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WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN

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ARTICLE 1
VARIABLE PROVISIONS/DEFINITIONS

Section 1.01 PLAN

This Plan is intended to qualify as a welfare benefit plan of the Company under ERISA.

Section 1.02 PLAN SPONSOR

Name of adopting employer (Plan Sponsor): _____.

"Company" means the Plan Sponsor and any other entity that adopts the Plan with the consent of the Plan Sponsor.

Section 1.03 GENERAL PLAN INFORMATION

(a) Plan name: _____.

(b) Plan number: _____.

(c) Effective Date: _____. [This is a restatement of a prior plan document. The original effective date of Plan is: _____.]

(d) "Plan Year" means each 12-consecutive month period ending on: _____. [Short plan year option]

Section 1.04 SUBSIDIARY CONTRACTS

(a) "Subsidiary Contract" means any agreement, writing, contract, plan or arrangement between the Company and
[OPTION 1: a welfare benefit provider where the benefits provided are subject to ERISA.]
[OPTION 2: and the welfare benefit provider(s) specified in the Subsidiary Contracts Addendum, plus any successor providers.]

In addition, any statements of coverage provided by the Plan Administrator setting forth a description of the scope of coverage under the Plan as well as the options, terms, conditions and limitations related thereto are herein incorporated as part of the Subsidiary Contracts.

(b) [OPTIONAL] Notwithstanding the foregoing, "Subsidiary Contract" shall not include: _____.

Section 1.05 ELIGIBILITY

(a) Eligibility for benefits under the Subsidiary Contracts shall be determined by the Subsidiary Contracts.

(b) "Participant" means an employee of the Company that participates in one or more Subsidiary Contracts.

Section 1.06 PLAN OPERATIONS

The Plan Administrator shall be _____.

[OPTIONAL:

Section 1.07 INDEMNIFICATION

The Company shall indemnify and hold harmless any person serving as the Plan Administrator (and its delegate) from all claims, liabilities, losses, damages and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses, incurred by such persons in connection with their duties hereunder to the extent not covered by insurance, except when the same is due to such person's own gross negligence, willful misconduct, lack of good faith, or breach of its fiduciary duties under this Plan or ERISA.]

ARTICLE 2
BENEFITS

Section 2.01 INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

The actual terms and conditions of the Subsidiary Contracts offered under this Plan are contained in separate, written documents governing each respective benefit, and shall govern in the event of a conflict between the individual plan document and this Plan. To that end, each such separate Subsidiary Contract, as amended or subsequently replaced, is hereby incorporated by reference as if fully recited herein.

ARTICLE 3
PLAN ADMINISTRATION

Section 3.01 PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

(a) Designation. The Plan Administrator shall be specified in Article 1. In the absence of a designation in Article 1, the Plan Sponsor shall be the Plan Administrator. If a Committee is designated as the Plan Administrator, the Committee shall consist of one or more individuals who may be employees appointed by the Plan Sponsor and the Committee shall elect a chairman and may adopt such rules and procedures as it deems desirable. The Committee may also take action with or without formal meetings and may authorize one or more individuals, who may or may not be members of the Committee, to execute documents in its behalf.

(b) Authority and Responsibility of the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator shall be the Plan "administrator" as such term is defined in section 3(16) of ERISA, and as such shall have total and complete discretionary power and authority:

(i) to make factual determinations, to construe and interpret the provisions of the Plan, to correct defects and resolve ambiguities and inconsistencies therein and to supply omissions thereto. Any construction, interpretation or application of the Plan by the Plan Administrator shall be final, conclusive and binding;

(ii) to determine the amount, form or timing of benefits payable hereunder and the recipient thereof and to resolve any claim for benefits in accordance with Article 5;

(iii) to determine the amount and manner of any allocations hereunder;

(iv) to maintain and preserve records relating to the Plan;

(v) to prepare and furnish all information and notices required under applicable law or the provisions of this Plan;

(vi) to prepare and file or publish with the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of the Treasury, their delegates and all other appropriate government officials all reports and other information required under law to be so filed or published;

(vii) to hire such professional assistants and consultants as it, in its sole discretion, deems necessary or advisable; and shall be entitled, to the extent permitted by law, to rely conclusively on all tables, valuations, certificates, opinions and reports which are furnished by same;

(viii) to determine all questions of the eligibility of employees and of the status of rights of Participants under the Plan;

(ix) to determine the validity of any judicial order;

(x) to retain records on elections and waivers by Participants;

(xi) to supply such information to any person as may be required;

(xii) to perform such other functions and duties as are set forth in the Plan that are not specifically given to any other fiduciary or other person.

