

# Group Legal Insurance Certificate and Service Plan

#### Important:

For purposes of the School Board Miami Dade County Master **certificate**, the **Policyholder** has defined eligible dependents to mean: Spouse or both same and opposite sex domestic partner and children until the end of the plan year when they reach age 19, or age 26 if unmarried and a full or part-time student. A dependent for plan purposes shall be the lawful spouse (a spouse shall remain such until a final decree of divorce or similar order under applicable state law has been entered) or domestic partner (who is registered with us). Unmarried natural children, stepchildren, children under your care through court-approved guardianship, and children of a Domestic Partner through the end of the calendar year in which he/she reaches age 19. Children may be covered until the end of the calendar year in which the child reaches age 26 if he/she is a full-time or part-time student who receives more than half of his/her financial support from the eligible employee. Children may also be covered until the end of the calendar year in which he/she reaches age 26 if the child suffers from a mental or physical handicap, is incapable of self-support, and is fully dependent upon the employee for support and who in accordance with Section 152 of the Internal Revenue Code receives over half his/her support from the named insured, or any unmarried child of any age who, because of a mental or physical handicap, is incapable of self-support and fully dependent on the named insured for support.

# **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

School Board Miami Dade County Master Legal Expense Insurance Plan

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- "BENEFITS" the legal coverages listed on the declarations page of the policy or in the **benefits** section of the **Certificate of Insurance**.
- "CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE" or "CERTIFICATE" the document provided by **us** to the **named insured** that describes the **benefits** and terms of the insurance policy.
- "CERTIFICATE YEAR" twelve (12) month period as listed on the declarations page of the policy issued to the **policyholder**.
- "CONTESTED" an action in which any disputed issue must be negotiated by **your** attorney regardless of whether any legal forms are filed.
- "EFFECTIVE DATE" the date on which the **policyholder** enrolls the **named insured** and from which date premium has been paid for **you**.
- "GENERAL IN OFFICE LEGAL SERVICES" time spent by an attorney and their office staff for your legal issue that is not otherwise covered or excluded under this plan and which does not include costs such as, but not limited to: filing fees, copy costs, mileage, title insurance, expert witnesses, mediator, home studies, transcriptionists, title search, and title abstracting.
- "GOODS" a physical product that is capable of being delivered. Ownership of a good can be transferred from the seller to the buyer.
- "INDEMNITY BENEFITS" means covered legal services which are reimbursed to the insured up to the benefit amount indicated under the specific coverage. The insured is responsible for all legal services which may exceed the amount paid by us.
- "INSURED" as dictated by premium paid and as indicated by coverages listed in the "Benefits" section, the named insured only or the named insured and the named insured's spouse, or domestic partner (who is registered with us) and/or eligible dependents. Eligible dependents and/or domestic partner are defined by mutual agreement between the policyholder and us.
- "INSURED EVENT" an event covered by this policy whose initiation date will be considered the earlier of the date (a) written notice of a **legal dispute** is sent or filed by **you** or received by **you**; or (b) a ticket or citation is issued; or (c) an attorney is hired.
- "INSURED RENTAL PROPERTY" a single dwelling (house, apartment, duplex or condominium) that you have an ownership interest in and that is not your primary residence and that for a portion of the year is rented out to another individual.
- "LEGAL DISPUTE" -means a disagreement between you and any other party regarding your legal rights.
- "LEGAL SERVICES" time spent by an attorney and their office staff for **your** covered legal matters which does not include costs such as, but not limited to: filing fees, copy costs, mileage, title insurance, expert witnesses, mediator, home studies, transcriptionists, title search, and title abstracting.
- "MEDIATION COSTS" payment of a qualified mediator who assists the **insured** and another party attempt to reach a settlement regarding a covered legal matter.

