

Welcome to your  
LegalGUARD<sup>SM</sup> Plan!



Please take a few minutes to review YOUR new plan benefits.

Your legal benefit plan is designed to provide convenient access to quality legal services and protection from the high cost of legal fees. Your benefits provide a robust offering that pays for attorney fees in many of the different types of legal matters you may face.

As a LegalGUARD member, you receive:

- Access to a national network of attorneys dedicated to your specific needs
- Flexible benefits providing coverage for in and out-of-network attorneys
- Knowledgeable Member Service Representatives with concierge matching options
- Expert advice for home and residential, financial and consumer, auto and traffic, family, estate planning and wills

#### Accessing Benefits

When you are in need of legal assistance, please call our toll-free number **1(888) 416-4313**. Member Services Specialists are available to assist you Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., CST. Based on your legal need, you will be matched with a Plan Attorney in your area.

#### Using an out-of-network attorney

As a member, you may choose to use a Plan Attorney or an out-of-network attorney. If you use a Plan Attorney, the plan will pay your attorney's fees for covered services described in the enclosed plan materials. When using an out of network attorney, you may file a claim for reimbursement up to your maximum policy benefits for fees you paid to your attorney once the legal work is complete.

We're here to help. Our Member Services Specialists are ready to assist you with any questions about the plan, benefits or claims process. We look forward to assisting you.

Thank you for enrolling!

Sincerely,  
LegalEASE Membership  
Services

PLEASE RETAIN THIS INFORMATION FOR YOUR RECORDS



«FIRST\_NAME» «LAST\_NAME»

«ADDRESS» «Address\_2»

«CITY», «STATE» «Zip\_Code»

Member Number: «LAP\_ID\_NUMBER»

Effective Date: «Start\_Date»

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Legal Consultation, please call: **1(888) 416-4313**

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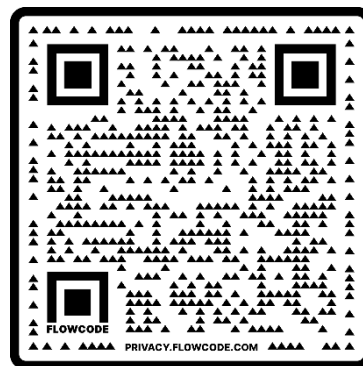
# How to Get Started



LegalEASE makes it simple and easy to get legal and financial help. With the most comprehensive legal and financial benefits, a member advocate center available 7AM-7PM CST, and online resources available 24/7, LegalEASE has you covered. Plan members get access to a national network of attorneys with experience and expertise in all personal legal matters, in addition to financial advisors ready to assist with debt, savings, and personal finance. Register your membership at [legalcorner.legaleaseplan.com](http://legalcorner.legaleaseplan.com) and get started today!

## It's Easy to Get Started!

- Step 1: Visit [legalcorner.legaleaseplan.com/user/register](http://legalcorner.legaleaseplan.com/user/register) to create your account.
- Step 2: Receive instructions sent to your email address to confirm your newly created online account, set a password, and verify your membership.
- Step 3: Log-in at [legalcorner.legaleaseplan.com](http://legalcorner.legaleaseplan.com) to access your additional online resources and benefits.



SCAN HERE TO  
REGISTER YOUR  
LEGAL EASE ACCOUNT

## Ready to use your benefits? Go Online or give us a call!



LawAssure Online Legal Documents: Access LawAssure from the LegalCORNER and create Wills, Trusts, and Living Wills online. The LawAssure online platform also lets you create numerous personal legal, civil, and consumer documents. The process is easy and walks you through from start to finish. You can stop, save, and restart your documents at any time. You can also share your documents with a trusted advisor or Attorney. LawAssure with LegalEASE makes legal documents easy!



LAMP™ – LegalEASE Attorney Matching Portal: LAMP offers members an online, enhanced member experience available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Register your account with just a few clicks, and connect with a network attorney ready to review and discuss your legal matter within a matter of hours.



Advocate Compatibility Matching Services: The VIP experience. Contact our Member Advocate Team and work with a dedicated legal expert who is experienced in connecting you with the right attorney. No searching, no stress. The right help when it matters most.

**Contact Member Services: 1-888-416-4313 | 7AM-7PM CST Mon-Fri**

## ABOUT TURN SIGNAL

TurnSignl is a mobile app that allows drivers to chat face-to-face with an attorney when they're pulled over or in an auto accident.

Attorneys on TurnSignl are experts in personal injury and criminal law, and trained to help ease anxiety and reduce tension during these interactions.

*TurnSignl's mission is to protect drivers' civil rights, de-escalate roadside interactions, and ensure both drivers and law enforcement officers return home safely.*

## HOW TO USE THE APP

Now you can access live, on-demand legal guidance when you're driving thanks to your employer & TurnSignl.

Redeem your membership — **with no code required** — just accept your email invitation, download the app using your member ID, and you'll be ready to hit the road.

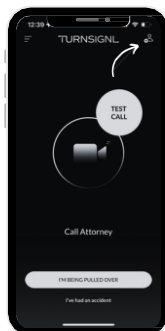
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- **Step 2:** Accept the invite, download the app & allow all permissions.
- **Step 3:** Get driving!
- **Step 4:** Questions? Can't find your invitation? Visit the enrollment page below!

[www.turnsignl.com/legal-ease](http://www.turnsignl.com/legal-ease)

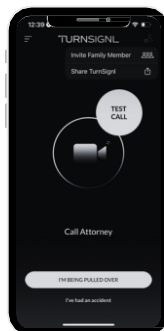
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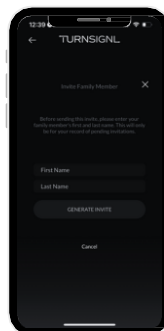
With our Family Plan, add up to 5 family members or loved ones to the TurnSignl platform — directly from the app — for FREE!



Step 1



Step 2



Step 3



Step 4



Step 5



**Ready to get started?**  
Get in touch with our team and learn more on the next page!

# Contact TurnSignl



For questions about your subscription, how to use the app, or other Frequently Asked Questions about your TurnSignl benefit, please visit our website or reach out to our Customer Support team:

- **Email:** [support@turnsignl.com](mailto:support@turnsignl.com)
- **Phone:** 612-812-0085
- **Mailing Address:** 34 13th Ave NE, Unit 104A | Minneapolis, MN 55413

[www.turnsignl.com/legal-ease](http://www.turnsignl.com/legal-ease)

"I really appreciate this app. I was unable to record on my phone because of my storage and the piece of conversation that TurnSignl recorded was crucial."

"Thank you! Having that extra layer of protection by the interaction being recorded with a lawyer present definitely made me feel more safe dealing with a police officer."

"I have not used TurnSignl for a call yet. But my experience has been good so far... and I appreciate the added peace of mind I have when I'm out on the road."

"Having the option to use TurnSignl de-escalated the entire situation which avoided a situation that could have been much worse. I am so grateful for this service."