(c) Procedures. The Plan Administrator may adopt such rules and procedures as it deems necessary, desirable, or appropriate for the administration of the Plan. When making a determination or calculation, the Plan Administrator shall be entitled to rely upon information furnished to it. The Plan Administrator's decisions shall be binding and conclusive as to all parties.

(d) Allocation of Duties and Responsibilities. The Plan Administrator may designate other persons to carry out any of his duties and responsibilities under the Plan.

(e) Compensation. The Plan Administrator shall serve without compensation for its services.

(f) Expenses. All direct expenses of the Plan, the Plan Administrator and any other person in furtherance of their duties hereunder shall be paid or reimbursed by the Company.

(g) Allocation of Fiduciary Duties. A Plan fiduciary shall have only those specific powers, duties, responsibilities and obligations as are explicitly given him under the Plan. It is intended that each fiduciary shall not be responsible for any act or failure to act of another fiduciary. A fiduciary may serve in more than one fiduciary capacity with respect to the Plan.

Section 3.02 HIPAA PRIVACY RULES

(a) Application. This Section 3.02 shall only apply to the extent that this Plan constitutes a group health plan as defined in section 2791(a)(2) of the Public Health Service Act.

(b) Privacy Policy. The Plan shall adopt a HIPAA privacy policy, the terms of which are incorporated herein by reference.

(c) Business Associate Agreement. The Plan will enter into a business associate agreement with any persons as may be required by applicable law as determined by the Plan Administrator.

(d) Notice of Privacy Practices. The Plan will provide each Participant with a notice of privacy practices to the extent required by applicable law.

(e) Disclosure to the Company.

(1) In General. This Subsection permits the Plan to disclose protected health information ("PHI"), as defined in the HIPAA privacy rules, to the Company to the extent that such PHI is necessary for the Company to carry out its administrative functions related to the Plan.

(2) Permitted Disclosure. The Plan may disclose the PHI to the Company that is necessary for the Company to carry out the following administrative functions related to the Plan: eligibility determinations, enrollment and disenrollment activities, and Plan amendments or termination. The Company may use and disclose the PHI provided to it from the Plan only for the administrative purposes described in this Subsection.

(3) Limitations. The Company agrees to the following limitations and requirements related to its use and disclosure of PHI received from the Plan:

(A) Use and Further Disclosure. The Company shall not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the Plan document or as required by all applicable law, including but not limited to the HIPAA privacy rules. When using or disclosing PHI or when requesting PHI from the Plan, the Company shall make reasonable efforts to limit the PHI to the minimum amount necessary to accomplish the intended purpose of the use, disclosure or request.

(B) Agents and Subcontractors. The Company shall require any agents, including subcontractors, to whom it provides PHI received from the Plan to agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Company with respect to such information.

(C) Employment-Related Actions. Except as permitted by the HIPAA privacy rules and other applicable federal and state privacy laws, the Company shall not use PHI for employment-related actions and decisions, or in connection with any other employee benefit plan of the Company.

(D) Reporting of Improper Use or Disclosure. The Company shall promptly report to the Plan any improper use or disclosure of PHI of which it becomes aware.

(E) Adequate Protection. The Company shall provide adequate protection of PHI and separation between the Plan and the Company by: (i) ensuring that only those employees who work in the human resources department of the Company on issues related to the healthcare components of the Plan will have access to the PHI provided by the Plan; (ii) restricting access to and use of PHI to only the employees identified in clause (i) above and only for the administrative functions performed by the Company on behalf of the Plan that are described herein; (iii) requiring any agents of the Plan who receive PHI to abide by the Plan's privacy rules; and (iv) using the Company's established disciplinary procedures to resolve issues of noncompliance by the employees identified in clause (i) above.

