

## Part A

<<13 August 2014>>  
<<Policyholder's Name>>  
<<Policyholder's Address>>  
<<Policyholder's Contact Number>>

Dear <<Policyholder's Name>>,

**Sub: Your Policy no. << >>**

We are glad to inform you that your proposal has been accepted and the HDFC Life Cancer Care Policy ("Policy") being this Policy, has been issued. We have made every effort to design your Policy in a simple format. We have highlighted items of importance so that you may recognise them easily.

**Policy document:**

As an evidence of the insurance contract between HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited and you, the Policy is enclosed herewith. Please preserve this document safely and also inform your Nominees about the same. A copy of your proposal form and other relevant documents submitted by you are also enclosed for your information and record.

**Cancellation in the Free-Look 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. If you have purchased your Policy through Distance Marketing mode, this period will be 30 days. On receipt of your letter along with the original Policy document, we shall arrange to refund the Premium paid by you, subject to deduction of the expenses incurred by us for medical examination (if any) and stamp duty, (if any)

**Contacting us:**

The address for correspondence is specified below. To enable us to serve you better, you are requested to quote your Policy number in all future correspondence. In case you are keen to know more about our products and services, we would request you to talk to our Certified Financial Consultant (Insurance Agent) who has advised you while taking this Policy. The details of your Certified Financial Consultant including contact details are listed below.

To contact us in case of any grievance, please refer to Part G. In case you are not satisfied with our response, you can also approach the Insurance Ombudsman in your region.

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 Code:** <<Agency Code>>

**Agency Name:** <<Agency Name>>

**Agency Telephone Number:** <<Agency mobile & landline number>>

**Agency Contact Details:** <<Agency address>>

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

Regd. Off: HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited, Lodha Excelus, 13th Floor, Apollo Mills Compound, Mahalaxmi, Mumbai-400011.

Call 1860-267-9999 (local charges apply). DO NOT prefix any country code e.g. +91 or 00. Available Mon-Sat from 10 am to 7 pm |

**POLICY DOCUMENT- HDFC Life Cancer Care**

**Unique Identification Number: << 101N106V03 >>**

Your Policy is a non linked non participating protection plan. This document is the evidence of a contract between HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited and the Policyholder as described in the Policy Schedule given below. This Policy is based on the Proposal made by the within named Policyholder and submitted to the Company along with the required documents, declarations, statements, any response given to Health Questionnaire by the Life Assured, applicable medical evidence and other information received by the Company from the Policyholder, Life Assured or on behalf of the Policyholder. This Policy is effective upon receipt and realisation, by the Company, of the consideration payable as First Premium under the Policy. This Policy is written under and will be governed by the applicable laws in force in India and all Premiums and Benefits are expressed and payable in Indian Rupees.

**POLICY SCHEDULE**

**Policy number: << >>**

**Client ID: << >>**

**Policyholder Details**

<b>Name</b>	<< >>
<b>Address</b>	<< >>

**Life Assured Details**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Date of Birth</b>	<b>Age on the Date of Risk Commencement</b>	<b>Age Admitted</b>
<< >>	<< >>	<< dd/mm/yyyy >>	<< >> years	<<Yes/No>>

**Policy Details**

<b>Date of Commencement of Policy</b>	<<Date>>	<b>Frequency of Premium Payment</b>	<< Annual/Half-yearly/ Quarterly/ Monthly >>
<b>Date of Risk Commencement</b>	<< RCD >>	<b>Premium per Frequency of Premium Payment</b>	Rs. << >> Please refer to Part C Clause (3) for details on premium rate guarantee
<b>Date of Issue/Inception of Policy</b>	<< First Issue Date>>	<b>Underwriting Extra Premium per Frequency of Premium Payment</b>	Rs. << >> Please refer to Part C Clause (3) for details on premium rate guarantee
<b>Premium Due Date(s)</b>	<<dd /month>>	<b>Total Premium per Frequency of Premium Payment</b>	Rs. << >>
<b>Plan Option</b>	<< Silver/Gold/Platinum>>	<b>Grace Period</b>	<< 15 (for Monthly mode) 30 (for other modes) >> days
<b>Sum Insured</b>	Rs. << >>	<b>Final Premium Due Date</b>	<< dd/mm/yyyy >>
<b>Annualised Premium</b>	Rs. << >> Please refer to Part C Clause (3) for details on premium rate guarantee.	<b>Maturity Date/Vesting Date</b>	<< dd/mm/yyyy >>
<b>Policy Term</b>	<< >> years	<b>Policy issued on the basis of Health Questionnaire (HQ)</b>	<< Yes/No >>
<b>Premium Paying Term</b>	<< >> years		

