NOTICE OF CHANGE

In The Certificate Booklet
Issued to Employees of:

The George Washington University

This Notice is a summary of changes that have been made to your Booklet. These changes are effective on January 1, 2018. Keep this Notice with your Booklet.

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON
AMENDMENT

to be attached to and made a part of
the Certificate for Group Plan No. GD/GF3-880-054582-01
issued by

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON
(Liberty)

to

The George Washington University
(Sponsor)

Effective date of this Amendment: January 1, 2018

The attached pages reflect the following revisions: Update to class descriptions, Basic Weekly Earnings definition, Eligible Survivor age for children, and Family Status Change period; removal of rehabilitation provision.
The George Washington University
January 1, 2018
DISCLAIMER

Sponsor: The George Washington University

Policy Number(s): GD3-880-054582-01

Date Provided: May 31, 2018

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

LIBERTY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF BOSTON

The George Washington University
CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

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

Sponsor: The George Washington University

Plan Number: GD3-880-054582-01

Effective Date: January 1, 2018

When this plan refers to "you" or "your" it means the Employee insured under this plan. This is your Disability Income 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 Liberty. Liberty 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.

Nancy Yaelwin

Senior Vice President, Liberty Mutual Benefits
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SECTION 1 - SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR INSURANCE BENEFITS

What is the Minimum Hourly Requirement?

Applicable to Class 1

Employees working a minimum of 35 regularly scheduled hours per week for Employees working at the Biostatistics Center

Employees working a minimum of 40 regularly scheduled hours per week for all other employees in Class 1

Applicable to Class 2

Employees working a minimum of 0 regularly scheduled hours per week

Applicable to Class 3

Employees working a minimum of 14 regularly scheduled hours per week

Applicable to Class 4

Employees working a minimum of 40 regularly scheduled hours per week

Who is Eligible for Short Term Disability Benefits?

Class 1: All full-time staff members with less than 2 years of benefit-eligible service

Class 2: All regular part-time faculty members as defined by the Sponsor and all full-time faculty members with less than 2 years of service

Class 3: All regular part-time staff members

Class 4: All regular medical residents

Note: This policy does not cover the following Employees: Temporary and Seasonal Employees and Employees who are not legal residents working in the United States.

What is the Eligibility Waiting Period?

Applicable to Class 1, 2, 4

1. If you are employed by the Sponsor on the policy effective date - None

2. If you begin employment for the Sponsor after the policy effective date - First of the month coincident with or next following the date of hire
Applicable to Class 3

1. If you are employed by the Sponsor on the policy effective date - None

2. If you begin employment for the Sponsor after the policy effective date - First of the month following 6 months of continuous, Active Employment

Are Employee Contributions Required?

Yes
SECTION 1 - SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS
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SHORT TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE

What is the Elimination Period?

The period for which a benefit is payable will commence following the Elimination Period shown below:

- 30 calendar days for Injury
- 30 calendar days for Sickness

Note: Benefits will begin on the first day following the completion of the Elimination Period.

What is the Amount of Insurance Benefits?

60.00% of Basic Weekly Earnings not to exceed a Maximum Weekly Benefit of $3,000.00 less Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings as outlined in Section 4. The Minimum Weekly Benefit is $25.00.

Maximum Benefit Period:

Applicable to Injury:

The period for which a benefit is payable, following completion of the Elimination Period, for any one Disability will end on the earliest of:

a. the end of the Disability; or

b. the end of the 150th day of Disability for which a benefit is payable.

Applicable to Sickness:

The period for which a benefit is payable, following completion of the Elimination Period, for any one Disability will end on the earliest of:

a. the end of the Disability; or

b. the end of the 150th day of Disability for which a benefit is payable.
SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

In this section Liberty defines some basic terms needed to understand this plan.

"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).

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"Annual Enrollment Period" or "Enrollment Period" means the period before each plan anniversary so designated by the Sponsor and Liberty during which you may enroll for coverage under this plan.
"Appropriate Available Treatment" means care or services which are:

1. generally acknowledged by Physicians to cure, correct, limit, treat or manage the disabling condition;
2. accessible within your geographical region;
3. provided by a Physician who is licensed and qualified in a discipline suitable to treat the disabling Injury or Sickness;
4. in accordance with generally accepted medical standards of practice.

