PART A

<< Date >>

<<Master Policyholder's Name>>

<< Master Policyholder's Address>>

Dear << Master Policyholder's Name>>,

Sub: Your Master Policy Number << >>

We are glad to inform you that your Proposal has been accepted and the Insurance Policy has been issued. We have made every effort to design your Policy Document in a simple format. We have highlighted items of importance so that you may recognize them easily.

Contacting us

The address for correspondence is given in the Policy document. To enable us to serve you better, you are requested to quote your Policy number in all future correspondence.

To contact us in case of any grievance, please refer to "Grievance Redressal – Contact Details Annexure attached". In case you are not satisfied with our response, you can also approach the Insurance Ombudsman in your region whose address is available on our website <u>www.hdfclife.com</u>.

Cancellation in the Look-in Period:

In case You are not agreeable to any of the provisions stated in the Policy, You have the option to return the Policy to Us stating the reasons thereof, within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Policy.

On receipt of the cancellation letter along with the original Policy document, We shall arrange to refund the Premium amount received less applicable deductions towards stamp duty and proportionate mortality charge.

A Policy once returned shall not be revived, reinstated or restored at any point of time and a new proposal will have to be made for a new Policy.

Thanking you for choosing HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited and looking forward to serving you in the years ahead,

Yours sincerely, << Designation of the Authorised Signatory >> Branch Address: <<Branch Address>> Agency/Intermediary Code: <<Agency Code>> Agency/Intermediary Name: <<Agency Name>> Agency/Intermediary Telephone Number: <<Agency mobile & landline number>> Agency/Intermediary Contact Details: <<Agency address>>

<u>Address for Correspondence:</u> HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited, 11th Floor Lodha Excelus, Apollo Mills Compound, N.M. Joshi Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai-400011.

<u>Registered Office:</u> HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited, Lodha Excelus, 13th Floor, Apollo Mills Compound, Mahalaxmi Mumbai- 400 011.

Contact number: 6751 6218/6215

HDFC LIFE GROUP CREDIT PROTECT INSURANCE PLAN (UIN 101N079V03)

Unique Identification Number: <<101N079V03>>

This group Policy is granted by HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited having its Registered Office at HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited, Lodha Excelus, 13th Floor, Apollo Mills Compound, Mahalaxmi Mumbai- 400 011 (hereinafter called "the Insurer") to the Master Policyholder identified in the Schedule hereto who shall hold the same and all benefits payable thereunder upon Trust for the benefit of the persons to whom the said benefits are payable.

The Policy is numbered as shown in the Schedule and consists of this page, the Schedule, the Policy Provisions referred to in the Schedule, and any pages issued by the Insurer to amend the policy.

The policy is issued pursuant to a Proposal made to the Insurer by the Master Policyholder on the date shown in the Schedule which in due course will be supported by the Membership Information Forms completed and signed by the persons for the benefit of whom the policy is effected, which will be furnished by the Master Policyholder to the Insurer periodically. The policy witnesses a contract between the Master Policyholder and the Insurer.

Upon receipt of the premium by the Insurer from the Master Policyholder, the Insurer shall pay to the Master Policyholder, the benefits described in the policy, subject only to the terms of the policy.

All monies payable under the policy to or by the Insurer shall be payable in Indian Rupees at the office of the Insurer identified in the Schedule.

Notwithstanding the date of the Proposal and the date on which the policy is signed, the policy shall have effect or be deemed to have had effect from the date shown in the Schedule as the Effective Date.

In witness whereof, this policy is signed at the end of the Schedule by a person duly authorised by the Insurer to sign any policy issued in connection with the Insurer's Business.

POLICY SCHEDULE

1. Master Policy Number:

<< system/operations generated>>

2. Name of the Scheme:

<< system/operations generated>>

3. Date of Proposal:

<< system/operations generated>>

4. Effective Date:

<< system/operations service generated>>

Date of submission of the proposal, the premium due and the list of persons who wish to avail of benefits under the policy in the form required by Insurer.

