

Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Limited

Registered Office: 11th floor, Vishwaroop I.T. Park, Plot No. 34, 35 & 38, Sector 30A of IIP, Vashi, Navi Mumbai-400 703

SUD Life Saral Pension (UIN: 142N081V01)

(A Non-Linked Non-participating Single Premium, Individual Immediate Annuity Plan)

**PART A
Welcome Letter**

Date: < >

<<Name of the Policyholder>>

<<Address of the Policyholder>>

Dear Sir/ Madam,

Sub: Your Policy Number <<_____>>

Welcome to Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance (SUD Life) family.

We are enclosing herewith the Policy Document for your records. We request you to kindly check the policy details, terms and conditions carefully.

In case you do not agree to any of the provisions stated in the policy or the policy details, you may return the policy to us, specifying reasons thereof, within 30 days from date of receipt of this letter. You will need to send us the original Plan document and a written request stating your reasons for cancellation. Please refer to Section 5 of the Policy document containing terms & conditions applicable in case of free look cancellation.

If the Policy is opted through Insurance Repository ('IR'), the computation of the said Free Look Period will be as stated below:-

For existing e-Insurance Account: Computation of the said Free Look Period will commence from the date of delivery of the e mail confirming the credit of the Insurance Policy by the IR.

For New e-Insurance Account: If an application for e-Insurance Account accompanies the proposal for insurance, the date of receipt of the 'welcome kit' from the IR with the credentials to log on to the e-Insurance Account (eIA) or the delivery date of the email confirming the grant of access to the eIA or the delivery date of the email confirming the credit of the Insurance policy by the IR to the eIA, whichever is later, shall be reckoned for the purpose of computation of the free look period.

Kindly refer to the Customer Information Sheet (CIS) enclosed with this policy document for key information regarding your policy. Further, for any assistance relating to your Policy or claim related query, you may get in touch with us via Toll Free No: 18002668833 or email Us at: customercare@sudlife.in.

Thanking you once again for your patronage and looking forward to your continued support in future as well.

Yours sincerely,

Signed for and on behalf of SUD Life Insurance Company Limited

Authorized Signatory

Corporate Agent /Agent/ Broker/ Insurance Marketing Firms (IMF)/ Sales Representative Name:	
Specified Person/ Broker Qualified Person/ Insurance Sales Person (ISP) Name:	
Specified Person/Agent/ Broker/ IMF Code:	
Specified Person/ Agent/ Broker/ IMF Registration Code:	
Specified Person/ Agent/ Broker/ IMF Tel. No.:	
Specified Person/ Agent/ Broker/ IMF Email ID:	
Specified Person/Agent/ Broker/ IMF Address:	

Preamble

The Annuitant named in the Schedule of this Policy has submitted the Application together with a personal statement and the Single Premium specified in the Schedule to Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Limited (the "Company" which expression shall include its assigns and successors) for securing the benefits under this Policy. It is agreed by the Company and the Annuitant (the "Parties") that the Application along with the personal statement and the declaration together with any report or other document leading to the issuance of this Policy shall form the basis of this contract of insurance.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Policy, the Parties do hereby agree that in consideration of the receipt of the Single Premium as stated in the Schedule, the benefits will become payable on submission of proof i.e. Existence Certificate (to the complete satisfaction of the Company) on an annual basis, of the benefits under the Policy having become payable in accordance with the terms and conditions hereof and of the beneficiary's entitlement to them, provided this Policy is in force.

It is further agreed by and between the Parties that these terms and conditions, any endorsement or a separate instrument executed by the Company in connection with this Policy and any special provisions subject to which this Policy has been issued by the Company and any schedules, annexures and/or addendums hereto shall together form part of this Policy.

It is also agreed that this Policy shall be governed by the laws of India in force from time to time and all premiums and benefits shall be payable in Indian Rupees only. The benefits and the Premiums payable under this Policy will be subject to taxes and other statutory levies as may be applicable from time to time and such taxes, levies etc will be recovered, directly and completely from the Annuitant.

POLICY SCHEDULE

Primary Annuitant Details

Name of the Primary Annuitant			
Date of Birth		Age Admitted	
Gender		Age	
Address			
Telephone No.		Mobile No.	
Email		Identification Proof	

Secondary Annuitant Details (applicable only in case of Joint Life)

Name of the Secondary Annuitant			
Date of Birth		Age Admitted	
Gender		Age	
Address			
Telephone No.		Mobile No.	
Email		Identification Proof	

Nominee Details

	<Nominee 1>	<Nominee 2>	<Nominee X>
Name of the Nominee (s)			
Age of the Nominee (s)			
Gender of the Nominee (s)			
Nomination share (in %)			
Relationship with the Life Assured			
Name of appointee (if nominee is minor)			
Relationship of Appointee with Nominee			
Gender of the Appointee			

Policy Details

Date of Proposal	< >	Proposal Number	< >
Policy Number	< >	Client ID	< >
Date of Commencement of Policy	DD/MM/YYYY	Date of Issuance of Policy	DD/MM/YYYY
Annuity Option	<Annuity Option 1 – Life Annuity with 100% Return of Purchase Price Annuity Option 2 - Joint Life Last Survivor Annuity with Return of 100% of Purchase Price (ROP) on death of the last survivor >		
Date on which the first instalment of Annuity is payable	DD/MM/YYYY	Purchase Price/ Single Premium	Rs.
Annuity Payment Mode*	<<Yearly/ Half Yearly/ Quarterly/ Monthly>>	Death Benefit	Rs.
Installment Annuity Payable to the Primary Annuitant	Rs.	Installment Annuity Payable to the Secondary Annuitant, if applicable	Rs.

*Annuity payment mode can be changed later during the policy term but only on the policy anniversaries.

Special Provisions (if any) :<< >>

Stamp Duty of Rs. << >> is paid for this policy by pay order, vide Mudrank no XXX dated dd/mm/yyyy.

Signed for and on behalf of SUD Life Insurance Co. Ltd

(Authorized Signatory Name)

IRDAI Regn: 142 | CIN - U66010MH2007PLC174472

Note: On examination of this Policy, if the Annuitant notices any mistake, the Policy Document is to be returned for correction to the Company.