"Basic Weekly Earnings" means the Covered Person's weekly rate of earnings from the Sponsor in effect immediately prior to the date Disability or Partial Disability begins. However, such earnings will not include bonuses, commissions, overtime pay, shift differential pay, stock options and stock bonuses, contributions to any deferred compensation arrangement or pension plan, non-benefits-eligible earnings, and any other extra compensation.

"Disability" or "Disabled" means you, as a result of Injury or Sickness, are unable to perform the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Job.
"Domestic Partner" means an unmarried person of the same or opposite sex with whom you share a committed relationship, are jointly responsible for each 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 you legally reside, maintain the same residence(s) and are 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 an Eligible Survivor.

"Eligibility Date" means the date you become eligible for insurance under this plan. The 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.

"Elimination Period" means a period of consecutive days of Disability for which no benefit is payable. The Elimination Period is shown in the Schedule of Benefits and begins on the first day of Disability.

"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 Liberty.

"Evidence of Insurability" means a statement of proof of your medical history upon which acceptance for insurance will be determined by Liberty.
SECTION 2 - DEFINITIONS

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"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.

"Gross Weekly Benefit" means your Weekly Benefit before any reduction for Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings.

"Hospital" or "Institution" means a facility licensed to provide Treatment for the condition causing your Disability.
"Initial Enrollment Period" means one of the following periods during which you may first enroll for coverage under this plan:

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

2. if you become eligible for insurance after the plan effective date, the period which ends 30 days after your Eligibility Date.

"Injury" means bodily impairment resulting directly from an accident and independently of all other causes. For the purpose of determining benefits under this plan:

1. any Disability which begins more than 60 days after an Injury will be considered a Sickness; and

2. any Injury which occurs before you are covered under this plan, but which accounts for a medical condition that arises while you are covered under this plan will be treated as a Sickness.

"Material and Substantial Duties" means responsibilities that are normally required to perform your Own Job and cannot be reasonably eliminated or modified.
"Own Job" means your job that you were performing when your Disability or Partial Disability began.
"Partial Disability" or "Partially Disabled" means you, as a result of Injury or Sickness, are able to:

1. perform one or more, but not all, of the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Job or another job on an Active Employment or a part-time basis; or

2. perform all of the Material and Substantial Duties of your Own Job or another job on a part-time basis; and

3. earn between 20.00% and 80.00% of your Basic Weekly Earnings.

"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.
"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 claiming benefits;

2. an attending Physician's statement completed and signed (or otherwise formally submitted) by your 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.

Proof must be submitted in a form or format satisfactory to Liberty.

"Regular Attendance" means your personal visits to a Physician which are medically necessary according to generally accepted medical standards to effectively manage and treat your Disability or Partial Disability.
"Schedule of Benefits" means the section of this policy which shows, among other things, the Eligibility Requirements, Eligibility Waiting Period, Elimination Period, Amount of Insurance, Minimum Benefit, and Maximum Benefit Period.

"Sickness" means illness, disease, pregnancy or complications of pregnancy.

"Sponsor" means the entity to whom this policy is issued.

"Treatment" means consulting, receiving care or services provided by or under the direction of a Physician including diagnostic measures, being prescribed drugs and/or medicines, whether you choose to take them or not, and taking drugs and/or medicines.

"Weekly Benefit" means the weekly amount payable by Liberty to you if you are Disabled or Partially Disabled.
SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES

Who is Eligible for Benefits?

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

What is Your Eligibility Date for Insurance Benefits?

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 Initial Enrollment Period?

You may enroll in any one coverage or coverage option shown in the Schedule of Benefits. If you do not choose any coverage or coverage option, you will not be enrolled for any coverage. If your Initial Enrollment Period takes place during or after the Annual Enrollment Period, but before the plan anniversary, your coverage option will apply for (a) the rest of the plan year in which you first become eligible; and (b) the next plan year.

What Happens During the Annual Enrollment Period?

You may keep your coverage at the same level or make one of the following changes in coverage for the next plan year:

1. a decrease in coverage;
2. an increase in coverage subject to Evidence of Insurability.

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 and no change in that coverage can be made during the next plan year, unless you experience a Family Status Change.
What Happens when You Experience a Family Status Change?