[support@turnsignl.com](mailto:support@turnsignl.com)

**Check the next page for answers to frequently asked questions**

# Frequently Asked Questions TURNSIGNAL

- **How did TurnSignal get started?**
  - TurnSignal was founded in October 2020 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Our three co-founders, friends since childhood and college, had professional backgrounds in law, finance, and technology, so they combined their knowledge to create a first-of-its-kind legal guidance platform that puts a lawyer in the passenger seat — and keeps everyone on the road safe.
- **Who is TurnSignal designed for?**
  - The TurnSignal app is perfect for drivers who want a little extra support in the moments that matter most. For parents, the app provides an on-demand expert to keep their children calm and safe during accidents and traffic stops. For drivers, passengers, bikers, even folks that ride the bus or subway — this platform ensures that legal guidance is only one click away during interactions that can be stressful or complicated to navigate.
- **Where can I use TurnSignal?**
  - Anywhere in the United States! The app provides real-time recording and connection to attorneys in all 50 states and D.C., so you never have to drive alone.
- **When should I use TurnSignal?**
  - TurnSignal should be used during a traffic stop, after you have safely parked your vehicle, or after an auto accident.
- **How do I cancel my subscription?**
  - Please connect with your benefits department directly for any changes, to ensure you receive accurate information about your policies, which can vary depending on your employer.
- **Are all calls answered by lawyers?**
  - Only attorneys licensed in the user's local jurisdiction are allowed to answer TurnSignal video calls. Our goal is to support every user in their moment of need, but in the event an attorney is not available, the video recording can still be used by the driver and provided to an attorney of their choosing should further legal assistance be needed.
- **How do I initiate a call with a lawyer?**
  - Calls can be initiated by opening the TurnSignal app and selecting the appropriate call button. For a traffic stop, press the large camera icon or the "I'm being pulled over" button. For an auto accident, select the button that reads "I've had an accident".
- **If I need legal representation after using TurnSignal, am I able to utilize LegalEASE for obtaining a lawyer?**
  - Absolutely! You may reach LegalEASE Member Services for attorney matching tailored to your legal needs. A member advocate will guide you through your coverage details and connect you with a LegalEASE network attorney. For more information, please visit [www.legaleaseplan.com](http://www.legaleaseplan.com).
- **Who can see the video recording of my interaction?**
  - Only you the user have access to any recording made on the TurnSignal app. Protecting user privacy is important to TurnSignal and for this reason, videos are not available to TurnSignal, your employer, or any attorney on the platform, unless express written consent is given by the user or a legally authorized party. See [turnsignal.com/privacy-policy](https://turnsignal.com/privacy-policy) for more information.

[support@turnsignal.com](mailto:support@turnsignal.com)

You deserve peace of mind on every drive.  
Download TurnSignal today and you'll always  
have an attorney in the passenger seat.



# Virginia Surety Company, Inc.

A Stock Company  
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Chicago, Illinois 60604

For assistance, contact LegalEASE Member Service Center:  
5151 San Felipe, Suite 2300  
Houston, TX 77056  
888-416-4313

## GROUP LEGAL EXPENSE INSURANCE POLICY CERTIFICATE OF COVERAGE

### DECLARATIONS PAGE

**POLICYHOLDER NAME:** Meritage Homes

**POLICYHOLDER ADDRESS:** 18655 N Claret Dr.  
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

**POLICY NO.** 2001146

**MEMBER NAME:** «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»

**MEMBER ADDRESS:** «ADDRESS» «Address\_2» «CITY», «STATE» «Zip\_Code»

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** «Start\_Date»

Coverage begins at 12:01 am Standard Time at the Policyholder's address on the Effective Date listed above.

We have agreed to insure certain Members of the Policyholder as specified herein, in consideration of the payment of the required premium, and in accordance with the terms, conditions, limitations and exclusions of the Group Legal Expense Insurance Policy (herein referred to as Group Policy).

The Group Policy is delivered in Arizona, and shall be governed by the laws thereof.

  
Secretary

  
President

## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

Coverage	Maximum Benefits	
	Participating Attorney	Non-Participating Attorney

### Advice and Consultation

• LegalEASE Helpline	Covered	N/A
• Initial Law Office Consultation	Covered	N/A
• Review of Simple Documents Review of documentation up to 6 pages	Covered	N/A

### Miscellaneous Law Office Services

• Legal Services for any non-excluded legal matter not specifically covered in the Schedule of Benefits up to 5 hours per year	Paid in Full	\$60/hour
• Discounted Legal Services for any non-excluded legal matter	25% discount on Participating Attorney's hourly rates	N/A

### Consumer Matters

• Document Preparation		
Simple Deed	Paid in Full	\$65
Promissory Note	Paid in Full	\$55
Consumer Dispute Correspondence	Paid in Full	\$55
Installment Sales Agreement	Paid in Full	\$55
Simple Affidavit	Paid in Full	\$55
General Power of Attorney	Paid in Full	\$55
Lease Agreement - <i>Tenant Only</i>	Paid in Full	\$65
Time Share Agreement	Paid in Full	\$55
• Consumer Dispute	Paid in Full	\$595
• Small Claims Court Representation	Paid in Full	\$300
• Construction/Renovation/Home Repair Dispute	Paid in Full	\$895
• Mail Order or Internet Purchase Dispute	Paid in Full	\$300
• Bank Fee Dispute	Paid in Full	\$300
• Vehicle Repair and Lemon Law Litigation	Paid in Full	\$300
• Identity Theft Defense	Paid in Full	\$850

### Estate Planning

• Will or Codicil	Paid in Full	\$80
• Complex Will	Paid in Full	\$310
• Living Will/Health Care or Advance Directive	Paid in Full	\$55
• Health Care or Medical Power of Attorney	Paid in Full	\$55
• Revocable or Irrevocable Living Trust Document	Paid in Full	\$310
• Probate of Small Estate	Paid in Full	\$850

### Elder Matters

• Elder Parent Will Preparation	Paid in Full	\$80
• Elder Parent Living Will/Health Care or Advance Directive	Paid in Full	\$55



• Elder Parent Durable Financial Power of Attorney	Member co-pay \$4 per document	N/A
• Elder Parent Health Care or Medical Power of Attorney	Member co-pay \$45 per document	N/A
• Elder Law Matters	Paid in Full	\$425

Residential Matters		
• Purchase of Primary Residence	Paid in Full	\$490
• Sale of Primary Residence	Paid in Full	\$365
• Refinancing of Primary Residence	Paid in Full	\$385
• Vacation or Investment Home Purchase/Sale/Refinancing	Paid in Full	\$425
• Home Equity Loan Assistance	Paid in Full	\$360
• Property Tax Assessment	Paid in Full	\$360
• Property Tax Dispute	Paid in Full	\$360
• Tenant Dispute	Paid in Full subject to Managed Case Rules*	\$1,700 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*
• Tenant Security Deposit Dispute	Paid in Full	\$850
• Landlord Dispute with Tenant Pre-litigation activities	Paid in Full up to 10 hours	\$595
Trial Representation	Paid in Full up to 10 hours	\$595
• Security Deposit Dispute with Tenant	Paid in Full up to 10 hours	\$595
• Neighbor Dispute	Paid in Full	\$765
• Noise Reduction Dispute	Paid in Full	\$765
• Boundary or Title Dispute	Paid in Full	\$595
• Zoning Application	Paid in Full	\$595

Financial Matters		
• Debt Collection Defense Pre-litigation Defense activities	Paid in Full	\$425
Trial Defense	Paid in Full	\$850
• Garnishment Defense	Paid in Full	\$850
• Bankruptcy (Chapter 7 or 13)	Paid in Full	\$935
• Foreclosure	Paid in Full	\$680
• Tax Audit	Paid in Full subject to Managed Case Rules*	\$1,700 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*
• Tax Defense	Paid in Full	\$850
• Student Loan Refinancing/Collection Defense	Paid in Full up to 7 hours	\$420

Family Matters		
• Separation, Divorce, Civil Annulment Uncontested Separation or Civil Annulment Consent/default Divorce Uncontested Divorce Contested Divorce, as defined	Paid in Full Paid in Full Paid in Full Paid in Full subject to Managed Case Rules*	\$595 \$595 \$595 \$3,400 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*

