

# Enroll in your benefits today. It's easy.

Congratulations! As part of your benefits package, you can enroll in insurance from Principal<sup>®</sup>. It takes just three easy steps:



Evaluate the insurance you need to protect what's most important to you.



Get details about your coverage by reading the Benefit Summary for each coverage.



Complete and sign the Employee Enrollment and Waiver form.

Keep in mind, you need to elect or decline each coverage. If you decline, please indicate why. For the coverage(s) you elect, tell us how much you want, if applicable. And if electing coverage for dependents, include their names and birth dates.

In the following pages, you'll find information about:

Vision

As you complete the enrollment form, be sure to answer all questions. If items are left blank, your benefits could be delayed.



Mailing Address

**Principal Life** Des Moines, IA 50392-0002 Insurance Company

Employee Enrollment & Waiver-IN

### PLEASE USE BLACK INK PLEASE ENTER DATES AS MM/DD/YYYY

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Employee Information						
Name				Social security num	ber	
Mailing address (street)				Birth date		male female
(city)			(state)			(ZIP code)
Date employed full-time	Hours worked per week	Job occupa	ation/class		Location	ו
Email address				Phone number		
Payroll mode ☐ monthly ☐ semi-mon	nthly 🗌 weekly 🔲 b	i-weekly	Employer ZIF	code	Em	ployer county
Eligible Dependent Info	rmation (Complete if ye	ou are elec	cting benefits	s for your spouse o	r dome	stic partner or children)
Dependent name	Birth dat		Gender	Social security num		
			☐ male ☐ female			Spouse domestic partner
			☐ male ☐ female			Child foster child* disabled child**
			☐ male ☐ female			Child foster child* disabled child**
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Coverage	Employee	Spo	ouse or Don	nestic Partner*	Child(re	en)
NOTE: Employee cover	age must be elected to	elect an	y depender	nt coverage.		
Vision	☐ Elect ☐ Declir			Decline	Elec	t Decline

*NOTE: Domestic Partners can only be added if your employer allows this coverage. If enrolling a Domestic Partner,
please attach a separate Declaration of Domestic Partnership/Enrollment Form Addendum (GP60452).  Declining Coverage
Important! If declining any coverage for yourself or any dependent, give reason. Covered under:
□ spouse's or domestic partner's group coverage □ individual insurance □ other coverage offered by my employer □ other
Under coverage offered by my employer Under Unde
Employee Agreement (Read and sign)
I understand and agree with the following statements:
<ul> <li>My dependents are not eligible for coverages I don't have. My dependents, including step and foster children and any over the maximum age, are eligible based on plan provisions but those over the maximum age will be verified when a claim is filed.</li> <li>If I refuse vision coverage, I and my dependents may enroll later but this will affect the level of benefits.</li> <li>If I refuse coverage, I cannot enroll after retirement.</li> <li>If the group policy does not require my contribution, I cannot decline coverage unless the policy indicates otherwise.</li> <li>If the group policy requires my contribution, I authorize my employer to deduct from my pay.</li> <li>I represent all information on this form and attachments is complete and true to the best of my knowledge. They are part of this request for coverage. I agree Principal Life is not liable for a claim before the effective date of coverage and all policy provisions apply. I have read, or had read to me, the information and my answers on this form. During the first two years coverage is in force, fraud or intentional misrepresentations can cause changes in my coverage, including cancellation back to the effective date.</li> <li>Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he or she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement, may be guilty of insurance fraud.</li> <li>Explanation of Benefits reflecting claims payments for myself and my dependents will be sent to my home address. I also understand collection of social security numbers for myself and/or my dependents will be used by Principal Life only as allowed by law.</li> <li>I authorize Principal Life to release data as required by law. If signed in connection with an application, reinstatement or a change in benefits, this form will be valid two years from the date below. I may revoke authorization for information not yet obtained. I understand data obtained will be used by Principal Life for claims adm</li></ul>
I declare that the information I have completed on this enrollment form is complete and true. I understand an agent or broker cannot guarantee coverage, revise rates, benefits or provisions without written approval from Principal Life Insurance Company.