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PART B

Definitions

Term	Meaning
Age	Refers to age last birthday of the Annuitant(Policyholder or the Nominee, as the case may be, at his last birthday.
Annuitant(s)	Refers to person(s) on whose life this policy has been taken and who becomes entitled to receive the annuity benefit as stated in the Policy Schedule.
Annuity	Means a specified amount payable under this policy at specified regular intervals as mentioned in the Schedule and payable as per the specification under the option chosen by the Annuitant as evidenced in the Schedule of the policy. Annuity option once chosen cannot be altered.
Appointee	Refers to a person to whom the proceeds/benefits secured under the Policy are payable on behalf of the nominee if the benefit becomes payable to the nominee and nominee is minor (as on the date of claim payment) / dependent person with disability (Divyangjan). Appointee is also the person to whom the proceeds/benefits secured under the Policy are payable on behalf of the dependent person with disability, if dependent person with disability is the Secondary Annuitant.
Application	Refers to the proposal form as defined under IRDAI (Protection of Policyholders' Interests, Operations and Allied Matters of Insurers) Regulations, 2024 and amendments thereto, completed, signed and submitted by the Proposer to the Company for obtaining insurance coverage under this Policy.
Assignee	Refers to a person to whom the rights and benefits under this Policy are transferred by virtue of assignment under Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time
Assignment	Means the process of transferring the rights and benefits to an "Assignee," in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time.
Assignor	Means the person who transfers the rights of the life insurance policy to the Assignee.
Beneficiary/ Claimant	Refers to the person who is entitled to receive benefits under this Policy. The beneficiary may be Policyholder or Life Insured or his Assignee or Nominee or proved Executors or Administrators or other Legal Representatives as the case may be.
Date of Commencement of Policy	Refers to the start date of this policy and is also the same as mentioned in the schedule of the policy.
Date of issuance of Policy	Means the date as specified in the policy schedule.
Date of Commencement of Risk	Refers to the date on which the Company accepts the risk for insurance (cover) as evidenced in the Schedule of the Policy.
Death Benefit	Means the benefit, agreed at the commencement of the contract, and means the amount as specified in the policy bond and is payable on death of the annuitant as per the terms and conditions of the policy
Discharge Form	Refers to the form to be filled by Annuitant /claimant to claim the surrender/ death benefit under the Policy.
Due date	Means a fixed date on which the Annuity is due and payable
Endorsement	Means conditions attached/ affixed to this Policy incorporating any amendments or modifications agreed to or issued by the Company
Free Look Period	Means the period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the Policy Document to review the terms and conditions of this policy.
IRDAI	Means Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India earlier called as Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA).

Joint Life Annuity	Refers to an annuity policy taken jointly on the lives of Primary Annuitant and Secondary Annuitant, where spousal relationship exists.
Loan	Refers to the interest bearing repayable amount granted by the Company against the Surrender Value payable to the Policyholder.
Minor	Refer to a person who has not completed 18 years of age.
Mode	Refers to the frequency of Annuity payment as chosen by the Annuitant from the available modes of annuity i.e. yearly, half-yearly, quarterly, and monthly. The Annuity shall be payable in arrears i.e. the annuity payment shall commence after 1 year, 6 months, 3 months and 1 month from the Date of Commencement of Policy depending on whether the mode of annuity payment is Yearly, Half yearly, Quarterly and Monthly, respectively.
Nomination	Is the process of nominating a person(s) in accordance with provisions of Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.
Nominee(s)	The Policyholder of a life insurance on his own life may nominate a person or persons to whom money secured by the Policy shall be paid in the event of his death. The Nominee(s) means such person(s) so nominated by the Policyholder under this Policy and registered with the Company
Policy/ Policy Document	Means this document along with endorsements, if any, issued by the Company which evidences the contract of Insurance between the policyholder and the Company.
Policyholder	Is the legal owner of this policy.
Policy Anniversary	The date corresponding numerically with the Date of Commencement of Policy after every Policy Year.
Primary Annuitant (applicable under Joint Life Annuity Option)	Is the person on whose life this policy has been taken and who is entitled to receive the annuity benefits as stated in Policy Schedule. For joint life annuity option under this policy, the word, “annuitant” is used for “primary annuitant”.
Purchase Price or Premium	Is the amount paid by the policyholder as mentioned in the schedule of this Policy Document to secure the benefits under the policy. The term Purchase Price and the Premium are used interchangeably in this Policy Document. Purchase Price / Premium does not include any taxes which are payable separately.
Schedule	Refers to the part of policy document that gives the specific details of this policy.
Secondary Annuitant (applicable under joint life Annuity Option)	Refers to the person entitled to receive the annuity payment, in the event of death of the Primary Annuitant.
Surrender	Means complete withdrawal or termination of the entire Policy.
Surrender Value	Means an amount, if any, that becomes payable in case of surrender in accordance with the terms and conditions of this policy
UIN	Means the Unique Identification Number allotted to this Plan by the IRDAI
We”, “Us”, “Ours”, “Company” or “Insurer”	Refers to Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Limited (SUD Life).
“You”, “Your” or “Yours”	Refers to the Policyholder

Interpretation: In this Policy Document, where appropriate, references to the singular will include references to the plural and references to one gender will include references to the other.

PART C

The following benefits are payable under the policy:

(1) **Benefits payable on Survival or Death:**

The benefits payable are as under:

Annuity Option	Single/ Joint Life	Benefit payable on Survival	Benefit payable on Death
<u>Annuity Option 1:</u> Life Annuity with Return of 100% of Purchase Price (ROP)	Single Life	Annuity Payments will be made in arrears for as long as Annuitant is alive and policy is in force, as per the chosen mode of annuity payment	On death of the Annuitant, the annuity payment shall cease immediately. The Purchase Price shall be payable to nominee(s)/ legal heir(s)
<u>Annuity Option 2:</u> Joint Life Last Survivor Annuity with Return of 100% of Purchase Price (ROP) on death of the last survivor	Joint Life	Annuity will be paid in arrears for as long as the Primary Annuitant and/or Secondary Annuitant is alive, as per the chosen mode of annuity payment.	On first death (of either of the covered lives): 100% of the annuity amount shall continue to be paid as long as one of the Annuitants is alive. On death of the last survivor: The annuity payments will cease immediately. The Purchase Price shall be payable to the Nominee(s) / legal heirs.

