# **Electronic Application Disclosure Documents Final Expense – Georgia**

Dear Applicant:

We are pleased to accept your application for life insurance. The application process will be completed electronically. The electronic application process allows you to review all of the information entered into the application form for accuracy before you sign. Your agent will ask all application questions and record your answers as you provide them. Once the application is complete, you will be asked to review all of the information before typing your name in the signature section.

After the electronic document is signed, it is reviewed one more time before being submitted to the Company. If any changes are required at this point, the signature process will be repeated after the changes are made, including another final review before the application is transmitted to the Company. Typing your name into the electronic document indicates your acceptance of its terms. Your electronic signature is legally binding.

Columbian's electronic application, and in particular electronic signature systems and processes use Adobe's PDF SSL digital encryption and lock down facilities. Columbian uses the signed PDF documents as the authoritative data. The electronic application process requires positive action on the part of the proposed insured and the agent and immediately produces a corresponding locked PDF document. Any subsequent alterations will be easily viewed as it will break the PDF locked and encrypted validation seals. Additionally, the data collected and the PDF document will be kept in separate but secured systems providing another validation method.

Columbian's digital signature process involves using an enterprise custom certificate authority. This certificate is a file in a folder on the Columbian hosting server. Once stored on the hosting server, an applicant's signature may not be transmitted to any other forms.

To protect the privacy of the information collected HTTPS (SSL) certificates are employed to encrypt the entire application data gathering session. All collected data is stored in secured databases with access granted only to appropriate Company staff.

DocuSign eSignature complies with the U.S. ESIGN Act and UETA.

All of the Company's data and systems, including that of the electronic application data and process, are secured using current technology standards and procedures that undergo a variety of both internal and external audits and periodic reviews of the process and of the systems to ensure they are kept current.

We are providing you with printed versions of the disclosure documents checked below. Please keep these items with your important insurance documents.

Information Practices Relating to Underwriting Your Application, Form No. ICC21 A745-CL-NOTICE (required for all applications)
Completed Conditional Receipt Section of Form No. ICC21 745-CL-NOTICE (only if electing an immediate premium payment)
Life Insurance Buyer's Guide, Form No. 584GA (required for all applications)
Important Notice: Replacement of Life Insurance or Annuities, Form No. 1918CFG (only if the applicant has existing life insurance or annuities / a replacement is occurring)

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to serve you and your insurance needs. We appreciate your business and are dedicated to providing you with the highest level of service.

Form No. 5354CFG-GA (Rev. 11/21)

#### INFORMATION PRACTICES RELATING TO UNDERWRITING YOUR APPLICATION

Thank you for choosing insurance from Columbian Life Insurance Company. This Notice is given to you at the time you apply for life or health insurance to tell you about the kinds of information we may obtain in connection with your application. **We will treat all personal information about you as confidential.** 

### INVESTIGATIVE CONSUMER REPORT

We may obtain an investigative consumer report and may tell the consumer reporting agency the amount and type of your coverage. The report may contain data about your identity, age, residence, past and present job (including work duties), economic conditions, driving record, personal and business reputation in the community and mode of living, but will not include any information relating directly or indirectly to sexual orientation.

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

To obtain the data described above, the insurer may give my name, address and date and place of birth to the above persons or organizations.

### **ACCESS TO INFORMATION**

You may request, in writing, to receive information from Columbian Life Insurance Company about the nature and scope of an investigative consumer report. Within five (5) business days of receipt of a written request, we will provide you with the name, address and phone number of any agency we ask to prepare such a report. By contacting the investigative agency, you may inspect or receive a copy of such report.

#### WHERE TO WRITE US

You have a right of access and correction with respect to this information. If you wish a more detailed explanation of our information practices, please send your written request to Underwriting Department, Columbian Life Insurance Company, PO Box 1381 Binghamton, NY 13902-1381.

#### MIB. INC. PRE-NOTICE

MIB, Inc. is a not-for-profit membership organization of life insurance companies. The MIB provides an information exchange for its members. It maintains information of underwriting significance on policyholders and applicants as furnished to it by member companies. Such information is available only to member companies and only when such company has an authorization signed by you to request such information.

We use the MIB to check information of underwriting significance, but only as a guide to identify areas about which we might need additional information before reaching a final underwriting decision. Columbian Life does not rely, in whole or in part, on an MIB report in making a final underwriting decision.