### Instructions

After this form is completed and signed, make two copies and send the original to Principal Life Insurance Company:

Your signature X\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_

- One for the employee
- One for the employer

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Des Moines, IA 50392-0002

Principal Life
Insurance Company

Change Form - IN

## PLEASE USE BLACK INK PLEASE ENTER DATES AS MM/DD/YYYY

Company name	npany name			Account/unit number		
GREENE COUNTY				1048069		
Employee Information	on (Change of name and add	dress)				
Your name (last, first, m		,	Date of Birth	Social sec	urity number	
New name (last, first, m	iddle initial)			<b>'</b>		
Your new address (stree	et) (city)		(state)		(ZIP code)	
Home phone number	Email address		1			
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Coverage	Employee	Spouse or Do	omestic Partne	r* Child(ren)		
Dental	☐ Add ☐ Cancel ☐ Change to:	☐ Add ☐ Cancel ☐ Change to	:	☐ Add ☐ Cancel ☐ Change to:		
	Change to date:  In the past twelve months (for yourself or your depe		cant, had continu	• .		
Vision	Add Cancel Change to: Change to date:	Add Cancel Change to		Add Cancel Change to: Change to de	ate:	
Group Term Life	Add Cancel Change to: Change to date:	Add Cancel Change to		Add Cancel Change to:	ate:	
Supplemental Term Life	Add Cancel Change to: Change to date:					

Coverage	Employee	Spouse or Domestic Partner*	Child(ren)
Voluntary Term Life	□Add	Add	□Add
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Salary \$	gearly bi-weekly	/ ☐monthly ☐weekly ☐hou	rly
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Nicotine Products			
Has any person used ni	cotine products (including cigare	ette, pipe, cigar or chewing tobacc	o) in the past 12 months?
Employee:  yes	no Spouse or Domestic Pa	artner: gyes no	
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Reason for Adding a Coverage or Dependent			
☐ marriage       ☐ loss of other group coverage*       ☐ open enr         ☐ birth/adoption       ☐ court order (attach a copy)       ☐ change i         ☐ annual enrollment (if available)       ☐ other	rollment* in job status		Date of event
*For loss of other group coverage and open enrollment, you must o	complete the		
Name of prior dental carrier			Date coverage ended
Name of prior life carrier			Date coverage ended
Name of prior vision carrier		I	Date coverage ended
Reason for Canceling a Coverage or Dependent		·	
☐ divorce ☐ age limit ☐ individual insurance ☐ spouse's or domestic partner's group coverage ☐ other			Date of request/ineligibility
Beneficiary Designation			
Complete Beneficiary Designation/Change (GP34795) if adding life beneficiary.	e coverage,	accident coverage	e with AD&D, or changing
Complete for Adding or Canceling a Dependent (Include last na			
Dependent name Birth date	Gender	Social security num	
	☐ male ☐ female		☐ spouse☐ domestic partner
	☐ male		☐ domestic partner
	☐ female		☐ foster child*
	☐ male		child
	female		☐ foster child*
	male male		child
* If you checked foster child was the child placed with you by an	female	tata planomort	foster child*
* If you checked foster child, was the child placed with you by an a court? ☐ yes ☐ no	autnorized s	tate placement ag	ency or by order of a
To determine eligibility for disabled child(ren) (over the maximum a	age); see you	ur employer for the	e required forms.
Employee Signature (Read and sign below)			

### I understand and agree with the following statements:

- My dependents are not eligible for any coverage for which I am not covered.
- My dependents, including stepchild(ren), foster child(ren) and those over the maximum age, are eligible for coverage based on policy provisions. Eligibility for my dependents over the maximum age will be verified when claims are submitted.
- If I cancel dental or vision coverage, I or my dependents may enroll at a later date; however, enrolling late will affect the level of benefits.
- If I cancel any type of life, disability, or critical illness coverage, I may apply at a later date; however, I must provide proof of good health at my own expense and coverage will only become effective subject to approval from Principal Life Insurance Company.
- If I cancel coverage, I cannot under any circumstance enroll in the policy once I have retired.
- If the group policy requires that I make contributions, I authorize my employer to deduct them from my pay.

### Employee Signature (Read and sign below) - continued

Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he or she is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement, may be guilty of insurance fraud.

I declare that the information I have completed on this change form is complete and true. I understand an agent or broker cannot guarantee coverage, revise rates, benefits, or provisions without written approval from Principal Life.

Your signature )	(	Date signed	
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Note - Make two copies: one for employer and one for employee

You must complete all pages of this form.

# Your vision benefits



Vision insurance

## Focus on your eye health

Taking good care of your vision can be simple and affordable. And it's important—after all, you only have one pair of eyes. In fact, did you know healthy vision plays a big role in your overall health?