- "NAMED INSURED" a person enrolled via the **policyholder** with **us** as entitled to coverage under the terms of this policy.
- "NETWORK ATTORNEY" means an attorney with whom we have contracted to perform covered legal services in the United States for you and who has contracted with us to provide the specific covered legal services for which you are seeking assistance.
- "NON-NETWORK ATTORNEY" means an attorney, who is not a **Network Attorney**, chosen by **you** to perform **legal services** covered under the **indemnity benefits** of this policy.
- "NON-MOVING OFFENSE" parking ticket, registration, equipment or other violations that aren't handled in conjunction with a moving violation.
- "PERSONAL PROPERTY" means property, which is not real property and which does not produce income
- "POLICYHOLDER" means the organization named in the declarations page.
- "PRIMARY RESIDENCE" the single dwelling where you actually live that is considered your legal residence for income tax purposes.
- "REAL PROPERTY" land and all permanent structures attached to it.
- "REFINANCING" paying off one loan with the proceeds from a new loan using the same real property as security.
- "SECONDARY RESIDENCE" a single dwelling (house, apartment, duplex, or condominium) that you have an ownership interest in and that is not your primary residence.
- "SERVICE" a duty or labor provided from one person to another. It is the non-material equivalent of a good. There is no physical product that can transfer ownership.
- "TRIAL" means the proceeding in court or in a covered administrative proceeding when the parties try their case beginning with the impaneling of a jury in a jury trial or with opening statement if the parties are in a non-jury trial. Trial does not include things such as hearings, appearances on motions, negotiated pleas, pre-trial conferences, or appearances, and continuances by the court.
- "UNCONTESTED" an action in which all matters are settled or decided without attorney negotiation, and your attorney assists in completing any necessary formal processes.
- "WE", "US", and "OUR" ARAG Insurance Company.
- "YOU" and "YOUR" an insured.

# In-Office Legal Benefits

We will pay the attorney fees of the **Network Attorney** for covered **legal services** provided to **you** resulting from an **insured event** which occurs after **your effective date** and while **your Certificate of Insurance** is in effect for the legal matters listed below.

You can choose a Non-Network Attorney instead of a Network Attorney. If you choose a Non-Network Attorney for covered legal services provided to you resulting in an insured event which occurs after your effective date and while your Certificate of Insurance is in effect, we will reimburse you for the attorney fees for covered legal services up to the maximum amounts listed below.

Only matters expressly listed are covered **benefits** and are paid as indicated below.

If the **named insured** purchased only individual coverage, **legal services** rendered to persons other than the **named insured** are not covered.

# How to Obtain In-Office Legal Services and Court Representation

You may choose a Network Attorney or Non-Network Attorney as follows:

## **Network Attorney Services**

There are **Network Attorneys** throughout **your** state. To obtain a list of **Network Attorneys you** can:

1. Call 800-247-4184 and a Customer Service Specialist will assist **you** by:

Describing how the plan **benefits** work and what types of situations are covered. Providing **you** a listing of **Network Attorneys** specific to **your** need. Providing a Case Confirmation Number that outlines **your** coverage.

Visit our Web site at ARAGlegal.com and log on as a member and search using the Attorney Finder.

Simply call an attorney for an appointment. When **you** call, identify yourself as a member of **your** group's legal plan. If **you** have a Case Confirmation Number, **you** should provide it to the **Network Attorney**. If not, the **Network Attorney** may call **us** to confirm **your** coverage and then proceed to provide **services**. If **you** choose a **Network Attorney** to provide covered **legal services**, the **Network Attorney** will bill **us** directly for his/her attorney fees.

## **Non-Network Attorney Services**

If you choose a Non-Network Attorney, we will pay your attorney fees for covered legal services according to the Non-Network Attorney indemnity benefits schedule. Instructions for submitting a claim are printed on the claim form. For a form, call 800-247-4184. Or you can download a form from our Web site at ARAGlegal.com.

_	Network Attorney	Non-Network Attorney (Indemnity Benefit)
Uncontested Adoption Legal services <sup>1</sup> in an uncontested adoption for an insured to become an adoptive parent(s).	PAID IN FULL	\$ 400*
<sup>1</sup> In international adoptions, where a foreign attorney is necessary, <b>you</b> are eligible to receive indemnity reimbursement in addition to the <b>benefits</b> available in the United States.		

	Network Attorney	Non-Network Attorney (Indemnity Benefit)
Contested Adoption Legal services <sup>1</sup> in a contested adoption for an insured to become an adoptive parent(s).	PAID IN FULL	\$ 800*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
<sup>1</sup> In international adoptions, where a foreign attorney is necessary, <b>you</b> are eligible to receive indemnity reimbursement in addition to the <b>benefits</b> available in the United States		
Building Codes Legal services for an insured in an administrative action for permit or code violations relating to the renovation and/ or improvement of your existing primary residence.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 400*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Caregiving Services - Annual Check Up Legal services for you and your parent/ grandparent to meet with an attorney on an annual basis. This annual meeting is to discuss the legal needs of your parent/grandparent and discuss any changes in their situation and potential legal implications.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 80*
This <b>benefit</b> is limited to one usage per family per <b>certificate year</b> .		
Caregiving Services - Advice Telephone access for you to obtain legal advice and consultation on how the law relates to your parents/grandparents legal matters and which actions may be taken.	PAID IN FULL	N/A