**Riders**

<b>Rider Name</b>	<b>Rider Term</b>	<b>Rider Sum Assured</b>
<< >>	<<>> years	Rs. << >>

The Premium amount is excluding Taxes and levies as applicable on the Premium. Amount of Taxes and levies as applicable will be charged at actuals as per prevalent rate.

**NOMINATION SCHEDULE**

<b>Nominee's Name</b>	<<Nominee-1 >>	<<Nominee-2 >>
<b>Nominee's Relationship with the Life Assured</b>	<<Nominee-1 >>	<<Nominee-2 >>
<b>Date of Birth of Nominee</b>	<< dd/mm/yyyy >>	<< dd/mm/yyyy >>
<b>Nominee's Age</b>	<< >> years	<< >> years
<b>Nomination Percentage</b>	<< >> %	<< >> %
<b>Nominee's Address</b>	<< >>	<< >>
<b>Appointee's Name</b> (Applicable where the Nominee is a minor)	<< >>	
<b>Date of Birth of Appointee</b>	<< dd/mm/yyyy >>	
<b>Appointee's Address</b>	<< >>	

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

Authorised Signatory

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

In case you notice any mistake, you may return the Policy document to us for necessary correction.

**SPACE FOR ENDORSEMENTS**

## Part B

### Definitions

In this Policy, the following definitions shall be applicable:

- 1) **Appointee** – means the person named by you and registered with us in accordance with the Nomination Schedule, who is authorized to receive the benefits under this Policy on the death of the Life Assured while the Nominee is a minor;
- 2) **Company, company, Insurer, Us, us, We, we, Our, our** – means or refers to HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited.
- 3) **Date of Risk Commencement** – means the date, as stated in the Policy Schedule, on which the insurance coverage under this Policy commences;
- 4) **Frequency of Premium Payment** – means the period, as stated in the Policy Schedule, between two consecutive Premium due dates for the Policy;
- 5) **Life Assured** – means the person as stated in the Policy Schedule on whose life the contingent events have to occur for the Benefits to be payable. The Life Assured may be the Policyholder.
- 6) **Maturity Date** – means the date stated in the Policy Schedule, on which the Policy Term expires and this Policy terminates;
- 7) **Nominee** – means the person named by you and registered with us in accordance with the Nomination Schedule, who is authorized to receive the benefits under this Policy, on the death of the Life Assured;
- 8) **Policy Anniversary** – means the annual anniversary of the Date of Risk Commencement;
- 9) **Policyholder, You, you, your** – means or refers to the Policyholder stated in the Policy Schedule.
- 10) **Policy Term** – means the term of the Policy as stated in the Policy Schedule;
- 11) **Premium(s)** – means an amount stated in the Policy Schedule, payable by you to us for every Policy Year by the due dates, and in the manner stated in the Policy Schedule, to secure the benefits under this Policy, excluding Taxes and levies as applicable;
- 12) **Premium Paying Term** – means the period as stated in the Policy Schedule, in years, over which Premiums are payable;
- 13) **Revival of a Policy** – means restoration of the Policy, which was discontinued due to the non-payment of Premium, by the Company with all the benefits mentioned in the Policy document, with or without rider benefits, if any, upon the receipt of all the Premiums due and other charges/late fee, if any, as per the terms and conditions of the Policy, upon being satisfied as to the continued insurability of the insured on the basis of the information, documents and reports furnished by the Policyholder.
- 14) **Revival Period** – means the period of two consecutive years from the date of discontinuance of the Policy, during which period the Policyholder is entitled to revive the Policy, which was discontinued due to the non-payment of Premium, in accordance with the terms of Revival of a Policy.
- 15) **Sum Insured** – is the face value of the Policy contracted between you and us.
- 16) **Cancer specific definitions:**