• Post-Divorce Proceedings, as defined	Paid in Full	\$3,400 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*
• Prenuptial Agreement	Paid in Full	\$680
• Name Change	Paid in Full	\$255
• Guardianship/Conservatorship	Uncontested: Paid in Full Contested: Paid in Full	\$365 \$765
• Governmental Agency Adoption	Uncontested: Paid in Full Contested: Paid in Full	\$365 \$765
• Stepparent Adoption	Uncontested: Paid in Full Contested: Paid in Full	\$365 \$765
• Child Custody/Support Proceeding Involving Never-Married Parents	Paid in Full up to 28.5 hours subject to Managed Case Rules*	\$1,700 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*
• Protection from Domestic Violence	Paid in Full	\$595
• Juvenile Court Proceeding	Paid in Full	\$470
• School Administrative Proceeding	Paid in Full	\$425
• Immigration Assistance	Paid in Full up to 10 hours	\$595
• Parental Responsibility Matters	Paid in Full	\$595

Civil Matters		
• Civil Litigation Defense	Paid in Full subject to Managed Case Rules*	\$1,700 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*
• Incompetency Defense	Paid in Full subject to Managed Case Rules*	\$1,700 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*
• Administrative Hearing Representation	Paid in Full subject to Managed Case Rules*	\$1,275 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*
• Discounted Contingency Fees	10% discount on state maximum, or a maximum of 29% pre-trial, 36% at trial, or 40% in an appeal	N/A
• Mediation	10% discount on Mediator's hourly rates	N/A

Criminal Defense		
• Traffic Ticket	Paid in Full	\$215
• Serious Traffic Matter (resulting in suspension or revocation of license)	Paid in Full	\$425
• Administrative Proceeding (regarding suspension or revocation of license)	Paid in Full	\$255
• Habeas Corpus Proceeding	Paid in Full	\$850
• Misdemeanor Defense	Paid in Full subject to Managed Case Rules*	\$1,700 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*
• DUI/DWI Defense	Paid in Full subject to Managed Case Rules*	\$1,700 maximum subject to Managed Case Rules*
• Restraining Order Assistance	Paid in Full	\$425

#### \* Managed Case Rules

In cases deemed by Us to be complex, Managed Case Rules may be used to approve additional coverage beyond the standard Participating Attorney maximum fees or to ensure that Non-Participating Attorney fees are reasonable and customary. Managed Case Rules provide protection for Members by limiting or preventing additional charges that Members would otherwise be responsible for. Managed Case Rules may be enacted prior to or after the initial consultation. Managed Case Rules require the following:

1. The Member should contact the Member Service Center prior to proceeding with an attorney. If the Member understands from the attorney that there may be additional charges beyond the covered charges under the Policy and the Member does not contact the Member Service Center prior to proceeding with the attorney, then the Member may be responsible for those additional charges beyond the covered charges under the Policy, even on a Paid In Full benefit.
2. If it is determined that the complexity of the case may require additional hours beyond the standard Participating Attorney maximum, or that the Non-Participating Attorney charges are higher than reasonable and customary fees, the attorney must provide a written estimate of fees reflecting his or her best judgment as to the likely cost of legal services based on the expected conduct of the case.
3. We will set a maximum attorney fee that takes into consideration the reasonable level of reimbursement of the proceeding and the proposed litigation strategy. Fees as a result of services in excess of the maximum attorney fee are the responsibility of the Member.

### DEFINITIONS

**“CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR”** - means LegalEASE; or its subsidiary.

**“COMPLEX WILL”** - means the Member has a significant net worth and will benefit from tax planning, or the estate is subject to current state or federal estate taxation; or the Member owns a business that will continue in operation after death; or the Member wants to put restrictions on what heirs may do with the property; or the Member wants to leave money to someone in a trust because the person cannot manage his or her own affairs (such as a mentally handicapped child), or wants the property to be managed by a trustee for a period of time past the child’s age of majority, to age 25 or 30, for example; or the Member thinks that someone will challenge the will; or the Member wants to exclude any lawful dependents. The inclusion of a pour-over provision in a will does not, by itself, make a will complex.

**“CONTESTED DIVORCE”** - refers to a divorce proceeding that requires more than 5 hours of attorney time, and involves disputed issues and both parties are represented by an attorney.

**“COVERED FAMILY MEMBER”** - means the Member’s Covered Spouse and the Member’s unmarried dependent children, including stepchildren, legally adopted children, children placed in the home for adoption and foster children, up to age 26.

**“COVERED SPOUSE”** - means the Member’s lawful spouse or Domestic Partner at the time the coverage is in effect.

**“DOMESTIC PARTNER”** - means the Member’s domestic partner as defined by the jurisdiction in which the Member primarily resides.

**“DURABLE FINANCIAL POWER OF ATTORNEY”** - a legal document that allows an individual to appoint another person to manage the individual’s finances in the event that he/she is unable to do so him/her self.

**“EFFECTIVE DATE”** - means the date the Member’s coverage hereunder begins.

**“ELIGIBLE PARENT”** - means the parents of the Member or Covered Spouse, regardless of age, and includes, biological parents, step-parents and adoptive parents.

**“HEALTH CARE OR MEDICAL POWER OF ATTORNEY”** - A legal document that allows an individual to appoint another person to make medical decisions in the event the individual is unable to do so him/her self.

**“INTERNET PURCHASE”** - A purchase of goods or services whose cost is over \$200.00 at the time of purchase by a Member from a website on the Surface Web, as defined.

**“LEGAL PLAN ADMINISTRATOR”** - LegalEASE, its affiliates, officers, directors, employees, and/or agents, including third party organizations and their affiliates, officers, directors, employees, and/or agents, hired by LegalEASE to perform services under the Policy.

**“LIVING WILL/ HEALTH CARE OR ADVANCE DIRECTIVE”** - A legal document that outlines an individual’s preferences for medical treatment and which takes effect only when the individual becomes incapacitated and can no longer express his or her wishes.

**“MEMBER”** - refers to the individual who (a) is associated with the Policyholder, (b) has either paid a premium or had a premium paid on his or her behalf, and (c) meets the eligibility requirements for Covered Services as defined by the Policyholder.

**“MEMBER SERVICE CENTER”** - means the service location established to assist Members/Covered Family Members in making full use of the coverage.

**“NEIGHBOR”** - A person whose residence is located on a property that directly abuts the property on which a Member’s residence is located.

**“NON-PARTICIPATING ATTORNEY”** - means an attorney not contracted by the Legal Plan Administrator who is selected and paid by the Member to provide covered legal services up to the maximum amount shown under the Non-Participating Attorney column of the Schedule of Benefits.

**“PAID IN FULL”** - means complete payment in full to a Participating Attorney for covered legal services.

**“PARTICIPATING ATTORNEY”** - means an attorney contracted by the Legal Plan Administrator to provide covered legal services at the amount shown under the Participating Attorney column of the Schedule of Benefits.

**“POLICY”** - means the Group Legal Expense Insurance Policy and the Certificate of Coverage.

**“POLICYHOLDER”** - means the organization named in the declarations page.

**“REAL PROPERTY”** - means land and all permanent structures attached thereto.

**“SURFACE WEB”** - means the portion of the World Wide Web that is readily available to the general public and searchable via standard web search engines.

**“WAITING PERIOD”** - means the period after the Effective Date during which certain benefits as shown in the Schedule of Benefits may not be used. This includes any matter that arises prior to the end of the Waiting Period.

**“WE”, “US”, “OUR” AND “COMPANY”** - means Virginia Surety Company, Inc.

## COVERED SERVICES

In consideration of payment and receipt by Us of the applicable premium, all Covered Services are available to the Member and all Covered Family Members, except as specifically noted below. The following Covered Services are provided when the Member uses a Participating Attorney. The Schedule of Benefits chart shows the reimbursement schedule when the Member uses a Non-Participating Attorney.