(2) **Maturity Benefit** – There is no maturity benefit under this Policy.

PART D

Conditions related to servicing aspects

(1) **Proof of age**

The purchase price having been calculated on the age of the Annuitant(s) as declared in the Proposal Form, in case the age is found different (lower/higher) than such age, without prejudice to the Company's other rights and remedies, including those under the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time, the following action shall be taken:

- If the Annuitant's correct age is found to be different from the age declared in the Proposal Form, the Annuity payments payable under the Policy shall be altered corresponding to the correct age of the Annuitant from the next Annuity due date and the total of the excess paid, if any, due to difference between the original Annuity amounts paid and the corrected Annuity, from the commencement of the Policy up to the date of such excess payment, shall be paid to the Company with interest at such rate as fixed by the Company from time to time. The difference arising out of incorrect annuities paid in the past along with interest shall be collected from the Annuitant or would be adjusted from the following Annuity payments.
- If the correct age is such as would have made the Annuitant uninsurable under this Policy, then this policy shall be cancelled and the Purchase Price paid may be refunded after deducting the charges for stamp duty, taxes and Annuity paid (if any).

(2) **Forfeiture in certain events**

In case any condition herein contained or endorsed hereon shall be contravened, or in case it shall hereafter appear that any untrue or incorrect averment is contained in the proposal and declaration herein

mentioned, or in the statements referred to therein, have not been truly and fairly stated or that any material information has been withheld, then and in every such case, this policy shall be void and all claims to any benefit in virtue of this policy shall be subject to the provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.

(3) Surrender

The policy can be surrendered any time after six months from the date of commencement, if the annuitant/primary annuitant /secondary annuitant, or spouse or any of the children of the annuitant is diagnosed as suffering from any of the Critical Illnesses as defined Annexure 4 to the policy document, based on the documents produced to the satisfaction of the medical examiner of the Company. On approval of the surrender, 95% of the Purchase Price shall be paid to the annuitant, subject to deduction of any outstanding loan amount and loan interest, if any. On payment of the surrender value, the policy stands terminated. For the purpose of surrender value calculation, the Purchase Price excludes taxes, if any. Any change in the surrender value calculation method shall be applicable only after prior approval of the competent authority, as applicable.

(4) Policy Loan

Policy Loan can be availed any time after six months from the date of commencement of policy. Maximum amount of loan that can be granted under the policy shall be such that the effective annual interest amount payable on loan does not exceed 50% of the annual annuity amount payable under the policy. Under joint life option, the loan can be availed by the primary annuitant and on death of the primary annuitant, it can be availed by the secondary annuitant.

- (a) The applicable interest on loan shall be at 10-year G-Sec rate as of 1st April of the relevant financial year, as published by M/s. FBIL, plus 200 bps. The said interest rate shall be applicable for all loans granted during the period of twelve months, beginning 1st May of the relevant financial year.
- (b) The loan interest will be recovered from the annuity amount payable under the policy. The loan interest will accrue as per the frequency of annuity payment under the policy and it will be due on the date of annuity. The loan outstanding shall be recovered from the claim proceeds under the policy. However, the annuitant has the flexibility to repay the loan principal at any time during the currency of the annuity payments.

Any change in basis of determination of interest rate for policy loan will be done only after prior approval of the competent Authority, as applicable.

(5) Free Look Period

- (a) This is an option to review the Policy following receipt of Policy Document. The Policyholder has a free look period of 30 days from the date of receipt of the policy document, to review the terms and conditions of the policy and where the policyholder disagrees to any of those terms and conditions, the policyholder has the option to return the policy to the Company for cancellation, stating the reasons for his objection. Then the policyholder shall be entitled to a refund of the premium subject only to a deduction of stamp duty charges and annuity paid, if any.
- (b) The treatment of the policy shall be as follows:
 - (i) For standalone immediate annuity policies: The proceeds from cancellation shall be returned to the Annuitant.
 - (ii) If this policy is purchased out of proceeds of a deferred pension plan of any other insurance company: The proceeds from cancellation will be transferred back to that insurance company and no amount will be refunded to the Annuitant.

(6) Termination of Policy

The policy shall terminate on occurrence of the earliest of the following events:

- (a) On the death of both the Annuitants (Primary and Secondary), in case of Joint Life (Annuity Option 2).
- (b) On the death of the Annuitant, in case of Single Life (Annuity Option 1).

- (c) On the date of Surrender of the Policy after payment of surrender benefit.
- (d) On payment of free look cancellation amount.

PART E

Not applicable

PART F

Other Terms & Conditions

(1) Assignment

Assignment is allowed under this plan as per section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. The current provisions of Section 38 are contained in Annexure-1 of this Policy Document. The notice of assignment should be submitted for registration to the office of the Company, where the policy is serviced.

(2) Nomination

Nomination by the holder of a policy of life assurance on his/her own life is allowed as per Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. The current provisions of Section 39 are contained in Annexure-2 of this Policy Document. The notice of nomination or change of nomination should be submitted for registration to the office of the Company, where the policy is serviced. In registering nomination, the Company does not accept any responsibility or express any opinion as to its validity or legal effect.

(3) Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938

The provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938, as amended from time to time, shall be applicable. The current provisions are contained in Annexure-3 of this policy document.

(4) Taxes

- (a) Statutory Taxes, if any, imposed on such insurance plans by the Government of India or any other constitutional Tax Authority of India shall be as per the Tax laws and the rate of tax as applicable from time to time.
- (b) The amount of any applicable taxes payable as per the prevailing rates, shall be payable by the policyholder on the premium payable under the policy, which shall be collected separately in addition to the premium payable by the policyholder. The amount of tax paid shall not be considered for the calculation of benefits payable under the Policy.