#### **Carcinoma-in-situ**

Carcinoma-in-situ shall mean a histologically proven, localized pre-invasion lesion where cancer cells have not yet penetrated the basement membrane or invaded (in the sense of infiltrating and / or actively destroying) the surrounding tissues or stroma in any one of the following covered organ groups, and subject to any classification stated:

**a)** breast, where the tumour is classified as Tis according to the TNM Staging method, **b)** corpus uteri, vagina, vulva or fallopian tubes where the tumour is classified as Tis according to the TNM Staging method or FIGO\* Stage 0; **c)** cervix uteri, classified as cervical intraepithelial neoplasia grade III (CIN III) or as Tis according to the TNM Staging method or FIGO\* Stage 0; **d)** ovary –include borderline ovarian tumours with intact capsule, no tumour on the ovarian surface, classified as T1aN0M0, T1bN0M0 (TMN Staging) or FIGO 1A, FIGO 1B, **e)** Colon and rectum; **f)** Penis; **g)** Testis; **h)** Lung; **i)** Liver; **j)** Stomach and esophagus; **k)** Urinary tract, for the purpose of in-situ cancers of the bladder, stage Ta of papillary carcinoma is included **l)** Nasopharynx  
For purposes of this Policy, Carcinoma-in-situ must be confirmed by a biopsy.

\* FIGO refers to the staging method of the Federation Internationale de Gynecologie et d'Obstetrique

Pre-malignant lesions and Carcinoma-in-situ of any organ unless listed above are excluded.

#### **Early Stage Cancer**

Early Stage Cancer shall mean the presence of one of the following malignant conditions: **(i)** Tumour of the thyroid histologically classified as T1N0M0 according to the TNM classification; **(ii)** Prostate tumour should be histologically described as TNM Classification T1a or T1b or T1c are of another equivalent or lesser classification. **(iii)** Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia classified as RAI Stage I or II; **(iv)** Basal cell and squamous skin cancer that has spread to distant organs beyond the skin, **(v)** Hodgkin's lymphoma Stage I by the Cotswolds classification staging system.

The Diagnosis must be based on histopathological features and confirmed by a Pathologist. Pre-malignant lesions and conditions, unless listed above, are excluded.

#### **Major Cancer**

A malignant tumour characterised by the uncontrolled growth & spread of malignant cells with invasion & destruction of normal tissues. This diagnosis must be supported by histological evidence of malignancy & confirmed by a pathologist. The term cancer includes leukemia, lymphoma and sarcoma. The following are excluded -

**(i)** Tumours showing the malignant changes of carcinoma in situ & tumours which are histologically described as premalignant or non-invasive, including but not limited to: Carcinoma in situ of breasts, Cervical dysplasia CIN-1, CIN -2 & CIN-3. **(ii)** Any skin cancer other than invasive malignant melanoma, **(iii)** All tumours of the prostate unless histologically classified as having a Gleason score greater than 6 or having progressed to at least clinical TNM classification T2N0M0. **(iv)** Papillary micro - carcinoma of the thyroid less than 1 cm in diameter, **(v)** Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia less than RAI

stage 3, **(vi)** All tumours of the urinary bladder histologically classified as T1N0M0 (TNM Classification) or below, **(vii)** All tumours in the presence of HIV infection

#### **Pre-existing condition**

Pre-existing condition is a cancer condition (primary or metastatic); precancerous condition or related condition(s) for which the insured had signs or symptoms, and/or was diagnosed, and/or received medical advice/treatment within 48 months prior to the date on which the policy was issued.

Any cancer condition (primary or metastatic); precancerous condition or related condition(s) for which the insured had signs or symptoms, and/or was diagnosed, and/or received medical advice/treatment between the period starting from the due date of the first unpaid premium till the date of reinstatement of policy will also qualify as a Pre-existing condition.