### Advice and Consultation

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**LegalEASE Helpline:**

Advice and consultation by telephone with a Participating Attorney. Services are available during normal business hours. Calls can relate to any personal legal matter, civil or criminal, except those specifically excluded.

**Initial Law Office Consultation:**

Up to the maximum as shown in the Schedule of Benefits for office consultations with an attorney on any personal legal problem, civil or criminal, except those specifically excluded.

**Review of Simple Documents:**

This benefit includes attorney review, verbal explanations of the meaning or impact of any form or document, or suggestions for changes to a form or proposed document being drafted of up to the maximum number of pages as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. This benefit does not include a written analysis of any form or document.

### Miscellaneous Law Office Services

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**Legal Services for any Non-Excluded Legal Matter:**

This benefit will cover any legal services to review and/or prepare documents, or any other service required on any legal matters not listed as a Covered Service or Exclusion. This benefit may not be used to extend the coverage for any other service shown in the Schedule of Benefits beyond the limits of coverage.

*This benefit is limited to the maximum number of hours shown on the Schedule of Benefits per year.*

**Discounted Legal Services for any Non-Excluded Legal Matter:**

This benefit will cover any legal services to review and/or prepare documents, or any other service required on any legal matters not listed as a Covered Service or Exclusion. This benefit may not be used to extend the coverage for any other service shown in the Schedule of Benefits beyond the limits of coverage.

### Consumer Matters

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**Document Preparation:**

Preparation of any of the following documents:

- Simple Deed (excluding those reviewed or prepared under the real estate benefit).
- Promissory Note
- Consumer Dispute Correspondence
- Installment Sales Agreement
- Simple Affidavit
- General Power of Attorney
- Lease Agreement (for the Member/Covered Family Member as a tenant only)
- Time Share Agreement

**Consumer Dispute:**

Consultation or representation in a dispute relating to consumer goods and services (not directly or indirectly related to real estate construction or renovation, or landlord/tenant disputes).

**Small Claims Court Representation:**

Consultation and/or representation for a consumer dispute filed in small claims court. (Attorney may not be permitted to attend court hearings in some jurisdictions).

**Construction / Renovation / Home Repair Dispute:**

Consultation or representation in a dispute involving consumer goods or services related to construction and/or renovation and/or home repairs that occurred on the premises of the Member's primary residence (where the Member has resided or intends to reside for twenty-seven (27) weeks. This benefit does not apply to consumer goods and services that are directly or indirectly related to a landlord/tenant dispute.

*This benefit applies to the Member/Covered Spouse only.*

**Mail Order or Internet Purchase Dispute:**

The services of an attorney to review the nature of any mail order or Surface Web Internet Purchase dispute involving the purchaser prior to the commencement of litigation. This service includes the consultation with the attorney and review and/or preparation of purchase documents and/or dispute letters. If litigation is commenced in this matter, the benefit will cover up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

**Bank Fee Dispute:**

The services of an attorney to review the nature of any (non-business related) bank fee dispute between the Member and their bank prior to the commencement of litigation. This service includes the consultation with the attorney and review and/or preparation of purchase documents and/or dispute letters. If litigation is commenced in this matter, the benefit will cover up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits.

**Vehicle Repair and Lemon Law Litigation:**

Services related to the representation of a Member who is entitled under the applicable state "lemon" law to bring a civil lawsuit (non-business related), up to and including the trial thereof related to a defective car as defined in the applicable state law. This benefit does not apply to: (1) any lawsuit related to matters that are not specifically listed under the provisions of the applicable state fraud laws; (2) lawsuits normally handled on a contingent fee basis; (3) any action for or defense against a collection or related matter; or (4) matters for which the Member has or is required by law to have insurance.

**Identity Theft Defense:**

Services related to the representation of a Member regarding potential creditor actions resulting from identity theft, and attorney services as needed to contact creditors, credit bureaus and financial institutions. It also provides defense services for specific creditor actions over disputed accounts.

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**Estate Planning**

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**Will Preparation:**

Attorney shall prepare a will or codicil and discuss the legal requirements for *signing* the will. This benefit does not cover Complex Wills, as defined in the Definitions section.

**Complex Will Preparation:**

Attorney shall prepare a Complex Will or codicil.

**Living Will/Health Care or Advance Directive/Health Care or Medical Power of Attorney:**

This benefit covers the preparation of up to 2 of any of the following documents as defined in the Definitions section per Member/Covered Family Member:

- Living Will
- Health Care Directive
- Advance Directive
- Health Care Power of Attorney
- Medical Power of Attorney

The titles of the above documents may vary by state. When state law allows the information contained in any two or more of the above mentioned documents to be combined into one document, then the benefit covers the preparation of only one document, and cannot be combined to increase the total allowed benefit.

*This benefit is limited to one document/set of documents per year per Member/Covered Family Member.*

**Revocable or Irrevocable Living Trust Document:**

Preparation of a revocable or irrevocable living trust for the Member and/or Covered Spouse. This benefit does not include services related to transactions to fund the trust or transfer assets into it. This benefit does not include tax planning or tax advice. This benefit does not include the preparation of: a charitable or charitable remainder trust; special needs trust; tax by-pass or credit shelter trust; asset protection trust; insurance trust; qualified domestic trust (QDOT); qualified terminable interest property trust (QTIP); or blind trust.

*This benefit is limited to one use per year per Member/Covered Spouse.*

*This benefit applies to the Member and Covered Spouse only.*

**Probate of Small Estate:**

The service of an attorney for the probate of a small estate (an estate that is not subject to current state or federal estate taxation), up to the maximum as shown in Schedule of Benefits. This benefit does not apply when there are applicable state-mandated attorney fees.

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**Elder Matters**

**Elder Parent Will Preparation:**

Each Eligible Parent may receive one Simple Will per year at no charge. The attorney will prepare the document and discuss the legal requirements for signing the will. This benefit does not cover Complex Wills, as defined in the Definitions section.

*This benefit is limited to one use per year per Eligible Parent.*

**Elder Parent Living Will/Health Care or Advance Directive:**

Each Eligible Parent may request one Living Will/Health Care or Advance Directive, as they are defined in the Definitions section, per year. The attorney will prepare the documents as authorized by state law and discuss the legal requirements for signing the Living Will/Health Care or Advance Directive. The titles of the above documents may vary by state. When state law allows the information contained in any two or more of these documents to be combined into one document, then the benefit covers the preparation of only one document, and cannot be combined to increase the total allowed benefit.

*This benefit is limited to one document/set of documents per year per Eligible Parent.*

**Elder Parent Durable Financial Power of Attorney:**

Each Eligible Parent may request one Durable Financial Power of Attorney, as defined in the Definitions section, per year at the co-pay rate shown in the Schedule of Benefits. The attorney will prepare the document as authorized by state law and discuss the legal requirements for signing the Durable Financial Power of Attorney. The titles of the above documents may vary by state.

*This benefit is limited to one document/set of documents per year per Eligible Parent.*

**Elder Parent Health Care or Medical Power of Attorney:**

Each Eligible Parent may request one Health Care or Medical Power of Attorney, as they are defined in the Definitions section, per year at the co-pay rate shown in the Schedule of Benefits. The attorney will prepare the document as authorized by state law and discuss the legal requirements for signing the Health Care or Medical Power of Attorney. The titles of the above documents may vary by state. When state law allows the information contained in any two or more these documents to be combined into one document, then the benefit covers the preparation of only one document, and cannot be combined to increase the total allowed benefit.