It's a digital world. For most of us, a day doesn't go by without using our eyes to read, scan, or view a smart phone, tablet, laptop, or computer screen. That can lead to eye strain and potential long-term vision problems. For this reason alone, vision care is more important than ever.

And healthy vision is also an important component of your overall wellness. Regular eye exams can help uncover serious health conditions, like diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, cancer, thyroid disorders, and more.

That's what vision insurance is all about, helping you take control of your eye health—and your overall health. Being covered by insurance makes it more likely you'll make regular visits to your eye doctor and catch health issues early, when it matters most.

### Let's look at an example



In her job, Alisa deals with customer accounts, and that means she views names and numbers on her computer screen—all day, every day. And like many of us, she keeps in touch with her friends via social media on her smartphone.

It's safe to say she relies on her eyes in all areas of her life. So since glaucoma and diabetes run in the family, Alisa can't afford to let a year go by without a visit to the eye doctor. That's why access to vision insurance through her employer is important to her.

Enroll in **vision insurance** and make the most of a benefit that can help you protect your eyes and your overall health.



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Not for use in Arizona or New Mexico. This is an overview of the benefits vision insurance provides, but there are limitations and exclusions. For additional details, contact your employer. If your vision benefits are self-funded, then your employer assumes financial responsibility for paying claims, and Principal® is contracted to administer the coverage on your employer's behalf.

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### Policyholder: GREENE COUNTY



Group voluntary vision Benefit summary for all members

Effective date: 12/01/2021

### What's available to me?

Vision insurance is offered through  $Principal^{\mathbb{B}}$  and  $VSP^{\mathbb{B}}$  Vision Care. It provides choice, flexibility and savings through a VSP doctor.

If you buy this coverage, an established network of VSP doctors will provide quality care for you and your dependents.

VSP choice network	
Exams	Every 12 months, one exam is covered in full after \$10 copay
Prescription glasses Lenses - 1 pair covered every 12 months  Frames - covered up to \$150 every 24 months; 20% off amount over allowance <sup>1</sup>	\$25 copay  Single lenses Lined bifocal lenses Lined trifocal lenses Lenticular lenses Polycarbonate lenses for dependent children under age 18
Lens enhancements	Standard progressive lenses covered once every 12 months with a \$0 copay <sup>1</sup>
	Most other popular lens enhancements are covered after a copay, saving our members an average of 30% <sup>1</sup>
Elective contacts	Covered up to \$150 every 12 months. Contact lenses can be chosen instead of glasses.
Contact fitting and evaluation	Up to \$60 copay
Necessary contacts	Covered in full after \$25 copay every 12 months
	Contact lenses can be chosen instead of glasses.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>This can vary based on state laws and provider location Savings may not apply at participating retail chains.

### Who can buy coverage?

- You can buy coverage if you're an active, full-time employee. Seasonal, temporary, or contract employees.
  - o If you're on regularly scheduled day off, holiday, vacation day, jury duty, funeral leave, or personal time off, you're still considered actively at work, as long as you're fulfilling your regular duties and were working the day immediately prior to your time off.
  - o You must enroll within 31 days of being eligible. If you don't, you'll have to wait until the next open enrollment period.
- If you're covered, you may buy coverage for your dependents.

Additional eligibility requirements may apply.

### What's the difference between elective and necessary contacts?

- Elective when vision can be corrected by glasses, but contacts are worn.
- Necessary when vision can't be corrected with glasses due to extreme vision problems.

### Why am I charged an additional copay for contact fitting and evaluation?

- Contact lens wearers require an additional evaluation of the eyes' measurements, and possible follow-up appointments, for fitting and training on proper use of contact lenses.
- For these additional services, you won't pay more than \$60 at in-network providers.

### Are benefits the same for all VSP doctors?

- Yes, with the exception of Costco<sup>®</sup>, Walmart<sup>®</sup>, and Sam's Club<sup>®</sup>. The frame allowance at these locations is \$80 which is equivalent to a \$150 allowance at other VSP doctor locations. Not all providers at participating retail chains are in-network for exam services.
- Benefits may also vary by location due to state law.

### How do I find a VSP doctor?

- Visit vsp.com to locate VSP doctors close to you -- or to see if your current eye care professional is in the VSP network.
  - o You'll need to choose the "Choice" doctor network to view the VSP doctors for your coverage.
- Call 800-877-7195.

