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The information obtained with this authorization may be used by Guardian to determine eligibility for benefits under The Insured's policy.

I, the undersigned, **AUTHORIZE** and request any physician, medical or mental health professional, medical practitioner, hospital, clinic, healthcare or other medical or medically related facility, healthcare provider, pharmacy, pharmacy benefit manager, therapist, benefit plan administrator, business associate, insurer or reinsurer, consumer reporting agency subject to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, insurance support organization, insurance agent, employer, payroll processor, employer service provider, financial institution, Governmental Agency including The Social Security Administration, The Veteran's Administration or any other organization or person having any knowledge of The Insured to give The Guardian Life Insurance Company of America ("Guardian") or its employees and agents, or its authorized representatives, or third parties, any information in its possession about The Insured. This information includes, but is not limited to, medical information as to cause, treatment, diagnoses, prognoses, consultations, examinations, tests or prescriptions with respect to The Insured's physical or mental condition or treatment of The Insured. This may include (but is not limited to) HIV infection, any disorder of the immune system, including acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS), sexually transmitted diseases, mental illness or use of alcohol or drugs, unless otherwise restricted by state law. This information also includes non-medical information concerning The Insured, The Insured's occupation, driving history, employment history, earnings or finances or information otherwise needed to determine policy claim benefits that may be due The Insured.

I, the undersigned, **UNDERSTAND** that this authorization is part of the policy's Proof of Loss requirement and if I revoke or fail to sign this authorization or alter its content in any way, it may affect the handling of The Insured's claim, including the denial of benefits under The Insured's policy. Any information obtained will not be released by Guardian to any person or organization except to: affiliates (including but not limited to Berkshire Life Insurance Company of America); reinsuring companies; other persons (including but not limited to The Insured's attending medical provider), or insurance support organizations performing business or legal services in connection with The Insured's claim or application for insurance, or as may be otherwise lawfully required, or as I may further authorize. Information disclosed pursuant to this authorization is no longer covered by federal privacy rules and may be redisclosed pursuant to this authorization or as otherwise permitted or required by law. In the event that my coverage with Guardian requires me to pursue benefits available from the Social Security Administration, I further authorize Guardian to disclose information contained in my claim file with third parties specializing in social security disability claims.

I, the undersigned, **UNDERSTAND** that I have the right to revoke this authorization in writing at any time by sending a written request for revocation to Guardian at P.O. Box 14333, Lexington KY 40512. I understand that a revocation is not effective to the extent that Guardian has already relied on this authorization, or to the extent that the company has a legal right to contest a claim under an insurance policy or to contest the policy itself.

I, the undersigned, **AGREE**. A photocopy of this form is as valid as the original, and I may request one. I agree this authorization extends to all future requests, including records, past the date of the signature below. This form is valid up to 24 months (12 months in Kansas) from the date shown below.

I, the undersigned, **AUTHORIZE** the Social Security Administration to release information or records about (The Insured) to Guardian or its authorized representative or third parties. This information is to be released in order to properly adjudicate The Insured's claim or continue The Insured's eligibility for benefits. Please release detailed earnings for up to the last ten years and/or summary record of total earnings and/or information from master benefit records regarding award, denial or continuing benefits.

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**Signature of Insured (or Authorized Representative)**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

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**Name and Phone # of Authorized Representative**

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**Relationship of Authorized Representative**

**Name of Insured:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Claim #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Policy #:** \_\_\_\_\_

**The laws of several states require the following statements to appear on the claim form:**

**Alabama:** For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form: The falsity of any statement in the application shall not bar the right to recovery under the policy unless such false statement was made with actual intent to deceive or unless it materially affected either the acceptance of the risk or the hazard assumed by the insurer.

**Arizona:** For your protection Arizona law requires the following statement to appear on this form. Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**California:** For your protection California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents false or fraudulent information to obtain or amend insurance coverage or make a claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

**Colorado:** It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance within the Department of Regulatory Agencies.

**Connecticut, Iowa, Nebraska and Oregon:** Any person who knowingly, and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files an application of insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, may be guilty of a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime, and may also be subject to civil penalties.

**Delaware, Indiana and Oklahoma:** WARNING: Any person who knowingly, and with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

**District of Columbia:** WARNING: It is a crime to provide false or misleading information to an insurer for the purpose of defrauding the insurer or any other person. Penalties include imprisonment and/or fines. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits, if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the applicant.

**Florida:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud, or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

**Kansas:** Any person who knowingly, and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person, files an application of insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, may be guilty of insurance fraud as determined by a court of law.

**Kentucky:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

**Louisiana and Texas:** Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinements in state prison.

**New Mexico:** Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment or a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to civil fines and criminal penalties or denial of insurance benefits.

**Maine, Tennessee and Washington:** It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines or a denial of insurance benefit.

**Maryland:** Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

**Minnesota:** A person who files a claim with intent to defraud or helps commit a fraud against an insurer is guilty of a crime.

**New Hampshire:** Any person who, with a purpose to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company, files a statement of claim containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is subject to prosecution and punishment for insurance fraud, as provided in N.H. Rev. Stat. Ann. § 638:20.

**New Jersey:** Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**Ohio:** Any person who with intent to defraud or knowing that he/she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

**Pennsylvania:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

**Rhode Island:** Any person who knowingly and willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly and willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

**Vermont:** It is a crime for any person knowingly to provide material false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company, for any person knowingly to provide material false, incomplete, or misleading information concerning the sale of