*This benefit is limited to one document/set of documents per year per Eligible Parent.*

**Elder Law Matters:**

This service covers counseling the Member over the phone or in the office on any personal issues relating to the Eligible Parents as they affect the Member. This benefit includes reviewing documents of the Eligible Parents to advise the Member of the legal effect on the Member. The documents include

Medicare or Medicaid materials, prescription plans, leases, nursing home agreements, powers of attorney, living wills and wills. The benefit also includes preparing deeds involving the Eligible Parents when the Member and/or Covered Spouse is either the grantor or grantee; and preparing promissory notes involving the parents when the Member and/or Covered Spouse is either the payor or payee. *This benefit is limited to one use per year.*

## **Residential Matters**

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### **Real Estate Sale or Purchase or Refinancing of Primary Residence:**

The services of an attorney for the sale or purchase or refinancing of a primary residence (where Member has resided or intends to reside for twenty-seven (27) weeks or more per year). This service includes the review and/or preparation of closing documents and/or attendance by the attorney at closing in situations when it is customary for the attorney to do so. This benefit does not include services performed by or for a title company, or for an attorney acting on behalf of a lending institution. Home equity loans and the sale or purchase of unimproved or rental properties are not included. This benefit does not include any fees or costs other than those related to the attorney's review of the purchase/sale documents.

### **Vacation or Investment Home Purchase, Sale or Refinancing:**

The services of an attorney for the purchase, sale, or refinancing of a vacation or investment residence (where Member has not resided or does not intend to reside for twenty-seven (27) weeks or more per year). This service includes the review and/or preparation of closing documents and/or attendance by the attorney at closing in situations when it is customary for the attorney to do so. This benefit does not include services performed by or for a title company, or for an attorney acting on behalf of a lending institution. Home equity loans and the sale or purchase of unimproved properties are not included. This benefit does not include any fees or costs other than those related to the attorney's review of the purchase/sale documents.

### **Home Equity Loan Assistance for Primary Residence:**

The services of an attorney for the review and/or preparation of a home equity loan on a primary residence, or second or vacation home. This benefit does not include services performed by or for a title company, or for an attorney acting on behalf of a lending institution.

### **Property Tax Assessment:**

The services of an attorney for review and advice on a property tax assessment on a primary residence (where Member has resided or intends to reside for twenty-seven (27) weeks or more per year). This benefit includes filing the paperwork, gathering the evidence, negotiating a settlement, and attending the hearing necessary to seek a reduction of the assessment.

### **Property Tax Dispute:**

Representation of the Member in a dispute involving property taxes on the Member's primary residence (where the Member has resided or intends to reside for twenty-seven (27) weeks or more per year). This benefit does not include the services of an attorney for review and advice on a property tax assessment or any other service covered under the Property Tax Assessment benefit. This benefit does not include boundary or title issues related to business assets or property.

### **Tenant Dispute:**

Representation of the Member as a tenant in a dispute with his/her landlord. This benefit does not include representation for a tenant in a dispute with other tenants or for a tenant acting in his/her capacity as sublessee or sublessor.

### **Tenant Security Deposit Dispute:**

The services of an attorney to assist the Member as a tenant in recovering a security deposit from the residential landlord for the primary residence; reviewing the lease and other relevant documents; and preparing a demand letter to the landlord for the return of the deposit. This benefit covers preparation for prosecuting a small claims action; helping prepare documents; advising on evidence, documentation and witnesses; and preparing the Member for the small claims trial. The service does not include the attorney's attendance or representation at the small claims trial, collection activities after a judgment or any services relating to post-judgment actions.



**Landlord Dispute with Tenant:**

This benefit covers the Member where he/she is a landlord, but where the regular business or livelihood of the Member is that other than a landlord, for matters involving evictions, leases, or disputes with a residential tenant. The service includes advice and representation if a lawsuit is filed up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits. This benefit does not include representation for a tenant in disputes with other tenants or for a tenant acting in his/her capacity as sublessee or sublessor. If a lawsuit is required in order for the landlord to recover his or her damages, then representation will be provided up to the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits and the Member will be responsible for paying all fees for any additional services required.

**Security Deposit Dispute with Tenant:**

This benefit covers the Member where he/she is a landlord, but where the regular business or livelihood of the Member is that other than a landlord, in defending against the recovery of a security deposit from the Member's residential tenant for any residence owned and leased by the Member; reviewing the lease and other relevant documents; and preparing a letter to the tenant specifying what part of the deposit, if any, will not be returned. It also covers assisting the Member in defending a small claims action; helping prepare documents; advising on evidence, documentation and witnesses; and preparing the Member for the small claims trial. The service does not include the attorney's attendance or representation at the small claims trial, collection activities after a judgment or any services relating to post-judgment actions.

**Neighbor Dispute:**

The services of an attorney in a dispute relating to a Member's Neighbor up to the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits. For a definition of Neighbor, please see the Definitions section. Advice and/or preparation and assistance for a dispute filed in court is covered, although representation in small claims court is not covered. This benefit does not include matters involving a dispute with a condominium/homeowners'/property owners association or a housing cooperative board, or any individual in his/her capacity as a member of a condominium/homeowners'/property owners' association or a housing cooperative board.

*This benefit applies to the Member/Covered Spouse only.*

**Noise Reduction Dispute:**

The services of an attorney in a dispute relating to a Member's enjoyment of his/her residence, where any activity related to noise affecting the Member's enjoyment of their home is prohibited by federal, state or local law, up to the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits. Advice and/or preparation and assistance for a dispute filed in court is also covered, although representation in small claims court is not covered.

*This benefit applies to the Member/Covered Spouse only.*

**Boundary or Title Dispute:**

Services needed to negotiate and/or litigate matters arising from boundary or Real Property title disputes involving the Member's primary residence and where coverage is not available under the Member's homeowner or title insurance policies. This benefit includes filing to remove a mechanic's lien. This benefit does not include boundary or title issues related to business assets or property. This benefit does not include boundary or title issues arising from the assertion of Eminent Domain.

**Zoning Application:**

Services needed to negotiate and/or litigate the change of zoning or variance for the Member's primary or secondary or vacation residence. This benefit applies to the Member as a named plaintiff or defendant. This benefit includes research and review of the law, surveys, advising the Member, preparing applications, and preparing for and attending the hearing. This benefit does not include zoning or variance issues related to business assets or property.

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The defense of any dispute involving personal (non-business related) debt. This benefit includes correspondence, negotiating with creditors to arrange a repayment schedule, assistance in limiting harassment by bill collectors, and negotiating settlement after a complaint is filed. This service does

not include defense against execution of a court-ordered judgment or efforts to vacate or set aside a judgment.

**Garnishment Defense:**

The defense of any dispute involving wage or earnings garnishment to collect on a court-ordered judgment related to personal (non-business related) goods or services. This benefit includes correspondence, negotiating with the court or opposing party to arrange a repayment schedule, assistance in limiting harassment by bill collectors, negotiating settlement after a complaint is filed, and representation at trial, if necessary. This service does not include efforts to vacate or set aside a judgment. This service does not include counter, cross or third-party claims; bankruptcy; any action arising out of family law matters, including support and post-decree matters; or any matter where the creditor is affiliated with the Policyholder.

**Bankruptcy:**

Representation on behalf of the Member for personal (non-business related) bankruptcy protection under Chapter 7 or 13 of the Internal Revenue Code.

*This benefit applies to the Member/Covered Spouse only.*

**Foreclosure:**

Defense of the Member in an action to foreclose on the Member's primary residence (where Member has resided or intends to reside twenty-seven (27) weeks or more per year.)

*This benefit applies to the Member/Covered Spouse only.*

**Tax Audit:**

Includes the services of an attorney (but not accounting services) during a personal (non-business related) tax audit required by federal and state tax authorities and negotiations relating to it. This benefit does not include a defense against criminal charges nor the defense of civil tax litigation in any tax court.