### Will I get an ID card?

• Yes, your card will have a unique member ID that your doctor will use to verify benefits.

### Will my doctor submit my claim?

- If you're seeing a VSP doctor, they'll submit the claim for you.
- If you're seeing someone outside the VSP network, you're responsible for submitting your own claim. You can get that form from vsp.com after logging in as a member using your member ID. Or call 800-877-7195.

### Are there any additional savings with VSP?

- Glasses and sunglasses you can save an average of 20-25% off glasses or sunglasses from any VSP doctor within 12 months of your last covered vision exam.
- Laser vision correction you pay an average of 15% off the regular price and 5% off the promotional price. You'll only receive these discounts from contracted clinics.

These savings can vary based on state laws and provider location.

### What benefits do I receive if my doctor is outside VSP's network?

Covered charges	Benefit	Frequency
Exams	Up to \$45	Once every 12 months
Single lenses	Up to \$30	One pair every 12 months
Lined bifocal lenses	Up to \$50	One pair every 12 months
Lined trifocal lenses	Up to \$65	One pair every 12 months
Lenticular lenses	Up to \$100	One pair every 12 months
Frames	Up to \$70	One set every 24 months
Elective contacts	Up to \$105	Contacts are instead of frames and lenses
Necessary contacts	Up to \$210	Contacts are instead of frames and lenses

### What are the limitations of my benefits?

- Visual analysis or vision aids that aren't medically necessary aren't covered.
- No benefits will be paid for:
  - o Non-prescription glasses
  - o Medical or surgical treatment of the eyes
  - o Claims submitted by a doctor who is part of your family

Once enrolled, you'll receive a booklet with more details regarding your plan limitations and exclusions.



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# This is a summary of vision coverage insured by or with administrative services provided by Principal Life Insurance Company. This outline is a brief description of your coverage. It is not an insurance contract or a complete statement of the rights, benefits, limitations and exclusions of the coverage. If there is a discrepancy between the policy and this document, the actual policy provision prevails. For complete coverage details, refer to the booklet.

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Vision insurance

# Set your sights on healthy eyes

Vision coverage that gives you choice of provider options for exams and eyewear

Everyone likes choices—especially when it comes to choosing your eye doctor and eyewear. Managed care vision insurance through Principal® and VSP® Vision Care puts you in the driver's seat.

Whether you're looking to visit an eye doctor or want to enjoy the convenience of online shopping, we've got you covered. Through an established network of providers, you'll get access to the highest level of care and low out-of-pocket costs.<sup>1</sup>

### **VSP**

Full-service locations with satisfaction guaranteed, offering a WellVision Exam® that can detect signs of eye and overall health conditions, such as diabetes. Plus, a wide selection of eyewear and 24-hour access to emergency care.

- Early morning, evening, and weekend appointments offered by 91% of providers
- Extra savings and offers on preferred frame brands, contact lens services, and sunglasses
- Integrated medical management with VSP's Eye Health Management Program®
- Extra \$20 to spend on featured frame brands, like bebe<sup>®</sup>, Calvin Klein<sup>®</sup>, Flexon<sup>®</sup>, Lacoste<sup>®</sup>, Nike<sup>®</sup>, Nine West,<sup>®</sup> and more
- 20% off any amount over the allowance for frames

### **ONLINE SHOPPING**

With Eyeconic®, you get the convenience of shopping online plus the personal touch from a VSP® network doctor. Visit eyeconic.com®.

- Free shipping and returns
- Virtual try on tool
- Free frame adjustment or contact lens consultation
- All-inclusive pricing
- Average savings of \$220

### **RETAIL CHAINS**

5,100+ retail parter chain locations, plus 3,400+ independent chain locations nationwide.

- Same benefits you'd receive if you visited a VSP doctor<sup>2</sup>
- No required forms—you pay only copays, costs over coverage amounts and/or for non-covered option
- Retail partners include Walmart®, Sam's Club®, Costco® Optical, Visionworks®, Wisconsin Vision, Heartland Vision, RxOptical®, Cohen's Fashion Optical® and Pearle Vision.

### **OUT-OF-NETWORK**

Coverage includes a reimbursement schedule for any out-of-network provider.

Visit **vsp.com** or call **800-877-7195** to submit claims.