You may keep your coverage at the same level or make one of the following changes in coverage:

1. a decrease in coverage;
2. an increase in coverage subject to Evidence of Insurability.

You must apply for the change in coverage within 30 Days of the date of the Family Status Change. Such change 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 of Insurance?

Your 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 Liberty through the Sponsor in a form or format satisfactory to Liberty.

1. For Coverage Applied for During Initial Enrollment Periods:
   a. you will be insured for contributory coverage on the date you make application for insurance if you enroll on or before the 30th day after your Eligibility Date; or
   b. if you do not enroll for contributory coverage on or before the 30th day after your Eligibility Date, or you terminated your insurance while continuing to be eligible you may not enroll for contributory coverage until the next Annual Enrollment Period or following a Family Status Change.
SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES  
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What is Your Effective Date of Insurance? (Continued)

2. For Contributory Coverage Applied for During Annual Enrollment Periods

You will be insured for the selected contributory coverage on the later of these dates:

a. the first day of the next policy anniversary; or
b. the date Liberty gives its approval, if you:
   i. increase your coverage option; or
   ii. terminated your insurance while continuing to be eligible.

In the case of i. and ii. above, you must submit an application and Evidence of Insurability to Liberty for approval. This will be at your expense.

3. For Coverage Applied for Due to a Family Status Change

You will be insured for the selected coverage on the later of the following dates, provided you apply for or enroll for the change in coverage before the end of the 30th Day following the Family Status Change:

a. the date of the Family Status Change;
b. the date you apply or enroll for the change in coverage; or
c. the date Liberty gives its approval, if you:
   i. increase you coverage option; or
   ii. terminated your insurance while continuing to be eligible.

In the case of i. and ii. above, you must submit an application and Evidence of Insurability to Liberty for approval. This will be at your expense.

When will Your Effective Date for Insurance be Delayed?

Your effective date of any initial, increased or additional insurance will be delayed if you are not in Active Employment because of Injury or Sickness. The initial, increased or additional insurance will begin on the date you return to Active Employment.
SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES

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What Happens to Your Coverage During a Family and Medical Leave?

Your coverage may be continued under this plan for an approved family or medical leave of absence for up to 12 weeks following the date coverage would have terminated, subject to the following:

1. the authorized leave is in writing;
2. the required premium is paid;
3. your benefit level, or the amount of earnings upon which your benefit may be based, will be that in effect on the date before the leave begins; and
4. continuation of coverage will cease immediately if any one of the following events should occur:
   a. you return to work;
   b. this plan terminates;
   c. you are no longer in an eligible class;
   d. nonpayment of premium when due by the Sponsor or you;
   e. your employment terminates.

What Happens if You are Rehired?

If you are a former Employee and are re-hired by the Sponsor within 365 days of your termination date, all past periods of Active Employment with the Sponsor will be used in determining your Eligibility Date. If you are a former Employee and are re-hired by the Sponsor more than 365 days after your termination date, you are considered to be a new Employee when determining your Eligibility Date.
Leave of Absence

The Sponsor may continue your coverage(s) by paying the required premiums, if you are given a leave of absence.

Your coverage will not continue beyond a period of 24 months for sabbatical leaves and a period of 12 months for all other leaves. In continuing such coverage under this provision, the Sponsor agrees to treat all covered Employees equally.

Lay-off

The Sponsor may continue your coverage(s) by paying the required premiums, if you are temporarily laid off.

Your coverage will not continue beyond a period of 90 days. In continuing such coverage under this provision, the Sponsor agrees to treat all covered Employees equally.
SECTION 3 - ELIGIBILITY AND EFFECTIVE DATES

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What Happens if There is a Transfer of Insurance Carriers?

In order to prevent loss of coverage for you because of transfer of insurance carriers, this plan will provide coverage for you as follows:

If You are not in Active Employment Due to Injury or Sickness

Subject to premium payments, this plan will cover you if:

1. at the time of transfer you were covered under the prior carrier's plan; and

2. you are not in Active Employment due to Injury or Sickness on the effective date of this plan.