**Tax Defense:**

The defense of any dispute involving the collection of personal (non-business related) debt by a state or federal tax agency. This benefit includes correspondence, negotiating with the creditor tax agency to arrange a repayment schedule, assistance in limiting harassment by bill collectors, negotiating settlement after a complaint is filed, and representation at trial, if necessary. This service does not include defense against execution of a court-ordered judgment or efforts to vacate or set aside a judgment. This service does not include counter, cross or third-party claims; bankruptcy; any action arising out of family law matters, including support and post-decree matters; or any matter where the creditor is affiliated with the Policyholder.

**Student Loan Refinancing/Collection Defense:**

The services of an attorney up to the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits for a student loan refinancing or collection dispute proceeding.. This benefit includes negotiation with creditors for a repayment schedule and to limit creditor harassment, and representation in defense of any action for personal debt collection, tax agency debt collection, foreclosure, repossession or garnishment, all related to one or more school loans up to and including trial if necessary.

This benefit does not include: vacating a judgment; counter, cross or third-party claims; bankruptcy, any action arising out of family law matters, including support and post decree issues; or any matter where the creditor is affiliated with the sponsor or employer.

*This service covers the Member only, not a Covered Family Member, and/or Covered Family Member when there is an issue regarding a student loan in the name of the Member and/or Covered Family Member.*

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**Family Matters**

**Separation, Divorce, Civil Annulment:**

Legal representation of the Member for up to the maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits in an uncontested separation or civil annulment; consent or default divorce, uncontested divorce or Contested Divorce. An uncontested separation, divorce or civil annulment does not involve significant disputed issues and the parties resolve any issues prior to any court supervised proceeding. A consent or default divorce does not involve any disputed issues and the opposing party is not represented by

counsel. The benefit for uncontested matters does not provide any coverage of an attorney's fee for: (1) services in excess of the maximum shown on the Schedule of Benefits; the Member must pay the attorney's fee for services in excess of the maximum; or (2) contested matters in which case the Member must pay the attorney's fee for services, unless the coverage includes contested matters and the benefit shall be in accordance with the Schedule of Benefits; or (3) services relative to post-decree representation. A contested separation, divorce or civil annulment requires more than five hours of attorney time, and involves disputed issues and requires that both parties be represented by an attorney.

*This benefit is limited to one use per year (representation seeking or defending against interim order shall constitute a separate use). This benefit applies to the Member only and Covered Family Members only for actions not involving the Member as an opposing party.*

**Post-Divorce Proceedings:**

Legal representation of the Member for up to the maximum listed on the Schedule of Benefits in a contested or uncontested post-divorce proceeding. An uncontested post-divorce proceeding does not involve significant disputed issues and the parties resolve any issues prior to any court supervised proceeding. The benefit for uncontested matters does not provide any coverage of an attorney's fee for: (1) services in excess of the maximum listed on the Schedule of Benefits; the Member must pay the attorney's fee for services in excess of the maximum; (2) contested matters in which case the Member must pay the attorney's fee for services, unless the coverage includes contested matters and the benefit shall be in accordance with the Schedule of Benefits. A contested post-divorce proceeding requires more than five hours of attorney time, involves disputed issues and requires that both parties be represented by an attorney. This benefit includes custody, support, and alimony proceedings.

*This benefit is limited to two uses per year.*

**Prenuptial Agreement:**

This service covers the preparation of an agreement by a Member and his or her fiancé/partner prior to their marriage or legal union (where allowed by law), outlining how property is to be divided in the event of separation, divorce or death of a spouse. Representation is provided only to the Member. The fiancé/partner must have separate counsel or must waive representation.

*This benefit applies to the Member only.*

**Name Change:**

Services required to accomplish a legal name change for a Member/Covered Family Member.

**Guardianship/Conservatorship:**

Services required to establish a Member/Covered Family Member as the guardian(s) or conservator(s) of a family member of either the Member or Covered Spouse another. This benefit does not include fees for a court-appointed attorney for the child/conservatee. This benefit does not include contested matters.

**Government Agency/Stepparent Adoption:**

Legal representation up to the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits in a governmental agency or stepparent adoption. An uncontested adoption does not involve significant disputed issues. This benefit does not include: (1) contested termination of parental rights; (2) fees for a court-appointed attorney for the child; or (3) adoptions(s) made through any agency other than a governmental agency. A contested adoption requires more than five hours of attorney time and involves disputed issues. If the amount of an attorney's time for uncontested adoption exceeds the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits, or if the adoption becomes contested, then coverage will terminate and the Member will be responsible for any additional legal fees.

**Child Custody/Support Proceeding Involving Never-Married Parents:**

Legal representation up to the maximum shown in the Schedule of Benefits in a child custody/support proceeding. This service covers the Member and/or Covered Family Member, when there is an issue of child custody/support of a child parented by a person with the Member/Covered Family Member, but never married to the Member/Covered Family Member. This service covers representation to obtain a support order, including all required paperwork and attendance at all court appearances. The service does not include representation in suits for damages, defense of any action, representation for the opposing parent, or any paternity proceeding. If the amount of an attorney's time for an uncontested or contested child custody/support proceeding exceeds the maximum shown

in the Schedule of Benefits, then coverage will terminate and the Member will be responsible for any additional legal fees.

*This benefit is limited to two uses per year.*

*This benefit applies to the Member only.*

**Protection from Domestic Violence:**

Services needed to assist the Member only, in obtaining a protective order arising from a domestic violence or abuse matter, including all required paperwork and attendance at all court appearances. This benefit does not include representation in suits for damages, defense of any action, or representation of the offender.

*This benefit applies to the Member only.*

**Juvenile Court Proceeding:**

Services related to the representation of the dependent child of a Member/Covered Family Member in any juvenile court proceeding, provided the child's interest is not in conflict with the Member's and/or Covered Family Member's interest. This benefit does not cover any matter that falls outside the jurisdiction of juvenile court or any matter that may be considered a felony.

**School Administrative Proceeding:**

Services needed for a dependent child of a Member/Covered Family Member for consultations, and review or help with preparation of documents prior to the representation of the dependent child in any school administrative proceeding (not including expulsion), provided the child's interest is not in conflict with the Member's and/or Covered Family Member's interest. This benefit does not cover any matter that falls outside the jurisdiction of the school in which the child is officially enrolled. This benefit does not contemplate any attendance or representation by the attorney at or prior to any administrative hearing or appearance.

**Immigration Assistance:**

This service covers advice and consultation, preparation of affidavits and powers of attorney, review of any immigration documents, and helping the Member prepare for hearings. This benefit also extends to the Member's Covered Family Members and non-covered family members who are attempting to become US citizens in the manner prescribed by law.

*This benefit is limited to proceedings involving one covered immigration applicant per year.*

**Parental Responsibility Matters:**

Representation of the Member/Covered Spouse in juvenile court proceedings (except those involving traffic matters) where a the State has brought an action against the Member/Covered Spouse relating to his or her parental responsibilities for a Covered Family Member.

*This benefit applies to the Member/Covered Spouse only.*

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**Civil Matters**

**Civil Litigation Defense:**

Services related to the representation of a Member who is a named defendant in a filed civil lawsuit (non-business related), up to and including the trial thereof. This benefit does not include: (1) any debt collection or family law matters; (2) lawsuits normally handled on a contingent fee basis; or (3) matters for which the Member has or is required by law to have insurance; 4) post judgment matters; (5) matters with criminal penalties; or (6) litigation of a job-related incident. This benefit does not include services relating to counter, third-party or cross claims.

This benefit does not include matters involving a dispute with a condominium/ homeowners' /property owners association or a housing cooperative board, or any individual in their capacity as a member of a condominium/ homeowners' /property owners' association or a housing cooperative board.