5. Master Policyholder:

<< system/operations generated>>

6. Master Policyholder products with the HDFC Life Group Credit Protect Insurance Plan :

<< system/operations generated>>

7. Eligibility to join the Scheme for the Scheme Member

Eligibility	Age (last birthday) (in years)		
Minimum Age at Entry	18		
Maximum Age at entry	57		
Minimum Maturity Age	20		
Maximum Maturity Age	59		

8. Minimum Number of Members: <50>

- 9. Cover Type: <Decreasing Term Assurance / Level Term Assurance>
- 10. Loan Type: <if the cover is unconnected to a loan then mention N.A. otherwise mention the loan type>
- 11. Benchmark Interest Rate: << Benchmark Interest Rate used to derive the Benchmark Repayment Schedule>> <<N.A. for Level Cover>>
- 12. Moratorium Period: << if applicable then years should be mentioned otherwise N.A.should be mentioned>>
- 13. Benchmark Repayment Schedule: << shown in Appendix A>> << N.A. for Level Cover>>

Signed at Mumbai on << <> >> For HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd

Authorised Signatory

Kindly Note that the name of the Company has changed from "HDFC Standard Life Insurance Company Ltd" to "HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd."

SPACE FOR ENDORSEMENTS

PART B

A. Definitions

In this booklet unless the context otherwise requires:-

- 1. **"Benchmark Repayment Schedule"** or **"Benefit Schedule"** is selected by the Master Policyholder and defines the scale of the death benefit payable to a member over the membership term with respect to the sum assured selected at the membership start date.
- 2. **"Benchmark Interest Rate"** means the notional interest at which the Benchmark Repayment Schedule has been calculated.
- 3. **"Cover Type"** indicates whether the Master Policyholder has selected a Level Term Assurance option or a Decreasing Term Assurance option.

In the instances where the Level Term Assurance option is selected, the sum assured in respect of any member will stay constant during all the years of the scheme membership. In the instances where the Decreasing Term Assurance option is selected, the sum assured reduces over the membership term based on the Benchmark Repayment Schedule selected by the Master Policyholder.

- 4. "Effective Date" is the date mentioned as the Effective Date in the Schedule.
- 5. **"Entry Date"** shall mean (a) The Effective Date, or (b) the actual date on which an Eligible Person is admitted as a Scheme Member, whichever is later.
- 6. **"Eligible Person"** means any person who satisfies all of the following conditions to participate in the Scheme:
 - a. person not older than maximum age for membership of the scheme as on the Entry Date; and
 - b. person not younger than minimum age for membership of the scheme as on the Entry Date; and
- 7. "Insurer" or "Insurance Company" means HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited.
- 8. **"Moratorium Period"** means the initial period of the coverage term where the sum assured does not de-escalate as the principal is not envisaged to be repaid during this period. In the instances where the selected Cover Type is Decreasing Term Assurance and the moratorium period is applicable, the Benchmark Repayment Schedule will reflect such moratorium period.
- 9. *Master Policyholder, You, you, Your, your* means the institution which has entered into a contract with the Company for providing insurance cover to Members of this Policy, as defined in the Schedule.
- 10. **"Master Policyholder product"** is defined as any of the Master Policyholder's products as listed in the Schedule.
- 11. **"Scheme Member"** means an Eligible Person who also satisfies all of the following conditions to participate in the Scheme:
 - a. who has applied in the necessary membership information form; and
 - b. has satisfactorily furnished the necessary declarations as required by the Insurer including the underwriting requirements; and
 - c. who has paid the requisite premiums; and
 - d. who has had their application to join the scheme accepted by the Insurer.

Every Eligible Person desiring to become a Scheme Member may do so at any well defined date during the currency of the policy and, provided the application is accepted by the Insurer, the insurance cover on such a Scheme Member shall be in force from the entry date till the terminal date.

- 12. "Scheme" means the Scheme named in the Schedule.
- 13. **"Term of Membership"** or **"Coverage Term"** means the period for which insurance cover is provided to individual Scheme Member at the Entry Date.
- 14. **"Terminal Date"** means in respect of each Scheme Member, the date on which the period of insurance ends.

PART C

A. Benefit payable on death or survival:

(1) **Death Benefits**

Upon the death of an insured Scheme Member during the membership term, the Insurer shall pay:

- a) where the Cover Type is Level Term Assurance the sum assured
- b) where the Cover Type is Decreasing Term Assurance the sum assured as determined by the Benchmark Repayment Schedule on the membership anniversary immediately preceding, or coinciding with, the date of death.

1. The Certificate of Insurance issued to a Scheme Member will set out the death benefit payable in respect of that member during the coverage term.

