# NOTICE

## NEW JERSEY LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT

Residents of New Jersey who purchase life insurance, annuities or health insurance should know that the insurance companies licensed in this state to write these types of insurance are members of the New Jersey Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association.

The purpose of this association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the Guaranty Association will assess its other member insurance companies for the money to pay the claims of insured persons who live in this state and, in some cases, to keep coverage in force.

The valuable extra protection provided by these insurers through the Guaranty Association is not unlimited, however. And, as noted below, this protection is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting companies that are well-managed and financially stable.

# DISCLAIMER

The New Jersey Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association may not provide coverage for this policy. If coverage is provided, it may be subject to substantial limitations or exclusions, and require continued residency in New Jersey. You should not rely on coverage by the New Jersey Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.

Coverage is NOT provided for your policy or any portion of it that is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which you had assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus.

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. However, insurance companies and their agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the guaranty association to induce you to purchase any kind of insurance policy.

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The state law that provides for this safety-net coverage is called the New Jersey Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, N.J.S.A. 17B:32A-1, et seq. (the "Act").

## **COVERAGE**

The following is a brief summary of this law's coverages, exclusions and limits. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone's rights or obligations under the Act or the rights or obligations of the guaranty association.

Generally, individuals will be protected by the Life and Health insurance Guaranty Association if they live in New Jersey and hold a life, health or long-term care insurance contract, annuity contract, or if they are insured under a group insurance contract, issued by a member insurer.

The beneficiaries, payees or assignees of insured persons are protected as well, even if they live in another state.

#### EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

However, persons holding such policies are not protected by this Association if:

- they are eligible for protection under the laws of another state (this may occur when the insolvent insurer was incorporated in another state whose guaranty association protects insureds who live outside that state);
- the insurer was not authorized to do business in this state;
- the policy is issued by an organization which is not a member of the New Jersey Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association.

The Association also does not provide coverage for:

- any policy or portion of a policy which is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus;
- any policy of reinsurance (unless as assumption certificate was issued);
- interest rate yields that exceed an average rate as more fully described in Section 3 of the Act;
- dividends;
- credits given in connection with the administration of a policy by a group contractholder;
- employers' plans to the extent they are self-funded (that is, not insured by an insurance company, even if an insurance company administers them).

#### LIMITS ON AMOUNT OF COVERAGE

The Act also limits the amount the Association is obligated to pay out. The Association cannot pay more than what the insurance company would owe under a policy of contract.

With respect to any one insured individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, the Association will pay not more than \$500,000 in life insurance death benefits and present value annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values. Within this overall limit, the Association will not pay more than \$100,000 in cash surrender values for annuity benefits, \$500,000 in life insurance death benefits or \$500,000 in present value of annuities – again no matter how many policies and contracts that were with the same company, and no matter how many different types of coverages.

The Association will not pay more than \$2,000,000 in benefits to any one contractholder under any one unallocated annuity contract.

There are no limits on the benefits the Association will pay with respect to any one group, blanket or individual accident and health insurance policy.

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