(5) Normal requirements for benefit payable

- (a) For annuities in payment: The Existence Certificate in the format prescribed by the Company is to be submitted by the Annuitant / Primary Annuitant / Secondary Annuitant as and when required by the Company. In case of Joint Life Last Survivor Annuity with Return of 100% of Purchase Price on death of the last survivor, after the death of the Primary Annuitant, the Existence Certificate of the surviving Secondary Annuitant will be required. The Annuity payments shall be released only on receipt of the Existence Certificate.
- (b) On death of the Annuitant(s): The normal documents which the claimants shall submit while lodging the claim in case of death of the Annuitant / Primary annuitant / secondary annuitant shall be the claim form, as prescribed by the Company, accompanied with original policy document, NEFT mandate from the claimant for direct credit of the claim amount to the bank account, proof of title, proof of death, whichever is applicable, to the satisfaction of the Company.
- (c) On Surrender: In case of surrender of a policy, the Annuitant shall submit the discharge form along with the original policy document, evidence of critical illnesses as per Annexure 4 to the policy document, NEFT mandate from the claimant for direct credit of the claim amount to the bank account besides proof of age, if the age is not admitted earlier. In addition to above, any requirement mandated under any statutory provision or as may be required as per law shall also be required to be submitted.

(6) Legislative Changes:

The Terms and Conditions under this policy are subject to variation in accordance with relevant Legislation and Regulations.

(7) Loss of Policy document

a) If the Policy document is lost or damaged, the Policyholder may give the Company a written request stating the fact and the reason of the loss or damage. The Company will issue a duplicate Policy document at no extra cost, if the Company is satisfied that the Policy document is lost or damaged accidentally or for no fault of Yours. On the issue of the duplicate Policy document, the original Policy document immediately and automatically ceases to have any validity.

b) The Policyholder agrees to indemnify and hold the Company free and harmless from any costs, expenses, claims, awards or judgments arising out of or in relation to the original Policy document.

(8) Jurisdiction

The Policy shall be governed by the laws of India and the Indian Courts shall have jurisdiction to settle any disputes arising under the Policy.

(9) Change of address

(a) By You - It is very important that You immediately communicate Us about any change of address or nomination to enable the Company to service this Policy effectively.

(b) By The Company – We will change the address stated above and intimate You of such change by suitable means.

PART G
Grievance Redressal Mechanism

Grievance Redressal Mechanism has been set-up for the resolution of any dispute or grievances/ complaint in respect of Policy. You are requested to submit a written complaint at any of the below mentioned touch points:

- a. Toll Free No 1800 266 8833 Monday – Saturday from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- b. Email to Us at customercare@sudlife.in
- c. Write to Us at Customer Care, Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Co. Ltd., 11th Floor, Vishwaroop IT Park, Plot No. 34, 35 & 38, Sector 30A of IIP, Vashi, Navi Mumbai – 400 703.
- d. Online through website www.sudlife.in
- e. Any of SUD Life's Regional/ Branch Office. Our Regional/ Branch office addresses are available on our website

If You are not satisfied with the response provided by any of the above touch points or do not receive a response within 14 days, You may write to the Grievance Redressal Unit at grievanceredressal@sudlife.in or send a communication at Grievance Redressal Unit, Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Ltd., 11th Floor, Vishwaroop IT Park, Plot No. 34, 35 & 38, Sector 30A of IIP, Vashi, Navi Mumbai – 400 703.

To further escalate the matter, You may write to the Chief Grievance Redressal Officer at cgro@sudlife.in or send a communication at Chief Grievance Redressal Officer, Star Union Dai-ichi Life Insurance Company Ltd., 11th Floor, Vishwaroop IT Park, Plot No. 34, 35 & 38, Sector 30A of IIP, Vashi, Navi Mumbai – 400 703.

An acknowledgment to all complaints received will be sent by the Company immediately on receipt of the complaint/grievance.

However, if still You are not satisfied with our response or do not receive a response from Us within 14 days, You may approach the Grievance Cell of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on the following contact details:

IRDAI Grievance Call Centre (Bima Bharosa Shikayat Nivaran Kendra)

TOLL FREE NO: 155255/ [18004254732](tel:18004254732)

Email ID: complaints@irdai.gov.in

You can also register your complaint online at <https://bimabharosa.irdai.gov.in>

Address for communication for complaints:

Consumer Affairs Department

Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Survey No. 115/1, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad – 500 032, Telangana

Manner of making complaint to Insurance Ombudsman:

- a) If the Policyholder is not satisfied with the decision/ resolution or complaint is still not resolved, then they may approach the Insurance Ombudsman (at the address given below), by making a complaint in writing to the Ombudsman within whose jurisdiction the branch or office of the insurer complained against is located, or the residential address or place of residence of the complainant is located, and if his/ her issues pertains to the following as per the provisions of Rule 13(1) of the Insurance Ombudsman Rules 2017:
 - i. delay in settlement of claim beyond the time specified in the regulations, framed under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority Act, 1999;
 - ii. any partial or total repudiation of claims
 - iii. dispute over premium paid or payable in terms of insurance policy;
 - iv. misrepresentation of policy terms and conditions at any time in the policy documents or policy contract;
 - v. Legal construction of insurance policies in so far as the disputes relates to claim;
 - vi. Policy servicing related grievances against insurer and their agents and intermediaries;
 - vii. Issuance of policy which is not in conformity with Application submitted by the proposer;
 - viii. Non-issuance of insurance policy after receipt of premium; and
 - ix. any other matter arising from non-observance of or non-adherence to the provisions of the Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time or with regard to protection of policyholders' interests or otherwise, or of any circular, guideline or instruction issued by IRDAI, or of the terms and conditions of the policy contract, in so far as such matter relates to issues referred to in clauses (i) to (viii).
- b) The complaint should be made in writing duly signed by the complainant or by his/ her legal heirs, nominee(s) or assignee or made by way of electronic mail or online through the website of the Council for Insurance Ombudsmen with full details of the complaint, the name and contact details of complainant and the name of the branch or office of the insurer against which the complaint is made, the nature and extent of the loss caused to the complainant and the relief sought from the Ombudsman.
- c) As per provision of Rule 14 of the Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017, the complaint to the Ombudsman can be made:
 - (1) Any person who has a grievance against an insurer, may himself or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee, make a complaint in writing to the Insurance Ombudsman within whose territorial jurisdiction the branch or office of the insurer complained against or the residential address or place of residence of the complainant is located.
 - (2) The complaint shall be in writing, duly signed by the complainant or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee and shall state clearly the name and address of the complainant, the name of the branch or office of the insurer against whom the complaint is made, the facts giving rise to the complaint, supported by documents, the nature and extent of the loss caused to the complainant and the relief sought from the Insurance Ombudsman.
 - (3) No complaint to the Insurance Ombudsman shall lie unless—
 - (a) the complainant makes a written representation to the insurer named in the complaint and—
 - (i) either the insurer had rejected the complaint; or
 - (ii) the complainant had not received any reply within a period of one month after the insurer received his representation; or
 - (iii) the complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to him by the insurer;
 - (b) The complaint is made within one year—
 - (i) after the order of the insurer rejecting the representation is received; or
 - (ii) after receipt of decision of the insurer which is not to the satisfaction of the complainant;

