## **US Airways, Inc.**

## Retired Early-out and Former Piedmont Pilots

Employee Term Life Coverage

Basic and Optional Plans

Dependents Term Life Coverage



## **Disclosure Notice**

#### FOR ARKANSAS RESIDENTS

Prudential's Customer Service Office:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America Prudential Group Life Claim Division P.O. Box 8517 Philadelphia, PA 19176 1-800-524-0542

If Prudential fails to provide you with reasonable and adequate service, you may contact:

Arkansas Insurance Department Consumer Services Division 1200 West Third Street Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1904 1-800-852-5494

#### FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS

The benefits of the policy providing your coverage are governed by the law of a state other than Florida.

#### FOR INDIANA RESIDENTS

Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America (800) 524-0542

If you (a) need the assistance of the governmental agency that regulates insurance; or (b) have a complaint you have been unable to resolve with your insurer you may contact the Department of Insurance by mail, telephone or e-mail:

State of Indiana Department of Insurance Consumer Services Division 311 West Washington Street, Suite 300 Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Consumer Hotline: (800) 622-4461; (317) 232-2395

Complaints can be filed electronically at www.in.gov/idoi.

#### FOR MARYLAND RESIDENTS

The Group Insurance Contract providing coverage under this Certificate was issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.

#### FOR WISCONSIN RESIDENTS

#### KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS

Problems with Your Insurance? – If you are having problems with your insurance company or agent, do not hesitate to contact the insurance company or agent to resolve your problem.

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You can also contact the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, a state agency which enforces Wisconsin's insurance laws, and file a complaint. You can contact the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance by contacting:

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance Complaints Department P.O. Box 7873 Madison, WI 53707-7873 1-800-236-8517 608-266-0103

#### THIS NOTICE IS FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS ONLY

#### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

#### **AVISO IMPORTANTE**

To obtain information or make a complaint:

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at:

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información acerca de compañías, coberturas, derechos o quejas al:

#### 1-800-252-3439

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You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas:

P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 Fax: (512) 475-1771 P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 Fax: (512) 475-1771

Web: http://www.tdi.state.tx.us

Web: http://www.tdi.state.tx.us

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

#### PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES:

## DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS:

Should you have a dispute concerning your premium or about a claim you should contact Prudential first. If the dispute is not resolved, you may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con Prudential primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

## ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR POLICY:

#### **UNA ESTE AVISO A SU POLIZA:**

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

Este aviso es sólo para propósito de información y no se convierte en parte o condición del documento adjunto.

## **Disclosure Notice**

#### NOTE:

IF YOU EXERCISE THIS OPTION, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE THAT:

- ANY PAYMENT MADE UNDER THIS OPTION MAY BE TAXABLE.
- YOUR ABILITY TO RECEIVE CERTAIN GOVERNMENT BENEFITS OR ENTITLEMENTS MAY BE AFFECTED.

YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK THE HELP OF A PROFESSIONAL TAX AND/OR LEGAL ADVISOR FOR ASSISTANCE WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.

Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits For a Terminally III or Injured Employee: Your Group Life plan includes an option to give you flexibility in how your group life insurance benefits will be paid. If you become terminally ill or injured, this option may allow you to have part of your life insurance benefits, which would otherwise be paid at your death, to be paid in advance to you while you are alive.

**Eligibility:** To be eligible to elect this option, you must furnish proof satisfactory to Prudential that your life expectancy is months or less, including certification by a qualified doctor. Election of this option is also subject to the Rules below.

**Amount of Benefit:** The amount to be paid under this option is 80% of the amount of your life insurance benefits, but not more than \$500,000. You may elect to have the money in one sum or equal monthly payments.

**Effect of Option:** If you elect this option, the amount of your life insurance benefits payable to your beneficiary on your death will be reduced by the advanced payment. Also, if you are contributing for your life insurance benefits, the amount of your contribution will be adjusted based on the amount of insurance remaining in force.

**Rules:** You cannot elect this option if your life insurance benefits are assigned. This option is available to you on a voluntary basis only. You are not eligible for it if: (1) you are required to use it to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise; or (2) you are required by a government agency to use it in order to apply for, get or keep a government benefit or entitlement. You can elect this option only once.

**Termination of the Group Contract or your Life Insurance Benefits:** This option is available only while your life insurance benefits are in force under the group contract or while your life insurance protection is being continued under an extension of benefits. If your life insurance benefits end for any reason, including termination of the group contract, and the insurance is not being continued under an extended benefit, this option will also terminate.

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Employee: The Employee whose signature appears on the Foreword.

## Certificate of Coverage

**Prudential** certifies that insurance is provided according to the Group Contract(s) for each Insured Employee. Your Booklet's Schedule of Benefits shows the Contract Holder and the Group Contract Number(s).

Insured Employee: You are eligible to become insured under the Group Contract if you are in the Covered Classes of the Booklet's Schedule of Benefits and meet the requirements in the Booklet's Who is Eligible section. The When You Become Insured section of the Booklet states how and when you may become insured for each Coverage. Your insurance will end when the rules in the When Your Insurance Ends section so provide. Your Booklet and this Certificate of Coverage together form your Group Insurance Certificate.

Beneficiary for Employee Death Benefits: See the Booklet's Beneficiary Rules.

Coverages and Amounts: The available Coverages and the amounts of insurance are described in the Booklet.