## Part C

### 1. Benefits:

(1) There are three Plan Options available to the Policyholder at the time of taking the Policy. The benefits covered under the policy are determined by the Plan Option chosen by the Policyholder. The benefits under the three options are given below:

Plan Option	Benefits
SILVER	Base Benefits
GOLD	Base Benefits + Increased Benefit
PLATINUM	Base Benefits + Increased Benefit + Income Benefit

#### a. Base Benefits

##### 1. Cancer Diagnosis Benefit :

A lump sum benefit, as per the table below, will be paid on diagnosis of:

- Carcinoma-in-situ or Malignant cancer
- Early stage cancers
- Major cancer

Diagnosis of	Benefit Amount as a % of Applicable Sum Insured
Early Stage Cancer or Carcinoma-in-situ (CIS)	25
Major Cancer	100 less Early Stage Cancer or CIS claims, if any

##### 2. Waiver of Premium :

On a valid claim of Early Stage Cancer or Carcinoma-in-situ (CIS) diagnosis, premiums will be waived for a period of three policy years. In case the outstanding term is less than three years then premiums for the outstanding term would be waived. In case the outstanding term is more than three years then the Premiums will be waived only for a period of three years. The Policyholder will need to resume payment of Premiums thereafter without paying any arrears for the last three years.

#### b. Increased Benefit

This Benefit will be available in case the Policyholder has chosen the Gold or Platinum Plan Option. Under this Benefit, the Sum Insured will increase at a rate of 10% of the initial Sum Insured per annum starting from the first Policy Anniversary. This increase in Sum Insured will continue till the earlier of: increased Sum Insured becoming 200% of initial Sum Insured or any claim event.

Once the claim is made, all future claims shall be based on the increased Sum Insured at the time of first claim. Further increases to the increased Sum Insured shall not be applicable.

#### c. Income Benefit

This Benefit will be available only in case the Policyholder has chosen the Platinum Plan Option. Upon the diagnosis of the listed major cancers, a monthly income equal to 1% of the Applicable Sum Insured will be payable for a fixed period of 5 years. "Applicable Sum Insured" is the initial Sum Insured plus any accruals under the Increased Benefits defined above as on the date of first monthly income payout. In the event of the Policyholder's death while receiving the Income Benefit, the remaining payouts under this benefit will be paid to his/her Nominee. (1) The benefits for Early Stage Cancer or Carcinoma-in-situ (CIS) shall be payable only once during the policy term and for its first occurrence only. (2) On payment of benefits for Major Cancer, the benefits under the Policy will terminate and no further benefits will be payable. Any outstanding Income Benefits will be paid as scheduled. (3) All benefits are subject to the exclusions set out in Part F Clause 4(Exclusions). (4) All benefits under this Policy shall be paid to the Policyholder if he is alive or the nominee in case of death of Policyholder before the settlement of claim. (5) No Maturity Benefit, Surrender, Paid up or Death Benefit is payable under this Policy.

### 2. Payment and cessation of Premiums

(1) The first Premium must be paid along with the submission of your completed application. Subsequent Premiums are due in full on the due dates as per the Frequency of Premium Payment set out in your Policy Schedule. (2) Premiums under the Policy can be paid on yearly, half-yearly, quarterly or monthly basis as per the chosen Frequency of Premium Payment as set out in the Policy Schedule or as amended subsequently. (3) If you have chosen monthly Premium payment Frequency, we shall collect first 3 months Premium along in advance on the date of commencement of policy, as a prerequisite to allow monthly mode of premium payment, with the proposal form. (4) The Premiums that fall due in the same financial year can be paid in advance. However, where the Premium due in one financial year is paid in advance in earlier financial year, we may collect the same for a maximum period of three months in advance of the due date of the Premium. (5) Any Regular Premiums paid before the Due Date will be deemed to have been received on the Due Date for that Regular Premium. (6) A grace period of not more than 30 days, where the mode of payment of Premium is other than monthly pay policies, and not more than 15 days in case of monthly mode, is allowed for the payment of each renewal Premium after the first Premium. (7) We will not accept part payment of the Premium. (8) If any Premium remains unpaid after the expiry of the grace period, your Policy may lapse as described in Part D Clause 1, with effect from the due date of the first unpaid Premium. In that event, the Benefits under such Policy shall be payable in accordance with Part D Clause 1. (9) Premiums are payable by you without any obligation on us to issue a reminder notice to you. (10) Where the Premiums have been remitted otherwise than in cash, the application of the Premiums received is conditional upon the realization of the proceeds of the instrument of payment, including electronic mode. (11) The Benefits payable under this Policy will be paid after deduction of the Premium fallen due during the then current Policy year, if such Premium has remained unpaid. (12) If you suspend payment of Premium for any

reason whatsoever, Part D Clause 1 (Lapsed Policies) may apply and we shall not be held liable for any loss of Benefits.