2. Upon the payment of the death benefit, all the in-force covers for that member shall cease.

3. The death benefit as set out in the member's Certificate of Insurance at the inception of membership shall be paid, irrespective of the actual liability of the Scheme Member to the Master Policyholder. In the instances where the death benefit is greater than the outstanding liability of the Scheme Member to the Master Policyholder, the excess of the death benefit over such outstanding liability shall be paid to the nominee of the Scheme Member. In case of death of Scheme Member due to suicide within 12 months from the date of inception of the Policy, the Master Policyholder shall be entitled to at least 80% of the total premiums paid till the date of death or the surrender value available as on the date of death of the respective Scheme Member whichever is higher, where total premiums paid refers to total of all the premiums received, excluding any extra premium and taxes.

4. In the instances where the insurance cover is sought for an institution's members unconnected with a loan, the death benefit as set out in the member's Certificate of Insurance shall be payable to the nominee of the Scheme Member. In case of death of Scheme Member due to suicide within 12 months from the date of inception of the Policy, the nominee shall be entitled to at least 80% of the total premiums paid till the date of death or the surrender value available as on the date of death of the respective Scheme Member whichever is higher, where total premiums paid refers to total of all the premiums received, excluding any extra premium and taxes.

5. The payment of Death Benefit shall be made to the Master Policyholder to the extent of the outstanding loan balance amount, provided, the Master Policyholder is one of the following:

- a. Reserve Bank of India ("RBI") regulated Scheduled Commercial Bank (including co-operative Banks),
- b. NBFs having Certificate of Registration from RBI or
- c. National Housing Bank ("NHB") regulated Housing Finance Company.
- d. National Minority Development Finance Corporation (NMDFC) and its State Channelizing Agencies
- e. Small Finance Banks regulated by RBI
- f. Mutually Aided Cooperative Societies formed and registered under the applicable State Act concerning such Societies
- g. Microfinance Companies registered under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013
- h. Any other category as approved by the Authority

The payment of Death Benefit to the Master Policyholder may be made by the Insurer subject to the below mentioned conditions and in compliance with guidelines set forth by IRDAI in this regard:

- a. The Master Policyholder is as provided above.
- b. Scheme Members have specifically authorised the Insurer in a format provided by the Insurer to make payment of outstanding loan balance amount to the Master Policyholder from the total Death Benefit claim amount otherwise payable to the Nominee of the Scheme Member;
- c. The Master Policyholder has collected written authorization from the Scheme Member and submitted the same to the Insurer;

- d. Credit Account Statement has been provided by the Master Policyholder with details of Scheme Member as required by the Insurer and in formats provided by the Insurer;
- e. The Death Benefit claimed by the Master Policyholder is only to the extent of the outstanding loan balance; and

(2) Maturity Benefits

No benefits are paid on the expiry of the Term of Membership.

(3) Surrender Benefits

1.Surrender value may be payable, subject to meeting the conditions set out below where:

a) the need for the risk cover has ceased to exist, such as full prepayment of the loan or discontinuance of membership; and

b) a request for surrender has been submitted to the Insurer.

2. The surrender value shall be calculated based on the formula set out below. The Certificate of Insurance issued to a Scheme Member will set out the surrender value scale in respect of that Scheme Member.

Surrender Value Formula:

50% x Single Premium x	Unexpired coverage term, in complete years	Current Sum Assured
	Coverage Term	Initial Sum Assured

3. The single premium for the purpose of calculating the surrender value does not include Taxes & Levies

4. The surrender value payout will be reduced by any applicable Statutory Taxes & Levies.

5.No surrender benefit will be payable to a Scheme Member if the calculated surrender value is less than Rs 500.

6.In case of surrender of the Policy by the Master Policyholder, the Scheme Members, on such surrender, will be given an option to continue the Policy as an individual policy till their coverage is terminated.

(4) Paid-up Benefits

The policy cannot be paid up as there is only a single premium paid in advance.

(5) **Premiums**

1.Separate single premiums are payable in respect of every Scheme Member insured under the master policy.

2.New members are allowed to join the Scheme at any time, provided the application is accepted by the Insurer. Premiums for all such members shall be collected in advance of cover being provided.

3.In addition to the base premium; taxes and levies shall be payable by the Master Policyholder.

The insurer reserves the right to collect any additional taxes or levies that may be introduced in the future by the government, as and when such taxes become effective.

(6) **Closure to New Members**

1. The Insurer reserves the right to close the Scheme for the new members at its sole discretion after providing a notice of up to 30 days to the Master Policyholder.