If you are insured, your Booklet and this Certificate of Coverage form your Group Insurance Certificate. Together they replace any older booklets and certificates issued to you for the Coverages in the Booklet's Schedule of Benefits. All Benefits are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes the Group Insurance Certificate.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America 751 Broad Street Newark, New Jersey 07102

### **Foreword**

We are pleased to present you with this Booklet. It describes the Program of benefits we have arranged for you and what you have to do to be covered for these benefits.

We believe this Program provides worthwhile protection for you and your family.

Please read this Booklet carefully. If you have any questions about the Program, we will be happy to answer them.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: This Booklet is an important document and should be kept in a safe place. This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage made a part of this Booklet together form your Group Insurance Certificate. Sign your name in the space below when you receive this Booklet.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN

STATES: There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions under the Coverage(s) described in this Group Insurance Certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your Coverage(s) and are made a part of your Group Insurance Certificate. Prudential has a website that describes these state-specific requirements. You may access the website at www.prudential.com/etonline. When you access the website, you will be asked to enter your state of residence and your Access Code. Your Access Code is 46566.

If you are unable to access this website, want to receive a printed copy of these requirements or have any questions, call Prudential at 1-866-439-9026.

Signature of Employee	

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## Schedule of Benefits

**Covered Classes:** The "Covered Classes" are these Employees of the Contract Holder (and its Associated Companies): The following Retired Employees as reported to Prudential by the Contract Holder:

- (1) Retired Early-out Pilots less than age 65.
- (2) Former Piedmont Pilots who retired prior to April 1, 1990.

**Program Date:** June 1, 2012. This Booklet describes the benefits under the Group Program as of the Program Date.

- This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage together form your Group Insurance Certificate.
  The Coverages in this Booklet are insured under a Group Contract issued by Prudential. All
  benefits are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes the Group
  Insurance Certificate. It alone forms the agreement under which payment of insurance is made.
- The Employer expects to continue the Group Program indefinitely. But the Employer reserves
  the right to change or end it at any time. This would change or end the terms of the Group
  Program in effect at that time for active and retired Employees.

#### **BASIC EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE COVERAGE**

#### **BENEFIT AMOUNTS:**

**Amount For Each Benefit Class:** 

Benefit Classes Amount of Insurance

Early-out Pilots An amount of insurance as reported to

Prudential by the Contract Holder

Coverage under the Basic Employee Term Life Coverage will terminate at the end of the month in which you attain age 65.

**Former Piedmont Pilots** 

Amount of Monthly earnings at Date of Retirement

\$1,100 but less than \$1,500 \$35,000

\$1,500 and over. \$75,000

#### OPTIONAL EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE COVERAGE

#### **BENEFIT AMOUNTS:**

#### **Amount For Each Benefit Class:**

Benefit Classes Amount of Insurance

All Employees The amount for which you were insured under

the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage

on the date of retirement.

Coverage under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage will terminate at the end of the month in which you attain age 60.

**Effect of Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits:** Your amount of insurance (as determined in the absence of this provision) will be reduced by the amount of any Terminal Condition Proceeds paid under the Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits.

#### **DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE COVERAGE**

The amount of insurance is the amount for your Benefit Class. Your Benefit Class is determined by the classification of your dependents as shown in this table.

Qualified Dependents Classification	Amount of Insurance
Early-out Pilots	
Your spouse or Domestic Partner	\$2,500.
Your children age 15 days or over but less than 6 months	\$1,250.
Your children age 6 months or over	\$2,500.
Former Piedmont Pilots	
Your spouse or Domestic Partner	\$5,000.
Your children age 15 days or over but less than 6 months	\$200.00.
Your children age 6 months or over	\$2,500.

Coverage under the Dependents Term Life Coverage will terminate at the end of the month in which you attain age 65.

#### OTHER INFORMATION

Contract Holder: US AIRWAYS, INC.

Group Contract No.: G-46566-PA

**Associated Companies:** Associated Companies are employers who are the Contract Holder's subsidiaries or affiliates and are reported to Prudential in writing for inclusion under the Group Contract, provided that Prudential has approved such request.

Cost of Insurance: Insurance under the Coverage(s) listed below is Non-Contributory Insurance.

Basic Employee Term Life Coverage

Dependents Term Life Coverage

Insurance under the other Coverage(s) in this Booklet is Contributory Insurance. You will be informed of the amount of your contribution when you enroll. Any contribution due but unpaid at your death will be deducted from the death benefit. You may obtain more information by contacting Benefits US at 888-860-6178.

#### **Prudential's Address:**

The Prudential Insurance Company of America 80 Livingston Avenue Roseland, New Jersey 07068

#### WHEN YOU HAVE A CLAIM

Each time a claim is made, it should be made without delay. Use a claim form, and follow the instructions on the form.

If you do not have a claim form, contact Benefits US at 888-860-8178.

## Who is Eligible to Become Insured

#### FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

You are eligible to become insured for Employee Insurance while:

You are in a Covered Class.

**Your class** is determined by the Contract Holder. This will be done under its rules, on dates it sets. The Contract Holder must not discriminate among persons in like situations. You cannot belong to more than one class for insurance on each basis, Contributory or Non-contributory Insurance, under a Coverage. "Class" means Covered Class, Benefit Class or anything related to work, such as position or earnings, which affects the insurance available.

