## THE INSURANCE CODE OF 1956 (EXCERPT) Act 218 of 1956

## 500.3933 Summary of coverage.

Sec. 3933.

An insurer that offers long-term care insurance shall provide to a prospective applicant before application and upon request before renewal a summary of coverage and shall obtain an acknowledgment of receipt of the summary on the application form or renewal form by obtaining the applicant's signature. An insurer using direct sales response shall provide the summary of coverage to an applicant in conjunction with the initial application and upon request before renewal. The summary of coverage shall be a free-standing document, using no smaller than 10-point type, and shall not contain advertising material. The summary of coverage shall be in substantially the following form:

(COMPANY NAME)

(ADDRESS: CITY AND STATE)

(TELEPHONE)

## LONG-TERM CARE POLICY SUMMARY OF COVERAGE

[Policy number or group master policy and certificate number] Caution: The issuance of this long-term care insurance policy is based upon your responses to the questions on your application. A copy of your [application] [enrollment form] [is enclosed] [was retained by you when you applied]. If your answers are incorrect or untrue, the company has the right to deny benefits or rescind your policy. The best time to clear up any questions is now, before a claim arises. If, for any reason, any of your answers are incorrect, contact the company at this address: [insert address]

- 1. This policy is [use 1 of the following:] an individual policy of insurance; a group certificate that was issued in the [indicate jurisdiction in which group certificate was issued].
- 2. Purpose of the summary of coverage. This summary of coverage provides a very brief description of the important features of the policy. You should compare this summary of coverage to summaries of coverage for other policies available to you. This is not an insurance contract, but only a summary of coverage. Only the policy contains governing contractual provisions. This means that the policy sets forth in detail the rights and obligations of both you and the insurance company. Therefore, if you purchase this coverage, or any other coverage, it is important that you read your policy carefully.
  - 3. The following are terms under which the policy may be returned and premium refunded:
- (a) Your new policy provides 30 days within which you may decide, without cost, whether you desire to keep the policy.
- (b) [Include a statement that the policy either does or does not contain provisions providing for a refund or partial refund of premium upon the death of an insured or surrender of the policy. If the policy contains these provisions, include a description of them.]
- 4. This is not medicare supplemental coverage. If you are eligible for medicare, review the medicare supplemental buyer's guide available from the insurance company. [For agents] neither [insert company name] nor its agents represent medicare, the federal government, or any state government. [For direct response] [insert company name] is not representing medicare, the federal government, or any state government.
- 5. Long-term care coverage. Policies of this category are designed to provide coverage for 1 or more necessary or medically necessary diagnostic, preventive, therapeutic, rehabilitative, maintenance, or personal care services, provided in a setting other than an acute care unit of a hospital, such as in a nursing home, in the community, or in the home. This policy provides coverage in the form of a fixed dollar indemnity benefit for covered long-term care expenses, subject to policy [limitations] [waiting periods] and [coinsurance] requirements. [Modify this paragraph if the policy is not an indemnity policy.]
  - 6. Benefits provided by this policy are the following:

Category	Definition	Company Benefits
Skilled nursing care	Requires daily attendance, monitoring, evaluation and/or observation by licensed health personnel in a licensed skilled nursing care facility	\$ per day
Maximum days payable		days
Intermediate/basic/custodial nursing care	Is care that includes assistance in activities of daily living that can be provided by persons without medical skill in a licensed intermediate or skilled nursing care facility	\$ per day

Maximum days payable		days	
Home health benefits:— Daily benefit—Maximum days payable—Restrictions	Will this policy cover home care and what are the restrictions?	Yes \$per d days	_No day
Prior hospitalization	Policies may not require that you be placed in a hospital for a certain number of days before you can receive coverage for nursing home care		
Day benefits begin	After you have entered the nursing home, when will the policy start to pay for coverage?		
Preexisting conditions waiting period	If you have been treated in the last 6 months for a condition, will this policy cover your treatment?	Yes	_No
	Does this policy cover you only after a waiting period?	Yes	_No
	How long is the waiting period?	days	
Prior approval for coverage	Is prior approval needed before your policy will give you coverage?	Yes	_No
Motor vehicle accidents	Will this policy provide coverage for long-term care needed as a result of a motor vehicle accident?	Yes	_No
Evidence of insurability	Is a physical examination required?	Yes	_No
	Do you have to answer a series of health questions?	Yes	_No
Guaranteed renewal	As long as you pay your premiums on time, the company will continue to insure you.		
Waiver of premium	Are there circumstances under which you receive coverage, but do not have to pay the premium?	Yes	_No

- 7. This policy may not cover all the expenses associated with your long-term care needs. [Provide a brief specific description of any policy provisions that limit, exclude, restrict, reduce, delay, or in any other manner operate to qualify payment of the benefits.]
- 8. Relationship of cost of care and benefits. Because the costs of long-term care services will likely increase over time, you should consider whether and how the benefits of this plan may be adjusted. [As applicable, indicate the following:
  - (a) That the benefit level will not increase over time.
  - (b) Any automatic benefit adjustment provisions.
- (c) Whether the insured will be guaranteed the option to buy additional benefits and the basis upon which benefits will be increased over time if not by a specified amount or percentage.
- (d) If there is such a guarantee, include whether additional underwriting or health screening will be required, the frequency and amounts of the upgrade options, and any significant restrictions or limitations.
  - (e) Describe whether there will be any additional premium charge imposed, and how that is to be calculated.]
  - 9. Terms under which the policy may be continued in force or discontinued.
  - [(a) Describe the policy renewability provisions.
  - (b) For group coverage, specifically describe applicable continuation/conversion provisions.
  - (c) Describe waiver of premium provisions or state that there are no such provisions.
- (d) State whether or not the company has a right to change premium, and if such a right exists, describe clearly and concisely each circumstance under which the premium may change.]
  - 10. Organic brain disorders and dementia, including Alzheimer's disease.

[State that the policy provides coverage for insureds who are clinically diagnosed as having dementia or related degenerative illnesses including Alzheimer's disease. Specifically describe each benefit screen or other policy provision that provides preconditions to the availability of policy benefits for such an insured including whether there is a screen for cognitive impairment.]

- 11. Premium.
- [(a) State the total annual premium for the policy.
- (b) If the premium varies with an applicant's choice among benefit options, indicate the portion of annual premium that corresponds to each benefit option.]
  - 12. Additional features.
  - [(a) Indicate if medical underwriting is used.
  - (b) Describe other important features.]
  - I have read this summary and understand that this summary is for my own use and is mine to keep.

Prospective Applicant's Signature

Date

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