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Criminal Misdemeanor Defense Legal services for an insured in the defense against criminal misdemeanor charges, except those involving motorized vehicles and domestic violence charges. If the charge is escalated to a felony, coverage will cease as of the date of the escalation. If a felony charge is reduced or pled down to a misdemeanor no coverage applies.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 720*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Uncontested Divorce Legal services for the named insured in an uncontested divorce, a legal separation and/or an annulment of marriage.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 640*
Contested Divorce - 20 hours Legal services for the named insured in a contested divorce, a legal separation and/or an annulment of marriage.	PAID IN FULL (up to 20 hours per insured event)	\$ 1,600*
Driving Privilege Protection Legal services for an insured in the defense of a traffic offense where conviction of the offense will directly result in the suspension or revocation of your driving privileges.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***

	Network Attorney	Non-Network Attorney (Indemnity Benefit)
Driving Privilege Restoration Legal services for an insured in an administrative proceeding for the restoration of suspended or revoked driving privileges of an insured.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 240*
Easement Legal services for an insured in an administrative action regarding an easement on your primary residence.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 400*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Foreclosure Legal services for an insured regarding written notice of a foreclosure related to your primary residence.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Defense of Garnishment Legal services for an insured in a legal dispute for a garnishment against you to collect judgment related to goods or services.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
(Exclusion #3 as it relates to post judgment garnishment is waived for this <b>benefit</b> .)		
Uncontested Guardianship/Conservatorship Legal services in an uncontested Guardianship/Conservatorship for an insured to appoint or be appointed as a Guardian/Conservator.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*

	Network Attorney	Non-Network Attorney (Indemnity Benefit)
Contested Guardianship/Conservatorship Legal services in a contested Guardianship/Conservatorship for an insured to appoint or be appointed as a Guardian/Conservator.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 720*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Habeas Corpus Proceedings Legal services for an insured in habeas corpus proceedings.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Mental Incompetency or Infirmity Proceedings Legal services for an insured in defense of mental incompetency or infirmity proceedings.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 960*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
Trial starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Minor Traffic - Broad (excluding DWI-related) Legal services for an insured in the defense of a traffic offense, the conviction of which would not result in suspension or revocation of your driving privileges. (Does not include driving while impaired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol or any non-moving offense.)	PAID IN FULL	\$ 240*
Name Change Legal services for an insured to legally change his/her name.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 240*
General In Office Services - 4 hours General in office legal services.	4 hours	\$ 320*
(This <b>benefit</b> is limited to four hours per family per <b>certificate year</b> .)		

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Parental Responsibilities Legal services for an insured in juvenile court proceedings (except those involving traffic matters) where a state has brought an action regarding your parental responsibilities for an insured child.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Personal Property Protection Legal services for an insured as a plaintiff or defendant regarding contracts or obligations for the transfer of your personal property or your personal property rights.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 320*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Refinancing - Primary Residence Advice and review of relevant documents regarding refinancing of your primary residence.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 160*
Purchase of Real Estate Legal services for an insured for the purchase of your primary residence for the review and preparation of documents including contract for purchase and attendance at closing.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 320*
Sale of Real Estate Legal services for an insured for the sale of your primary residence for the review and preparation of documents including the contract for sale and attendance at closing.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 320*
Social Security/Veterans/Medicare Legal services for an insured in an administrative legal dispute arising out of Social Security, Veterans, Medicare or Medicaid benefits.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 400*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***