The rules for obtaining Employee Insurance are in the When You Become Insured section.

#### FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

You are eligible to become insured for Dependents Insurance while:

- You are eligible for Employee Insurance; and
- You have a Qualified Dependent.

#### **Qualified Dependents:**

These are the persons for whom you may obtain Dependents Insurance:

Your spouse or Domestic Partner.

Your Domestic Partner is a person of the same sex who:

- (a) you report in an affidavit of domestic partnership satisfactory to US Airways; and
- (b) is an unmarried adult over the age of 18; and
- (c) has lived with you for at least 6 consecutive months prior to the person's enrollment in the Program; and
- (d) has a serious and committed relationship with you; and
- (e) is not legally married nor a Domestic Partner to anyone else; and
- (f) is financially interdependent with you; and
- (g) is not otherwise a Qualified Dependent under the Program.

Either a spouse or a Domestic Partner may be a Qualified Dependent under the Program at any one time, but not both at the same time.

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Your unmarried children 15 days to 18 years old.\*

\*This age limit will not apply until the end of the calendar year in which your Qualified Dependent child attains age 18.

Your children include your legally adopted children, children placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption, and each of your stepchildren, Domestic Partner's children, and foster children who depends on you for support and maintenance. A child placed with you for adoption prior to legal adoption is considered your Qualified Dependent from the date of placement for adoption, and is treated as though the child were a newborn child born to you.

#### **Exceptions:**

- (1) The age 18 limit does not apply to a child who:
  - (a) wholly depends on you for support and maintenance;
  - (b) is enrolled as a full-time student in a school; and
  - (c) is less than the Student Age Limit.

Student Age Limit: 23.\*\*

- \*\*This age limit will not apply until the end of the calendar year in which your Qualified Dependent child attains age 23.
- (2) Your spouse, Domestic Partner or child is not your Qualified Dependent while:
  - (a) on active duty in the armed forces of any country; or
  - (b) insured under any Employee Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract; or
  - (c) the spouse, Domestic Partner or child has protection under any Employee Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract after the spouse's or child's insurance under that Coverage ends.

The rules for obtaining Dependents Insurance are in the When You Become Insured section.

## When You Become Insured

#### FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

Your Employee Insurance under a Coverage will begin the first day on which:

- You have enrolled, if the Coverage is Contributory; and
- You are eligible for Employee Insurance; and
- You are in a Covered Class for that insurance; and
- That Coverage is part of the Group Contract.

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For Contributory Insurance, you must enroll in a format approved by Prudential and agree to pay the required contributions. Your Employer will tell you whether contributions are required and the amount of any contribution when you enroll.

At any time, the benefits for which you are insured are those for your class, unless otherwise stated.

#### FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

Your Dependents Insurance under a Coverage for a person will begin the first day on which all of these conditions are met:

- The person is your Qualified Dependent.
- You are in a Covered Class for that insurance.
- To be insured for a Qualified Dependent under the Dependents Term Life Coverage, you must be insured under an Employee Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract.
- Your insurance for that Qualified Dependent is not being delayed under the Delay of Effective Date section below.
- Dependents Insurance under that Coverage is part of the Group Contract.

At any time, the Dependents Insurance benefits for which you are insured are those for your class, unless otherwise stated.

**Change in Family Status:** It is important that you inform the Employer promptly when you first acquire a Qualified Dependent. You should also inform the Employer if your Dependents Insurance status changes from one to another of these categories:

- No Qualified Dependents.
- Qualified Dependent spouse or Domestic Partner only.
- Qualified Dependent spouse or Domestic Partner and children.
- Qualified Dependent children only.

If you are insured under a Coverage for one or more children, you need not report additional children.

Forms are available for reporting these changes.

## Delay of Effective Date

#### FOR DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE COVERAGE

A Qualified Dependent may be confined for medical care or treatment, at home or elsewhere. If a Qualified Dependent is so confined on the day that your Dependents Insurance under a Coverage for that Qualified Dependent, or any change in that insurance that is subject to this section, would take effect, it will not then take effect. The insurance or change will take effect upon the Qualified Dependent's final medical release from all such confinement. The other requirements for the insurance or change must also be met.

Newborn Child Exception: This section does not apply to a child of yours if the child is born to you and either:

- (1) is your first Qualified Dependent; or
- (2) becomes a Qualified Dependent while you are insured for Dependents Insurance under that Coverage for any other Qualified Dependent.

Also, this section does not apply to any age increase in the amount of insurance for a child under the Dependents Term Life Coverage.

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## Basic Employee Term Life Coverage

#### FOR YOU ONLY

#### A. DEATH BENEFIT WHILE A COVERED PERSON.

If you die while a Covered Person, the amount of your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death.

#### B. DEATH BENEFIT DURING CONVERSION PERIOD.

A death benefit is payable under this Section B if you die:

- (1) within 31 days after you cease to be a Covered Person; and
- (2) while entitled (under Section C) to convert your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage to an individual contract.

The amount of the benefit is equal to the amount of Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage you were entitled to convert. It is payable even if you did not apply for conversion. It is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death.

#### C. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

If you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance of the Group Contract for one of the reasons stated below, you may convert all or part of your insurance under this Coverage, which then ends, to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. The reasons are:

- (1) Your employment ends or you transfer out of a Covered Class.
- (2) All term life insurance of the Group Contract for your class ends by amendment or otherwise. But, on the date it ends, you must have been insured for five years for that insurance (or for that insurance and any Prudential rider or group contract replaced by that insurance).
- (3) You voluntarily end your Employee Term Life Insurance.

Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section C.

**Availability:** You must apply for the individual contract and pay the first premium by the later of:

- (1) the thirty-first day after you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance; and
- (2) the fifteenth day after you have been given written notice of the conversion privilege. But, in no event may you convert the insurance to an individual contract if you do not apply for the contract and pay the first premium prior to the ninety-second day after you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance.

83500 LIF R 10049 Individual Contract Rules: The individual contract must conform to the following:

Amount: Not more than your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage when your insurance ends. But, if it ends because all term life insurance of the Group Contract for your class ends, the total amount of individual insurance which you may get in place of all your life insurance then ending under the Group Contract will not exceed the lesser of the following:

- (1) The total amount of all your life insurance then ending under the Group Contract reduced by the amount of group life insurance from any carrier for which you are or become eligible within the next 31 days.
- (2) \$10,000.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

- (1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and
- (2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for.

This does not include term insurance or a contract with disability or supplementary benefits.

Premium: Based on Prudential's rate as it applies to the form and amount, and to your class of risk and age at the time.

Effective Date: The end of the 31 day period after you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance.

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Any death benefit provided under a section of this Coverage is payable according to that section and the Beneficiary and Mode of Settlement Rules.

## Optional Employee Term Life Coverage

#### FOR YOU ONLY

#### A. DEATH BENEFIT WHILE A COVERED PERSON.

If you die while a Covered Person, the amount of your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death. But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section D.

#### B. DEATH BENEFIT DURING CONVERSION PERIOD.

A death benefit is payable under this Section B if you die:

- (1) within 31 days after you cease to be a Covered Person; and
- (2) while entitled (under Section C) to convert your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage to an individual contract.

The amount of the benefit is equal to the amount of Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage you were entitled to convert. It is payable even if you did not apply for conversion. It is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death. But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section D.

#### C. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

If you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance of the Group Contract for one of the reasons stated below, you may convert all or part of your insurance under this Coverage, which then ends, to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. The reasons are:

- (1) Your employment ends or you transfer out of a Covered Class.
- (2) All term life insurance of the Group Contract for your class ends by amendment or otherwise. But, on the date it ends, you must have been insured for five years for that insurance (or for that insurance and any Prudential rider or group contract replaced by that insurance).
- (3) You voluntarily end your Employee Term Life Insurance.

Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section C.

Availability: You must apply for the individual contract and pay the first premium by the later of:

- (1) the thirty-first day after you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance; and
- (2) the fifteenth day after you have been given written notice of the conversion privilege. But, in no event may you convert the insurance to an individual contract if you do not apply for the contract and pay the first premium prior to the ninety-second day after you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance.

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Individual Contract Rules: The individual contract must conform to the following:

Amount: Not more than your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage when your insurance ends. But, if it ends because all term life insurance of the Group Contract for your class ends, the total amount of individual insurance which you may get in place of all your life insurance then ending under the Group Contract will not exceed the lesser of the following:

- (1) The total amount of all your life insurance then ending under the Group Contract reduced by the amount of group life insurance from any carrier for which you are or become eligible within the next 31 days.
- (2) \$10,000.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

- (1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and
- (2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for.

This does not include term insurance or a contract with disability or supplementary benefits.

Premium: Based on Prudential's rate as it applies to the form and amount, and to your class of risk and age at the time.

Effective Date: The end of the 31 day period after you cease to be insured for the Employee Term Life Insurance.

#### D. SUICIDE EXCLUSION.

If your death results from or is caused by suicide, while sane or insane:

- (1) A death benefit is not payable if you die within two years of the date you became a Covered Person. But, Prudential will refund any premiums paid for your Employee Term Life Insurance under this Coverage.
- (2) The amount of any increase in your death benefit is not payable if you die within two years of the date of the increase. But, Prudential will refund any premiums paid for that increase.

Any death benefit provided under a section of this Coverage is payable according to that section and the Beneficiary and Mode of Settlement Rules.

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# Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits for a Terminally III or Injured Employee

#### Note:

- (1) If you elect this option, the amount of your Employee Term Life Insurance is reduced by any payment made under this option.
- (2) Any payment made under this option may be taxable. You are advised to seek the help of a professional tax advisor for assistance with any questions that you may have.

The following is added to the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage provision:

#### **Definitions**

- Terminal Condition: A medically determinable condition that results in your becoming a Terminally III or Injured Employee.
- Terminally III or Injured Employee: An Employee whose life expectancy is 12 months or less.
- Terminal Condition Proceeds: The amount of Optional Employee Term Life Insurance that you may elect to place under this option. The Terminal Condition Proceeds are equal to 80% of the amount in force on your life on the date Prudential receives the proof that you are a Terminally III or Injured Employee, but not more than \$500,000. However, the Terminal Condition Proceeds will be reduced if, within 12 months after the date Prudential receives such proof, a reduction on account of age would have applied to the amount of your Optional Employee Term Life Insurance. In that case, the amount of the Terminal Condition Proceeds will not exceed the amount of such Insurance after applying the reduction.

