest, and incidents of ownership of:

1. any Life Insurance; and
2. any disability provision of Life Insurance.

Such assignment will include, but is not limited to, the rights:

1. to make any contribution required to keep the coverage in force;
2. to exercise any conversion privilege; and
3. to change the beneficiary.

Why Must You Name a Beneficiary?

You must name a beneficiary to whom the insurance benefits under this policy are payable. If more than one beneficiary is named and if their interests are not specified, any surviving Beneficiaries will share equally.

If, at the time of your death, there is no named or surviving beneficiary, Lincoln will pay the benefits to the executor or administrator of your estate. Lincoln may, at its option, pay the benefits to a surviving relative in the following order: spouse, child, parent, sibling. Such payment will release Lincoln of all further liability to the extent of payment.

You may change your beneficiary at any time by written request. Lincoln or the Sponsor will provide a form for that purpose. Any change of beneficiary will take effect when the Sponsor receives the written request whether or not you are alive at that time. Such change will relate back to the date of the request. Any change of beneficiary will not apply to any payment made before the request was received by the Sponsor.

How will Lincoln Conform with State Statutes?

Any provision of this policy which, on its effective date, is in conflict with the statutes of the governing jurisdiction of this policy is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statute.
What are Lincoln’s Examination Rights?

Lincoln, at its own expense, has the right and opportunity to have a Covered Person, whose Injury or Sickness is the basis of a claim, examined or evaluated at reasonable intervals deemed necessary by Lincoln. This right may be used as often as reasonably required. Lincoln may also require an autopsy unless prohibited by law.

Who are Claims Paid To?

If a beneficiary or Covered Person is a minor or is physically or mentally incapable of giving a valid release for payment, Lincoln, at its option, may make payment not to exceed $2,000.00 to a party who appears to have assumed responsibility for the care and support of such person. Lincoln will only make such payment until claim is made by a guardian of the estate of the beneficiary or the Covered Person. Such payment will release Lincoln of all further liability to the extent of payment.

When May This Plan be Contested?

This plan will not be contested, except for nonpayment of premium, after it has been in force for two years from the date of issue. The coverage of any Covered Person shall not be contested, except for nonpayment of premium, on the basis of a statement made relating to insurability of the Covered Person after such coverage has been in force for two years during the Covered Person’s lifetime.

In the absence of fraud, any statements in any application will be deemed representations and not warranties. No representation made by:

1. the Sponsor in applying for this plan will make it void unless the representation is contained in the Sponsor’s signed application; or

2. any Covered Person in enrolling for insurance under this plan will be used to reduce or deny a claim unless the representation is contained in an application signed by him and such application is given to him or his beneficiary.

Who Determines Provisions?

Lincoln possesses the authority to determine benefit eligibility, eligibility for participation or benefits in accordance with the terms of this group plan.
SECTION 7 - GENERAL PROVISIONS
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What Happens if Your Age is Misstated?

If a Covered Person's age has been misstated, an equitable adjustment will be made in the premium. If the amount of the benefit is dependent upon the Covered Person's age, the amount of the benefit will be the amount the Covered Person would have been entitled to if his correct age were known.

A refund of premium will not be made for a period more than 12 months before the date Lincoln is advised of the error.

When Must Lincoln be Notified of a Claim?

a. Notice of claim must be given to Lincoln within 30 days of the date of the loss on which the claim is based. If that is not possible, Lincoln must be notified as soon as it is reasonably possible to do so. Such notice of claim must be received in a form or format satisfactory to Lincoln.

b. When written notice of claim is applicable and has been received by Lincoln, the Covered Person will be sent claim forms. If the forms are not received within 15 days after written notice of claim is sent, the Covered Person can send to Lincoln written Proof of claim without waiting for the forms.

When Must Lincoln Receive Due Proof of Claim?

a. Due Proof of loss must be given to Lincoln no later than 30 days after the date of loss.

b. Failure to furnish such Due Proof within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to furnish such Due Proof within such time. Such Due Proof must be furnished as soon as reasonably possible, and in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity of the claimant, later than one year from the time Due Proof is otherwise required.

What are the Optional Methods of Settlement?