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Wills & Durable Power of Attorney Individual will or spousal will(s). (Does not	PAID IN FULL	\$ 320 single document
include any tax planning services done in connection with the will.)	FAID IN FOLE	\$ 400 spousal documents
Codicil (an amendment to a will)	PAID IN FULL	\$ 40 single document
		\$ 80 spousal documents
Living Will / Health Care Directive	PAID IN FULL	\$ 40 single document
		\$ 80 spousal documents
Durable / Financial Power of Attorney	PAID IN FULL	\$ 40 single document \$ 80 spousal documents
Zoning and Variances Legal services for an insured in an administrative action related to a zoning change, variance, or an eminent domain proceeding involving your primary residence.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 400*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Elder Law Initial advice for an insured on the impact of your parent's/grandparent's personal legal matter on you.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 25
Legal services for an insured for the preparation and review of a deed where you are the grantee.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 40 per document
<b>Legal services</b> for an <b>insured</b> for the preparation and review of a promissory note where <b>you</b> are the payee.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 40 per document
Legal services for an insured for the review of your parent's/grandparent's personal legal documents, including estate planning documents where you have been named as an agent or executor/personal representative.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 40 per document
Home Equity Loan - Primary Residence Legal services for an insured for the preparation and review of home equity loans for your primary residence.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 160*

		Non-Network Attorney
_	Network Attorney	(Indemnity Benefit)
Child Support Enforcement Legal services for an insured for a motion brought by you or against you to enforce a final decree for child support.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 640*
Document Review Legal services for an insured for the review of your personal legal documents.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 40 per document
Mechanic's Lien Legal services for an insured to remove a mechanic's lien.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Student Loan Debt Collection Legal services for an insured as the defendant in a legal dispute related to your student loan.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Bankruptcy Legal services for an insured up to and including filing of a Chapter 7 bankruptcy final report.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 880*
<b>Legal services</b> for an <b>insured</b> up to and including confirmation of a Chapter 13 bankruptcy. This <b>benefit</b> does not include the ongoing maintenance of a Chapter 13 repayment plan.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,200*
<b>Legal services</b> for an <b>insured</b> to file an amendment/modification to a Chapter 7 post-discharge or a Chapter 13 post-confirmation bankruptcy.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 240*

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Consumer Protection Legal services for an insured as a plaintiff or defendant regarding written, verbal or implied contracts or warranties relating to consumer goods or services and/or residential contractor disputes (excluding insurance disputes).	PAID IN FULL	\$ 800*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Defense of Debt Collection Legal services for an insured as the defendant in a legal dispute related to consumer goods or services (excluding foreclosure, garnishment, mechanic's lien and student loan debt collection).	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
IRS Collection Defense Legal services for an insured in defense against collection actions by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) related to errors on your personal tax return where the initial written notice is received after your effective date. This benefit does not include collection actions related to your failure to file a personal tax return or your failure to pay the taxes your filed personal tax return indicated you owed.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***

	Network Attorney	Non-Network Attorney (Indemnity Benefit)
IRS Audit Protection Legal services for an insured involving Internal Revenue Service (IRS) audits related to your personal tax return where the initial written notice is received after your effective date. This benefit does not include audits related to your failure to file a personal tax return or your failure to pay the taxes your filed personal tax return indicated you owed.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Alimony, Child Support, Child Custody and Child Visitation Modification Defense Legal services for an insured for a motion brought against you to modify a final decree for child support, child custody, child visitation, or alimony.		
Alimony	PAID IN FULL	\$ 400*
Child Custody / Child Visitation	PAID IN FULL	\$ 960*
Child Support	PAID IN FULL	\$ 640*
Alimony, Child Custody and Child Visitation Enforcement Legal services for an insured for a motion brought by you or against you to enforce a final decree for child custody, child visitation, or alimony.		
Alimony	PAID IN FULL	\$ 400*
Child Custody / Child Visitation	PAID IN FULL	\$ 960*
Alimony and Child Support Modification Legal services for an insured for a motion brought by you to modify a final decree for child support or alimony.		
Alimony	PAID IN FULL	\$ 400*
Child Support	PAID IN FULL	\$ 640*

	Network Attorney	Non-Network Attorney (Indemnity Benefit)
School Administrative Hearings Legal services for an insured in an administrative public or private formal school proceeding regarding disabilities, special education and student policy violations.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***
Document Preparation Legal services for an insured for the preparation of Deeds, Mortgages, Promissory Notes, Affidavits, Lease Contracts, Demand Letters, Installment Contracts, Bill of Sale, HIPAA Authorization and Certification of Trust.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 40 per document
Juvenile Court Legal services for an insured child charged with a crime (except those involving traffic matters or felony charges) when the court proceedings are held in juvenile court. If the matter is removed from juvenile court, coverage under this benefit will cease as of the date of the removal.	PAID IN FULL	\$ 480*
Trial for three (3) days or less	PAID IN FULL	\$ 1,800**
<b>Trial</b> starting on day four (4) until completion	PAID IN FULL	\$ 100,000***

- \* Non-Network Attorney Indemnity Benefits are up to the stated amount
- \*\* Trial Indemnity Benefits are (\$300 per 1/2 day of Trial time) up to the stated amount
- \*\*\* Trial Indemnity Benefits are (\$400 per 1/2 day of Trial time) up to the stated amount

#### **Telephone Legal Access Services**

We will pay the attorney fees of a **Telephone Legal Access Law Firm** as defined below for **Telephone Legal Access Services** provided by a **Telephone Legal Access Law Firm** while **your Certificate** is in effect.