**Option:** If you become a Terminally III or Injured Employee while insured under the Optional Employee Term Life Insurance provision or while your death benefit protection is being extended under the Optional Employee Term Life Coverage provision, you may elect to have the Terminal Condition Proceeds placed under this option. That election is subject to the rules set forth below. To exercise this option, you should use a claim form and follow the instructions on the form. If you do not have a claim form, contact your Employer. When payment is made under this option, Prudential will send you a benefit payment notice. The notice will indicate: (1) the amount of your Terminal Condition Proceeds; and (2) the amount of your Optional Employee Term Life Insurance, if any, that remains in effect.

**Payment of Terminal Condition Proceeds:** If you elect this option, Prudential will pay the Terminal Condition Proceeds you place under this option in one sum when it receives proof that you are a Terminally III or Injured Employee.

If you do not want the Terminal Condition Proceeds in one sum, you may elect to have them paid in 12 equal monthly installments. The first monthly payment will be due when Prudential receives proof that you are a Terminally III or Injured Employee. The other payments are due on the same day of each later month.

**To Whom Payable:** The benefits under this provision are payable to you.

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**Amount Due But Unpaid at Your Death:** If you elect monthly installments and you die before all payments have been made, Prudential will pay your Beneficiary or Beneficiaries determined under the Beneficiary Rules in one sum. That sum will be the total of the payments that remain.

Rules: Your right to be paid under this option is subject to these terms:

- (1) You must choose this option in writing in a form that satisfies Prudential.
- (2) You must furnish proof that satisfies Prudential that your life expectancy is 12 months or less, including certification by a Doctor.
- (3) Your Optional Employee Term Life Insurance must not be assigned.
- (4) Terminal Condition Proceeds will be made available to you on a voluntary basis only. Therefore:
  - (a) If you are required by law to use this option to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise, you are not eligible for this benefit.
  - (b) If you are required by a government agency to use this option in order to apply for, get or keep a government benefit or entitlement, you are not eligible for this benefit.
- (5) You may elect this option only once.

**Effect on Insurance:** This benefit is in lieu of the benefits that would have been paid on your death with respect to the Terminal Condition Proceeds. When you elect this option, the total amount of Optional Employee Term Life Insurance otherwise payable on your death, including any amount under an extended death benefit, will be reduced by the Terminal Condition Proceeds. Also, any amount you could otherwise have converted to an individual contract will be reduced by the Terminal Condition Proceeds.

## Optional Dependents Term Life Coverage

#### FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ONLY

#### A. DEATH BENEFIT WHILE A COVERED PERSON.

If a dependent dies while a Covered Person, the amount of insurance on that dependent under this Coverage is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death.

#### B. DEATH BENEFIT DURING A CONVERSION PERIOD.

A death benefit is payable under this Section B if a dependent dies:

- (1) within 31 days after ceasing to be a Covered Person; and
- (2) while entitled (under Section C) to a conversion of the insurance under this Coverage to an individual contract.

The amount of the benefit is equal to the amount of Dependents Term Life Coverage which could have been converted. It is payable even if conversion was not applied for. It is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death.

#### C. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

This privilege applies if you cease to be insured for the Dependents Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract with respect to a dependent. That dependent may have your insurance on the dependent under this Coverage, which then ends, converted to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. However, conversion is not available if the insurance ends this reason:

(1) All Dependents Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract for your class ends by amendment or otherwise. This (1) does not apply if, on the date it ends, you have been insured with respect to the dependent for five years for that insurance (or for that insurance and any Prudential rider or group contract replaced by that insurance).

Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section C.

**Availability:** The individual contract must be applied for and the first premium must be paid by the later of:

- (1) the thirty-first day after you cease to be insured for Dependents Term Life Coverage with respect to the dependent; and
- (2) the fifteenth day after you have been given written notice of the conversion privilege. But, in no event may you convert the insurance to an individual contract if you do not apply for the contract and pay the first premium prior to the ninety-second day after you cease to be insured for Dependents Term Life Coverage with respect to the dependent.

83500 DPL R 10008 Individual Contract Rules: The individual contract must conform to the following:

Amount: Not more than the amount of Dependents Term Life Coverage on the dependent ending under this Coverage. But, if it ends because all the Dependents Term Life Coverage of the Group Contract for your class ends, the total amount of individual insurance which may be obtained in place of all the Dependents Term Life Coverage on the dependent then ending under the Group Contract will not exceed the lesser of the following:

- (1) The total amount of all your Dependents Term Life Coverage on the dependent then ending under the Group Contract reduced by the amount of group life insurance from any carrier for which you are or become eligible with respect to the dependent within the next 31 days.
- (2) \$10,000.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

- (1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and
- (2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for.

This does not include term insurance or a contract with disability or supplementary benefits.

Premium: Based on Prudential's rate as it applies to the form and amount, and to the dependent's class of risk and age at the time.

Effective Date: The end of the 31 day period after you cease to be insured for Dependents Term Life Coverage with respect to the dependent.

Any death benefit provided under a section of this Coverage is payable to you. If you are not living at the death of a dependent\*, the death benefit is payable to the dependent's estate or, at Prudential's option, to any one or more of these surviving relatives of the dependent: wife; husband; mother; father; children; brothers; sisters.

\*If you and a dependent die in the same event and it cannot be determined who died first, the insurance will be payable as if that dependent died before you.