Benefits are usually payable in one sum. However, the Covered Person may elect in writing to have the proceeds paid through an installment program offered by Lincoln. If the Covered Person makes no such election, his beneficiary may do so at the Covered Person's death.

Any installments remaining after the death of the payee will be paid as directed in the election of this option. Such direction is subject to the approval of Lincoln.

When are Benefits Payable?

All benefits are payable when Lincoln receives Due Proof of loss. Benefits for loss of life of the Covered Employee are paid to the beneficiary. Benefits for loss of life of your Covered Dependent are paid to you. Benefits for other losses are paid to you.
What are Lincoln's Rights of Recovery?

Lincoln has the right to recover any overpayment of benefits caused by, but not limited to, the following:

1. fraud;
2. any error made by Lincoln in processing a claim; or
3. any error made in the eligibility or administration of this plan by the Sponsor.

Lincoln may recover an overpayment by, but not limited to, the following:

1. requesting a lump sum payment of the overpaid amount;
2. reducing any benefits payable under this plan; or
3. taking any appropriate collection activity available including any legal action needed.

It is required that full reimbursement be made to Lincoln.

How does the Plan Affect Workers' Compensation?

This Plan and the coverages provided are not in lieu of, nor will they affect any requirements for coverage under any Workers' Compensation Law or other similar law.
SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION

Name of Plan: Tribune Publishing Company Benefit Program

Plan benefits are provided under the terms of the Group Life Policy No. SA3-840-444452-01 hereinafter referred to as "the policy", issued by Lincoln Life Assurance Company of Boston, hereinafter referred to as "Lincoln," to the Employer hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor".

Participants Included: See Schedule of Benefits

Name and Address of Sponsor:

Tribune Publishing Company
160 North Stetson Avenue
Chicago, IL 60601

Who Pays For the Plan: Premiums are paid by the Sponsor.

The cost of the Plan is funded 100% by Employer contributions.

Plan Identification Number:

a. Sponsor IRS Identification No.: 38-3919441
b. Plan No.: 501

Type of Plan: Group Life

Plan Year: January 1st- December 31st

Plan Administrator, Name, Address and Telephone No:

Tribune Publishing Company
160 North Stetson Avenue
Chicago, IL 60601
(312) 222-9100

Agent for Service of Legal Process on the Plan:

Same as above.

Type of Administration: Insurer Administration

Funding Arrangement of the Plan: Benefits of the Plan are insured.
Amendment of the Sponsor's Plan:

The Plan Sponsor reserves the right to modify, amend or terminate in whole or in part, any or all provisions of the Plan. Amendments to the Plan are to be made by a written resolution adopted in accordance with the established procedures of the Board of Directors. Amendments may be adopted with retroactive effect to the extent permitted by ERISA and the Code.

Amendment of Lincoln's Policy:

The policy may be changed in whole or in part by mutual agreement of the Sponsor and Lincoln. Only an Officer of Lincoln can approve a change. The approval must be in writing and endorsed on or attached to the policy. No consent of any participant or any other person referred to in the policy(ies) shall be required to modify, amend, or change the policy(ies).

NOTE: If you cease active employment, see your benefits administrator to determine what arrangements, if any, may be made to continue your coverage beyond the date you cease active employment.

When May The Policy Terminate?

1. If the Sponsor fails to pay any premium within the grace period, the policy will automatically terminate at 12:00 midnight of the last day of the grace period. The "grace period" is the 31 days following a premium due date during which premium payment may be paid.

2. The Sponsor may terminate the policy by advance written notice delivered to Lincoln at least 31 days prior to the termination date. But the policy will not terminate during any period for which premium has been paid.

3. Lincoln may terminate the policy on any premium due date by giving written notice to the Sponsor at least 31 days in advance if:
   
   a. The number of employees insured is less than 10;
   
   b. less than 100% of the Employees eligible for any non-contributory insurance are insured for it; or
   
   c. the Sponsor fails:
      
      i. to furnish promptly any information which Lincoln may reasonably require; or
      
      ii. to perform any other obligations pertaining to this policy.

4. Termination may take effect on any earlier date when both the Sponsor and Lincoln agree.

No consent of any participant or any other person referred to in the policy(ies) shall be required to terminate the policy(ies).
SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION
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What Are Your Rights In The Event Of Policy Termination?

