

# **Notice of Continuation of Coverage**

As a terminated employee – or as an active employee or retiree – losing coverage or a portion of coverage under your employer's Group plan(s), you may be eligible to continue all or a portion of that coverage without submitting evidence of good health. Potential options are explained below. The specific options available to you are based on the provisions as defined in the Group plan. Included with this notice is a form you can submit to obtain additional information. Based on your selection, you will receive a personalized quote, details on the specific coverage options available to you, and the necessary forms to enroll.

#### **Life Conversion**

The Life Conversion option provides the opportunity for you to obtain an individual life insurance policy that accumulates cash value and is offered at individual insurance rates. There are no mandatory age reductions and coverage can continue with premium payment until the Scheduled Maturity Date (generally age 100 or 120, depending on the policy version) at which time the Cash Surrender Value is paid to the insured.

If coverage is ending because The Hartford Group Life policy is terminating or coverage for a class of employees is terminating, some restrictions may apply. If coverage is ending for any other reason, you can generally convert up to the full amount of your terminating coverage. Conversion is also available to your dependents if they had coverage under your group plan. Residents of New York and West Virginia have the option for an 11-month term policy prior to the permanent life policy becoming effective. **Premiums for a Life Conversion policy are substantially higher than your Employer Group plan rates.** 

## **Portability**

Under the Portability option you may obtain a group life insurance policy to continue 100%, 75%, or 50% of the amount of life insurance coverage (Basic, Supplemental, or both) you had under your Group plan up to a maximum amount, generally \$250,000 depending upon the provisions of your Group plan. The Portability policy provides group term coverage and is available to you provided you have not yet reached your Social Security full retirement age. The Portability option may also be available to your dependents if you carried dependent coverage under your employer's group plan and if the group plan includes portability as an option for dependents. The amount of coverage you elect to port is reduced by 75% at age 65 and coverage terminates at age 75. Portability is not available if your employer is terminating the group plan. Additional restrictions may also apply. Premiums for a Life Portability policy may be higher than your Employer Group plan rates and rates increase every five years (years in which your age on your birthday ends in 5 or 0).

# Standalone Accidental Death and Dismemberment (SAAD&D) Conversion

Under this conversion option, you may convert your Employer Group Standalone Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage to a group conversion policy. Subject to certain limitations and exclusions, this policy covers you against death and dismemberment caused by an accident, 24 hours a day anywhere in the world, whether you are traveling or are at work or play. The Principal Sum you elect to convert cannot exceed the lesser of the Principal Sum you carried under your group plan or the state maximum shown below. Coverage automatically decreases to \$25,000 upon reaching age 70 and to \$12,500 upon reaching age 75. The conversion option may be available to your dependents if you carried dependent coverage under your employer's group plan. Premiums for a Standalone Accidental Death and Dismemberment Conversion policy are higher than your Employer Group plan rates.

**Non-NY Residents** may choose any amount between \$25,000 and \$250,000 in \$1,000 increments. Rates increase upon reaching age 75 but you are not subject to an age limit.

**NY Residents ONLY** may choose any amount between \$10,000 and \$100,000 in \$10,000 increments. Rates will not increase and you are not subject to an age limit.

#### Long Term Disability (LTD) Conversion

You may be eligible to convert coverage you had in effect under your Employer's Group Long Term Disability (LTD) plan to a Group Disability Conversion policy provided your group coverage was in effect for at least one year. You also cannot be disabled at the time of your application for an LTD conversion policy and you cannot convert LTD coverage if you are retiring, regardless of your age. LTD conversion is not available for dependents. The benefit amount payable under the LTD conversion policy is 60% of your monthly earnings at the time your Group coverage ended or the amount provided under the LTD group plan, whichever is less, up to a monthly maximum of \$5,000, subject to offsets for other income benefits. A 6-month elimination period applies. LTD conversion is not available if the group plan is terminating. A one time administrative enrollment fee will apply and is added to your first quarterly premium. Premiums for a Group Disability Conversion policy are higher than your Employer Group plan rates and increase every 5 years (years in which your age on your birthday ends in 5 or 0).