## **General Information**

#### **BENEFICIARY RULES**

The rules in this section apply to insurance payable on account of your death, when the Coverage states that they do. But these rules are modified by any burial expenses rule in the Schedule of Benefits and, if there is an assignment, by the following sections: Limits on Assignments; and Effect of Gift Assignment of Rights of Group Life Insurance Under Another Group Contract.

"Beneficiary" means a person chosen, on a form approved by Prudential, to receive the insurance benefits.

You have the right to choose a Beneficiary for each Coverage under this Prudential Group Contract.

If there is a Beneficiary for the insurance under a Coverage, it is payable to that Beneficiary. Any amount of insurance under a Coverage for which there is no Beneficiary at your death will be payable to the first of the following: your (a) surviving spouse; (b) surviving child(ren) in equal shares; (c) surviving parents in equal shares; (d) surviving siblings in equal shares; (e) estate. This order will apply unless otherwise provided in the Limits on Assignments.

You may change the Beneficiary at any time without the consent of the present Beneficiary. The Beneficiary change form must be filed through the Contract Holder. The change will take effect on the date the form is signed. But it will not apply to any amount paid by Prudential before it receives the form.

If there is more than one Beneficiary but the Beneficiary form does not specify their shares, they will share equally. If a Beneficiary dies before you, that Beneficiary's interest will end. It will be shared equally by any remaining Beneficiaries, unless the Beneficiary form states otherwise.

If you and a Beneficiary die in the same event and it cannot be determined who died first, the insurance will be payable as if that Beneficiary died before you.

#### MODE OF SETTLEMENT RULES

The rules in this section apply to Life Insurance payable on account of a Covered Person's death. But these rules are subject to the Limits on Assignments section.

Life Insurance is normally paid to the Beneficiary in one sum. Subject to applicable law, where the amount of the benefit meets Prudential's current minimum requirement, payment in one sum will be made by establishing a retained asset account in the Beneficiary's name, unless the Beneficiary elects another settlement or payment option available at the time of claim, and the benefit distribution will be deemed complete when the account is established. The retained asset account is an interest-bearing draft account backed by the financial strength of Prudential. Funds are held in Prudential's general account or elsewhere as Prudential may direct and an account in the Beneficiary's name is credited interest at a rate set by Prudential's discretion, subject to a minimum rate that will change no more than once every 90 days on advance notice to the Beneficiary. The Beneficiary is provided a draftbook and has immediate access to the entire amount by writing drafts for any amount up to the account balance. The retained asset account is not a bank account and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; it is a contractual undertaking between Prudential and the Beneficiary. Further information about the account is provided at the time of claim. Prudential may at its discretion provide other forms of payment in one sum. But another mode of settlement may be arranged with Prudential for all or part of the insurance, as stated below.

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Arrangements for Mode of Settlement: You may arrange a mode of settlement by proper written request to Prudential.

If, at a Covered Person's death, no mode of settlement has been arranged for an amount of the person's Life Insurance, the Beneficiary and Prudential may then mutually agree on a mode of settlement for that amount.

Conditions for Mode of Settlement: The Beneficiary must be a natural person taking in the Beneficiary's own right. A mode of settlement will apply to secondary Beneficiaries only if Prudential agrees in writing. Each installment to a person must not be less than \$20.00. A change of Beneficiary will void any mode of settlement arranged before the change.

Choice by Beneficiary: A Beneficiary being paid under a mode of settlement may, if Prudential agrees, choose (or change the Beneficiary's choice of) a payee or payees to receive, in one sum, any amount which would otherwise be payable to the Beneficiary's estate.

Prudential has prepared information about the modes of settlement available. Ask the Contract Holder for this.

#### **INCONTESTABILITY OF LIFE INSURANCE**

This limits Prudential's use of a person's statements in contesting an amount of Life Insurance for which the person is insured. These are statements made to persuade Prudential to accept the person for insurance. They will be considered to be made to the best of the person's knowledge and belief. These rules apply to each statement:

- (1) It will not be used in the contest unless:
  - (a) It is in a written instrument signed by the person and
  - (b) A copy of that instrument is or has been furnished to the person or to the person's Beneficiary.
- (2) If it relates to the person's insurability, it will not be used to contest the validity of insurance which has been in force, before the contest, for at least two years during the person's lifetime.

#### **LIMITS ON ASSIGNMENTS**

Assignments are not allowed.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

Calendar Year: A year starting January 1.

**Contributory Insurance, Non-contributory Insurance:** Contributory Insurance is insurance for which the cost is fully or partially paid by Employee contributions. Non-contributory Insurance is insurance for which the Contract Holder does not have the right to require your contributions. The Schedule of Benefits shows whether insurance under a Coverage is Contributory Insurance or Non-contributory Insurance.

Coverage: A part of the Booklet consisting of:

- (1) A benefit page labeled as a Coverage in its title.
- (2) Any page or pages that continue the same kind of benefits.
- (3) A Schedule of Benefits entry and other benefit pages or forms that by their terms apply to that kind of benefits.

**Covered Person under a Coverage:** An Employee who is insured for Employee Insurance under that Coverage; a Qualified Dependent for whom an Employee is insured for Dependents Insurance, if any, under that Coverage.

**Dependents Insurance:** Insurance on the person of a dependent.

**Doctor:** A licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of the license.

**Employee:** A person employed by the Employer; a proprietor or partner of the Employer. The term also applies to that person for any rights after insurance ends.