(iii) after expiry of a period of one month from the date of sending the written representation to the insurer if the insurer named fails to furnish reply to the complainant

(5) No complaint before the Insurance Ombudsman shall be maintainable on the same subject matter on which proceedings are pending before or disposed of by any court or consumer forum or arbitrator.

Website of Council for Insurance Ombudsmen for online registration of the Complaint is www.cioins.co.in

The list of the Ombudsman with their addresses has been given below:

Office of the Ombudsman	Contact Details	Areas of Jurisdiction
AHMEDABAD	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 6th Floor, Jeevan Prakash Bldg, Tilak Marg, Relief Road, Ahmedabad - 380001. Tel nos: 079-25501201/02/05/06 Email: bimalokpal.ahmedabad@cioins.co.in	State of Gujarat, Union Territories of Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu
BENGALURU	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Soudha Building, PID No. 57-27-N-19 Ground Floor, 19/19, 24th Main Road, JP Nagar, 1st Phase, Bengaluru – 560 078. Tel.: 080 - 26652048 / 26652049 Email: bimalokpal.bengaluru@cioins.co.in	State of Karnataka
BHOPAL	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Janak Vihar Complex, 2nd Floor, 6, Malviya Nagar, Opp. Airtel Office, Near New Market, Bhopal – 462 003. Tel.: 0755 - 2769201 / 2769202 Email: bimalokpal.bhopal@cioins.co.in	States of Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh
BHUBANESHWAR	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 62, Forest park, Bhubneshwar – 751 009. Tel.: 0674 - 2596461 / 2596455 Email: bimalokpal.bhubaneswar@cioins.co.in	State of Orissa
CHANDIGARH	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, S.C.O. No. 101, 102 & 103, 2nd Floor, Batra Building, Sector 17 – D, Chandigarh – 160 017. Tel.: 0172 - 2706196 / 2706468 Email: bimalokpal.chandigarh@cioins.co.in	State of Punjab, Haryana (excluding 4 districts viz Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonapat and Bahadurgarh), Himachal Pradesh, Union Territories of Jammu & Kashmir, Ladakh and Chandigarh
CHENNAI	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Fatima Akhtar Court, 4th Floor, 453, Anna Salai, Teynampet, CHENNAI – 600 018. Tel.: 044 - 24333668 / 24335284 Email: bimalokpal.chennai@cioins.co.in	State of Tamil Nadu and Union Territories of Puducherry Town and Karaikal (which are part of Union Territories of Puducherry)
DELHI	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2/2 A, Universal Insurance Building, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi – 110 002. Tel.: 011 - 23237539 Email: bimalokpal.delhi@cioins.co.in	Delhi, 4 states of Haryana viz. Gurugram, Faridabad, Sonapat and Bahadurgarh
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Note: In case of dispute in respect of interpretation of these terms and conditions and special provisions/conditions, the English version shall stand valid.

Annexure 1

Section 38- Assignment and Transfer of Insurance Policies

Assignment or transfer of a policy should be in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

1. This policy may be transferred/assigned, wholly or in part, with or without consideration.
2. An Assignment may be effected in a policy by an endorsement upon the policy itself or by a separate instrument under notice to the Insurer.
3. The instrument of assignment should indicate the fact of transfer or assignment and the reasons for the assignment or transfer, antecedents of the assignee and terms on which assignment is made.
4. The assignment must be signed by the transferor or assignor or duly authorized agent and attested by at least one witness.
5. The transfer of assignment shall not be operative as against an insurer until a notice in writing of the transfer or assignment and either the said endorsement or instrument itself or copy thereof certified to be correct by both transferor and transferee or their duly authorized agents have been delivered to the insurer.
6. Fee to be paid for assignment or transfer can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.

7. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should Grant a written acknowledgement of receipt of notice. Such notice shall be conclusive evidence against the insurer of duly receiving the notice.
8. If the insurer maintains one or more places of business, such notices shall be delivered only at the place where the policy is being serviced.
9. The insurer may accept or decline to act upon any transfer or assignment or endorsement, if it has sufficient reasons to believe that it is
 - a. not bonafide or
 - b. not in the interest of the policyholder or
 - c. not in public interest or
 - d. is for the purpose of trading of the insurance policy.
10. Before refusing to act upon endorsement, the Insurer should record the reasons in writing and communicate the same in writing to Policyholder within 30 days from the date of policyholder giving a notice of transfer or assignment.
11. In case of refusal to act upon the endorsement by the Insurer, any person aggrieved by the refusal may prefer a claim to IRDAI within 30 days of receipt of the refusal letter from the Insurer.
12. The priority of claims of persons interested in an insurance policy would depend on the date on which the notices of assignment or transfer is delivered to the insurer; where there are more than one instruments of transfer or assignment, the priority will depend on dates of delivery of such notices. Any dispute in this regard as to priority should be referred to Authority.
13. Every assignment or transfer shall be deemed to be absolute assignment or transfer and the assignee or transferee shall be deemed to be absolute assignee or transferee, except
 - a. where assignment or transfer is subject to terms and conditions of transfer or assignment OR
 - b. where the transfer or assignment is made upon condition that
 - i. the proceeds under the policy shall become payable to policyholder or nominee(s) in the event of assignee or transferee dying before the insured OR
 - ii. the insured surviving the term of the policy