2.In the instance where the Insurer has exercised such right to close the Scheme for the new members, the insurer shall continue to provide the insurance coverage for the existing scheme members for their respective unexpired membership terms.

(7) Variation of Terms and Conditions

1. The Insurer reserves the right to vary the Policy Provisions and the Schedule after giving the Master Policyholder 30 days (or such shorter period as mutually agreed) notice of its intention to do so in writing.

2. The Insurer reserves the right to vary the Policy Provisions and the Schedule due to legal or regulatory changes.

(8) General

1. Any information needed to administer the policy must be furnished by the Master Policyholder.

2.If the information provided by the Master Policyholder in the application form is incorrect or incomplete, the Insurer reserves the right to vary the benefits which may be payable.

3. The Insurer reserves the right to change any of these policy provisions if it becomes impossible or impractical to execute the provision.

4. The Insurer can check, at any time, if the benefit payments are being made to the correct person as and when due.

5.Loans are not available for the product.

6. The insured Scheme Members can nominate the recipient of any death benefits at the time the Policy is purchased, and can change this nomination at a later date by notifying the Insurer in writing. In accepting or recording a nomination or a change of nomination we do not accept any responsibility or express any opinion as to its legal validity.

PART D

A. Commencement and Expiry of Insurance

1. The Insurer shall grant Insurance in accordance with these Provisions in respect of each Scheme Member.

1. The Insurer at his sole discretion may require the Master Policyholder to furnish the proofs of eligibilities of the Scheme Member so as to administer the policy properly.

2. In respect of every Scheme Member covered under the Scheme, the insurance cover and the scheme membership shall be deemed to have been terminated under the earlier of the following circumstances:

- on the Scheme Member attaining the age of maximum age for membership in the Scheme; or
- on the Scheme Member surrendering their membership; or
- upon the payment of a claim by the Insurer in respect of such Scheme Member; or
- on the expiry of the Term of Membership.

B. Duties of the Master Policyholder and the Insurer

1. The Master Policyholder and the Insurer would be required to perform duties as set out in the Policy Schedule.

C. Cancellation in the Freelook Period

By Master Policy Holder:

- (1) In case you, the Master Policyholder, are not satisfied with the terms and conditions specified in the Master Policy Document, you have the option of returning the Master Policy Document to us stating the reasons thereof, within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Master Policy Document, as per IRDAI (Protection of Policyholders' Interests) Regulations, 2017
- (2) In case of the Product is sold through Distance Marketing mode, the period will be 30 days from the date of receipt of the letter along with Master Policy Document
- (3) On receipt of the letter along with the Master Policy Document, we shall arrange to refund the premium paid by you, subject to deduction of the proportionate risk premium for period on cover plus the expenses incurred by us on stamp duty (if any)

By Scheme Member:

- (1) In case the Member is not satisfied with the terms and conditions specified in the Certificate of Insurance, he/she has the option of returning the Certificate of Insurance to us stating the reasons thereof, within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Certificate of Insurance, as per IRDAI (Protection of Policyholders' Interests) Regulations, 2017
- (2) In case of the Product is sold through Distance Marketing mode, the period will be 30 days from the date of receipt of the letter along with Certificate of Insurance
- (3) On receipt of the letter along with the Certificate of Insurance, we shall arrange to refund the premium, subject to deduction of the proportionate risk premium for period on cover plus the expenses incurred by us on stamp duty (if any)

For administrative purposes, all Free-Look requests should be registered by you, on behalf of Scheme Member.

PART E

1. Additional Service Charges: Nil

PART F

1. Suicide Exclusion

In case of death due to suicide within 12 months from the date of inception of the policy, the nominee shall be entitled for at least 80% of the total premiums paid till the date of death or the surrender value available as on the date of death whichever is higher, where total premiums paid refers to total of all the premiums received, excluding any extra premium, any rider premium and taxes.