### How to access your vision benefits

It's as easy as 1-2-3 to look up your benefits, locate VSP in-network eye care providers near you and use your benefits.

### 1 Access your benefits

- > Visit **vsp.com** and click on "Create an account."
- Follow the online Member Registration form using your member ID found on your vision ID card.

### 2 Search for providers

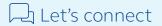
- > Visit vsp.com or principal.com/vsp.
- > Enter your ZIP code or address and click Search.

### 3 Use your benefits

- > Schedule your appointment with your provider of choice.
- At your appointment, present your vision ID card and remind the provider to look up your benefits using the member ID on your card (not your Social Security number).

# Prefer to access your vision ID card on your mobile device? It's simple.

- 1. Set up your username and password at **principal.com**.
- Download Principal® Mobile from the App Store® or Google Play™.
- 3. Log in to the app using your principal.com username and password.



Contact your employer or call the VSP member services line at 800-877-7195.

- <sup>1</sup> Based on your coverage options and national averages for comprehensive eye exams and most commonly purchased brands.
- <sup>2</sup> Frame allowances can vary at participating retailers. Not all participating retail chains are in network for exam services. Please talk to your provider or contact VSP customer care for further details.
- <sup>3</sup> Only available to VSP members with applicable policy benefits. Frame brands and promotions are subject to change. Savings based on doctor's retail price and vary by policy and purchase selection; average savings determined after benefits are applied. Ask your VSP network doctor for more details.

Coverage with a retail chain may be different or not apply. Log in to vsp.com to check your benefits for eligibility and to confirm in-network locations based on your policy type. VSP guarantees coverage from VSP network providers only. Coverage information is subject to change. In the event of a conflict between this information and your organization's contract with VSP, the terms of the contract will prevail. Based on applicable laws, benefits may vary by location. In the state of Washington, VSP Vision Care, Inc., is the legal name of the corporation through which VSP does business.





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# Discounts and services

# Save money while improving your life

Looking for ways to help improve your life—financially, mentally, and physically? These discounts and services are available through your group benefits from Principal<sup>®</sup>. **These discounts are not insurance.** 

Laser Vision Correction	Imagine your life free from glasses and contacts. You, your spouse, and dependent children save \$800 off LASIK through the National Lasik Network, administered by LCA-Vision, Inc. principallasik.com   888-647-3937
Hearing Aid Program	Protect your hearing health to improve your quality of life. You, your spouse, children, parents, and grandparents can get exclusive discounts up to 48% off on hearing aids, including rechargeable and Bluetooth options, with a 60-day trial to ensure your full satisfaction. You can also receive a free hearing consultation at any of their 3,000+ locations nationwide.  principal.com/hearingbenefits/ahb   877-890-4694
Emotional health support line	<b>Get help when you're feeling overwhelmed or need support.</b> You, your spouse, and dependent children can call this free, confidential support line 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to reach licensed behavioral health clinicians who will provide emotional support, tips for healthy coping, and referrals to local resources. If your employer offers an Employee Assistance Program (EAP), use those resources instead.

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# Your benefit resources



Group benefits

# Check your benefits when, where, and how you want to

It's easy to keep track of your benefits from Principal® anytime online or on your mobile device





### Start by creating your account

- 1 | From your favorite browser, go to principal.com and select Log In. Or, download the Principal app for free from the App Store or Google Play.
- 2 | Select Create an account.
- 3 | Enter personal information such as your date of birth and identification number.
- 4 | Create a username and password, and provide an email address.
- 5 | You'll receive an email within a few minutes to confirm your account is ready to go. You can access your account information anytime, 24/7, with the username and password you've just set.



### Manage your benefits on Principal.com and the Principal mobile app

After logging in, you can manage your benefits and other Principal products you have when, where, and how it's convenient for you. Depending on your coverages, you can:

- · View and manage claims.
- Get a 24-month history of your explanation of benefits (EOB).
- Access your summary of benefits, as well as benefit booklets.
- Find a list of covered dependents.
- View and print your dental ID card.
- Search for and contact a network dentist.
- · Find discounts and services.
- Calculate coverage needs and more.



### Keeping your account safe

Your information is important to us. That's why we use verification codes to prevent others from accessing your account, even if they have your password. The first time you log in—on Principal.com or the mobile app—you'll need to choose how you'll receive the codes.

If you log in from an unrecognized device, forget your password, or we notice anything out of the ordinary, the codes help us confirm it's really you accessing your account.