Termination of the policy under any conditions will not prejudice any payable claim which occurs while the policy is in force.

What Are Your Rights Under ERISA?

1. As a participant in this Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protection under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all Plan participants shall be entitled to:
   a. Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, all documents governing the Plan, including insurance contracts, and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.
   b. Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts, and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan description. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
   c. Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

2. In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit Plan.

3. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficiaries.

4. No one, including your employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

5. If your claim for a benefit is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

6. Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to $110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Administrator.
What Are Your Rights Under ERISA? (Continued)

7. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees if, for example, it finds your claim is frivolous.

8. If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator.

9. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Applicable to All Claims:

What is the Time Frame For Claim Decisions?

If your claim is denied, Lincoln will notify you of the adverse decision within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 90 days after receiving the claim, unless Lincoln determines that special circumstances require an extension. In such case, a written extension shall be furnished before the end of the initial 90-day period. The extension cannot exceed 90 days. The extension notice shall indicate the special circumstances requiring an extension of time and the date by which the plan expects to render the decision.

The claim determination time frames begin when a claim is filed, without regard to whether all the information necessary to make a claim determination accompanies the filing.

What If Your Claim Is Denied?

Lincoln's notice of denial shall include:

1. The specific reason or reasons for denial with reference to those specific Plan provisions on which the denial is based;

2. A description of any additional material or information necessary to complete the claim and an explanation of why that material or information is necessary; and

3. A description of the Plan's appeal procedures and time frames, including a statement of the claimant's right to bring a civil action under ERISA following an adverse decision on appeal.
Applicable to All Claims: (Continued)

What Do You Do To Appeal A Claim Denial?

You or your authorized representative may appeal a denied claim within 60 days after you receive Lincoln’s notice of denial. You have the right to:

1. Submit, for review, written comments, documents, records and other information relating to the claim to Lincoln;

2. Request, free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim; and

3. A review on appeal that takes into account all comments, documents, records, and other information submitted by you, without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial claim decision.

Lincoln will make a full and fair review of your appeal and may require additional documents as it deems necessary or desirable in making such a review. A final decision on the review shall be made within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 60 days following receipt of the written request for review, unless Lincoln determines that special circumstances require an extension. In such case, a written extension notice will be sent to you before the end of the initial 60 day period. The extension notice must indicate the special circumstances and the date by which Lincoln expects to render the appeal decision. The extension cannot exceed a period of 60 days.

The appeal time frames begin when an appeal is filed, without regard to whether all the information necessary to make an appeal decision accompanies the filing.

If an extension is necessary because you failed to submit necessary information, the days from the date of the extension notice until you respond to the request for additional information are not counted as part of the appeal determination period.

Lincoln’s notice of denial shall include:

1. The specific reason or reasons for denial with reference to those Plan provisions on which the denial is based;

2. A statement that you are entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of all documents, records, and other information relevant to your claim; and

3. A statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the Plan and your right to obtain the information about such procedures, and a statement of your right to bring an action under ERISA.
The Lincoln Financial Group companies* are committed to protecting your privacy. To provide the products and services you expect from a financial services leader, we must collect personal information about you. We do not sell your personal information to third parties. This Notice describes our current privacy practices. While your relationship with us continues, we will update and send our Privacy Practices Notice as required by law. Even after that relationship ends, we will continue to protect your personal information. You do not need to take any action because of this Notice, but you do have certain rights as described below.

**Information We May Collect And Use**

We collect personal information about you to help us identify you as our customer or our former customer; to process your requests and transactions; to offer investment or insurance services to you; to pay your claim; to analyze in order to enhance our products and services; or to tell you about our products or services we believe you may want and use; and as otherwise permitted by law. The type of personal information we collect depends on the products or services you request and may include the following:

- **Information from you**: When you submit your application or other forms, you give us information such as your name, address, Social Security number; and your financial, health, and employment history.
- **Information about your transactions**: We maintain information about your transactions with us, such as the products you buy from us; the amount you paid for those products; your account balances; and your payment and claims history.
- **Information from outside our family of companies**: If you are purchasing insurance products, we may collect information from consumer reporting agencies such as your credit history; credit scores; and driving and employment records. With your authorization, we may also collect information, such as medical information from other individuals or businesses.
- **Information from your employer**: If your employer purchases group products from us, we may obtain information about you from your employer in order to enroll you in the plan.