Benefits will be determined based on the lesser of:

1. the amount of the Disability benefit that would have been payable under the prior plan and subject to any applicable plan limitations; or

2. the amount of Disability benefits payable under this plan. If benefits are payable under the prior plan for the Disability, no benefits are payable under this plan.
SECTION 4 - DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS

SHORT TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE

When is Your Disability Benefit Payable?

When Liberty receives Proof that you are Disabled due to Injury or Sickness and require the Regular Attendance of a Physician, Liberty will pay you a Weekly Benefit after the end of the Elimination Period, subject to any other provisions of this plan. The benefit will be paid for the period of Disability if you give to Liberty Proof of continued:

1. Disability;
2. Regular Attendance of a Physician; and
3. Appropriate Available Treatment.

The Proof must be given upon Liberty's request and at your expense. In determining whether you are Disabled, Liberty will not consider employment factors including, but not limited to, interpersonal conflict in the workplace, recession, job obsolescence, paycuts, job sharing and loss of a professional or occupational license or certification.

For purposes of determining Disability, the Injury must occur and Disability must begin while you are insured for this coverage.

The Weekly Benefit will not:

1. exceed your Amount of Insurance; or
2. be paid for longer than the Maximum Benefit Period.

The Amount of Insurance and the Maximum Benefit Period are shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Amount of Disability Weekly Benefit

To figure the amount of your Weekly Benefit:

1. Take the lesser of:
   a. your Basic Weekly Earnings multiplied by the benefit percentage shown in the Schedule of Benefits; or
   b. the Maximum Weekly Benefit shown in the Schedule of Benefits; and then
2. Deduct Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings, (shown in the Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings provision of this policy), from this amount.
SECTION 4 - DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS
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SHORT TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

Partial Disability

When is Your Partial Disability Benefit Payable?

When Liberty receives Proof that you are Partially Disabled and have experienced a loss of earnings due to Injury or Sickness and require the Regular Attendance of a Physician, you may be eligible to receive a loss of earnings Weekly Benefit, subject to any other provisions of this plan. To be eligible to receive Partial Disability benefits, you may be employed in your Own Job or another job, must satisfy the Elimination Period, and must be earning between 20.00% and 80.00% of your Basic Weekly Earnings.

A Weekly Benefit will be paid for the period of Partial Disability if you give to Liberty Proof of continued:

1. Partial Disability;
2. Regular Attendance of a Physician; and
3. Appropriate Available Treatment.

The Proof must be given upon Liberty's request and at your expense. In determining whether you are Partially Disabled, Liberty will not consider employment factors including, but not limited to, interpersonal conflict in the workplace, recession, job obsolescence, paycuts, job sharing and loss of a professional or occupational license or certification.

For purposes of determining Partial Disability, the Injury must occur and Partial Disability must begin while you are insured for this coverage.

How is Your Loss of Earnings Partial Disability Benefit Figured using the Work Incentive Calculation?

The work incentive benefit will be an amount equal to your Basic Weekly Earnings multiplied by the benefit percentage shown in the Schedule of Benefits, without any reductions from earnings.

The work incentive benefit will only be reduced, if the Weekly Benefit payable plus any earnings exceed 100% of your Basic Weekly Earnings. If the combined total is more, the Weekly Benefit will be reduced by the excess amount so that the Weekly Benefit plus your earnings does not exceed 100% of your Basic Weekly Earnings.

The Weekly Benefit payable will not be more than the Disability benefit otherwise payable under this plan.
Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings

Other Income Benefits means:

1. The amount for which you are eligible under:
   a. any work loss provision in mandatory "No-Fault" auto insurance; or
   b. any governmental program or coverage required or provided by statute (including any amount attributable to your family).
2. any amount you receive from any unemployment benefits; or
3. any amount of Disability and/or Retirement Benefits under the United States Social Security Act, the Canada Pension Policy, the Quebec Pension Plan, or any similar plan or act, which:
   a. you receive or are eligible to receive; and
   b. your spouse, child or children receives or are eligible to receive because of your Disability; or
   c. your spouse, child or children receives or are eligible to receive because of your eligibility for retirement benefits.

Other Income Earnings means:

1. the amount of earnings you earn or receive from any form of employment
2. any amount you receive from any formal or informal sick leave or salary continuation plan(s).