**Employee Insurance:** Insurance on the person of an Employee.

**The Employer:** Collectively, all employers included under the Group Contract.

Injury: Injury to the body of a Covered Person.

**Prudential:** The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

**Sickness:** Any disorder of the body or mind of a Covered Person, but not an Injury; pregnancy of a Covered Person, including abortion, miscarriage or childbirth.

You: A Retired Employee.

## When Your Insurance Ends

#### **EMPLOYEE AND DEPENDENTS INSURANCE**

Your Employee Insurance under a Coverage or your Dependents Insurance under a Coverage will end when the first of these occurs:

- You are no longer in the Covered Classes for the insurance.
- The part of the Group Contract providing the insurance ends.
- For Contributory Insurance under a Coverage of the Group Contract, you fail to pay, when due, any contribution required. But, if Employee Insurance is Contributory, failure to contribute for Dependents Insurance will not cause your Employee Insurance to end.
- The Insurance is Dependents Insurance under the Dependents Term Life Coverage and your Employee Insurance under the Employee Term Life Coverage ends.

Your Dependents Insurance for a Qualified Dependent under a Coverage will end when that person ceases to be a Qualified Dependent for that Coverage. (See Continued Coverage for an Incapacitated Child below.)

**Continued Coverage for an Incapacitated Child:** This applies to the Dependents Insurance you have for a child. The insurance for the child will not end on the date the age limit in the definition of Qualified Dependent is reached if both of these are true:

- (1) The child is then mentally or physically incapable of earning a living. Prudential must receive proof of this within the next 31 days.
- (2) The child otherwise meets the definition of Qualified Dependent.

If these conditions are met, the age limit will not cause the child to stop being a Qualified Dependent under that Coverage. This will apply as long as the child remains so incapacitated.

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## Vermont Life Insurance Mandatory Civil Union Endorsement

#### **PURPOSE**

This endorsement is part of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements to which it is attached and is intended to provide benefits for parties to a civil union. Vermont law requires that insurance contracts and policies offered to married persons and their families be made available to parties to a civil union and their families. In order to receive benefits in accordance with this endorsement, the civil union must have been established in the state of Vermont according to Vermont law.

#### **GENERAL DEFINITIONS, TERMS CONDITIONS AND PROVISIONS**

The general definitions, terms, conditions or any other provisions of the policy, contract, certificate and/or riders and endorsements to which this mandatory endorsement is attached are hereby amended and superseded as follows:

Terms that mean or refer to a marital relationship or that may be construed to mean or refer to a marital relationship: such as "marriage", "spouse", "husband", "wife", "dependent", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor", "immediate family" and any other such terms include the relationship created by a civil union.

Terms that mean or refer to a family relationship arising from a marriage such as "family", "immediate family", "dependent", "children", "next of kin", "relative", "beneficiary", "survivor" and any other such terms include the family relationship created by a civil union.

Terms that mean or refer to the inception or dissolution of a marriage, such as "date of marriage", "divorce decree", "termination of marriage" and any other such terms include the inception or dissolution of a civil union.

"Dependent" means a spouse, a party to a civil union, and/or a child or children (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union.

"Child or covered child" means a child (natural, step-child, legally adopted or a minor who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a civil union.

#### **CAUTIONARY DISCLOSURE**

THIS ENDORSEMENT IS ISSUED TO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF VERMONT LAW AS EXPLAINED IN THE "PURPOSE" PARAGRAPH OF THE ENDORSEMENT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OR ANOTHER STATE GOVERNMENT MAY NOT RECOGNIZE THE BENEFITS GRANTED UNDER THIS ENDORSEMENT. YOU ARE ADVISED TO SEEK EXPERT ADVICE TO DETERMINE YOUR RIGHTS UNDER THIS CONTRACT.

83500 VTE 5002 The Summary Plan Description
is not part of the
Group Insurance Certificate.
It has been provided by
your Employer and included in
your Booklet-Certificate
upon the Employer's request.

#### **SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION**

This booklet is intended to comply with the disclosure requirements of the regulations issued by the U.S. Department of Labor under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA) of 1974. ERISA requires that you be given a "Summary Plan Description" which describes the plan and informs you of your rights under it.

#### **Plan Name**

US Airways, Inc. Group Life and Disability Plan

#### **Plan Number**

516

#### Type of Plan

Basic and Optional Employee Term Life and Dependents Term Life Coverage under the Employee Welfare Benefit Plan

#### **Plan Sponsor**

US Airways, Inc. 4000 E. Sky Harbor Blvd. Phoenix, Arizona 85034

#### **Employer Identification Number**

53-0218143

#### **Plan Administrator**

US Airways, Inc. Attention: Benefits Department 4000 E. Sky Harbor Blvd. Phoenix, Arizona 85034

#### **Agent for Service of Legal Process**

US Airways, Inc. Attention: Benefits Department 4000 E. Sky Harbor Blvd. Phoenix, Arizona 85034

#### Plan Year Ends

The financial records for this Plan are kept on a calendar year basis, ending on December 31

#### **Plan Costs**

At present, the premiums for the Plan are paid by the Employer(for all Non-contributory Insurance coverage) or the Covered Employees (for all Contributory Insurance coverage)

#### **Plan Document**

This Summary Plan Description is intended to help you understand the main features of the Plan. It should not be considered a substitute for the Plan document, which governs the operation of the Plan. That document sets forth all of the details and provisions concerning the Plan and is subject to amendment; the official Plan document may consist of one or more documents designated as Plan documents by the Employer. If any questions arise that are not covered in this Summary Plan Description or if this Summary Plan Description appears to conflict with the official Plan document, the text of the official Plan document which includes the Group Insurance Contract will govern.