### 3. Premium Guarantee

The Premiums shall remain unchanged for a period of three years from the date of issuance of Policy. Upon the completion of three Policy years, the Premiums may be revised by us subject to IRDAI's approval. Any revision in the Premium rates shall be notified to you at least three months prior to the date of such revision and you will be given a period of 30 days from Premium Due Date (on or after the effective date of change) to renew the Policy. If you are not willing to continue the Policy with the revised Premium rates, the Policy will lapse. All terms and conditions applicable to a lapsed Policy as outlined in Part D Clause 1 shall apply. Premium rates, if and when revised, shall be guaranteed for a subsequent block of three years.

## Part D

### 1. Lapsed Policies

(1) If any Premium remains unpaid after the expiry of the grace period, the Policy shall lapse without any value. (2) No Benefits shall be payable under a lapsed Policy. (3) No paid up Benefits shall be payable under the Policy.

### 2. Revival of the Policy

(1) If your Policy has been lapsed, it may be revived subject to the IRDAI (Non-Linked Insurance Products) Regulations, 2013 as amended from time to time and the terms and conditions that we may specify from time to time. Currently, the application for the revival should be made within two years from the due date of the first unpaid Premium and before the expiry of the Policy Term. The revival will be subject to satisfactory evidence of good health being provided by the Life Assured and payment of outstanding Premiums with interest. Once the Policy is revived, you are entitled to receive all contractual Benefits. (2) Reinstatement request will attract the following: (a) A waiting period of 180 days will apply from date of commencement. (b) If the policy is revived within 60 days of lapse, only the remaining part of waiting period, will apply. (c) If the policy is revived after 60 days of lapse, full 180 day waiting period will apply afresh.

### 3. Alterations

No alterations are permissible under the Policy except: Change in Frequency of Premium Payment

### 4. Other Policyholder Options

The policyholder shall not have any other option.

### 5. Loans

No loans shall be granted by the Company under the Policy.

### 6. Free Look Cancellation

In case the Policyholder is not agreeable to any of the provisions stated in the Policy, the Policyholder has an option to return the Policy to the Company stating the reasons thereof, within 15 days from the date of receipt of the Policy. If the Policy has been purchased through Distance Marketing mode, this period will be 30 days. On receipt of the Policyholder's letter along with the original Policy document, the Company shall arrange to refund the Premium paid by the Policyholder, subject to deduction of the expenses incurred by the Company for medical examination (if any) and stamp duty, (if any)

### 7. Portability

Under the Policy, you have an option to transfer the credit gained for your pre – existing diseases and time-bound exclusions to any other insurer offering the cover, provided the Policy has been maintained without any break. The detailed procedure for portability would be available on Our website [www.hdfclife.com](http://www.hdfclife.com) or can be made available on request.

**Part E - Charges**

1. **Additional Servicing Charges** : Not Applicable

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## Part F - General Terms & Conditions

### 1. Exclusions

We will not pay any Benefit under this Policy in respect of any Major Cancer, Carcinoma-in-situ or Early Stage Cancer resulting directly or indirectly from or caused or contributed by (in whole or in part): (a) Sexually Transmitted Diseases AIDS or HIV. (b) Any congenital conditions; or (c) Any pre-existing condition; or (d) Intoxication by alcohol or narcotics or voluntarily taking or using any drug, medication or sedative unless it is an "over the counter" drug, medication or sedative taken according to package directions. (e) Nuclear, biological or chemical contamination (NBC).