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Attached is a form that contains additional information about continuing coverage. You can use this to request a quote and the necessary forms to enroll.

Please note that there is a designated timeframe during which you can exercise your coverage continuation options. To continue coverage, you must mail or fax this form to request information within 15 days from the date of this notice or 31 days from your group coverage termination date, whichever is later. Under no circumstances, however, will continuation of coverage be available beyond 91 days from your group coverage termination date. Any issues regarding late notification by your employer must be addressed with the employer.

If you have questions about this information, your eligibility, or the status of any request you have submitted, please call a representative at **1-877-320-0484.** 

The Hartford, Portability and Conversion Unit P.O. Box 248108 Cleveland, OH 44124-8108

Fax 1-440-646-9339

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

# Q: If I request a quote, how does Hartford determine the amount of coverage to quote?

A: Hartford will contact your employer to obtain the amount of coverage you had in effect under the group plan. The quote is based on this amount as well as applicable plan provisions.

# Q: If I receive a quote for coverage, does this mean I qualify for the coverage amount quoted?

A: The amount quoted is not a guarantee that a policy will be issued in that amount. Upon receipt of your application for coverage, Hartford will perform an eligibility review to determine that the amount of coverage you have requested can be granted based on the coverage you had in effect under the group plan as well as plan provisions.

# Q: What is my policy effective date?

A: A Group Life policy has a 31-day grace period; hence the effective date of a Life Conversion or Portability policy is the 32<sup>nd</sup> day following the group coverage termination date. The effective date of an SAAD&D Conversion policy or an LTD Conversion policy is the day following the group coverage termination date.

#### Q: If my application for coverage is not approved by the effective date, am I still covered?

A: Yes, if your application is approved the effective date of your policy will be retroactive to the date indicated above.

## Q: I understand that there is no medical underwriting or physical exam required but can I still be denied for coverage?

A: Your request for coverage can be denied if you do not meet the timeliness requirement. You must mail or fax this form to request information within 15 days from the date of this notice or 31 days from your group coverage termination date, whichever is later. Under no circumstances will continuation of coverage be available beyond 91 days from your group coverage termination date. Coverage can also be denied if it exceeds the amount you had in effect under your employer's Group plan or if it does not align with you employer's plan provisions. In addition, any request for coverage that is not available under your employer's Group plan will also be denied.

# Q: If I start to work for a new employer and obtain coverage under that employer's Group plan, will that Group coverage impact any conversion or portability policy that I may have purchased?

A: If you obtain coverage under a new employer's Group plan, your portability or conversion policy will remain in effect provided you continue to pay the required premiums. However, benefits under conversion policies may be affected by the amount of your other coverage.

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Employer:	Policy #:	Hartford
The following information	on is to be completed by Employe	r or Employer Representative
Employee Name:	Employee ID#:_	Date:
Last Day Worked (or date employee is no lo	onger in an eligible class):	
Date of Group Coverage Termination:	Termination Reas	son:
Signature	Print Name	
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age on your birthday ends in 5 or 0).  Life Conversion, Portability, and LTD Conversion, annually and billed annually or semi-annual	ersion are quoted and billed quarterly ly.	rates increase every 5 years (years in which your y; Standalone AD&D Conversion is quoted complete the information below and mail or
The Hartford, Portability a	and Conversion Unit, P.O. Box 248 Fax 440-646-9339, Phone 877-320	
Yes, I am interested in receiving the information Life Conversion Quote Portability	ation checked below. Enrollment Form SAAD&D C	Conversion
Please print the following information:		
Name:	me: Date of Birth:	
Social Security # (indicate last 4 digits on	ly):	
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I am interested in receiving information for t  Myself My Spouse (not avai  Please print the name(s), relationship, ar Include an additional sheet if necessary.	lable for LTD conversion)	y Child(ren) (not available for LTD conversion) dent who may be eligible for coverage.

I understand that I have only 31 days from the date of my group coverage termination <u>OR</u> 15 days from the date of this notice, whichever is later, to complete and submit this form to The Hartford. In no event, however, will my eligibility to continue coverage exceed 91 days from my group coverage termination date.

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