Such conditional assignee will not be entitled to obtain a loan on policy or surrender the policy. This provision will prevail notwithstanding any law or custom having force of law which is contrary to the above position.
14. In other cases, the insurer shall, subject to terms and conditions of assignment, recognize the transferee or assignee named in the notice as the absolute transferee or assignee and such person
 - a. shall be subject to all liabilities and equities to which the transferor or assignor was subject to at the date of transfer or assignment and
 - b. may institute any proceedings in relation to the policy
 - c. obtain loan under the policy or surrender the policy without obtaining the consent of the transferor or assignor or making him a party to the proceedings
15. Any rights and remedies of an assignee or transferee of a life insurance policy under an assignment or transfer effected before commencement of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time shall not be affected by this section.

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Annexure 2

Section 39- Nomination by policyholder

Nomination of a life insurance Policy is as below in accordance with Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

1. The policyholder of a life insurance on his own life may nominate a person or persons to whom money secured by the policy shall be paid in the event of his death.
2. Where the nominee is a minor, the policyholder may appoint any person to receive the money secured by the policy in the event of policyholder's death during the minority of the nominee. The manner of appointment to be laid down by the insurer.
3. Nomination can be made at any time before the maturity of the policy.
4. Nomination may be incorporated in the text of the policy itself or may be endorsed on the policy communicated to the insurer and can be registered by the insurer in the records relating to the policy.
5. Nomination can be cancelled or changed at any time before policy matures, by an endorsement or a further endorsement or a will as the case may be.
6. A notice in writing of Change or Cancellation of nomination must be delivered to the insurer for the insurer to be liable to such nominee. Otherwise, insurer will not be liable if a bonafide payment is made to the person named in the text of the policy or in the registered records of the insurer.
7. Fee to be paid to the insurer for registering change or cancellation of a nomination can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.

8. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should grant a written acknowledgement to the policyholder of having registered a nomination or cancellation or change thereof.
9. A transfer or assignment made in accordance with Section 38 shall automatically cancel the nomination except in case of assignment to the insurer or other transferee or assignee for purpose of loan or against security or its reassignment after repayment. In such case, the nomination will not get cancelled to the extent of insurer's or transferee's or assignee's interest in the policy. The nomination will get revived on repayment of the loan.
10. The right of any creditor to be paid out of the proceeds of any policy of life insurance shall not be affected by the nomination.
11. In case of nomination by policyholder whose life is insured, if the nominees die before the policyholder, the proceeds are payable to policyholder or his heirs or legal representatives or holder of succession certificate.
12. In case nominee(s) survive the person whose life is insured, the amount secured by the policy shall be paid to such survivor(s).
13. Where the policyholder whose life is insured nominates his
 - a. parents or
 - b. spouse or
 - c. children or
 - d. spouse and children
 - e. or any of them
 the nominees are beneficially entitled to the amount payable by the insurer to the policyholder unless it is proved that policyholder could not have conferred such beneficial title on the nominee having regard to the nature of his title.
14. If nominee(s) die after the policyholder but before his share of the amount secured under the policy is paid, the share of the expired nominee(s) shall be payable to the heirs or legal representative of the nominee or holder of succession certificate of such nominee(s).
15. The provisions of sub-section 7 and 8 (13 and 14 above) shall apply to all life insurance policies maturing for payment after the commencement of Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time.
16. If policyholder dies after maturity but the proceeds and benefit of the policy has not been paid to him because of his death, his nominee(s) shall be entitled to the proceeds and benefit of the policy.
17. The provisions of Section 39 are not applicable to any life insurance policy to which Section 6 of Married Women's Property Act, 1874 applies or has at any time applied except where before or after Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time, a nomination is made in favor of spouse or children or spouse and children whether or not on the face of the policy it is mentioned that it is made under Section 39. Where nomination is intended to be made to spouse or children or spouse and children under Section 6 of MWP Act, it should be specifically mentioned on the policy. In such a case only, the provisions of Section 39 will not apply.

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Annexure 3

Section 45 – Policy shall not be called in question on the ground of mis-statement after three years.

Provisions regarding policy not being called into question in terms of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, amended from time to time are as follows:

1. No Policy of Life Insurance shall be called in question on any ground whatsoever after expiry of 3 yrs from
 - a. the date of issuance of policy or
 - b. the date of commencement of risk or
 - c. the date of revival of policy or
 - d. the date of rider to the policy
 whichever is later.
2. On the ground of fraud, a policy of Life Insurance may be called in question within 3 years from
 - a. the date of issuance of policy or
 - b. the date of commencement of risk or
 - c. the date of revival of policy or
 - d. the date of rider to the policy
 whichever is later.

For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which such decision is based.