(F) Return or Destruction of PHI. If feasible, the Company shall return or destroy all PHI received from the Plan that the Company maintains in any form, and retain no copies of such information when no longer needed for the purpose for which disclosure was made. If such return or destruction is not feasible, the Company shall limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible.

(G) Participant Rights. The Company shall provide Participants with the following rights: (i) the right to access to their PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §164.524; (ii) the right to amend their PHI upon request (or the Company will explain to the Participant in writing why the requested amendment was denied) and incorporate any such amendment into a Participant's PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §164.526; and (iii) the right to an accounting of all disclosures of their PHI in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §164.528.

(H) Cooperation with HHS. The Company shall make its books, records, and internal practices relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received from the Plan available to HHS for verification of the Plan's compliance with the HIPAA privacy rules.

(4) Certification. By executing the Plan, the Company hereby certifies that the Plan documents have been amended in accordance with 45 C.F.R. §164.504(f), and that the Company shall protect the PHI as described in Subsection 3 herein.

(5) Security Standards Requirement. To comply with the Security Standards regulations that were published on February 21, 2003, the Company must:

(A) implement administrative, physical and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the electronic PHI that it creates, receives, maintains or transmits on behalf of the Plan;

(B) ensure that the adequate separation required by 45 C.F.R. 164.504(f)(2)(iii) is supported by reasonable and appropriate security measures;

(C) ensure that any agent, including a subcontractor, to whom it provides this information agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect the information; and

(D) report to the Plan any security incident of which it becomes aware.

(6) Amendment. Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan, this Section may be amended in any way and at any time by the Privacy Officer.

(7) Effective Dates. Subsections (1) – (4) and Subsection (6) apply to the Plan no later than April 14, 2003, or such other date that the HIPAA Privacy Regulations apply to the Plan. Subsection (5) applies to the Plan no later than April 20, 2005, or such other date that the HIPAA Security Regulations apply to the Plan.

Section 3.03 MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS

In the event the Plan Administrator receives a medical child support order (within the meaning of ERISA section 609(a)(2)(B)), the Plan Administrator shall notify the affected Participant and any alternate recipient identified in the order of the receipt of the order and the Plan's procedures for determining whether such an order is a qualified medical child support order (within the meaning of ERISA section 609(a)(2)(A)). Within a reasonable period the Plan Administrator shall determine whether the order is a qualified medical child support order and shall notify the Participant and alternate recipient of such determination.

Section 3.04 FMLA/USERRA

To the extent the Plan is subject to the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA), the Plan Administrator shall permit a Participant taking unpaid leave under the FMLA to continue medical benefits under such applicable law. Non-medical benefits shall be continued according to the established Company policy. Participants continuing participation pursuant to the foregoing shall pay for such coverage (on a pre-tax or after-tax basis) under a method as determined by the Plan Administrator satisfying Treas. Reg. 1.125-3 Q&A-3. Any Participant on FMLA leave who revoked coverage shall be reinstated to the extent required by Treas. Reg. 1.125-3. If the Participant's coverage under the Plan terminates while the Participant is on FMLA leave, the Participant is not entitled to receive reimbursements for claims incurred during the period when the coverage is terminated. Upon reinstatement into the Plan upon return from FMLA leave, the Participant has the right to (i) resume coverage at the level in effect before the FMLA leave and make up the unpaid premium payments, or (ii) resume coverage at a level that is reduced by the amount of unpaid premiums and resume premium payments at the level in effect before the FMLA leave. The Plan Administrator shall also permit Participants to continue benefit elections as required under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act and shall provide such reinstatement rights as required by such law. The Plan Administrator shall also permit Participants to continue benefit elections as required under any other applicable state law to the extent that such law is not pre-empted by federal law.

Section 3.05 COBRA

To the extent the Plan is subject to COBRA (Code section 4980B and other applicable state law), a Participant shall be entitled to continuation coverage with respect to his or her health benefits as prescribed in Code Section 4980B (and the regulations thereunder) or such applicable state statutes.

