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Statement of Claim for Death Benefits

On behalf of the Catholic Association of Foresters, please accept our condolences for your loss. Please know that we will make every effort to process your claim promptly. To ensure a timely handling of your claim, it is important that your submission contain all necessary information requested and be clearly written.

If the death occurred **after the first two years of the date of issue of the certificate**, review the following checklist prior to submitting your claim:

- ___ Complete Section 1 and Section 4 and sign where required. If there is more than one claimant, please ensure that a separate Claimant's Statement (Section 4) is completed by each claimant. Copies can be made of this document.
- ___ Obtain a certified decedent's death certificate. Only one death certificate is required, even if the decedent had multiple policies with us. Death certificates become part of the claim file and will not be returned unless specifically requested.
- ___ If a beneficiary has passed, provide a copy of the beneficiary's death certificate.
- ___ If the Claimant's name has changed, provide legal documentation supporting the name change.
- ___ If the claim form is to be completed by an Executor, Administrator or a Legal Guardian, a copy of the filed document supporting that appointment must be submitted with the Claimant's Statement.
- ___ If the claim form is to be completed by a Trustee, include the Tax I.D. of the trust or the Social Security Number of the Trustee. Additionally, provide a copy of the trust.
- ___ **If the death occurred outside the United States or Canada:** Submit the official death certificate issued in the country where the death occurred. If available, include a notarized translation of the death certificate. Also complete the enclosed Foreign Death Questionnaire and submit a copy of the passport. In addition, if the decedent was a U.S. Citizen, we will need:
 - A completed Report of the Death of an American Citizen Abroad (may be obtained from the local US Embassy or Consulate)
 - A Physician's Statement, completed and signed by the doctor who certified the death.
- ___ Submit the original policy certificate with your claim. If the original certificate is lost, complete the Lost Certificate form found on our website in its place.

If the death occurred **within the first two years of the issue** of this certificate, this **claim is considered contestable**. **Review the checklist above as well as the following prior to submitting your claim:**

- ___ Complete all sections of this document and sign where required. If there is more than one claimant, please ensure that a separate Claimant's Statement (Section 4) is completed by each claimant. Copies can be made of this document.
- ___ Complete the enclosed Authorization for Disclosure of Medical and health Related Information.
- ___ Complete the Affidavit for the Release of Medical Records.
- ___ **If the death occurred from an accident, suicide, or homicide:** If the cause of death is other than natural, in addition to the Authorization and completed Claimant's Statement, submit a copy of the police report, coroner's report and/or toxicology report, along with a copy of the decedent's driver's license and any other relevant information that may help us complete our investigation. Further investigation will be made to confirm the circumstances surrounding the death.

Please understand your claim may be delayed if incomplete forms are submitted or if additional information is required by us. We will contact you as soon as reasonably possible in the event additional information is needed. Please print clearly.



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Authorization for Disclosure of Medical and Health Related Information

This authorization meets the requirements under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Decedent Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____ SSN: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Office Use – Do not complete

I authorize the following to disclose the decedent's protected health information:

Person/Organization Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I authorize any health plan, physician, health care professional, hospital, clinic, laboratory, pharmacy, medical facility, Pharmacy Benefit Manager, prescription drug database, government agency including the Veterans and Social Security Administrations, or other health care provider that has provided treatment or services to me or on my behalf ("my Providers") to disclose my entire medical record and any other information that may be considered protected health information under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 ("HIPAA") concerning me to the CATHOLIC ASSOCIATION OF FORESTERS, its agents, employees, reinsurers, and their representatives. This includes information on the diagnosis or treatment of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection and sexually transmitted diseases. This also includes information on the diagnosis and treatment of mental illness and the use of alcohol, drugs, and tobacco, but excludes psychotherapy notes.

By my signature below, I acknowledge that any agreements I have made with my Providers that restrict disclosure of my medical records and any associated HIPAA protected health information do not apply for purposes of this authorization and I instruct my Providers to release and disclose my entire medical record without restriction to the Representative. I understand that any information that is disclosed pursuant to this authorization may be subject to re-disclosure and no longer covered by certain federal rules governing privacy and confidentiality of health information.

The information contained in these medical financial records will be held in confidence and may be used only for the purpose of administering claims, determining or fulfilling responsibility for provision of benefits, and conducting other legally permissible activities that relate to any coverage with the Catholic Association of Foresters. The contents therein may be reviewed and assessed by a qualified staff consisting of medical directors, underwriters, underwriting assistants, or other related employees involved in the submission, receipt or evaluation of insurance applications and claims.

This authorization shall be valid for thirty (30) months from the date below. A copy of this authorization shall be as valid as the original. I understand that I am entitled to receive a copy of this authorization.

I understand that I may write to the Representative to revoke this authorization and that the revocation will take effect when the Representative receives my written request. I understand that any action already taken in reliance on this authorization cannot be reversed, and my revocation will not affect those actions. I also understand that, to the extent that other law allows an insurance company to contest a claim under an insurance policy or the insurance policy itself, my revocation of this authorization may not be effective.

Signature of Beneficiary or Legal Representative

Date

Signature of Witness

Date

