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### **Important Notice - Please Read**

Recently, Congress and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners adopted standards to protect personal health and financial information. As a customer of CIGNA Group Insurance, we want to assure you that we recognize our obligation to keep information about our customers secure and confidential.

Under the new law, we will send an annual notice explaining our privacy practices. It is beneficial to share this policy with the insured. Please make the Privacy Notice printed on the reverse side available for review by your employees.

We will continue to safeguard the privacy of the information provided to us. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you.



# Important Privacy Notice - Please Read

As a customer of a CIGNA company, we want to assure you that we recognize our obligation to keep our customers' protected information secure and confidential. This notice explains our privacy practices and it should answer questions about how we protect personal information. We will continue to safeguard the privacy of the information provided to us. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you. (If you are an Employer or Group Sponsor, please make this information available for review by your employees or members as appropriate.)

This notice applies to insurance products underwritten, or administered by, the Life Insurance Company of North America and CIGNA Life Insurance Company of New York, Life and Disability products underwritten by Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, insurance products underwritten by Insurance Company of North America administered by the CIGNA companies, and group variable universal life products for which CIGNA Financial Services, Inc. acts as the principal underwriter. Information is the key to our ability to provide you with world class service. Regardless of whether you are a customer, applicant, insured, or former insured, we are committed to protecting and maintaining the privacy of any information in our possession.

## **COLLECTION AND USE OF INFORMATION**

We may collect protected information about our customers in connection with underwriting an application for insurance, investigating a claim for benefits, and in developing financial plans. This information will be used by authorized company personnel solely for these purposes, and it may be integrated into our databases for statistical and audit purposes. Protected information means any non-public, personally identifiable information including financial information, employment related information and medical information. Unless permitted by law, we will only collect information from sources other than our customers with written authorization.

#### **DISCLOSURE OF INFORMATION**

We do not disclose any protected information about our customers or former customers to anyone except as permitted by law. We do not sell customer lists or other protected information. With some exceptions, we will not disclose protected information without written authorization. There are circumstances when we will disclose protected information related to medical underwriting or a claim investigation without authorization to third parties or affiliates assisting us with medical underwriting or claim management, as permitted by law. We will also disclose protected information to third parties without authorization as required by law, such as in the case of subpoenas and mandated governmental disclosures.

#### PROTECTING YOUR INFORMATION

We have internal policies to maintain the privacy of our customers' protected information. These include, but are not limited to, policies related to the transmission, storage and disposal of paper and electronic information; the prevention of unauthorized access and damage to systems, including damage due to environmental hazards; and assigning and terminating user IDs.

There is no need to respond to this notice. Be assured that our policies and procedures are in no way changed or affected by this notice. We may change these policies, standards and procedures at any time. If there are material changes, we will notify our customers of the changes by mail.

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