2. Claim Procedure

The Insurer shall not admit a claim in respect of a Scheme member under this Policy unless it receives the Scheme Members' death certificate or such other document that Insurer may decide, within the legal and regulatory framework in the circumstances of a particular case. Basic documentation if death is due to Natural Cause:

Claim form

- Original Certificate of Insurance
- Proof of death:

Documents which can be considered as proof of Death are:

o Death Certificate of the Scheme Member issued by the Municipal Committee/ Corporation/ Govt. hospital/recognized hospital where the Scheme Member was receiving treatment, cremation/ burial ground; or

o Gram Panchayat certificate / Tehsildar certificate, Certified copy of village death records, or

o Certified copy of relevant extracts of Register of Births and Deaths,

Basic documentation if death is due to Unnatural Cause:

- Claim form
- Original Certificate of Insurance
- Proof of death:

Documents which can be considered as proof of Death are:

- Death Certificate of the Scheme Member issued by the Municipal Committee/ Corporation/ Govt. hospital/recognized hospital where the Scheme Member was receiving treatment, cremation/ burial ground; or
- Gram Panchayat certificate / Tehsildar certificate, Certified copy of village death records, or
- Certified copy of relevant extracts of Register of Births and Deaths,
- Original First Information Report or Police Panchanama or Police Inquest Report or Post-Mortem Report, if the death occurs due to an accident

The Insurer will not accept the aforesaid documents unless it is issued by a person duly authorized to issue the same.

3. Register of Members

a. The Master Policyholder shall maintain a register of members. This register shall have the details of all the scheme members; and forms an integral part of this policy.

b.Nomination details for each member shall also be maintained in this register.

c. An inspection of the register without notice may be conducted by the insurer or the auditors of the insurer, and the Insurer may from time to time ask for the records and/or ask for a certificate from the auditor of the Master Policyholder.

d.A person's name can be removed from the register at any time. If it is discovered that a person included in the register is not a Scheme Member, or has ceased to be a Scheme Member, the person's name will be removed from the register.

e. The minimum number of members is stated on the Policy Schedule.

4. Assignment or Transfer

The Master Policyholder can assign or transfer the Policy in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. Simplified version of the provisions of Section 38 is enclosed in Annexure I for reference.

5. Nomination

The Scheme Member can nominate a person/ persons in accordance with Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. Simplified version of the provisions of Section 39 is enclosed in Annexure II for reference.

6. Prohibition of Rebates: In accordance with Section 41 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time:

- a) No person shall allow or offer to allow, either directly or indirectly, as an inducement to any person to take out or renew or continue an insurance in respect of any kind of risk relating to lives or property in India, any rebate of the whole or part of the commission payable or any rebate of the premium shown on the Policy, nor shall any person taking out or renewing or continuing a Policy accept any rebate, except such rebate as may be allowed in accordance with the published prospectuses or tables of the Insurer.
- b) Any person making default in complying with the provisions of this section shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to ten lakh rupees.

7. Incorrect Information and Non-Disclosure

Fraud, misrepresentation and forfeiture would be dealt with in accordance with provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time. Simplified version of the provisions of Section 45 is enclosed in Annexure III for reference.

8. Issuance of Duplicate Policy

The Master Policyholder may request for a duplicate copy of the Policy at the Insurer's offices along with relevant documents. Additional charges may be applicable for issuance of the duplicate Policy. While making an application for duplicate Policy the Master Policyholder is required to submit a notarized original indemnity bond on stamp paper.

9. Provision of information

- Before assuring any benefit under these Provisions in respect of an Eligible Person and to determine the rights and obligations of the Insurer under these Provisions, the Master Policyholder must provide the Insurer with such information, data and evidence as the Insurer considers necessary in such form as the Insurer instructs.
- In the event of any change in the name or other particulars of a Scheme Member, the Master Policyholder must inform the Insurer of the change within 15 days of being informed of the same by such Scheme Member.
- In the event of the death of a Scheme Member, the Master Policyholder must inform the Insurer of within 30 days of being informed of the same by a representative of the deceased Scheme Member. However, the Insurer will condone the delay caused in intimation of claim where such delay is proved to be for reasons beyond the control of the claimant.
- Subject to Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938, as amended from time to time, if any information, data or evidence given to the Insurer in respect of a deceased scheme member is discovered to be incorrect, the insurance coverage in respect of such Scheme Member may be rendered void, at the instance of the Insurer.
- The Insurer shall not be liable for any loss of benefit resulting from errors in or omissions from any information, data or evidence given to the Insurer.

10. Taxes

(1) Indirect Taxes

Taxes and levies shall be levied as applicable. Any taxes and levies becoming applicable in future may become payable by any method including by levy of an additional monetary amount in addition to premium and or charges.

(2) Direct Taxes

Tax, if any will be deducted at the applicable rate from the payments made under the Policy, as per the provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961 as amended from time to time.