"Telephone Legal Access Law Firm" - means an independent law firm that has entered into a written agreement with us to provide Telephone Legal Access Services to you within the territory of the United States.

"Telephone Legal Access Services" - means the type of legal services which, within the applicable standard of professional care and conduct, may be rendered by the Telephone Legal Access Law Firm in one or more telephone conversations with a client and which may be connected with other legal services based on telecommunication which are specifically listed below.

Coverage You will receive:	Attorney Fees
Toll-free telephone advice on how the law relates to <b>your</b> personal legal matter and which action may be taken.	PAID IN FULL
Follow-up correspondence and telephone calls to third parties related to <b>your</b> personal legal matter.	PAID IN FULL
Specific document preparation and document review.	PAID IN FULL
You will receive legal assistance from the <b>Telephone Legal Access Law Firm</b> for the preparation or review of a: Standard Will or Codicils.	PAID IN FULL
Standard Will means a will document without trust provisions other than a support trust for dependent children limited to appointing a guardian and placing assets for dependent children until they reach their age of majority.	

#### **CONDITIONS**

#### **Policy Period and Territory**

This policy applies to **insured events** which occur worldwide while **your Certificate of Insurance** is in effect. If an **insured event** occurs outside the United States **indemnity benefits** apply.

Any **insured event** which occurs prior to the **effective date** of an **insured** will be considered excluded and no **benefits** will apply.

## Eligibility

Each eligible person as described in the Declarations, who is registered with **us**, and for whom a premium is paid, shall become an **insured** on the **effective date**.

#### **Cancellation and Termination**

The **policyholder** may cancel this policy during the term defined in the Declarations at any time for any reason. **We** will not cancel this policy during the term defined in the Declarations except for fraud or for the

failure to pay premium due. **We** will give **you** ten (10) days notice of cancellation for nonpayment of premium and forty-five (45) days notice of cancellation for any other reason.

If the **named insured** ends employment or membership in the group to which this policy is issued (except upon the **named insured's** death), or the policy is canceled by the **policyholder**, **your** coverage will cease at the end of the term for which premium has been paid.

In the event of cancellation, **we** will mail a refund of any unearned premium within fifteen (15) days after the effective date of cancellation.

#### Conversion

**You** may continue insurance when **you** no longer qualify as an employee of the **policyholder** or as a member of the group to which this policy is issued. **You** must notify **us** within ninety (90) days of this disqualifying event to make arrangements for premium payment. Payment of premium is required from the last date of **your** eligibility under this policy.

#### **Coordination of Benefits**

This policy coordinates **benefits** as defined in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Coordination of Benefits Provisions.

If **you** are entitled to receive **legal services** or reimbursement for **legal services** from any other person or organization, **our** coverage will be excess.

Payment by **us** for **legal services** under this policy does not preclude **your** attorney from seeking and recovering attorney fees from an opposing party, where authorized by law, court rule or contract, at the attorney's usual and customary or prevailing rate. If **you** receive reimbursement of attorney's fees, then **you** will reimburse **us** for payments made under this policy.

#### **Payment Limitations**

You may not make claims under separate benefits for one legal matter.

# Notice of Claim, Proof of Expense Incurred and Payment of Claim

You or your representative must submit a written notice of claim to us within one year after the insured event. A claim form and itemized billing are required within one hundred eighty (180) days after legal services for which you seek payment are completed.

You are responsible for verifying your legal matter is covered under your legal plan with us prior to receiving legal services. You will be responsible for payment to the attorney at their usual and customary rate if your matter is not covered.

You must give us all information we request with respect to the circumstances of an insured event or service provided. We have the right to withhold benefits if the requested information is not provided to us.

#### **Fraud**

We do not provide benefits for you if you have intentionally concealed or misrepresented any material fact or circumstance or have made false statements or engaged in fraudulent conduct relating to your insurance.