For certain employee groups, coverage under the Plan is maintained pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement. You can obtain a copy of your collective bargaining agreement by contacting your local management or union representative. A copy is also available for examination at the office of the Plan Administrator during normal business hours.

#### Plan Benefits Provided by

The Prudential Insurance Company of America 751 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

This Group Contract underwritten by The Prudential Insurance Company of America provides insured benefits under your Employer's ERISA plan(s). For all purposes of this Group Contract, the Employer/Contract Holder acts on its own behalf or as an agent of its employees. Under no circumstances will the Employer/Contract Holder be deemed the agent of The Prudential Insurance Company of America, absent a written authorization of such status executed between the Employer/Contract Holder and The Prudential Insurance Company of America. Nothing in these documents shall, of themselves, be deemed to be such written execution.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America as Claims Administrator has the sole discretion to interpret the terms of the Group Contract, to make factual findings, and to determine eligibility for benefits. The decision of the Claims Administrator shall not be overturned unless arbitrary and capricious.

#### Loss of Benefits

You must continue to be a member of the class to which this plan pertains and continue to make any of the contributions agreed to when you enroll. Failure to do so may result in partial or total loss of your benefits. It is intended that this plan will be continued for an indefinite period of time. But, the employer reserves the right to change or terminate the plan. This booklet describes your rights upon termination of the plan.

While you can receive information on how to file a claim under this Plan by contacting Benefits US at 888.860.6178 (as described in the When You Have a Claim section on page 5 of this booklet), the actual claim procedure is as follows:

#### **Claim Procedures**

#### 1. Determination of Benefits

Prudential shall notify you of the claim determination within 45 days of the receipt of your claim. This period may be extended by 30 days if such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide your claim, shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. This period may be extended for an additional 30 days beyond the original 30-day extension if necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the additional extension, the reason for the additional extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide on your claim, shall be furnished to you within the first 30-day extension period if an additional extension of time is needed. However, if a period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the period for making the benefit determination by Prudential will be tolled (i.e., suspended) from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If your claim for benefits is denied, in whole or in part, you or your authorized representative will receive a written notice from Prudential of your denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by you and shall include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the denial,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the benefit determination was based,
- (c) a description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect a claim and an explanation of why such information is necessary,
- (d) a description of Prudential's appeals procedures and applicable time limits, including a statement of your right to bring a civil action under section 502(a) of ERISA following your appeals, and
- (e) if an adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination will be provided free of charge upon request.

#### 2. Appeals of Adverse Determination

If your claim for benefits is denied or if you do not receive a response to your claim within the appropriate time frame (in which case the claim for benefits is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may appeal your denied claim in writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

A full review of the information in the claim file and any new information submitted to support the appeal will be conducted by Prudential, utilizing individuals not involved in the initial benefit determination. This review will not afford any deference to the initial benefit determination.

Prudential shall make a determination on your claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to an additional 45 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date that Prudential expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled (i.e., suspended) from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the determination was based,
- (c) a statement that you are entitled to receive upon request and free of charge reasonable access to, and make copies of, all records, documents and other information relevant to your benefit claim upon request,
- (d) a description of Prudential's review procedures and applicable time limits,
- (e) a statement that you have the right to obtain upon request and free of charge, a copy of internal rules or guidelines relied upon in making this determination, and
- (f) a statement describing any appeals procedures offered by the plan, and your right to bring a civil suit under ERISA.

If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

If the appeal of your benefit claim is denied or if you do not receive a response to your appeal within the appropriate time frame (in which case the appeal is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may make a second, voluntary appeal of your denial in writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your second appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

Prudential shall make a determination on your second claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to an additional 45 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which Prudential expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

Your decision to submit a benefit dispute to this voluntary second level of appeal has no effect on your right to any other benefits under this plan. If you elect to initiate a lawsuit without submitting to a second level of appeal, the plan waives any right to assert that you failed to exhaust administrative remedies. If you elect to submit the dispute to the second level of appeal, the plan agrees that any statute of limitations or other defense based on timeliness is tolled during the time that the appeal is pending.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part for a second time, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include the same information that was included in the first adverse determination letter. If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

#### **Rights and Protections**

As a participant in this plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), as amended. ERISA provides that all plan participants shall be entitled to:

#### Receive Information about Your Plan and Benefits

- Examine, without charge, at the plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all documents governing the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements, 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.
- Obtain, upon written request to the plan administrator, copies of documents governing the
  operation of the plan, including insurance contracts and collective bargaining agreements,
  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.
- 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.

#### **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

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. 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. 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.

#### **Enforce Your Rights**

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. The procedures for filing claims and appealing claims are described on the previous pages of this Summary Plan Description. If your claim is denied, you will not be able to pursue this claim in court until you have timely requested a review of the denial in accordance with the plan's claims procedures.

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. If, after following the plan's claims procedures (as described on the previous pages of this Summary Plan Description), you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in 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, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

#### Assistance with Your Questions

If you have any questions about your plan, you should contact the plan administrator. 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, DC 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.