Section 3.06 THIRD PARTY RECOVERY/REIMBURSEMENT

(a) The Plan Administrator may, but is not required to, utilize the provisions of this subsection to the extent not inconsistent with the provisions of any applicable Subsidiary Contract, in which case the provisions of the Subsidiary Contract shall control.

(b) In General. When a Participant or covered dependent receives Plan benefits which are related to medical expenses that are also payable under Workers' Compensation, any statute, any uninsured or underinsured motorist program, any no fault or school insurance program, any other insurance policy or any other plan of benefits, or when related medical expenses that arise through an act or omission of another person are paid by a third party, whether through legal action, settlement or for any other reason, the Participant shall reimburse the Plan for the related Plan benefits received out of any funds or monies the Participant recovers from any third party.

(c) Specific Requirements and Plan Rights. Because the Plan is entitled to reimbursement, the Plan shall be fully subrogated to any and all rights, recovery or causes of actions or claims that a Participant or covered dependent may have against any third party. The Plan is granted a specific and first right of reimbursement from any payment, amount or recovery from a third party. This right to is regardless of the manner in which the recovery is structured or worded, and even if the Participant or covered dependent has not been paid or fully reimbursed for all of their damages or expenses.

The Plan's share of the recovery shall not be reduced because the full damages or expenses claimed have not been reimbursed unless the Plan agrees in writing to such reduction. Further, the Plan's right to

subrogation or reimbursement will not be affected or reduced by the "make whole" doctrine, the "fund" doctrine, the "common fund" doctrine, comparative/contributory negligence, "collateral source" rule, "attorney's fund" doctrine, regulatory diligence or any other equitable defenses that may affect the Plan's right to subrogation or reimbursement.

The Plan may enforce its subrogation or reimbursement rights by requiring the Participant to assert a claim to any of the benefits to which the Participant or a covered dependent may be entitled. The Plan will not pay attorneys fees or costs associated with the claim or lawsuit without express written authorization from the Company.

If the Plan should become aware that a Participant or covered dependent has received a third party payment, amount or recovery and not reported such amount, the Plan, in its sole discretion, may suspend all further benefits payments related to the Participant and covered dependents until the reimbursable portion is returned to the Plan or offset against amounts that would otherwise be paid to or on behalf of the Participant or covered dependents.

(d) **Participant Duties and Actions.** By participating in the Plan each Participant and covered dependent consents and agrees that a constructive trust, lien or an equitable lien by agreement in favor of the Plan exists with regard to any settlement or recovery from a third person or party. In accordance with that constructive trust, lien or equitable lien by agreement, each Participant and covered dependent agrees to cooperate with the Plan in reimbursing it for Plan costs and expenses.

Once a Participant or covered dependent has any reason to believe that the Plan may be entitled to recovery from any third party, the Participant must notify the Plan. And, at that time, the Participant (and the Participant's attorney, if applicable) must sign a subrogation/reimbursement agreement that confirms the prior acceptance of the Plan's subrogation rights and the Plan's right to be reimbursed for expenses arising from circumstances that entitle the Participant or covered dependent to any payment, amount or recovery from a third party.

If a Participant fails or refuses to execute the required subrogation/ reimbursement agreement, the Plan may deny payment of any benefits to the Participant or covered dependent until the agreement is signed. Alternatively, if a Participant fails or refuses to execute the required subrogation/reimbursement agreement and the Plan nevertheless pays benefits to or on behalf of the Participant or a covered dependent, the Participant's acceptance of such benefits shall constitute agreement to the Plan's right to subrogation or reimbursement.

Each Participant and covered dependent consents and agrees that they shall not assign their rights to settlement or recovery against a third person or party to any other party, including their attorneys, without the Plan's consent. As such, the Plan's reimbursement will not be reduced by attorneys' fees and expenses without express written authorization from the Plan.