Need help setting up your login, or have other questions? Call us at **800-986-3343**. We're happy to help.



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You have the right to receive, free of charge, a paper copy of your benefit booklet and any changes at any time. Please contact your employer if you'd like to request a paper copy.

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### Notice of Privacy Practices for Health Information

### Principal Life Insurance Company Des Moines, IA 50392-0002



### THIS NOTICE DESCRIBES HOW MEDICAL INFORMATION ABOUT YOU MAY BE USED AND DISCLOSED AND HOW YOU CAN GET ACCESS TO THIS INFORMATION. PLEASE REVIEW IT CAREFULLY.

This Notice of Privacy Practices describes the practices of Principal Life Insurance Company for safeguarding individually identifiable health information. The terms of this Notice apply to members, their spouses and dependents for their group dental expense, group vision care expense and/or group critical illness insurance with us ("insurance"). As used in this Notice, the term "health information" means information about you that we create, receive or maintain in connection with your insurance; that relates to your physical or mental condition or payment for health care provided to you; and that can reasonably be used to identify you. This Notice was effective April 14, 2003 and revisions to this Notice are effective May 15, 2019.

We are required by law to maintain the privacy of our members' and dependents' health information and to provide notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to their health information. We are required to abide by the terms of this Notice as long as it remains in effect. We reserve the right to change the terms of this Notice as necessary and to make the new Notice effective for all health information maintained by us. Copies of revised Notices will be mailed to plan sponsors for distribution to the members then covered by our insurance. You have the right to request a paper copy of the Notice, although you may have originally requested a copy of the Notice electronically by e-mail.

### Uses and Disclosures of Your Health Information

**Authorization.** Except as explained below, we will not use or disclose your health information for any purpose unless you have signed a form authorizing a use or disclosure. Unless we have taken any action in reliance on the authorization, you have the right to revoke an authorization if the request for revocation is in writing and sent to: Compliance Privacy Consultant, Specialty Benefits Division (SBD) Compliance, Principal Life Insurance Company, 711 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50392-0002. Once we receive your request, a form to revoke an authorization will be sent to your attention for completion.

**Disclosures for Treatment.** We may disclose your health information as necessary for your treatment. For instance, a doctor or healthcare facility involved in your care may request your health information in our possession to assist in your care.

Uses and Disclosures for Payment. We will use and disclose your health information as necessary for payment purposes. For instance, we may use your health information to process or pay claims, for subrogation, to provide a pre-determination of benefits or to perform prospective reviews. We may also forward information to another insurer in order for it to process or pay claims on your behalf. Unless we agree in writing to do otherwise, we will send all mail regarding a member's spouse or dependents to the member, including information about the payment or denial of insurance claims.

Uses and Disclosures for Health Care Operations. We will use and disclose your health information as necessary for health care operations. For instance, we may use or disclose your health information for quality assessment and quality improvement, credentialing health care providers, premium rating, conducting or arranging for medical review or compliance. We may also disclose your health information to another insurer, health care facility or health care provider for activities such as quality assurance or case management. We participate in an organized health care arrangement with the health plan of a member's employer. We may disclose your health information to the health plan for certain functions of its health care operations. This Privacy Notice does not cover the privacy practices of that plan. We may contact your health care providers concerning prescription drug or treatment alternatives.

Other Health-Related Uses and Disclosures. We may contact you to provide reminders for appointments; information about treatment alternatives; or other health-related programs, products or services that may be available to you.

**Information Received Pre-enrollment.** We may request and receive from you and your health care providers health information prior to your enrollment under the insurance. We will use this information to determine whether you are eligible to enroll under the insurance and to determine the rates. We will not use or disclose any genetic information we obtain about you or provided from your family history. If you do not enroll, we will not use or disclose the information we obtained about you for any other purpose. Information provided on enrollment forms or applications will be utilized for all coverages being applied for, some of which may be protected by the state, not federal, privacy laws.

**Business Associate.** Certain aspects and components of our services are performed by outside people or organizations pursuant to agreements or contracts. It may be necessary for us to disclose your health information to these outside people or organizations that perform services on our behalf. We require them to appropriately safeguard the privacy of your health information. Principal Life Insurance Company may itself be a business associate of your health plan or health insurance company. We may disclose your health information to your health plan or insurance company and its business associates as needed to fulfill our contractual obligations to them. Please see the notice of privacy practices issued by your plan or insurance company for information about how it uses and discloses your health information.