**How We Use Your Personal Information**

We may share your personal information within our companies and with certain service providers. They use this information to process transactions you have requested; provide customer service; to analyze in order to enhance our products and services; and inform you of products or services we offer that you may find useful. Our service providers may or may not be affiliated with us. They include financial service providers (for example, third party administrators; broker-dealers; insurance agents and brokers, registered representatives; reinsurers and other financial services companies with whom we have joint marketing agreements). Our service providers also include non-financial companies and individuals (for example, consultants; vendors; and companies that perform marketing services on our behalf). Information we obtain from a report prepared by a service provider may be kept by the service provider and shared with other persons; however, we require our service providers to protect your personal information and to use or disclose it only for the work they are performing for us, or as permitted by law.
When you apply for one of our products, we may share information about your application with credit bureaus. We also may provide information to group policy owners, regulatory authorities and law enforcement officials, and to other non-affiliated or affiliated parties as permitted by law. In the event of a sale of all or part of our businesses, we may share customer information as part of the sale. **We do not sell or share your information with outside marketers who may want to offer you their own products and services; nor do we share information we receive about you from a consumer reporting agency. You do not need to take any action for this benefit.**

**Security of Information**

We have an important responsibility to keep your information safe. We use safeguards to protect your information from unauthorized disclosure. Our employees are authorized to access your information only when they need it to provide you with products, services, or to maintain your accounts. Employees who have access to your personal information are required to keep it confidential. Employees are required to complete privacy training annually.

**Your Rights Regarding Your Personal Information**

**Access:** We want to make sure we have accurate information about you. Upon written request we will tell you, within 30 business days, what personal information we have about you. You may see a copy of your personal information in person or receive a copy by mail, whichever you prefer. We will share with you who provided the information. In some cases we may provide your medical information to your personal physician. We will not provide you with information we have collected in connection with, or in anticipation of, a claim or legal proceeding. If you request a copy of the information, we may charge you a fee for copying and mailing costs. In very limited circumstances, your request may be denied. You may then request that the denial be reviewed.

**Accuracy of Information:** If you feel the personal information we have about you is inaccurate or incomplete, you may ask us to amend the information. Your request must be in writing and must include the reason you are requesting the change. We will respond within 30 business days. If we make changes to your records as a result of your request, we will notify you in writing and we will send the updated information, at your request, to any person who may have received the information within the prior two years. We will also send the updated information to any insurance support organization that gave us the information, and any service provider that received the information within the prior 7 years. If your requested change is denied, we will provide you with reasons for the denial. You may write to request the denial be reviewed. A copy of your request will be kept on file with your personal information so anyone reviewing your information in the future will be aware of your request.

**Accounting of Disclosures:** If applicable, you may request an accounting of disclosures made of your medical information, except for disclosures:

- For purposes of payment activities or company operations;
- To the individual who is the subject of the personal information or to that individual’s personal representative;
- To persons involved in your health care;
- For notification for disaster relief purposes;
- For national security or intelligence purposes;
- To law enforcement officials or correctional institutions;
- Included in a limited data set; or
- For which an authorization is required.

You may request an accounting of disclosures for a time period of less than six years from the date of your request.
**Basis for Adverse Underwriting Decision:** You may ask in writing for the specific reasons for an adverse underwriting decision. An adverse underwriting decision is where we decline your application for insurance, offer to insure you at a higher than standard rate, or terminate your coverage.

Your state may provide for additional privacy protections under applicable laws. We will protect your information in accordance with these additional protections.

If you have questions about your personal information, please provide your full name, address and telephone number and either email your question to our Data Subject Access Request Team at DSAR@lfg.com or mail to:

Lincoln Financial Group  
Attn: Corporate Privacy Office, 7C-01  
1300 S. Clinton St.  
Fort Wayne, IN 46802

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- Lincoln Life & Annuity Company of New York  
- Lincoln Life Assurance Company of Boston  
- Lincoln Retirement Services Company, LLC  
- Lincoln Variable Insurance Products Trust  
- The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company