Section 3.07 HIPAA PORTABILITY RULES

To the extent the Plan constitutes a group health plan as defined in Treas. Reg. section 54.9801-2 or if the Plan Administrator determines that the Plan is subject to HIPAA portability rules, the Plan shall comply with the requirements of Code section 9801 et. Seq. including the requirement to cover children until the attainment of age 26 if the Plan makes dependent coverage of children available. The Plan Administrator shall only provide a certificate of creditable coverage to the extent the Plan constitutes a group health plan as defined in Treas. Reg. section 54.9801-2.

ARTICLE 4
FUNDING

Section 4.01 NO FUNDING REQUIRED

Except as otherwise required by law:

(a) Any amount contributed by a Participant and/or the Company to provide benefits hereunder shall remain part of the general assets of the Company and all payments of benefits under the Plan shall be made out of the general assets of the Company or the Subsidiary Contracts.

(b) The Company shall have no obligation to set aside any funds, establish a trust, or segregate any amounts for the purpose of making any benefit payments under this Plan. However, the Company may in its sole discretion, set aside funds, establish a trust, or segregate amounts for the purpose of making any benefit payments under this Plan.

(c) No person shall have any rights to, or interest in, any Account other than as expressly authorized in the Plan.

Section 4.02 FUNDING POLICY

The Company shall have the right to enter into a contract with one or more Subsidiary Contract providers for the purposes of providing any benefits under the Plan and to replace any of such Subsidiary Contracts. Any dividends, retroactive rate adjustments or other refunds of any type that may become payable under any such Subsidiary Contract shall not be assets of the Plan but shall be the property of, and shall be retained by the Company. The Company will not be liable for any loss or obligation relating to any insurance coverage except as is expressly provided by this plan. Such limitation shall include, but not be limited to, losses or obligations that pertain to the following:

(a) Once a Subsidiary Contract is applied for or obtained, the Company will not be liable for any loss which may result from the failure to pay premiums to the extent premium notices are not received by the Company;

(b) To the extent premium notices are received by the Company, the Company's liability for the payment of such premiums will be limited to such premiums and will not include liability for any other loss which result from such failure;

(c) When employment ends, the Company will have no liability to take any step to maintain any policy in force except as may be specifically required otherwise in this plan and the Company will not be liable for or responsible to see to the payment of any premium with respect to periods after employment ends.

ARTICLE 5
CLAIMS PROCEDURES

Section 5.01 CLAIMS PROCEDURES

(a) This Section 5.01 shall apply for any claim for benefits under a Subsidiary Contract unless the Subsidiary Contract has a claims procedure that is compliant with ERISA section 503. If the Subsidiary Contract has a claims procedure that is compliant with ERISA section 503, the claims procedure of the Subsidiary Contract shall apply.

A request for benefits is a "claim" subject to these procedures only if it is filed by the Participant or the Participant's authorized representative in accordance with the Plan's claim filing guidelines. In general, claims must be filed in writing (except urgent care claims, which may be made orally) with the applicable Subsidiary Contract provider. Any claim that does not relate to a specific benefit under the Plan (for example, a general eligibility claim or a dispute involving a mid-year election change) must be filed with the Plan Administrator. A request for prior approval of a benefit or service where prior approval is not required under the Plan is not a "claim" under these rules. Similarly, a casual inquiry about benefits or the circumstances under which benefits might be paid under the Plan is not a "claim" under these rules, unless it is determined that the inquiry is an attempt to file a claim. If a claim is received, but there is not enough information to process the claim, the Participant will be given an opportunity to provide the missing information.

Participants may designate an authorized representative if written notice of such designation is provided to the applicable provider identifying such authorized representative. In the case of a claim for medical benefits involving urgent care, a health care professional who has knowledge of the Participant's medical condition may act as an authorized representative with or without prior notice.

(b) **Timing of Notice of Claim.** The Plan Administrator shall notify the Claimant of any adverse benefit determination within a reasonable period of time, but not later than the time frame below, depending on the type of benefit being provided under the Subsidiary Contract under which the claim for benefits arises.

(i) **In General.** Notice will be provided 90 days after receipt of the claim. This period may be extended one time by the Plan for up to 90 days, provided that the Plan Administrator both determines that such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the Plan and notifies the Claimant, prior to the expiration of the initial 90-day period, of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which the Plan expects to render a decision.