11. Modification, Amendment, Re-enactment of or to the Insurance laws and rules, regulations, guidelines, clarifications, circulars etc. thereunder

(1) This Policy is subject to-

a. The Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time,

b. Amendments, modifications (including re-enactment) as may be made from time to time, and

c. Other such relevant regulations, rules, laws, guidelines, circulars, enactments etc as may be introduced thereunder from time to time.

(2) We reserve the right to change any of these Policy provisions / terms and conditions in accordance with changes in applicable regulations or laws and where required, with the approval of IRDAI.

(3) We are required to obtain prior approval from the IRDAI before making any material changes to these provisions, except for changes of regulatory / statutory nature.

(4) We reserve the right to require submission by you of such documents and proof at all life stages of the Policy as may be necessary to meet the requirements under Anti- money Laundering/Know Your Customer norms and as may be laid down by IRDAI and other regulators from time to time when the same are notified by the authorities for this/similar plans.

12. Jurisdiction

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

13. Notices

Any notice, direction or instruction given to us, under the Policy, shall be in writing and delivered by hand, post, facsimile or from registered e-mail ID to:

HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited, 11th Floor, Lodha Excelus, Apollo Mills Compound, N.M. Joshi Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai - 400011.

Registered Office: Lodha Excelus, 13th Floor, Apollo Mills Compound, N.M. Joshi Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai - 400011.

E-mail: service@hdfclife.com or such other address as may be informed by us.

Similarly, any notice, direction or instruction to be given by us, under the Policy, shall be in writing and delivered by hand, post, courier, facsimile or e-mail ID to the updated address in the records of the Company.

You are requested to communicate any change in address, to the Company supported by the required address proofs to enable the Company to carry out the change of address in its systems. The onus of intimation of change of address lies with the Master Policyholder. An updated contact detail of the Master Policyholder will ensure that correspondences from the Company are correctly addressed to the Master Policyholder at the latest updated address.

Part G

1. Grievance Redressal Process

- (1) The Master Policyholder can contact us on the below mentioned address or at any of our branches in case of any complaint/ grievance:
 Grievance Redressal Officer
 HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited
 11th Floor, Lodha Excelus, Apollo Mills Compound,
 N. M. Joshi Marg, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai, Maharashtra 400011
 Helpline number: 18602679999 (Local charges apply)
 E-mail: service@hdfclife.com
- (2) All grievances (Service and sales) received by the Company will be responded to within the prescribed regulatory Turn Around Time (TAT) of 15 days.
- (3) Written request or email from the registered email id is mandatory.
- (4) If required, we will investigate the complaints by taking inputs from the Master Policyholder over the telephone or through personal meetings.
- (5) We will issue an acknowledgement letter to the customer within 3 working days of the receipt of complaint.
- (6) The acknowledgement that is sent to the customer has the details of the complaint no., the Policy no. and the Grievance Redressal Officer's name who will be handling the complaint of the Master Policyholder.
- (7) If the Master Policyholder's complaint is addressed within 3 days, the resolution communication will also act as the acknowledgment of the complaint.
- (8) The final letter of resolution will offer redressal or rejection of the complaint along with the appropriate reason for the same.
- (9) In case the Master Policyholder is not satisfied with the decision sent to him or her, he or she may contact our Grievance Redressal Officer within 8 weeks of the receipt of the communication at any of the touch points mentioned in the document, failing which, we will consider the complaint to be satisfactorily resolved.
- (10) The following is the escalation matrix in case there is no response within the prescribed timelines or if you are not satisfied with the response. The number of days specified in the below- mentioned escalation matrix will be applicable from the date of escalation.

Level	Contact	Response Time	
1st Level	AVP- Customer Relations	10 working days	
2nd Level (for response not	SVP- Customer Relations	7 working days	
received from Level 1)			

You are requested to follow the aforesaid matrix to receive satisfactory response from us.

- (11) If you are not satisfied with the response or do not receive a response from us within 15 days, you may approach the Grievance Cell of IRDAI on the following contact details:
 - a. IRDAI Grievance Call Centre (IGCC) TOLL FREE NO:155255 / 18004254732
 - b. Email ID: complaints@irda.gov.in
 - c. Online- You can register your complaint online at http://www.igms.irda.gov.in/
 - d. Address for communication for complaints by fax/paper:
 - General Manager Consumer Affairs Department – Grievance Redressal Cell Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Sy No. 115/1, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad – 500 032
- 2. In the event the Master Policyholder is dissatisfied with the response provided by us, the Master Policyholder may approach the Insurance Ombudsman of that region. The details of the existing offices of the Insurance Ombudsman are provided below. You are requested to refer to the IRDAI website at "www.irdai.gov.in" for the updated details.