**Incompetency Defense:**

Services related to the representation of a Member in the defense of any incompetency action, including court hearings when there is a proceeding to find the Member incompetent.

**Administrative Hearing Representation:**

Services needed to defend the Member from civil proceedings before a municipal, county, state, or federal administrative board, agency or commission. It includes the hearing before an administrative

board or agency regarding an adverse governmental action. It does not apply where services are available or are being provided by virtue of an insurance policy. It does not include family law matters, post judgment matters or litigation of a job-related incident.

**Discounted Contingency Fees:**

Participating Attorneys will handle the matter at a maximum percentage of the gross award. It is the Member's responsibility to pay this fee and all costs.

- When state laws set contingency fees: Lesser of 10% less than state law maximum fee or the Participating Attorney's usual fee.
- When state laws do not set contingency fee: Maximum of 29% if settled before trial, 36% if trial is conducted, or 40% after an appellate brief is filed.

Contingency rate discount applies in those cases where attorneys customarily take a case on a contingency fee, (an agreed upon portion of any recovery), depending on the outcome of the case.

**Mediation:**

This benefit does not include the cost of the mediator's services.

*This benefit applies to the Member only.*

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**Criminal Defense**

**Traffic Ticket:**

Services related to the representation of the Member in defense of any traffic ticket except driving under influence or vehicular homicide, including court hearings, negotiation with the prosecutor, trial, and counseling and preparing Member for self-representation at any hearings if chosen. This benefit does not cover violations related to a commercial driver's license. This benefit does not apply to Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) violations/citations.

**Serious Traffic Matter:**

Services related to the representation of a Member who is charged by governing authorities with moving traffic violation(s) and conviction could result in suspension or revocation of a state-issued license permitting a person to drive a motor vehicle. This benefit does not cover violations related to a commercial driver's license. This benefit does not apply to Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) violations/citations. This benefit cannot include expungements of misdemeanor convictions. This benefit does not include adjustments to probation or parole.

**Administrative Proceeding:**

Services related to the representation of a Member in an administrative proceeding relating to the suspension or revocation of driving privileges. This benefit does not cover suspension or revocation of a commercial driver's license.

**Habeas Corpus Proceeding:**

Services related to the representation in a Habeas Corpus proceeding.

**Misdemeanor Defense:**

Defense of a Member in connection with criminal misdemeanor charges (not associated with any felony charge). This benefit does not include defense of moving traffic violations. This benefit does not include juvenile matters. This benefit cannot be used for expungements of misdemeanor convictions. This benefit does not include employment related misdemeanors. This benefit does not include misdemeanors relating to a commercial driver's license. This benefit does not include adjustments to probation or parole.

**DUI/DWI Defense:**

Defense of a Member in connection with Driving Under the Influence (DUI) or Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) violations/citations misdemeanor charges (not associated with any felony charge). This benefit does not include employment related DUI/DWI charges. This benefit does not include misdemeanors relating to a commercial driver's license. This benefit does not include adjustments to probation or parole.

*This benefit applies to the Member only.*

**Restraining Order Assistance:**

Services needed to obtain a temporary restraining order during regular court hours. This benefit includes consultations, review or preparation of documents. This benefit applies only to the Member and/or Covered Family Members for actions not involving the Member or other Covered Family Members as an opposing party.

## ***OBTAINING BENEFITS***

### **Claim for Benefits**

1. Members should call the Member Service Center to confirm the potentially applicable benefit(s) prior to consulting with any attorney. The Member/Covered Family Member must provide all information requested with respect to the circumstances of an insured event or service provided. The Member Service Center will assign a Participating Attorney to provide services relative to the matter. Failure to notify the Member Service Center within thirty (30) days following consultation with an attorney may result in a denial of benefits.
2. To confirm coverage for matters to which Managed Case Rules apply reference Managed Case Rules in the Schedule of Benefits.
3. Members and/or Covered Family Members who are requesting services must remain enrolled and continue to pay premium hereunder.
4. Upon completion of a Covered Service, the Member/Covered Family Member may be required by the Participating Attorney to sign a confirmation of completion. Failure to sign the confirmation may result in denial of the claim and the Member/Covered Family Member will be responsible for all legal fees.
5. If the Member/Covered Family Member pays for pre-authorized services provided by a Non-Participating Attorney, the Member must submit a reimbursement form (provided by Member Service Center) accompanied by an original itemized bill, proof of payment and supporting documentation sufficient to demonstrate the work completed in the matter within sixty (60) days after incurring the legal fees. Benefits provided to the Member/Covered Family Member for Covered Services are subject to the maximum as shown in the Schedule of Benefits.
6. Payment by Us for Covered Services does not preclude the attorney (whether Participating or Non-Participating) from seeking and recovering attorney's fees from an opposing party, where authorized by law, court rule, or contract, at the attorney's customary or prevailing rate. If the Member/Covered Family Member receives reimbursement of attorney's fees, then the Member/Covered Family Member agrees to reimburse Us for payments issued.

### **Disputes Between Member and Covered Family Member**

In the event that the Member and one of the Covered Family Members are involved as adversaries in a dispute that is a Covered Service, only the Member will be covered.

If two or more Covered Family Members are involved in a dispute that is otherwise covered, no coverage will be provided.

If two Members are involved as adversaries in a dispute that is a Covered Service, separate coverage for each Member will be provided.

## ***EXCLUSIONS***

The following benefits are excluded:

Appellate court proceedings, class actions, interventions, malpractice proceedings, actions in which punitive damages are being sought, derivative actions and amicus curiae filings.

The preparation and filing of individual, partnership or estate tax returns, appellate or administrative proceedings related to tax returns, litigation before the U.S. Tax Court, U.S. Court of Claims or any other federal, state or other courts with respect to tax matters.

Matters relating to: securities, trademark or patent matters; business or commercial interests, including, but not limited to, professional, partnership and/or corporate matters; matters arising out of a Member/Covered Family Member's role as an officer or director of an organization; matters involving the law or laws of jurisdictions other than the United States and its territories ; any matters involving a government (domestic or foreign) entity or agency except as specifically described under Covered Services; farm related issues; matters involving commercial or rental property transactions, including the purchase, sale or lease of investment or income-producing property. A multi-family residence, whether or not used by the Member/Covered Family Member as his or her primary residence, is deemed an investment or income-producing property.

Legal services that are fully paid for or provided at no cost by any governmental agency, organization or insurance company.

Matters that the attorney deems frivolous, spurious, harassing, or unethical or otherwise prohibited by the Model Rules of Professional Conduct of the state in which the attorney is licensed.

Costs associated with covered legal services, including but not limited to, all fines, court costs, penalties, sanctions, expert witness fees, bonds, bail bonds, attorney fees awarded as part of a judgment, exhibits, deposition costs, filing fees, transcripts, postage, telephone, photocopying, recording fees, messengers, judgments, jury fees, court reporter fees, investigative costs, mediator or arbitrator fees, and all other incidental and out-of-pocket legal and litigation costs.

Any services on behalf of a Covered Family Member against the interests of the Member.

Any employment-related matter. This includes, but is not limited to, any dispute involving the Member's employer or its affiliates, their officers or directors, the Member's employee benefit plans, credit unions, programs or arrangements sponsored by an employer, or cases involving workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, sex harassment, and age discrimination.

Any dispute or proceeding against the following persons or entities, their officers, directors, employees, or agents: any person or entity involved in the sale, marketing, administration or other processes related to the Policy; Legal Plan Administrator or its subsidiaries; Claims Administrator or its subsidiaries; Policyholder; Member's employer; Virginia Surety Company, Inc. and its parents, subsidiaries or any affiliated or successor company, plan underwriter or reinsurer; or any Participating and/or Non-Participating Attorney, if the dispute or proceeding pertains to services provided under the Policy.