### 2. Age Admitted

The Company has calculated the Premiums under the Policy on the basis of the age of the Life Assured as declared in the Proposal. In case you have not provided proof of age of the Life Assured with the Proposal, you will be required to furnish such proof of age of the Life Assured as is acceptable to us and have the age admitted. In the event the age so admitted ("Correct Age") during the Policy Term is found to be different from the age declared in the Proposal, without prejudice to our rights and remedies including those under the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time, we shall take one of the following actions: (1) If eligible, and if the Correct Age is found to be higher, the benefit payable under this Policy, Rider, if any, shall be after deduction of such difference of Premium (i.e. difference in Premium paid based on age declared in the Proposal and Premium based on the Correct Age) along with interest thereon. In such cases, before calculating the amount of benefit payable, the Policy shall be subject to re-underwriting and the Sum Assured shall be subject to eligibility as per underwriting norms and the Premium to be deducted shall be calculated proportionately on such Sum Assured payable. If the Correct Age is found to be lower, excess Premiums without any interest shall be refunded. (2) If ineligible for the Policy basis the Correct Age, the Policy shall be void-ab-initio and the total Premiums paid shall be refunded without interest after deducting all applicable charges like medical, Stamp Duty, risk etc.

### 3. Claims Procedure

The Benefits under this Policy will be payable if and only if

(1) Waiting period is not applicable at the time of the claim,

Waiting Period: A waiting period of 180 days will apply from the date of commencement of cover.

**On revival:** a) If the Policy is revived within 60 days, only the remaining part of waiting period will apply. b) If the Policy is revived after 60 days, full 180 day waiting period will apply afresh.

The Policy shall terminate and no benefit shall be payable under the Policy if the diagnosis or signs or symptoms (related to the diagnosed Cancer) first occurred during the waiting period. (2) The Life Assured survives for a period of 7 days from the date of diagnosis of the condition, (3) The condition is intimated to us before the Maturity Date (4) The standard-Policy provisions specified in Part F Clause 1 (Exclusions) and Clause 7 (Incorrect Information and Non Disclosure) are not attracted, (5) The Policy has not been discontinued or surrendered or cancelled or terminated; and (6) All relevant documents in support of the claim have been provided to the Company. These would normally include the following:

a. Fully completed claim form (including NEFT details), b. Original Policy document, c. Claimant's identity and residence proof, d. Advance discharge voucher, e. A copy of medical records for diagnosis & treatment attested by treating doctor f. A copy of past medical records attested by self, g. Attending physician statement, h. Usual family doctor certificate, i. Employer certificate (if applicable), and j. Depending on the circumstances, further documents may be called for as we deem fit.

(7) The claim is required to be intimated to us along with all necessary claim documents required within 60 days from the date of diagnosis of the condition. However, we may condone the delay in claim intimation, if any, where the delay is proved to be for reasons beyond the control of the claimant

### 4. Assignment or Transfer

The Policyholder can assign or transfer of a 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 Policyholder 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. Issuance of Duplicate Policy:

The Policyholder can request for a duplicate copy of the Policy at HDFC Life offices or through Certified Financial Consultant (Insurance Agent) who advised you while taking this Policy. While making an application for duplicate Policy the Policyholder is required to submit a notarized original indemnity bond, an affidavit duly stamped along with KYC documents. Additional charges may be applicable for issuance of the duplicate Policy.

### 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. Taxes

(1) Indirect Taxes: Taxes and levies as applicable shall be levied. Any taxes and levies becoming applicable in future may become payable by you by any method including by levy of an additional monetary amount in addition to premium and/or charges. (2) Direct Taxes: Tax will be deducted at the applicable rate from the payments made under the policy, as per the prevailing provisions of the Income Tax Act, 1961

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

(1) This Policy is subject to: (i) The Insurance Act 1938, as amended from time to time, (ii) Amendments, modifications (including re-enactment) as may be made from time to time, and (iii) 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 IRDAI's approval. (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.

### 10. Jurisdiction:

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

### 11. 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 electronic mail ID to:

HDFC Life Insurance Company Limited, 11<sup>th</sup> 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 registered electronic 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 Policyholder. An updated contact detail of the Policyholder will ensure that correspondences from the Company are correctly addressed to the Policyholder at the latest updated address.