(1) Details and addresses of Insurance Ombudsman

Office of the	Contact Details	Areas of Jurisdiction
Ombudsman		

AHMEDABAD	Office of the Incurrence Ombudamen Jeauen Protech	Cuionat Dadra &
AHMEDABAD	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Prakash Building, 6th floor, Tilak Marg, Relief Road,	Gujarat , Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman
	Ahmedabad – 380 001.	and Diu
	Tel.: 079 - 25501201/02/05/06	
	Email: <u>bimalokpal.ahmedabad@ecoi.co.in</u>	
BHOPAL	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Janak Vihar	Madhya Pradesh &
DIIOTAL	Complex, 2nd Floor, 6, Malviya Nagar, Opp. Airtel	Chhattisgarh
	Office, Near New Market, Bhopal – 462 003.	Childtibguin
	Tel.: 0755 - 2769201 / 2769202 Fax: 0755 - 2769203	
	Email: <u>bimalokpal.bhopal@ecoi.co.in</u>	
BHUBANESHWAR	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 62, Forest park,	Orissa
	Bhubneshwar – 751 009.	
	Tel.: 0674 - 2596461 /2596455 Fax: 0674 - 2596429	
	Email: <u>bimalokpal.bhubaneswar@ecoi.co.in</u>	
BENGALURU	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Soudha	Karnataka
	Building, PID No. 57-27-N-19 Ground Floor, 19/19, 24th	
	Main Road, JP Nagar, Ist Phase, Bengaluru – 560 078.	
	Tel.: 080 - 26652048 / 26652049	
	Email: <u>bimalokpal.bengaluru@ecoi.co.in</u>	
CHANDIGARH	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, S.C.O. No. 101,	Punjab , Haryana,
	102 & 103, 2nd Floor, Batra Building, Sector 17 – D,	Himachal Pradesh,
	Chandigarh – 160 017.	Jammu & Kashmir ,
	Tel.: 0172 - 2706196 / 2706468 Fax: 0172 - 2708274	Chandigarh
	Email: <u>bimalokpal.chandigarh@ecoi.co.in</u>	
CHENNAI	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Fatima Akhtar	Tamil Nadu,
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(2) Power of Ombudsman-

- 1) The Ombudsman shall receive and consider complaints or disputes relating to-
 - (a) delay in settlement of claims, beyond the time specified in the regulations, framed under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999;
 - (b) any partial or total repudiation of claims by the Company;
 - (c) disputes over premium paid or payable in terms of insurance policy;
 - (d) misrepresentation of policy terms and conditions at any time in the policy document or policy contract;
 - (e) legal construction of insurance policies in so far as the dispute relates to claim;
 - (f) policy servicing related grievances against insurers and their agents and intermediaries;
 - (g) issuance of life insurance policy, general insurance policy including health insurance policy which is not in conformity with the proposal form submitted by the proposer;
 - (h) non-issuance of insurance policy after receipt of premium in life insurance; and
 - (i) any other matter resulting from the violation of provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time, or the regulations, circulars, guidelines or instructions issued by the IRDAI from time to time or the terms and conditions of the policy contract, in so far as they relate to issues mentioned at clauses (a) to (f).
- 2) The Ombudsman shall act as counsellor and mediator relating to matters specified in sub-rule (1) provided there is written consent of the parties to the dispute.
- 3) The Ombudsman shall be precluded from handling any matter if he is an interested party or having conflict of interest.
- 4) The Central Government or as the case may be, the IRDAI may, at any time refer any complaint or dispute relating to insurance matters specified in sub-rule (1), to the Insurance Ombudsman and such complaint or dispute shall be entertained by the Insurance Ombudsman and be dealt with as if it is a complaint made under Clause (3) provided herein below.
- (3) Manner in which complaint is to be made -
- 1) Any person who has a grievance against the Company, 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 Company 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 Company 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 Company named in the complaint and
 - i. either the Company had rejected the complaint; or
 - ii. the complainant had not received any reply within a period of one month after the Company received his representation; or
 - iii. the complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to him by the Company;
 - (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 Company 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 Company if the Company fails to furnish reply to the complainant.
- 4) The Ombudsman shall be empowered to condone the delay in such cases as he may consider necessary, after calling for objections of the Company against the proposed condonation and after recording reasons for condoning the delay and in case the delay is condoned, the date of condonation of delay shall be deemed to be the date of filing of the complaint, for further proceedings under these rules.