Except for consultation, the Policy will not provide benefits in connection with pre-existing matters, which includes any matter where the Member/Covered Family Member is on notice as to a pending legal dispute or has previously contacted an attorney.

The Policy does not allow benefits listed under the Covered Services section to be combined for one legal matter.

Where there are specific hours or dollar amounts provided in the Policy, or where a maximum is set under the Managed Case Rules, the Member will be responsible for all attorney fees incurred which exceed the maximum. Additional exclusions related to each benefit are included in the Covered Services.

## ***GENERAL PROVISIONS***

### **Attorney-Client Relationship**

All attorneys are subject to the authority of the state Supreme Court and the state bar association of the state(s) where they are licensed to practice. The Member has the unrestricted right to choose an attorney. The Member's relationship with an attorney is privileged and strictly confidential. We will not interfere in the attorney-client relationship or in the attorney's independent exercise of his or her professional

judgment. Participating Attorneys are not certified specialists. Participating Attorneys are not agents or employees of either the Legal Plan Administrator or Us.

The Member shall authorize the Participating Attorney to provide the Legal Plan Administrator with information and supporting documentation on the number and type of services provided to the Member.

By using legal services benefits that are provided under the Policy, the Member agrees that neither We, nor the Policyholder, nor any other person involved in the marketing or administration of the Policy, shall have any liability for the acts, errors or omissions of an attorney providing services, in whole or in part.

### **Non-Participating Attorney Services**

If the Member already has an attorney, the Member may prefer to use her/him as a Non-Participating Attorney. To do so, the Member must first contact the Member Service Center and notify the representative of his/her intention to use a Non-Participating Attorney for a Covered Service. The Member Service Center will send the Member a claim form which must be completed and returned in order to request reimbursement. The Member's reimbursement will be based on the reimbursement schedule shown under the Non-Participating Attorney column of the Schedule of Benefits. If a Member has a Non-Participating Attorney he or she would prefer to work with, the Legal Plan Administrator may elect to offer to negotiate with the attorney on behalf of the Member, but cannot guarantee the Non-Participating Attorney will accept the Plan Discounted Rate.

### **Subrogation and Coordination of Benefits**

All benefits will be subject to subrogation and coordination of benefit rules. For the purpose of subrogation, We may require the Member/Covered Family Member to assign all rights of recovery of legal fees to the extent that payment is made by Us. If an assignment is sought, the Member/Covered Family Member must cooperate in providing the assignment.

### **Legal Terminology**

The Member or Covered Family Member may call the Member Service Center to obtain a definition or explanation of any term used herein.

### **Coverage Territory**

The coverage territory includes the United States and United States territories.

### **Premium Refund Provision**

In the event that the premium mode is other than monthly and the Group Policy is terminated or the Member elects to terminate the coverage, a pro-rata premium refund will be made in accordance with the insurance laws of the Policyholder's state.

### **Secondary Coverage**

If the Member/Covered Family Member is entitled to receive legal services or reimbursement for legal services from any other person or organization, the coverage available under the Policy would be considered excess as defined in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners Model Coordination of Benefits Provisions.

### **Termination and Cancellation of Coverage**

Coverage provided to the Member shall terminate upon the first of the following to occur:

- a. Cancellation or termination of the Group Policy;
- b. If applicable, the Member fails to re-enroll;
- c. The Member is no longer associated with Policyholder; or
- d. The Member fails to remit premium when due, subject to the statutory grace period.

Coverage provided to a Covered Family Member of a Member shall terminate upon the first of the following to occur:



- a. The Member's coverage is cancelled or terminated; or
- b. The family member ceases to qualify as a Covered Family Member as defined in the Definitions section.

When coverage for a Member/Covered Family Member terminates and a matter is unresolved when coverage terminated, then any further legal work between said Member/Covered Family Member and the Participating Attorney shall be outside the scope and coverage of the Policy. The Participating Attorney shall not be obligated to provide any benefits under the Policy and any further legal services shall be based upon an independent and separate fee agreement entered into, if at all, between the former Member/Covered Family Member and the attorney. If such an agreement is not entered into, then the Participating Attorney may withdraw from any further representation in accordance with applicable law and State Bar standards.

#### **Illegal Activity, Misrepresentation and Fraud**

We will not provide coverage if the Member/Covered Family Member has intentionally concealed or misrepresented any material fact or circumstances or been involved in any illegal activity related to the Policy or claim. We will not provide coverage if doing so would be in violation of any United States economic or trade sanction.

#### **Portability**

The Member may continue this insurance by electing the option of portability when the Member no longer qualifies as an employee of the Policyholder or as a Member of the group to which the Group Policy is issued. The Member must apply for portability within sixty (60) days of this disqualifying event and make arrangements for premium payment. Portability coverage will take effect, subject to payment of the initial premium, as of the date the Member's coverage under the Group Policy terminates. Credit will be given for any applicable Waiting Period based upon the number of months coverage was in force for the Member under the Group Policy.

#### **Waiver of Premium**

Upon the death of the Member, coverage for the surviving Covered Family Members continues for the remainder of the current Group Policy term. We waive further premium payments during this time.

Upon the Member being called to active duty for a period of more than thirty (30) consecutive days for the purposes of military service or of responding to a declared national emergency, coverage for the Covered Family Members will continue, without the payment of premium, for the length of the Member's absence and for so long as the Member remains eligible for benefits through the Policyholder.

#### **Conformed to Statute**

Any terms herein that conflict with the statutes of the jurisdiction where issued are amended to conform to the statutes.

#### **Assignment of Benefits**

The benefits provided herein are not assignable.



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MANDATORY AMENDATORY ENDORSEMENT - ARIZONA

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Policy Number: 2001146  
Policyholder: Meritage Homes  
Policy Effective Date: 01/01/2025  
Policy Anniversary Date: 01/01/2028  
Endorsement Effective Date: 01/01/2025

All dates above are effective 12:01 am Standard Time at the Policyholder's address.

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This endorsement is made a part of the Certificate of Coverage to which it is attached. This endorsement is subject to all of the provisions and limitations of the Certificate of Coverage. If there is a conflict between the Certificate of Coverage and the endorsement, the terms of the endorsement will govern.

Under **DEFINITIONS**, "**MEMBER**" is deleted and replaced with the following:

**"MEMBER"** - refers to the individual who (a) is associated with the Policyholder, (b) has either paid a premium or had a premium paid on his or her behalf, and (c) meets the eligibility requirements for Covered Services as defined by the Policy.





## **COVERED SERVICES**

The following is a list of Covered Services available, in addition to the services described in your Certificate of Coverage.

### **FINANCIAL ADVISOR**

Coverage includes a financial counseling Service for Member, and Covered Family Members.

#### **Financial Helpline**

Consultation with legal or financial professionals by toll-free telephone during normal business hours. Calls can relate to investment strategies, debt matters, budgeting or any personal financial planning question.

### **IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION/RECOVERY ASSISTANCE**

Coverage includes a basic Identity Theft HelpLine Service as well as a comprehensive Online Identity Theft Prevention and Assistance Service for Member, and Covered Family Members.

#### **Advice and Consultation**

Telephone consultations (10 per year) with a Trained Identity Theft Recovery Specialist.

#### **Additional Benefits**

- a) Personal Recovery Kit – designed to walk a victim of identity theft step-by-step through the process of recovery (designed to be utilized in conjunction with the consultations with the Recovery Specialist).
- b) Recovery Letter preparation by plan attorney – a plan attorney will draft the simple affidavits to submit to specific agencies and organizations needed to establish the theft of your identity and prevent further loss of your identity and credit rating.
- c) Review of necessary recovery legal documents (up to 6 pages each).