3. Fraud means any of the following acts committed by insured or by his agent, with the intent to deceive the insurer or to induce the insurer to issue a life insurance policy:
 - a. The suggestion, as a fact of that which is not true and which the insured does not believe to be true;
 - b. The active concealment of a fact by the insured having knowledge or belief of the fact;
 - c. Any other act fitted to deceive; and

- d. Any such act or omission as the law specifically declares to be fraudulent.
- 4. Mere silence is not fraud unless, depending on circumstances of the case, it is the duty of the insured or his agent keeping silence to speak or silence is in itself equivalent to speak.
- 5. No Insurer shall repudiate a life insurance Policy on the ground of Fraud, if the Insured / beneficiary can prove that the misstatement was true to the best of his knowledge and there was no deliberate intention to suppress the fact or that such mis-statement of or suppression of material fact are within the knowledge of the insurer. Onus of disproving is upon the policyholder, if alive, or beneficiaries.
- 6. Life insurance Policy can be called in question within 3 years on the ground that any statement of or suppression of a fact material to expectancy of life of the insured was incorrectly made in the proposal or other document basis which policy was issued or revived or rider issued. For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which decision to repudiate the policy of life insurance is based.
- 7. In case repudiation is on ground of mis-statement and not on fraud, the premium collected on policy till the date of repudiation shall be paid to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, within a period of 90 days from the date of repudiation.
- 8. Fact shall not be considered material unless it has a direct bearing on the risk undertaken by the insurer. The onus is on insurer to show that if the insurer had been aware of the said fact, no life insurance policy would have been issued to the insured.
- 9. The insurer can call for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so and no policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the policy are adjusted on subsequent proof of age of life insured. So, this Section will not be applicable for questioning age or adjustment based on proof of age submitted subsequently.

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Annexure 4 - Definitions of Critical Illness covered for allowing surrender of annuity

1. CANCER OF SPECIFIED SEVERITY

- I. A malignant tumor characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells with invasion and destruction of normal tissues. This diagnosis must be supported by histological evidence of malignancy. The term cancer includes leukemia, lymphoma and sarcoma.
- II. The following are excluded –
 - i. All tumors which are histologically described as carcinoma in situ, benign, pre-malignant, borderline malignant, low malignant potential, neoplasm of unknown behavior, or non-invasive, including but not limited to: Carcinoma in situ of breasts, Cervical dysplasia CIN-1, CIN -2 and CIN-3.
 - ii. Any non-melanoma skin carcinoma unless there is evidence of metastases to lymph nodes or beyond;
 - iii. Malignant melanoma that has not caused invasion beyond the epidermis;
 - iv. All tumors of the prostate unless histologically classified as having a Gleason score greater than 6 or having progressed to at least clinical TNM classification T2N0M0
 - v. All Thyroid cancers histologically classified as T1N0M0 (TNM Classification) or below;
 - vi. Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia less than RAI stage 3
 - vii. Non-invasive papillary cancer of the bladder histologically described as TaN0M0 or of a lesser classification,
 - viii. All Gastro-Intestinal Stromal Tumors histologically classified as T1N0M0 (TNM Classification) or below and with mitotic count of less than or equal to 5/50 HPFs;

2. MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION (First Heart Attack of specific severity)

- I. The first occurrence of heart attack or myocardial infarction, which means the death of a portion of the heart muscle as a result of inadequate blood supply to the relevant area. The diagnosis for Myocardial Infarction should be evidenced by all of the following criteria:
 - i. A history of typical clinical symptoms consistent with the diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction (For e.g. typical chest pain)
 - ii. New characteristic electrocardiogram changes
 - iii. Elevation of infarction specific enzymes, Troponins or other specific biochemical markers.
- II. The following are excluded:
 - i. Other acute Coronary Syndromes
 - ii. Any type of angina pectoris
 - iii. A rise in cardiac biomarkers or Troponin T or I in absence of overt ischemic heart disease OR following an intra-arterial cardiac procedure.

3. OPEN CHEST CABG

- I. The actual undergoing of heart surgery to correct blockage or narrowing in one or more coronary artery(s), by coronary artery bypass grafting done via a sternotomy (cutting through the breast bone) or minimally invasive

keyhole coronary artery bypass procedures. The diagnosis must be supported by a coronary angiography and the realization of surgery has to be confirmed by a cardiologist.

- II. The following are excluded:
 - i. Angioplasty and/or any other intra-arterial procedures

4. OPEN HEART REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF HEART VALVES

- I. The actual undergoing of open-heart valve surgery is to replace or repair one or more heart valves, as a consequence of defects in, abnormalities of, or disease-affected cardiac valve(s). The diagnosis of the valve abnormality must be supported by an echocardiography and the realization of surgery has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner. Catheter based techniques including but not limited to, balloon valvotomy/ valvuloplasty are excluded.

5. COMA OF SPECIFIED SEVERITY

- I. A state of unconsciousness with no reaction or response to external stimuli or internal needs. This diagnosis must be supported by evidence of all of the following:
 - i. no response to external stimuli continuously for at least 96 hours;
 - ii. life support measures are necessary to sustain life; and
 - iii. permanent neurological deficit which must be assessed at least 30 days after the onset of the coma.
- II. The condition has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner. Coma resulting directly from alcohol or drug abuse is excluded.

6. KIDNEY FAILURE REQUIRING REGULAR DIALYSIS

- I. End stage renal disease presenting as chronic irreversible failure of both kidneys to function, as a result of which either regular renal dialysis (haemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis) is instituted or renal transplantation is carried out. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner.

7. STROKE RESULTING IN PERMANENT SYMPTOMS

- I. Any cerebrovascular incident producing permanent neurological sequelae. This includes infarction of brain tissue, thrombosis in an intracranial vessel, haemorrhage and embolisation from an extracranial source. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner and evidenced by typical clinical symptoms as well as typical findings in CT Scan or MRI of the brain. Evidence of permanent neurological deficit lasting for at least 3 months has to be produced.
- II. The following are excluded:
 - i. Transient ischemic attacks (TIA)
 - ii. Traumatic injury of the brain
 - iii. Vascular disease affecting only the eye or optic nerve or vestibular functions.

8. MAJOR ORGAN /BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

- I. The actual undergoing of a transplant of:
 - i. One of the following human organs: heart, lung, liver, kidney, pancreas, that resulted from irreversible end-stage failure of the relevant organ, or
 - ii. Human bone marrow using haematopoietic stem cells. The undergoing of a transplant has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner.
- II. The following are excluded:
 - i. Other stem-cell transplants
 - ii. Where only islets of langerhans are transplanted

9. PERMANENT PARALYSIS OF LIMBS

- I. Total and irreversible loss of use of two or more limbs as a result of injury or disease of the brain or spinal cord. A specialist medical practitioner must be of the opinion that the paralysis will be permanent with no hope of recovery and must be present for more than 3 months.