Other Income Benefits, except retirement benefits, must be payable as a result of the same Disability for which Liberty pays a benefit. The sum of Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings will be deducted in accordance with the provisions of this plan.
SECTION 4 - DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS
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SHORT TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

Estimation of Benefits

How will Your Benefits be Estimated?

Liberty will reduce your Disability or Partial Disability benefits by the amount of Other Income Benefits that we estimate are payable to you and your dependents.

Your Disability benefit will not be reduced by the estimated amount of Other Income Benefits if you:

1. provide satisfactory proof of application for Other Income Benefits;

2. sign a reimbursement agreement under which, in part, you agree to repay Liberty for any overpayment resulting from the award or receipt of Other Income Benefits;

3. if applicable, provide satisfactory proof that all appeals for Other Income Benefits have been made on a timely basis to the highest administrative level unless Liberty determines that further appeals are not likely to succeed; and

4. if applicable, submit satisfactory proof that Other Income Benefits have been denied at the highest administrative level unless Liberty determines that further appeals are not likely to succeed.

In the event that Liberty overestimates the amount payable to you from any plans referred to in the Other Income Benefits and Other Income Earnings provision of this plan, Liberty will reimburse you for such amount upon receipt of written proof of the amount of Other Income Benefits awarded (whether by compromise, settlement, award or judgement) or denied (after appeal through the highest administrative level).
SECTION 4 - DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS

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SHORT TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

What Happens if You Receive a Lump Sum Payment?

Other Income Benefits from a compromise, settlement, award or judgement which are paid to you in a lump sum and meant to compensate you for any one or more of the following:

1. loss of past or future wages;
2. impaired earnings capacity;
3. lessened ability to compete in the open labor market;
4. any degree of permanent impairment; and
5. any degree of loss of bodily function or capacity;

will be prorated on a weekly basis as follows:

1. over the period of time such benefits would have been paid if not in a lump sum; or
2. if such period of time cannot be determined, over a period of 260 weeks.

What Happens if You Receive any Cost of Living Increases?

After the first deduction for each of the Other Income Benefits, the Weekly Benefit will not be further reduced due to any cost of living increases payable under the Other Income Benefits provision of this plan.

What Happens when Your Benefit Period is Less than a Week?

For any period for which a Short Term Disability benefit is payable that does not extend through a full week, the benefit will be paid on a prorated basis. The rate will be 1/7th for each day for such period of Disability.

When will Your Short Term Disability Benefit be Discontinued?

The Weekly Benefit will cease on the earliest of:

1. the date you fail to provide Proof of continued Disability or Partial Disability and Regular Attendance of a Physician;
2. the date you fail to cooperate in the administration of the claim. Such cooperation includes, but is not limited to, providing any information or documents needed to determine whether benefits are payable or the actual benefit amount due.
SECTION 4 - DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS

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SHORT TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

When will Your Disability Benefit be Discontinued? (Continued)

The Weekly Benefit will cease on the earliest of: (Continued)

3. the date you refuse to be examined or evaluated at reasonable intervals;

4. the date you refuse to receive Appropriate Available Treatment;

5. the date you refuse a job with the Sponsor where workplace modifications or accommodations were made to allow you to perform the Material and Substantial Duties of the job;

6. the date you are able to work in your Own Job on a part-time basis, but choose not to;

7. the date your current Partial Disability earnings exceed 80.00% of your Basic Weekly Earnings;

Because your current earnings may fluctuate, Liberty will average earnings over three consecutive weeks rather than immediately terminating your benefit once 80.00% of Basic Weekly Earnings has been exceeded.

8. the date you are no longer Disabled according to this plan;

9. the end of the Maximum Benefit Period; or

10. the date you die.
SECTION 4 - DISABILITY INCOME BENEFITS
(Continued)

SHORT TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE (Continued)

Successive Periods of Disability

What Happens if You Return to Work and Become Disabled Again?

With respect to this plan, "Successive Periods of Disability" means a Disability which is related or due to the same cause(s) as a prior Disability for which a Weekly Benefit was payable.

A Successive Period of Disability will be treated as part of the prior Disability if, after receiving Disability benefits under this plan, you:

1. return to your Own Job on an Active Employment basis for less than fourteen continuous days; and
2. perform all the Material and Substantial duties of your Own Job.