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.

Annexure I

Section 38 - Assignment

Assignment or transfer of a policy should be in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 dated 23.03.2015. 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 or 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 there of certified to be correct by both transferor and transferee or their duly authorised 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 Master 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 Master Policyholder within 30 days from the date of Master 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 Master 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 Laws (Amendment) Act, shall not be affected by this section.

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Annexure II

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 by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 dated 23.03.2015. 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 Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 (i.e 23.03.2015).
- (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 Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015, a nomination is made in favour 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 III

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, as amended by Insurance Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 dated 23.03.2015 are as follows:

- 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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Appendix A Benchmark Repayment Schedule

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Additional Provisions:

1. Duties of the Master Policyholder

Master Policyholder shall perform the following:

- a. Provide fair and accurate information as may be desired by the Scheme Members, and as they may rightfully be entitled to receive from the Insurer, within the time stipulated by the Insurer from the date of request.
- b. Provide the Scheme Members with their certificate of Membership using facilities provided by the Insurer.
- c. Collect, compile, maintain and store original documents and records related to each Scheme Member under the Scheme for such period as may be required by the Insurer and furnish the same to the Insurer within a specified time.
- d. Take all reasonable steps to ensure that the data and information provided to the Insurer fairly and accurately sets down the data and information as provided by the Scheme Members.
- e. Provide all or any part of the said data so compiled, as well as data generated, to the Insurer in the format, in the manner and at such times as specified by the Insurer.
- f. To keep proper and accurate accounts of the premiums, including taxes and other levies, paid by the Scheme Members and other financial transactions relating to the Policy and the Scheme.
- g. Store information related to Scheme Members and all other related data as may be deemed necessary from time to time by the Insurer.
- h. Forward to the Insurer, the data and any changes therein, relating to the Scheme Members in a format specified by the Insurer.
- i. Co-ordinate with the Insurer to ensure that the information available with the Insurer relating to Scheme Members covered is the same as the information available with the Master Policyholder at all times. In case of any discrepancy, the Master Policyholder shall revert to the Insurer immediately.
- j. Upon receiving the information from the Insurer of an Eligible Person who is not eligible to be covered, communicate the same to the Eligible Person immediately.
- k. Process the documents related to claims, received from the nominee(s) or representatives of the estate of the Scheme Member; ensure that the claim form and the stipulated documents have been submitted by the Nominee(s) or representatives of the Scheme Member's estate and the same are in order and thereafter forward the claims and documents, duly processed to the Insurer within a specified time.
- 1. If the Master Policyholder is the Scheme Member's Nominee and a claim amount paid by the Insurer is in excess of any outstanding debt at that time under the Master Policyholder Product, then the Master Policyholder shall pay such excess to the estate of the Scheme Member.
- m. Provide access and support and furnish all necessary documents and records as may be required by the Insurer for audit of the Master Policyholder's records.
- n. To take all steps for the effective and efficient management of the Policy as may be required by the Insurer from time to time.

2. Duties of the Insurer

- a. The Insurer shall review all literature that the Master Policyholder designs for prospective Scheme Members to ensure it complies with the Regulations on Insurance Advertisements and Disclosures and on Protection of Policyholders Interests.
- b. Specify the premium to be received from the Master Policyholder for the commencement of risk on each of the Scheme Members.
- c. Upon receiving the information relating to new Scheme Members from the Master Policyholder, verify the same and revert to the Master Policyholder with a list of Scheme Members covered, Eligible Persons not covered and other discrepancies within a time as specified by the Insurer.
- d. Upon receiving information regarding a claim, guide the Master Policyholder with the process of the claim and the documents required.
- e. Process the claim and carry out the investigations where necessary within the time specified under the IRDAI (Protection of Policyholder) Regulations, 2017
- f. Where the claim is accepted, remit the claim amount to the Master Policyholder within the time specified under the IRDAI (Protection of Policyholder) Regulations, 2017. The Insurer will require proof from the Master Policyholder that the Beneficiary has received any claim amount.
- g. Where the claim is required to be repudiated, intimate the Master Policyholder about the repudiation of the claim to enable the Master Policyholder pass on the information to the Beneficiaries.