**Plan Sponsor.** When permitted by law, we may disclose to the plan sponsor the minimum necessary amount of your health information that it needs to perform administrative functions on behalf of the plan (if any), provided that the plan sponsor certifies that the information will be maintained in a confidential manner and will not be utilized or disclosed for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of the plan sponsor.

Family, Friends, and Personal Representatives. With your approval, we may disclose to family members, close personal friends, or another person you identify, your health information relevant to their involvement with your care or paying for your care. If you are unavailable, incapacitated or involved in an emergency situation, and we determine that a limited disclosure is in your best interests, we may disclose your health information without your approval. We may also disclose your health information to public or private entities to assist in disaster relief efforts.

**Other Uses and Disclosures.** We are permitted or required by law to use or disclose your health information, without your authorization, in the following circumstances:

- For any purpose required by law;
- For public health activities (for example, reporting of disease, injury, birth, death or suspicion of child abuse or neglect);
- To a governmental authority if we believe an individual is a victim of abuse, neglect or domestic violence;
- For health oversight activities (for example, audits, inspections, licensure actions or civil, administrative or criminal proceedings or actions);
- For judicial or administrative proceedings (for example, pursuant to a court order, subpoena or discovery request);
- For law enforcement purposes (for example, reporting wounds or injuries or for identifying or locating suspects, witnesses or missing people);
- To coroners and funeral directors;
- For procurement, banking or transplantation of organ, eye or tissue donations;
- For certain research purposes;
- To avert a serious threat to health or safety under certain circumstances;
- For military activities if you are a member of the armed forces; for intelligence or national security issues; or about an inmate or an individual to a correctional institution or law enforcement official having custody; and
- For compliance with workers' compensation programs.

We will adhere to all state and federal laws or regulations that provide additional privacy protections. We are prohibited from using or disclosing protected health information that is genetic information of an individual for purposes of determining eligibility for coverage, the amount of benefits or premiums or discounts, including rebates, payments in kind, or other premium or benefit differential mechanisms in return for activities such as completing a health risk assessment or participating in a wellness program. We will not request, use or disclose psychotherapy notes without your authorization (except to defend ourselves in a legal action brought by you.) We will not sell your protected health information or use or disclose it for marketing purposes without your authorization, except as permitted by law. We are required by law to maintain the privacy of protected health information, to provide individuals with notice of our legal duties and privacy practices with respect to protected health information, and to notify affected individuals following a breach of unsecured protected health information.

### **Your Rights**

Restrictions on Use and Disclosure of Your Health Information. You have the right to request restrictions on how we use or disclose your health information for treatment, payment or health care operations. You also have the right to request restrictions on disclosures to family members or others who are involved in your care or the paying of your care. We are not required to agree to your request for a restriction. If your request for a restriction is granted, you will receive a written acknowledgement from us.

Receiving Confidential Communications of Your Health Information. You have the right to request communications regarding your health information from us by alternative means (for example by fax) or at alternative locations. We will accommodate reasonable requests.

Access to Your Health Information. You have the right to inspect and/or obtain a copy of your health information we maintain in your designated record set, subject to certain exceptions. A fee will be charged for copying and postage.

**Amendment of Your Health Information.** You have the right to request an amendment to your health information to correct inaccuracies. We are not required to grant the request in certain circumstances.

Accounting of Disclosures of Your Health Information. You have the right to receive an accounting of certain disclosures of your health information made by us during the 6 year period before your request. The first accounting in any 12-month period will be free; however, a fee will be charged for any subsequent request for an accounting during that same time period.

### **Exercising your rights**

To exercise any of the above rights, you must submit a written request indicating which rights you are requesting to: Compliance Privacy Consultant, Specialty Benefits Division (SBD) Compliance, Principal Life Insurance Company, 711 High Street, Des Moines IA 50392-0002. Once we receive your request, a form(s) will be sent to your attention for completion.

**Complaints.** If you believe your privacy rights have been violated, you can send a written complaint to us at Grievance Coordinator, Specialty Benefits Division (SBD) Compliance, Principal Life Insurance Company, 711 High Street, Des Moines, IA 50392-0002 or to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. There will be no retaliation for filing a complaint.

If you have any questions or need any assistance regarding this Notice or your privacy rights, you may contact the Group Call Center at Principal Life Insurance Company at (800) 843-1371.



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