**Part G – Grievance Redress Mechanism**

**1. Complaint Resolution Process**

(i) The customer can contact us on the below mentioned address 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](mailto:service@hdfclife.com) (ii) All grievances (Service and sales) received by the Company will be responded to within the prescribed regulatory Turn Around Time (TAT) of 15 days. (iii) Written request or email from the registered email id is mandatory. (iv) If required, we will investigate the complaints by taking inputs from the customer over the telephone or through personal meetings. (v) We will issue an acknowledgement letter to the customer within 3 working days of the receipt of complaint. (vi) 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 customer. (vii) If the customer's complaint is addressed within 3 days, the resolution communication will also act as the acknowledgment of the complaint. (viii) The final letter of resolution will offer redressal or rejection of the complaint with the reason for doing so. (ix) In case the customer 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. (x) 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	Designation	Response Time
1st Level	Associate Vice President – Customer Relations	10 working days
2nd Level (for response not received from Level 1)	Sr. Vice President – Customer Relations	7 working days

You are requested to follow the aforementioned matrix to receive satisfactory response from us. (xi) 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 the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) on the following contact details: IRDAI Grievance Call Centre (IGCC) TOLL FREE NO: 1800 4254 732

**Email ID:** [complaints@irda.gov.in](mailto:complaints@irda.gov.in); **Online-** You can register your complaint online at <http://www.igms.irda.gov.in/> **Address** for communication for complaints by fax/paper: Consumer Affairs Department, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India, Sy No. 115/1, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad – 500 032, Fax No: 91-40- 6678 9768

**2. In the event you are dissatisfied with the response provided by us, you may approach the Insurance Ombudsman in your 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.**

**a. Details and addresses of Insurance Ombudsman**

Office of the Ombudsman	Contact Details	Areas of Jurisdiction
AHMEDABAD	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Prakash Building, 6th floor, Tilak Marg, Relief Road, Ahmedabad – 380 001. Tel.: 079 - 25501201/02/05/06 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.ahmedabad@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.ahmedabad@ecoi.co.in</a>	Gujarat , Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu
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 Fax: 0755 - 2769203 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.bhopal@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.bhopal@ecoi.co.in</a>	Madhya Pradesh & Chhattisgarh
BHUBANESHWAR	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 62, Forest park, Bhubneshwar – 751 009. Tel.: 0674 - 2596461 /2596455 Fax: 0674 - 2596429 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.bhubaneswar@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.bhubaneswar@ecoi.co.in</a>	Orissa
BENGALURU	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Soudha 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: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.bengaluru@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.bengaluru@ecoi.co.in</a>	Karnataka
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 Fax: 0172 - 2708274 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.chandigarh@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.chandigarh@ecoi.co.in</a>	Punjab , Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu & Kashmir , Chandigarh
CHENNAI	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Fatima Akhtar Court, 4th Floor, 453, Anna Salai, Teynampet, CHENNAI – 600 018.	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry Town and Karaikal