10. MOTOR NEURON DISEASE WITH PERMANENT SYMPTOMS

- I. Motor neuron disease diagnosed by a specialist medical practitioner as spinal muscular atrophy, progressive bulbar palsy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or primary lateral sclerosis. There must be progressive degeneration of corticospinal tracts and anterior horn cells or bulbar efferent neurons. There must be current significant and permanent functional neurological impairment with objective evidence of motor dysfunction that has persisted for a continuous period of at least 3 months.

11. MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WITH PERSISTING SYMPTOMS

- I. The unequivocal diagnosis of Definite Multiple Sclerosis confirmed and evidenced by all of the following:
 - i. investigations including typical MRI findings which unequivocally confirm the diagnosis to be multiple sclerosis and

- ii. there must be current clinical impairment of motor or sensory function, which must have persisted for a continuous period of at least 6 months.
- II. Neurological damage due to SLE is excluded.

12. BENIGN BRAIN TUMOR

- I. Benign brain tumor is defined as a life threatening, non-cancerous tumor in the brain, cranial nerves or meninges within the skull. The presence of the underlying tumor must be confirmed by imaging studies such as CT scan or MRI.
- II. This brain tumor must result in at least one of the following and must be confirmed by the relevant medical specialist.
 - i. Permanent Neurological deficit with persisting clinical symptoms for a continuous period of at least 90 consecutive days or
 - ii. Undergone surgical resection or radiation therapy to treat the brain tumor.
- III. The following conditions are excluded:
Cysts, Granulomas, malformations in the arteries or veins of the brain, hematomas, abscesses, pituitary tumors, tumors of skull bones and tumors of the spinal cord.

13. BLINDNESS

- I. Total, permanent and irreversible loss of all vision in both eyes as a result of illness or accident.
- II. The Blindness is evidenced by:
 - i. corrected visual acuity being 3/60 or less in both eyes or ;
 - ii. the field of vision being less than 10 degrees in both eyes.
- III. The diagnosis of blindness must be confirmed and must not be correctable by aids or surgical procedure.

14. END STAGE LUNG FAILURE

- I. End stage lung disease, causing chronic respiratory failure, as confirmed and evidenced by all of the following:
 - i. FEV1 test results consistently less than 1 litre measured on 3 occasions 3 months apart; and
 - ii. Requiring continuous permanent supplementary oxygen therapy for hypoxemia; and
 - iii. Arterial blood gas analysis with partial oxygen pressure of 55mmHg or less ($\text{PaO}_2 < 55\text{mmHg}$); and
 - iv. Dyspnea at rest.

15. END STAGE LIVER FAILURE

- I. Permanent and irreversible failure of liver function that has resulted in all three of the following:
Permanent jaundice; and Ascites; and Hepatic encephalopathy.
- II. Liver failure secondary to drug or alcohol abuse is excluded.

16. LOSS OF SPEECH

- I. Total and irrecoverable loss of the ability to speak as a result of injury or disease to the vocal cords. The inability to speak must be established for a continuous period of 12 months. This diagnosis must be supported by medical evidence furnished by an Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) specialist.

17. LOSS OF LIMBS

- I. The physical separation of two or more limbs, at or above the wrist or ankle level limbs as a result of injury or disease. This will include medically necessary amputation necessitated by injury or disease. The separation has to be permanent without any chance of surgical correction. Loss of Limbs resulting directly or indirectly from self-inflicted injury, alcohol or drug abuse is excluded.

18. MAJOR HEAD TRAUMA

- I. Accidental head injury resulting in permanent Neurological deficit to be assessed no sooner than 3 months from the date of the accident. This diagnosis must be supported by unequivocal findings on Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Computerized Tomography, or other reliable imaging techniques. The accident must be caused solely and directly by accidental, violent, external and visible means and independently of all other causes.
- II. The Accidental Head injury must result in an inability to perform at least three (3) of the following Activities of Daily Living either with or without the use of mechanical equipment, special devices or other aids and adaptations in use for disabled persons. For the purpose of this benefit, the word "permanent" shall mean beyond the scope of recovery with current medical knowledge and technology.
- III. The Activities of Daily Living are:
 - i. Washing: the ability to wash in the bath or shower (including getting into and out of the bath or shower) or wash satisfactorily by other means;
 - ii. Dressing: the ability to put on, take off, secure and unfasten all garments and, as appropriate, any braces, artificial limbs or other surgical appliances;
 - iii. Transferring: the ability to move from a bed to an upright chair or wheelchair and vice versa;
 - iv. Mobility: the ability to move indoors from room to room on level surfaces;
 - v. Toileting: the ability to use the lavatory or otherwise manage bowel and bladder functions so as to maintain a satisfactory level of personal hygiene;

vi. Feeding: the ability to feed oneself once food has been prepared and made available.

IV. The following are excluded:

i. Spinal cord injury;

19. PRIMARY (IDIOPATHIC) PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

- I. An unequivocal diagnosis of Primary (Idiopathic) Pulmonary Hypertension by a Cardiologist or specialist in respiratory medicine with evidence of right ventricular enlargement and the pulmonary artery pressure above 30 mm of Hg on Cardiac Catheterization. There must be permanent irreversible physical impairment to the degree of at least Class IV of the New York Heart Association Classification of cardiac impairment.
- II. The NYHA Classification of Cardiac Impairment are as follows:
 - i. Class III: Marked limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest, but less than ordinary activity causes symptoms.
 - ii. Class IV: Unable to engage in any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms may be present even at rest.
- III. Pulmonary hypertension associated with lung disease, chronic hypoventilation, pulmonary thromboembolic disease, drugs and toxins, diseases of the left side of the heart, congenital heart disease and any secondary cause are specifically excluded.

20. THIRD DEGREE BURNS

- I. There must be third-degree burns with scarring that cover at least 20% of the body's surface area. The diagnosis must confirm the total area involved using standardized, clinically accepted, body surface area charts covering 20% of the body surface area.