

THIS ENDORSEMENT CHANGES THE POLICY. PLEASE READ IT CAREFULLY.

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXCESS LIABILITY COVERAGE

**THIS ENDORSEMENT PROVIDES CLAIMS-MADE COVERAGE.
PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE ENDORSEMENT CAREFULLY.**

This endorsement modifies insurance provided under the following:

COMMERCIAL EXCESS LIABILITY COVERAGE PART

SCHEDULE

Additional Covered Employee Benefits Programs	
Limit Of Insurance	Retained Limit
\$ Each Employee	\$
\$ Aggregate	
Retroactive Date:	
Information required to complete this Schedule, if not shown above, will be shown in the Declarations.	

A. For the purposes of the coverage provided by this endorsement, the following is added to **Section I – Coverages:**

COVERAGE – EMPLOYEE BENEFITS LIABILITY

1. Insuring Agreement

- a. We will pay on behalf of the insured the "ultimate net loss" in excess of the "retained limit" because of any act, error or omission, of the insured, or of any other person for whose acts the insured is legally liable, to which this insurance applies. The insurance afforded by this endorsement only applies to employee benefits liability covered by valid and collectible "controlling underlying insurance" as described in the Schedule of "controlling underlying insurance" and then only for such hazards for which coverage is afforded under the "controlling underlying insurance". We will have the right and duty to defend the insured against any "suit" seeking damages for such an act, error or omission when the applicable limits of "controlling underlying insurance" have been exhausted. However, we will have no duty to defend the insured against any "suit" seeking damages to which this insurance does not apply. At our discretion, we may investigate any report of an act, error or omission and settle any resultant "claim" or "suit", for which we have a duty to defend. But:

- (1) The amount we will pay for "ultimate net loss" is limited as described in Paragraph B. (Section II – Limits Of Insurance); and
- (2) Our right and duty to defend ends when we have used up the applicable limit of insurance in the payment of judgments or settlements.

The insurance provided under this Coverage Part will follow the same provisions, exclusions and limitations that are contained in the applicable "controlling underlying insurance", unless otherwise directed by this insurance. To the extent such provisions differ or conflict, the provisions of this Coverage Part will apply. However, the coverage provided under this Coverage Part will not be broader than that provided by the applicable "controlling underlying insurance".

- b. This insurance applies only if:
- (1) The act, error or omission, is negligently committed in the "administration" of your "employee benefit program";
 - (2) The act, error or omission, did not take place before the Retroactive Date, if any, shown in the Schedule nor after the end of the policy period; and
 - (3) A "claim" for damages, because of an act, error or omission, is first made against any insured, in accordance with Paragraph **c.** below, during the policy period or an Extended Reporting Period we provide under Paragraph **D.** of this endorsement.
- c. A "claim" seeking damages will be deemed to have been made at the earlier of the following times:
- (1) When notice of such "claim" is received and recorded by any insured or us; or
 - (2) When we make settlement in accordance with Paragraph **1.a.** above.
- A "claim" received and recorded by the insured within 60 days after the end of the policy period will be considered to have been received within the policy period, if no subsequent policy is available to cover the "claim".
- d. All "claims" for damages made by an "employee" because of any act, error or omission, or a series of related acts, errors or omissions, including damages claimed by such "employee's" dependents and beneficiaries, will be deemed to have been made at the time the first of those "claims" is made against any insured.

2. Exclusions

This insurance does not apply to:

a. Dishonest, Fraudulent, Criminal Or Malicious Act

Damages arising out of any intentional, dishonest, fraudulent, criminal or malicious act, error or omission, committed by any insured, including the willful or reckless violation of any statute.

b. Bodily Injury, Property Damage, Or Personal And Advertising Injury

Bodily injury, property damage or personal and advertising injury.

c. Failure To Perform A Contract

Damages arising out of failure of performance of contract by any insurer.

d. Insufficiency Of Funds

Damages arising out of an insufficiency of funds to meet any obligations under any plan included in the "employee benefit program".

e. Inadequacy Of Performance Of Investment/Advice Given With Respect To Participation

Any "claim" based upon:

- (1) Failure of any investment to perform;
- (2) Errors in providing information on past performance of investment vehicles; or
- (3) Advice given to any person with respect to that person's decision to participate or not to participate in any plan included in the "employee benefit program".

f. Workers' Compensation And Similar Laws

Any "claim" arising out of your failure to comply with the mandatory provisions of any workers' compensation, unemployment compensation insurance, social security or disability benefits law or any similar law.

g. ERISA

Damages for which any insured is liable because of liability imposed on a fiduciary by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as now or hereafter amended, or by any similar federal, state or local laws.

h. Available Benefits

Any "claim" for benefits to the extent that such benefits are available, with reasonable effort and cooperation of the insured, from the applicable funds accrued or other collectible insurance.

i. Taxes, Fines Or Penalties

Taxes, fines or penalties, including those imposed under the Internal Revenue Code or any similar state or local law.

j. Employment-Related Practices

Damages arising out of wrongful termination of employment, discrimination, or other employment-related practices.

B. For the purposes of the coverage provided by this endorsement, **Section II – Limits Of Insurance** is replaced by the following:

1. Our obligation to pay damages on behalf of the insured applies only to the amount of "ultimate net loss" in excess of the "retained limit" shown in the Schedule of this endorsement.
2. The Limits of Insurance shown in the Schedule and the rules below fix the most we will pay regardless of the number of:
 - (a) Insureds;
 - (b) "Claims" made or "suits" brought;
 - (c) Persons or organizations making "claims" or bringing "suits";
 - (d) Acts, errors or omissions; or
 - (e) Benefits included in your "employee benefit program".
3. The Aggregate Limit is the most we will pay for the sum of all "ultimate net loss" because of acts, errors or omissions negligently committed in the "administration" of your "employee benefit program".
4. Subject to the Aggregate Limit, the Each Employee Limit is the most we will pay for the sum of all "ultimate net loss" for damages sustained by any one "employee", including damages sustained by such "employee's" dependents and beneficiaries, as a result of:
 - (a) An act, error or omission; or
 - (b) A series of related acts, errors or omissions; negligently committed in the "administration" of your "employee benefit program".

However, the amount paid under this endorsement shall not exceed, and will be subject to, the limits and restrictions that apply to the payment of benefits in any plan included in the "employee benefit program".

The Limits of Insurance of this endorsement apply separately to each consecutive annual period and to any remaining period of less than 12 months, starting with the beginning of the policy period shown in the Declarations of the policy to which this endorsement is attached, unless the policy period is extended after issuance for an additional period of less than 12 months. In that case, the additional period will be deemed part of the last preceding period for purposes of determining the Limits of Insurance.

C. For the purposes of the coverage provided by this endorsement, **Condition 3. of Section III – Conditions** is replaced by the following:

3. Duties In The Event Of An Act, Error Or Omission, Or "Claim" Or "Suit"

- a. You must see to it that we are notified as soon as practicable of an act, error or omission which may result in a "claim". To the extent possible, notice should include:
 - (1) What the act, error or omission was and when it occurred; and
 - (2) The names and addresses of anyone who may suffer damages as a result of the act, error or omission.
- b. If a "claim" is made or "suit" is brought against any insured, you must:
 - (1) Immediately record the specifics of the "claim" or "suit" and the date received; and
 - (2) Notify us as soon as practicable.

You must see to it that we receive written notice of the "claim" or "suit" as soon as practicable.

- c. You and any other involved insured must:
- (1) Immediately send us copies of any demands, notices, summonses or legal papers received in connection with the "claim" or "suit";
 - (2) Authorize us to obtain records and other information;
 - (3) Cooperate with us in the investigation or settlement of the "claim" or defense against the "suit"; and
 - (4) Assist us, upon our request, in the enforcement of any right against any person or organization which may be liable to the insured because of an act, error or omission to which this insurance may also apply.
- d. No insured will, except at that insured's own cost, voluntarily make a payment, assume any obligation or incur any expense without our consent.

D. For the purposes of the coverage provided by this endorsement, the following Extended Reporting Period provisions are added, or, if this endorsement is attached to a claims-made Coverage Part, replace any similar Section in that Coverage Part.

EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD

1. You will have the right to purchase an Extended Reporting Period, as described below, if:
 - a. This endorsement is canceled or not renewed; or
 - b. We renew or replace this endorsement with insurance that:
 - (1) Has a Retroactive Date later than the date shown in the Schedule of this endorsement; or
 - (2) Does not apply to an act, error or omission on a claims-made basis.
2. The Extended Reporting Period does not extend the policy period or change the scope of coverage provided. It applies only to "claims" for acts, errors or omissions that were first committed before the end of the policy period but not before the Retroactive Date, if any, shown in the Schedule. Once in effect, the Extended Reporting Period may not be canceled.

3. An Extended Reporting Period of five years is available, but only by an endorsement and for an extra charge.

You must give us a written request for the endorsement within 60 days after the end of the policy period. The Extended Reporting Period will not go into effect unless you pay the additional premium promptly when due.

We will determine the additional premium in accordance with our rules and rates. In doing so, we may take into account the following:

- a. The "employee benefit programs" insured;
- b. Previous types and amounts of insurance;
- c. Limits of insurance available under this endorsement for future payment of damages; and
- d. Other related factors.

The additional premium will not exceed 100% of the annual premium for this endorsement.

The Extended Reporting Period endorsement applicable to this coverage shall set forth the terms, not inconsistent with this Section, applicable to the Extended Reporting Period, including a provision to the effect that the insurance afforded for "claims" first received during such period is excess over any other valid and collectible insurance available under policies in force after the Extended Reporting Period starts.

4. If the Extended Reporting Period is in effect, we will provide an extended reporting period aggregate limit of insurance described below, but only for claims first received and recorded during the Extended Reporting Period.

The extended reporting period aggregate limit of insurance will be equal to the dollar amount shown in the Schedule of this endorsement under Limits Of Insurance.

Paragraph B.3. of this endorsement will be amended accordingly. The Each Employee Limit shown in the Schedule will then continue to apply as set forth in Paragraph B.4.

E. For the purposes of the coverage provided by this endorsement, the following definitions are added to **Section IV - Definitions**:

1. "Administration" means:

- a. Providing information to "employees", including their dependents and beneficiaries, with respect to eligibility for or scope of "employee benefit programs";
- b. Handling records in connection with the "employee benefit program"; or
- c. Effecting, continuing or terminating any "employee's" participation in any benefit included in the "employee benefit program".

However, "administration" does not include handling payroll deductions.

2. "Cafeteria plans" means plans authorized by applicable law to allow employees to elect to pay for certain benefits with pre-tax dollars.

3. "Claim" means any demand, or "suit", made by an "employee" or an "employee's" dependents and beneficiaries, for damages as the result of an act, error or omission.

4. "Employee" means a person actively employed, formerly employed, on leave of absence or disabled, or retired. "Employee" includes a "leased worker". "Employee" does not include a "temporary worker".

5. "Employee benefit program" means a program providing some or all of the following benefits to "employees", whether provided through a "cafeteria plan" or otherwise:

- a. Group life insurance, group accident or health insurance, dental, vision and hearing plans, and flexible spending accounts, provided that no one other than an "employee" may subscribe to such benefits and such benefits are made generally available to those "employees" who satisfy the plan's eligibility requirements;
- b. Profit sharing plans, employee savings plans, employee stock ownership plans, pension plans and stock subscription plans, provided that no one other than an "employee" may subscribe to such benefits and such benefits are made generally available to all "employees" who are eligible under the plan for such benefits;
- c. Unemployment insurance, social security benefits, workers' compensation and disability benefits;
- d. The following programs only when required to be included as an "employee benefit program" under federal law or the applicable state law:
 - (i) Vacation plans, including buy and sell programs;
 - (ii) Leave of absence programs, including military, maternity, family, and civil leave; or
 - (iii) Tuition assistance plans; transportation and health club subsidies; and
- e. Any other similar benefits designated in the Schedule or added thereto by endorsement.

6. "Suit" means a civil proceeding in which damages because of an act, error or omission to which this insurance applies are alleged. "Suit" includes:

- a. An arbitration proceeding in which such damages are claimed and to which the insured must submit or does submit with our consent; or
- b. Any other alternative dispute resolution proceeding in which such damages are claimed and to which the insured submits with our consent.