NOTICE OF

PROTECTION PROVIDED BY

ILLINOIS LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION

This notice provides a **brief summary** description of the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (the Association) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Illinois law which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your member life, annuity, health maintenance organization or health insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is placed into Receivership by the Insurance Department of the state in which the company is domiciled. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage, pay claims, or otherwise provide protection in accordance with Illinois law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies and health maintenance organizations.

The basic protections provided by the Associations per insured in each insolvency are:

- Life Insurance
 - \circ \$300,000 for death benefits
 - o \$100,000 for cash surrender or withdrawal values
- Health Insurance
 - \$500,000 for health benefit plans
 - \$300,000 for disability insurance benefits
 - \$300,000 for long-term care insurance benefits
 - \$100,000 for other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities
 - \circ \$250,000 for withdrawal and cash values

*The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$300,000, except special rules apply with regard to health benefit plan benefits for which the maximum amount of protection is \$500,000.

Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also residency requirements and other limitations under Illinois law.

To learn more about these protections, as well as protections relating to group contracts or retirement plans, please visit the Association's website at <u>www.ilhiga.org</u> or contact:

Illinois Life and Health	Illinois Department of Insurance
Insurance Guaranty Association	4 th Floor
901 Warrenville Road, Suite 400	320 West Washington Street
Lisle, Illinois 60532-4324	Springfield, Illinois 62767

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

The Association is not an insurance company or health maintenance organization. If you wish to contact your insurance company or health maintenance organization, please us the phone number found in your policy or contact the Illinois Department of Insurance at DOI.InfoDeskk@illinois.gov.

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