(ii) **Group Health Plan Claims.** The timeframe for benefit determinations under group health plans shall be determined as provided under DOL Reg. section 2560.503-1(f)(2). For purposes of this Section 5.01, group health plan means a group health plan as defined in DOL Reg. section 2560.503-1(m)(6).

(iii) **Disability Plan Claims (or Claims Involving Disability).** Notice will be provided 45 days after receipt of the claim. This period may be extended by the Plan for up to 30 days, provided that the Plan Administrator both determines that such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the Plan and notifies the Claimant, prior to the expiration of the initial 45-day period, of the circumstances requiring the extension of time and the date by which the Plan expects to render a decision. The period for making the determination may be extended for up to an additional 30 days if Plan Administrator notifies the claimant prior to the expiration of the first 30-day extension period the circumstances of the extension and the date by which the Plan expects to render a decision. Any notice extension under this section shall explain the standards on which the entitlement to a benefit is based, the unresolved issues that prevent a decision on the claim, and the additional information needed to resolve those issues, and the claimant shall be afforded at least 45 days within which to provide the specified information.

(c) **Content of Notice of Denied Claim.**

(i) If a claim is wholly or partially denied, the Plan Administrator shall provide the Claimant with a written notice identifying (1) the reason or reasons for such denial, (2) the pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial is based, (3) any material or information needed to grant the claim and an explanation of why the

additional information is necessary, and (4) an explanation of the steps that the Claimant must take if he wishes to appeal the denial including a statement that the Claimant may bring a civil action under ERISA.

(ii) In addition, if the wholly or partially denied claim is by a Subsidiary Contract providing group health or disability benefits, the following information must also be included in the written notice: (1) If an internal rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse determination, either the specific rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion; or a statement that such a rule, guideline, protocol, or other similar criterion was relied upon in making the adverse determination and that a copy of such rule, guideline, protocol, or other criterion will be provided free of charge to the Claimant upon request; or (2) if the adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, either an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination, applying the terms of the Plan to the Claimant's medical circumstances, or a statement that such explanation will be provided free of charge upon request.

(iii) In the case of a wholly or partially denied claim involving urgent care (as defined in DOL Reg. section 2560.503-1(m)(1)) under a Subsidiary Contract providing group health benefits, the notice must include a description of the expedited review process applicable to such claims. In addition, the information described in this Section 5.01(c) may be provided orally within the timeframe required under Section 5.01(b) provided that a written or electronic notification is furnished to the claimant not later than 3 days after the oral notification.

(d) Appeal of Denied Claim.

(i) If a Claimant wishes to appeal the denial of a claim, he shall file a written appeal with the Plan Administrator on or before the 60th day after he receives the Plan Administrator's written notice that the claim has been wholly or partially denied (the 180th day for a claims involving a group health plan or disability benefits). The written appeal shall identify both the grounds and specific Plan provisions upon which the appeal is based. The Claimant shall lose the right to appeal if the appeal is not timely made.

(A) The Claimant shall be provided, upon request and free of charge, documents and other information relevant to his claim. A written appeal may also include any comments, statements or documents that the Claimant may desire to provide. The Plan Administrator shall consider the merits of the Claimant's written presentations, the merits of any facts or evidence in support of the denial of benefits, and such other facts and circumstances as the Plan Administrator may deem relevant.

(B) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (A) above, if the claim is under a Subsidiary Contract providing group health or disability benefits, the claims procedures shall be determined in accordance with DOL Reg. section 2560.503-1(h)(3) and 2560.503-1(h)(4).

(ii) The Plan Administrator shall ordinarily rule on an appeal within 60 days. However, if special circumstances require an extension and the Plan Administrator furnishes the Claimant with a written extension notice during the initial period, the Plan Administrator may take up to 120 days to rule on an appeal. If the denied claim is by a Subsidiary Contract providing group health or disability benefits, the timing of the Plan Administrator's review shall be determined in accordance with DOL Reg. section 2560.503-1(i)(2) and 560.503-1(i)(3).