	Tel.: 044 - 24333668 / 24335284 Fax: 044 - 24333664 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.chennai@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.chennai@ecoi.co.in</a>	(which are part of Pondicherry)
DELHI	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2/2 A, Universal Insurance Building, Asaf Ali Road, New Delhi – 110 002. Tel.: 011 - 23232481 / 23213504 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.delhi@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.delhi@ecoi.co.in</a>	Delhi
GUWAHATI	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Nivesh, 5th Floor, Nr. Panbazar over bridge, S.S. Road, Guwahati – 781001(ASSAM). Tel.: 0361 - 2632204 / 2602205 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.guwahati@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.guwahati@ecoi.co.in</a>	Assam, Meghalaya, Manipur, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Tripura
HYDERABAD	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 6-2-46, 1st floor, "Moin Court", Lane Opp. Saleem Function Palace, A. C. Guards, Lakdi-Ka-Pool, Hyderabad - 500 004. Tel.: 040 - 67504123 / 23312122 Fax: 040 - 23376599 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.hyderabad@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.hyderabad@ecoi.co.in</a>	Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Yanam and part of Territory of Pondicherry
JAIPUR	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Nidhi – II Bldg., Gr. Floor, Bhawani Singh Marg, Jaipur - 302 005. Tel.: 0141 - 2740363 Email: <a href="mailto:Bimalokpal.jaipur@ecoi.co.in">Bimalokpal.jaipur@ecoi.co.in</a>	Rajasthan
ERNAKULAM	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 2nd Floor, Pulinat Bldg., Opp. Cochin Shipyard, M. G. Road, Ernakulam - 682 015. Tel.: 0484 - 2358759 / 2359338 Fax: 0484 - 2359336 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.ernakulam@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.ernakulam@ecoi.co.in</a>	Kerala, Lakshadweep, Mahe – a part of Pondicherry
KOLKATA	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Hindustan Bldg. Annexe, 4th Floor, 4, C.R. Avenue, KOLKATA - 700 072. Tel.: 033 - 22124339 / 22124340 Fax : 033 - 22124341 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.kolkata@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.kolkata@ecoi.co.in</a>	West Bengal, Sikkim, Andaman & Nicobar Islands
LUCKNOW	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 6th Floor, Jeevan Bhawan, Phase-II, Nawal Kishore Road, Hazratganj, Lucknow - 226 001. Tel.: 0522 - 2231330 / 2231331 Fax: 0522 - 2231310 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.lucknow@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.lucknow@ecoi.co.in</a>	Districts of Uttar Pradesh : Laitpur, Jhansi, Mahoba, Hamirpur, Banda, Chitrakoot, Allahabad, Mirzapur, Sonbhadra, Fatehpur, Pratapgarh, Jaunpur, Varanasi, Gazipur, Jalaun, Kanpur, Lucknow, Unnao, Sitapur, Lakhimpur, Bahraich, Barabanki, Raebareli, Sravasti, Gonda, Faizabad, Amethi, Kaushambi, Balrampur, Basti, Ambedkarnagar, Sultanpur, Maharajgang, Santkabirnagar, Azamgarh, Kushinagar, Gorkhpur, Deoria, Mau, Ghazipur, Chandauli, Ballia, Sidharathnagar

MUMBAI	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 3rd Floor, Jeevan Seva Annexe, S. V. Road, Santacruz (W), Mumbai - 400 054. Tel.: 022 - 26106552 / 26106960 Fax: 022 - 26106052 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.mumbai@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.mumbai@ecoi.co.in</a>	Goa, Mumbai Metropolitan Region excluding Navi Mumbai & Thane
NOIDA	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Bhagwan Sahai Palace 4th Floor, Main Road, Naya Bans, Sector 15, Distt: Gautam Buddh Nagar, U.P-201301. Tel.: 0120-2514250 / 2514252 / 2514253 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.noida@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.noida@ecoi.co.in</a>	State of Uttaranchal and the following Districts of Uttar Pradesh: Agra, Aligarh, Bagpat, Bareilly, Bijnor, Budaun, Bulandshihar, Etah, Kanooj, Mainpuri, Mathura, Meerut, Moradabad, Muzaffarnagar, Oraiyya, Pilibhit, Etawah, Farrukhabad, Firozbad, Gautambodhanagar, Ghaziabad, Hardoi, Shahjahanpur, Hapur, Shamli, Rampur, Kashganj, Sambhal, Amroha, Hathras, Kanshiramnagar, Saharanpur
PATNA	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, 1st Floor, Kalpana Arcade Building, Bazar Samiti Road, Bahadurpur, Patna 800 006. Tel.: 0612-2680952 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.patna@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.patna@ecoi.co.in</a>	Bihar, Jharkhand
PUNE	Office of the Insurance Ombudsman, Jeevan Darshan Bldg., 3rd Floor, C.T.S. No.s. 195 to 198, N.C. Kelkar Road, Narayan Peth, Pune - 411 030. Tel.: 020-41312555 Email: <a href="mailto:bimalokpal.pune@ecoi.co.in">bimalokpal.pune@ecoi.co.in</a>	Maharashtra, Area of Navi Mumbai and Thane excluding Mumbai Metropolitan Region

- 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 Company rejecting the representation is received; or
      - ii. after receipt of decision of the Company which is not to the satisfaction of the complainant; or
      - iii. after expiry of a period of one month from the date of sending the written representation to the Company if the Company named 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.
  - 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.

**b. 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 (c) provided herein below.

**c. 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

## Annexure I

### Section 38 - Assignment or Transfer of Insurance Policies

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. 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 thereof 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 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 Laws (Amendment) Act, 2015 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:

- 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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