To qualify for the Successive Periods of Disability benefit, you must experience more than a 20% loss of Basic Weekly Earnings.

Benefit payments will be subject to the terms of this plan for the prior Disability.

If you return to your Own Job on an Active Employment basis for fourteen continuous days or more, the Successive Period of Disability will be treated as a new period of Disability. You must complete another Elimination Period.

If you become eligible for coverage under any other group short term disability coverage, this Successive Periods of Disability provision will cease to apply to you.
SECTION 5 - EXCLUSIONS

GENERAL EXCLUSIONS

What Disabilities are Not Covered?

This plan will not cover any Disability due to:

1. war, declared or undeclared, or any act of war;
2. intentionally self-inflicted injuries, while sane or insane;
3. active Participation in a Riot;
4. the committing of or attempting to commit a felony or misdemeanor;
5. cosmetic surgery unless such surgery is in connection with an Injury or Sickness sustained while you are covered under this plan; or
6. a gender change, including, but not limited to, any operation, drug therapy or any other procedure related to a gender change.

No benefit will be payable during any period of incarceration.

With respect to this provision, Participation shall include promoting, inciting, conspiring to promote or incite, aiding, abetting, and all forms of taking part in, but shall not include actions taken in defense of public or private property, or actions taken in your defense, if such actions of defense are not taken against persons seeking to maintain or restore law and order including, but not limited to police officers and fire fighters.

With respect to this provision, Riot shall include all forms of public violence, disorder or disturbance of the public peace, by three or more persons assembled together, whether or not acting with a common intent and whether or not damage to persons or property or unlawful act or acts is the intent or the consequence of such disorder.
SECTION 5 - EXCLUSIONS

SHORT TERM DISABILITY COVERAGE

Disability Benefit Exclusions

What Other Disabilities are Not Covered?

A Weekly Benefit will not be payable if you become Disabled due to:

1. Injury that arises out of or in the course of employment; or

2. Sickness when a benefit is payable under a Workers' Compensation Law, or any other act or law of like intent.

These exceptions will not apply to partners or proprietors who elect not to be covered under such laws.
SECTION 6 - TERMINATION PROVISIONS

When will Your Insurance End?

You will cease to be insured on the earliest of the following dates:

1. the date this plan 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 last day for which any required Employee contribution has been made;

5. the date employment terminates. Cessation of Active Employment will be deemed termination of employment, except the insurance will be continued for an Employee absent due to Disability during the Elimination Period.

6. the date you cease active work due to a labor dispute, including any strike, work slowdown, or lockout.

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

Is Assignment Allowed?

No assignment of any present or future right or benefit under this policy will be allowed.

How will Liberty Conform With State Statutes?

Any provision of this plan which, on its effective date, is in conflict with the statutes of the governing jurisdiction of this plan is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statute.

What are Liberty's Examination Rights?

Liberty, at its own expense, may have the right and opportunity to have the claimant, whose Injury or Sickness is the basis of a claim, examined or evaluated at reasonable intervals deemed necessary by Liberty. This right may be used as often as reasonably required.

Who has the Authority for Interpretation of this Plan?

Liberty shall possess the authority, in its sole discretion, to construe the terms of this plan and to determine benefit eligibility hereunder. Liberty's decisions regarding construction of the terms of this plan and benefit eligibility shall be conclusive and binding.

When can this Plan be Contested?

The validity of this plan shall not be contested, except for non-payment of premiums, after it has been in force for two years from the date of issue. The validity of this plan shall not be contested on the basis of a statement made relating to insurability by you after such insurance has been in force for two years during your lifetime, and shall not be contested unless the statement is contained in a written instrument signed by you.

When can Legal Proceedings Begin?

A claimant or the claimant's authorized representative cannot begin any legal action:

1. until 60 days after Proof of claim has been given; or
2. more than one year after the time Proof of claim is required.

What Happens if Your Age is Misstated?

If your age has been misstated, an equitable adjustment will be made in the premium. If the amount of the benefit is dependent upon your age, the amount of the benefit will be the amount you would have been entitled to if your correct age were known.

A refund of premium will not be made for a period more than 12 months before the date Liberty is advised of the error.
SECTION 7 - GENERAL PROVISIONS
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When Must Liberty be Notified of a Claim?