(e) Denial of Appeal. If an appeal is wholly or partially denied, the Plan Administrator shall provide the Claimant with a notice identifying (1) the reason or reasons for such denial, (2) the pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial is based, (3) a statement that the Claimant is entitled to receive, upon request and free of charge, reasonable access to, and copies of, all documents, records, and other information relevant to the Claimant's claim for benefits, and (4) a statement describing the Claimant's right to bring an action under section 502(a) of ERISA. The determination rendered by the Plan Administrator shall be binding upon all parties. In addition, if the claim is under a Subsidiary Contract providing group health or disability benefits, the denial notice shall include additional information required under DOL Reg. section 2560.503-1(j)(5).

(f) Exhaustion of Remedies. Before a suit can be filed in federal court, claims must exhaust internal remedies.

(g) Additional Claims Processes.

(i) **Applicability.** This Subsection shall apply to the extent (1) the Plan constitutes a group health plan as defined in Treas. Reg. section 54.9801-2 or if the Plan Administrator determines that the Plan is subject to HIPAA portability rules and (2) the Plan is not a grandfathered health plan under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

(ii) **Effective Date.** This Subsection shall be effective the later of the first plan year beginning after September 23, 2010 or the date the Plan is no longer a grandfathered health plan under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

(iii) **Internal Claims Process.** The claims requirements above shall apply as the internal claims process except as provided under DOL Reg. 2590.715-2719 and any superseding guidance.

(1) **Adverse Benefit Determination.** An adverse benefit determination means an adverse benefit determination as defined in DOL Reg. 2560.503-1, as well as any rescission of coverage, as described in DOL Reg. 2590.715-2712(a)(2).

(2) **Expedited Urgent Care Determinations.** Claimants must be notified of benefit determinations (whether adverse or not) with respect to a claim involving urgent care (as defined in DOL Reg. section 2560.503-1(m)(1)) as soon as possible, taking into account the medical exigencies, but not later than 24 hours after the receipt of the claim. Other requirements of DOL Reg. section 2560.503-1(f)(2)(i) continue to apply.

(3) **Full and Fair Review.** A Claimant must be allowed to review the file and present evidence and testimony as part of the internal appeals process. Claimants must be provided, free of charge, with any new or additional evidence considered relied upon or generated by the Plan in connection with the claim sufficiently in advance of the final adverse benefit determination to give the Claimant a reasonable opportunity to respond prior to that date. The Plan must also meet the conflict of interest requirements under DOL Reg. 2590.715-2712(b)(2)(D).

(4) **Notice.** A description of available internal and external claims processes and information regarding how to initiate an appeal must be provided. Notices of adverse benefit determinations must include the information required under DOL Reg. 2590.715-2719(b)(2)(ii)(E) as applicable. The final notice of internal adverse benefit determination must include a discussion of the decision. Notice must be provided in a linguistically appropriate manner as provided under DOL Reg. 2590.715-2719(e). The Plan must disclose the contact information for any applicable office of health insurance consumer assistance or ombudsman established under PHS Act section 2793.

(5) **Deemed Exhaustion of Internal Claims Process.** If the Plan fails to strictly adhere to the requirements of DOL Reg. 2590.715-2719(b)(2), the claimant may initiate an external review under Section 6.02(b)(2) or may bring an action under section 502(a) of ERISA.

(iii) External Claims Process.

(1) **State Process.** To the extent the Plan is required under DOL Reg. section 2590.715-2719(c)(1)(i) or (c)(1)(ii) to comply with a State external claims process that includes at a minimum the consumer protections in the NAIC Uniform Model Act, then the plan or issuer must comply with the Federal external claims process of DOL Reg. section 2590.715-2719(c).

(2) **Federal Process.** To the extent the Plan is not required under DOL Reg. section 2590.715-2719(c)(1)(i) or (c)(1)(ii) to comply with the State external claims process, then the plan or issuer must comply with the Federal external claims process of DOL Reg. section 2590.715-2719(d) and any superseding guidance.