# **Subrogation**

**We** may require **you** to assign all rights of recovery of legal fees to the extent that payment is made by **us**. If an assignment is sought, **you** must cooperate with **us**.

#### **Relation of the Parties**

You have the unrestricted right to choose an attorney. The attorney is not **our** agent or employed by **us** or the **policyholder**. We and the **policyholder** shall at no time control or interfere with the performance of the attorney and we do not guarantee the skill of the attorney. Any payment to a **network attorney** for **legal services** is **our** responsibility up to **your** policy limits.

#### **Grievances**

If **you** have a problem with a **Network Attorney** in the handling of a legal matter covered under this insurance policy, contact **us** for assistance in resolving **your** issue.

You have the right to file a complaint with the State Bar about your attorney at any time.

#### **EXCLUSIONS**

**We** do not provide coverage for:

- Matters against us, the policyholder or an insured against the interests of the named insured under the same Certificate.
- 2. **Legal services** arising out of a business interest, investment interests, employment matters, employee benefits, **your** role as an officer or director of an organization, and patents or copyrights.
- Legal services in class actions, punitive damages, personal injury, malpractice, court appeals or post
  judgments (settlement agreement signed by all parties, final binding arbitration, judgment issued by a
  court).
- 4. Legal services deemed by us to be frivolous or lacking merit, or in actions where you are the plaintiff and the amount we pay for your legal services exceeds the amount in dispute, or in our reasonable belief you are not actively and reasonably pursuing resolution in your case.



# **SERVICE PLAN**

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ARAG Services, LLC as plan administrator, will provide the services described in this document (hereinafter referred to as the "plan") in compliance with all provisions herein in return for plan member's service fee. This plan incorporates any and all terms and provisions of the plan member's Certificate of Insurance. If the named plan member purchased only individual membership the services described below will be available only to him/her.

#### **TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

This plan may be amended or changed at any time by written agreement between the plan sponsor and us.

Any terms of this plan which are in conflict with any state or federal law are amended to conform to all applicable federal or state regulations.

We do not provide services for you if you have intentionally concealed or misrepresented any material fact or circumstance or have made false statements or engaged in fraudulent conduct relating to your membership or the plan.

#### **SERVICES**

# **REDUCED FEE LEGAL SERVICES**

If your legal matter is not fully covered under your insurance policy and is not listed under the "Exclusions" in your Service Plan, you are eligible to work with a Network Attorney and receive a reduced fee that will be at least 25% off the attorney's normal hourly rate. The initial consultation for each legal matter will be provided at no cost. If you retained the services of the Network Attorney prior to the effective date of your legal insurance membership, the reduced fee benefit is not available. Payment of attorney fees is handled directly between the plan member and the Network Attorney. Access to a Network Attorney is subject to availability. You are encouraged to contact ARAG to determine proximity to a Network Attorney within legal practice areas.

For matters that include a cap on the number of hours ARAG will pay a Network Attorney, and where your legal matter will exceed the cap set, the Network Attorney will bill you directly at reduced rates of at least 25% off his or her normal rates for the remaining hours. You pay the attorney directly.

For Telephone Advice, if your matter cannot be resolved over the phone and is not fully covered under your insurance policy and not excluded under the "Exclusions" in your Service Plan, you are eligible to work with a Network Attorney and receive a reduced fee that will be at least 25% off the attorney's normal hourly rate. Payment of attorney fees is handled directly between the plan member and the Network Attorney.

## **REDUCED CONTIGENCY FEES**

This service provides you access to a Network Attorney for a legal matter the Network Attorney deems to be appropriately handled through the use of a contingency fee. The Network Attorney will represent you under a contingent fee arrangement where the contingent fee will not exceed 25% of the net recovery if successfully resolved before or after trial, or will not exceed 30% of the net recovery if successfully resolved on or after an appeal. The initial consultation for each legal matter will be provided at no cost. If you retained the services of a Network Attorney prior to the effective date of your legal insurance membership, the reduced contingency fee benefit is not available.

# FINANCIAL EDUCATION AND COUNSELING SERVICES

This service provides you toll-free telephone access to Financial Counselors. Financial Counselors who can address your questions and offer guidance on a variety of money management matters, as well as provide instructions on how to use the program's financial tools.