1. Notice of claim must be given to Liberty within 30 days of the date of the loss on which the claim is based. If that is not possible, Liberty 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 Liberty.

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

When Must Liberty Receive Proof of Claim?

1. Satisfactory Proof of loss must be given to Liberty no later than 90 days after the end of the Elimination Period.

2. Failure to furnish such Proof within such time shall not invalidate or reduce any claim if it was not reasonably possible to furnish such Proof within such time. Such 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 Proof is otherwise required.

3. Proof of continued loss, continued Disability or Partial Disability, when applicable, and Regular Attendance of a Physician must be given to Liberty within 30 days of the request for such Proof.

Liberty reserves the right to determine if your Proof of loss is satisfactory.

Who are Claims Paid To?

The benefit is payable to you. But, if a benefit is payable to your estate, or if you are a minor, or you are not competent, Liberty has the right to pay up to $2,000 to any of your relatives or any other person whom Liberty considers entitled thereto by reason of having incurred expense for the maintenance, medical attendance or burial. If Liberty in good faith pays the benefit in such a manner, any such payment shall fulfill Liberty’s responsibility for the amount paid.

What are Liberty’s Rights of Recovery?

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

1. fraud;
2. any error made by Liberty in processing a claim; or
3. your receipt of any Other Income Benefits.

Liberty 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 policy;
3. taking any appropriate collection activity available including any legal action needed; and
4. placing a lien, if not prohibited by law, in the amount of the overpayment on the proceeds of any Other Income Benefits, whether on a periodic or lump sum basis.

It is required that full reimbursement be made to Liberty.
SECTION 7 - GENERAL PROVISIONS
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How will Statements Made In Your Application Affect Your Coverage?

In the absence of fraud, all statements made in any application are considered representations and not warranties (absolute guarantees). No representation by:

1. the Sponsor in applying for this plan will make it void unless the representation is contained in the signed Application; or
2. you in enrolling for insurance under this plan will be used to reduce or deny a claim unless a copy of the Enrollment Form, signed by you if required, is or has been given to you.

What are Liberty's Rights of Subrogation and Reimbursement?

When your Injury appears to be someone else's fault, benefits otherwise payable under this policy for loss of time as a result of that Injury will not be paid unless you or your legal representative agree(s):

1. to repay Liberty for such benefits to the extent they are for losses for which compensation is paid to you by or on behalf of the person at fault;
2. to allow Liberty a lien on such compensation and to hold such compensation in trust for Liberty; and
3. to execute and give to Liberty any instruments needed to secure the rights under 1. and 2. above.

Further, when Liberty has paid benefits to or on your behalf, Liberty will be subrogated to all rights of recovery that you have against the person at fault. These subrogation rights will extend only to recovery of the amount Liberty has paid. You must execute and deliver any instruments needed and do whatever else is necessary to secure those rights to Liberty.

How does the Policy 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:  Long Term Disability and Short Term Disability Insurance

Plan benefits are provided under the terms of the Group Disability Income Policy No. GD3-880-054582-01 hereinafter referred to as "the policy", issued by Liberty Life Assurance Company of Boston, hereinafter referred to as "Liberty," to the Employer hereinafter referred to as "Sponsor".

Participants Included:  See Schedule of Benefits

Name and Address of Sponsor:

Plan Administration Committee
The George Washington University
45155 Research Place, Suite 160
Ashburn, VA 20147

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

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

Plan Identification Number:

a.  Sponsor IRS Identification No.:  53-0196584

b.  Plan No.:  505

Type of Plan:  Group Disability Income

Plan Year:  January 1st- December 31st

Plan Administrator, Name, Address and Telephone No:

Plan Administration Committee
The George Washington University
45155 Research Place, Suite 160
Ashburn, VA 20147
(571) 553-8382

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 Liberty's Policy:

The policy may be changed in whole or in part by mutual agreement of the Sponsor and Liberty. Only an Officer of Liberty 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 45 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 Liberty 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. Liberty 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 15.00% of the Employees eligible for any contributory insurance are insured for it; or
   c. the Sponsor fails:
      i. to furnish promptly any information which Liberty 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 Liberty 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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1. if the overall participation for all coverage options falls below 15.00% of the Employees eligible for benefits under this policy; and

2. if less than 15.00% of the Employees eligible for each coverage option are insured for it.