Section 5.02 MINOR OR LEGALLY INCOMPETENT PAYEE

If a distribution is to be made to an individual who is either a minor or legally incompetent, the Plan Administrator may direct that such distribution be paid to the legal guardian. If a distribution is to be made to a minor and there is no legal guardian, payment may be made to a parent of such minor or a responsible adult with whom the minor maintains his residence, or to the custodian for such minor under the Uniform Transfer to Minors Act, if such is permitted by the laws of the state in which such minor resides. Such payment shall fully discharge the Plan Administrator and the Company from further liability on account thereof.

Section 5.03 MISSING PAYEE

If the Plan Administrator is unable to make payment to any Participant or other person to whom a payment is due under the Plan because it cannot ascertain the identity or whereabouts of such Participants or other person after reasonable efforts have been made to identify or locate such person, such payment and all subsequent payments otherwise due to such Participant or other person shall be forfeited one year after the date any such payment first became due.

ARTICLE 6
AMENDMENT OR TERMINATION OF PLAN

Section 6.01 AMENDMENT

The provisions of the Plan may be amended in writing at any time and from time to time by the Plan Sponsor.

Section 6.02 TERMINATION

(a) It is the intention of the Plan Sponsor that this Plan will be permanent. However, the Plan Sponsor reserves the right to terminate the Plan at any time for any reason.

(b) Each entity constituting the Company reserves the right to terminate its participation in this Plan. In addition, each such entity constituting the Company shall be deemed to terminate its participation in the Plan if: (i) it is a party to a merger in which it is not the surviving entity and the surviving entity is not an affiliate of another entity constituting the Company, or (ii) it sells all or substantially all of its assets to an entity that is not an affiliate of another entity constituting the Company.

(c) Upon termination, any assets remaining in the Plan shall be used to pay outstanding benefit claims. To the extent permitted by the Subsidiary Contracts and to the extent the assets do not revert to the Company, any remaining assets shall be refunded to Participants.

ARTICLE 7
GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 7.01 NONALIENATION OF BENEFITS

No Participant or Beneficiary shall have the right to alienate, anticipate, commute, pledge, encumber or assign any of the benefits or payments which he may expect to receive, contingently or otherwise, under the Plan.

Section 7.02 NO RIGHT TO EMPLOYMENT

Nothing contained in this Plan shall be construed as a contract of employment between the Company and the Participant, or as a right of any employee to continue in the employment of the Company, or as a limitation of the right of the Company to discharge any of its employees, with or without cause.

Section 7.03 GOVERNING LAW

(a) The Plan shall be construed in accordance with and governed by the laws of the state or commonwealth of organization of the Plan Sponsor to the extent not preempted by Federal law.

(b) The Plan hereby incorporates by reference any provisions required by state law to the extent not preempted by Federal law.

Section 7.04 TAX EFFECT

The Company does not represent or guarantee that any particular federal, state or local income, payroll, personal property or other tax consequence will result from participation in this Plan. A Participant should consult with professional tax advisors to determine the tax consequences of his or her participation.

Section 7.05 SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS

If any provision of the Plan shall be held invalid or unenforceable, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect any other provisions hereof, and the Plan shall be construed and enforced as if such provisions had not been included.

Section 7.06 HEADINGS AND CAPTIONS

The headings and captions herein are provided for reference and convenience only, shall not be considered part of the Plan, and shall not be employed in the construction of the Plan.

Section 7.07 GENDER AND NUMBER

Except where otherwise clearly indicated by context, the masculine and the neuter shall include the feminine and the neuter, the singular shall include the plural, and vice-versa.

Section 7.08 EFFECT OF MISTAKE

In the event of a mistake as to the eligibility or participation of an employee, or the allocations made to the account of any Participant, or the amount of distributions made or to be made to a Participant or other person, the Plan Administrator shall, to the extent it deems possible, cause to be allocated or cause to be withheld or accelerated, or otherwise make adjustment of, such amounts as will in its judgment accord to such Participant or other person the credits to the account or distributions to which he is properly entitled under the Plan. Such action by the Administrator may include withholding of any amounts due the Plan or the Company from Compensation paid by the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Plan Sponsor has executed this Plan to be effective _____, 20__.

Plan Sponsor

By: _____

Title: _____