Financial information and services include:

General financial planning counseling sessions Insurance

Cash and debt management IRAs and 401(k)s

Savings and budgeting Student loans

Asset allocation Mortgage education

Credit reports Investments and Risks

You can also visit a financial education website which provides educational resources to help you establish a plan for reaching your goals, such as a down payment on a house, reduction of debt or college funding for a child. This website includes interactive financial tools and an online reference library that can be used to create a personalized money management plan. Financial Counselors are also available for guidance on implementing your personal action items.

#### **IDENTITY THEFT SERVICES**

A service that gives you access to:

**Identity Theft Case Managers** who will help you determine appropriate steps to begin recovery and help you monitor the progress of your recovery.

**Toll-free legal advice** from a Telephone Network Attorney to assist with legal-related problems that the theft of your identity may have caused.

#### Identity Theft Materials, including:

An Identity Theft Prevention Kit to help protect yourself from becoming a victim of identity theft in the first place,

An Identity Theft Victim Action Kit to help speed your recovery should you become an identity theft victim,

A tracking document to help you keep track of phone calls, e-mails and letters for attorneys, and

An Identity Theft Affidavit to help you report your identity theft to necessary parties.

#### **IMMIGRATION**

A service that gives you toll-free access to Telephone Network Attorneys for:

Legal advice and consultation

Immigration processes and guidelines.

Filing and processing of applications and petitions.

Laws and regulations governing various types of immigration benefits; including asylum, adjustment of status, business visas, and employment authorizations.

Deportation and removal proceedings.

Document review of any immigration forms

Document preparation of affidavits and powers of attorney

Preparation for immigration hearings

For additional immigration services, Network Attorneys provide a reduced rate of at least 25% off their normal rates for any representation-based immigration services. Network Attorneys will bill the member directly.

#### **LEARNING CENTER**

**Learning Center** – Access the Learning Center for an extensive online library of easy-to-read articles, guidebooks and videos created to help you:

Learn more about dealing with common legal and financial matters, like estate planning, identity theft and consumer protection.

Understand how the legal insurance plan works and the coverages, services and resources it provides.

# **DIY DOCS®**

**Do-It-Yourself Legal Documents -** Online access to more than 300 state-specific documents authored and reviewed by attorneys for accuracy and state-specific compliance in all 50 states. These documents can assist you with everyday life, including issues involving:

Automobiles Marriage
Caregiving Real Estate
Estate Administration Finances

Easy-to-Use Interactive Document Assembly Tool: Helps you efficiently create your own documents by asking simple questions.

My Documents: Online document storage and 24/7 access to create, update, retrieve and print your documents.

Legacy Planning: Create essential legal documents yourself with the help of DIY Docs, including:

Financial Power of Attorney Living Will
Health Care Power of Attorney Standard Will

# **CAREGIVING SERVICES**

**Reduced Fee Services** - Should your parents/grandparents legal matter require legal representation, Network Attorneys provide reduced fee services of at least 25% off their normal rate for most legal matters. Payment of the attorney fees is handled directly between the parent/grandparent and the Reduced Fee Network Attorney. Access to a Reduced Fee Network Attorney is subject to availability. You are encouraged to contact ARAG to determine proximity to a Reduced Fee Network Attorney within legal practice areas.

Caregiver Support Services - As a member, you have toll-free access to a Care Advocate, who will:

Answer your eldercare-related questions, assess eldercare need and help you develop a care plan.

Send you a **customized information guide** that contains lists of assisted living facilities, nursing homes or home health care agencies - including comparative quality-of-care ratings and reports on thousands of facilities and agencies - along with helpful eldercare information.

Give you access to the nation's most comprehensive eldercare database with more than 90,000 long term care providers.

Conduct searches to determine the availability and rates of assisted living facilities, nursing homes, home health care agencies and adult care providers. Advocate will negotiate discounts when available.

Plus, you will have access to the **ElderAnswers Website** which provides you online access to quality-of-care ratings and reports, direct access to the provider database, and a wide-range of eldercare information.

**Caregiving Guidebook** - As a member, you have access to a "go-to" guidebook providing you with the tools and resources needed to take a proactive approach in your caregiving role.

# **EXCLUSIONS**

The plan services do not include:

- 1. Matters against us, the named plan member or the plan sponsor.
- 2. Matters arising out of a business interest, investment interests, employment matters, employee benefits, your role as an officer or director of an organization, and patents or copyrights.
- 3. Matters deemed by us to be frivolous or lacking merit.
- 4. Matters outside the jurisdiction of the United States of America.