Termination may take effect on an earlier date if agreed to by the Sponsor and Liberty.

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 welfare 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.
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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.

What is the Time Frame For Claim Decisions?

If your claim is denied, Liberty will notify you of the adverse decision within a reasonable period of time, but not later than 45 days after receiving the claim. This 45-day period may be extended for up to 30 days, if Liberty: (1) determines the extension is necessary because of matters beyond the Plan’s control, and (2) notifies you, before the end of the 45-day period, why the extension is needed and the expected decision date. If, before the end of the first 30-day extension, Liberty determines, due to matters beyond the Plan’s control, a decision cannot be rendered within that extension period, the determination period may be extended for up to an additional 30 days, provided Liberty notifies you, before the end of the first 30-day extension period, why the extension is needed and the expected decision date.

The notice of extension shall explain: (1) the standards on which benefit entitlement is based, (2) the unresolved issues that prevent a claim decision, and (3) the additional information needed. You have at least 45 days to provide the information.

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.

If an extension is necessary because you failed to submit necessary information, the days from the date Liberty sends you the extension notice until you respond to the request for additional information are not counted as part of the claim determination period.
SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION
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What If Your Claim Is Denied?

Liberty'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 perfect the claim and an explanation of why that material or information is necessary;

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;

4. Either the specific internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standard or other similar criteria of the Plan relied upon in making the adverse determination or, alternatively, a statement that such rules, guidelines, protocols, standards or other similar criteria of the Plan do not exist;

5. If the adverse decision was based on a medical necessity, experimental treatment, or similar exclusion or limit, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the adverse decision, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request;

6. If applicable, the reason for not following the views of the treating professional, medical or vocational experts, or a disability determination by the Social Security Administration;

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

8. Notice in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

What Do You Do To Appeal A Claim Denial?

You, or your authorized representative, may appeal a denied claim within 180 days after you receive Liberty's notice of denial. You have the right to:

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

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

3. A review 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;

4. A review that does not afford deference to the initial adverse decision and which is conducted neither by the individual who made the adverse decision nor the person's subordinate;

5. If the appeal involves an adverse decision based on medical judgment, a review of your claim by a health care professional who has appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment, and who was neither consulted in connection with the adverse decision nor the subordinate of any such individual;

6. The identification of medical or vocational experts, if any, consulted in connection with the claim denial, without regard to whether the advice was relied upon in making the decision; and
7. A review and reasonable opportunity to respond to any new or additional evidence considered, relied upon, or generated, or any new or additional rationale in support of an adverse decision, before an adverse decision is rendered.
What Do You Do To Appeal A Claim Denial? (Continued)

Liberty will make a full and fair review of your appeal and may require additional documents as it deems necessary in making such a review. A final decision on the review will be made within a reasonable period of time but not later than 45 days following receipt of the written request for review unless Liberty determines that special circumstances require an extension. In such case, a written notice will be sent to you before the end of the initial 45-day period. The extension notice shall indicate the special circumstances and the date by which Liberty expects to render the appeal decision. The extension cannot exceed a period of 45 days from the end of the initial period.

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.

Liberty’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;

3. A statement describing any voluntary appeal procedures offered by Liberty and your right to obtain the information about such procedures, and a statement of your right to bring an action under ERISA, including any applicable contractual limitations period that applies to your right to bring such an action and the calendar date on which the contractual limitations period expires;

4. Either the specific internal rules, guidelines, protocols, standard or other similar criteria of the Plan relied upon in making the adverse decision or, alternatively, a statement that such rules, guidelines, protocols, standards or other similar criteria of the Plan do not exist;

5. If the adverse decision was based on a medical necessity, experimental treatment, or similar exclusion or limit, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the adverse decision, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request;

6. If applicable, the reason for not following the views of the treating professional, medical or vocational experts, or a disability determination by the Social Security Administration; and

7. Notice in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner.

You and your Plan may have other voluntary alternative dispute resolution options, such as mediation. One way to find out what may be available is to contact your local U.S. Department of Labor Office and your State insurance regulatory agency.