We make a brief report to the MIB on those individuals about whom we have information about underwriting significance. We will not report what action we have taken on your application. The MIB, on request, supplies other member companies with information in its files if an application for life or health insurance, or a claim for benefits, is submitted to such company. MIB rules require that a member company have our authorization before requesting information about you.

If you question the accuracy of information in the MIB file, you may contact MIB, Inc. and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. The address of the information office of MIB, Inc. is 50 Braintree Hill Park, Suite 400, Braintree, MA 02184-8734, Telephone Number (866) 692-6901. MIB's website is www.mib.com.

CONDITIONAL RECEIPT
Complete Only When Payment Received

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CONDITIONS: Insurance coverage under this Conditional Receipt will begin on the Effective Date (as defined above) only if, on that date, all of the following criteria are met:

date of the application; or (2) the date all underwriting requirements, as required by the Company's underwriting rules, are completed.

- (1) You had paid the full first modal premium on the policy applied for; and
- (2) All Proposed Insureds were insurable at standard rates on the date of the application; and
- (3) The Company is able to issue the policy as applied for; and
- (4) The amount of insurance applied for, with respect to any Proposed Insured, is not in excess of \$50,000.

TERMINATION OF COVERAGE: Any insurance provided under this Conditional Receipt will terminate: (1) Immediately, if the Company refunds your payment or your check was not honored by your Bank; or (2) The date coverage under the policy applied for becomes effective; or (3) Ninety (90) days after the date of the application.

Date X Signature of Licensed Agent

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE AGENT: DO NOT SIGN THE CONDITIONAL RECEIPT UNLESS PREMIUM IS TAKEN WITH THE APPLICATION.

FORM NO. ICC21 A745-CL-NOTICE

# LIFE INSURANCE BUYER'S GUIDE

This guide can show you how to save money when you shop for life insurance. It helps you to:

- Decide how much life insurance you should buy,
- Decide what kind of life insurance policy you need, and
- Compare the cost of similar life insurance policies.

Prepared by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

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The National Association of Insurance Commissioners is an association of state insurance regulatory officials. This association helps the various Insurance Departments to coordinate insurance laws for the benefit of all consumers. You are urged to use this Guide in making a life insurance purchase.

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# **Buying Life Insurance**

When you buy life insurance, you want a policy which fits your need without costing too much. Your first step is to decide how much you need, how much you can afford to pay, and the kind of policy you want. Then, find out what various companies charge for that kind of policy. You can find important differences in the cost of life insurance by using the life insurance cost indexes which are described in this guide. A good life insurance agent or company will be able and willing to help you with each of these shopping steps.

If you are going to make a good choice when you buy life insurance, you need to understand which kinds are available. If one kind does not seem to fit your needs, ask about the other kinds which are described in this Guide. If you need more information than is given here, you may want to check with a life insurance agent or company or books on life insurance in your public library.

## **Choosing the Amount**

One way to decide how much life insurance you need is to figure how much cash and income your dependents would need if you were to die. You should think of life insurance as a source of cash needed for expenses of final illnesses, paying taxes, mortgages or other debts. It can also provide income for your family's living expenses, educational costs, and other future expenses. Your new policy should come as close as you can afford to making up the difference between (1) what your dependents would have if you were to die now, and (2) what they would actually need.

# **Choosing the Right Kind**

All life insurance policies agree to pay an amount of money if you die. But all policies are not the same. There are three basic kinds of life insurance.

- 1. Term Insurance
- 2. Whole Life Insurance
- 3. Endowment Insurance

Remember, no matter how fancy the policy title or sales presentation might appear, all life insurance policies contain one or more of the three basic kinds. If you are confused about a policy that sounds complicated, ask the agent or company if it combines more than one kind of life insurance.

The following is a brief description of the three basic kinds:

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**Term Insurance** is death protection for a "term" of one or more years. Death benefits will be paid only if you die within that term of years. Term Insurance generally provides the largest immediate death protection for your premium dollar.

Some term insurance policies are "renewable" for one or more additional terms even if your health has changed. Each time you renew the policy for a new term, premiums will be higher. You should check the premiums at older ages and the length of time the policy can be continued. Some term insurance policies are also "convertible." This means that before the end of the conversion period, you may trade the term policy for a whole life or endowment insurance policy even if you are not in good health. Premiums for the new policy will be higher than you have been paying for term insurance.

Whole Life Insurance gives death protection for as long as you live. The most common type is called "straight life" or 'ordinary life" insurance, for which you pay the same premiums for as long as you live. These premiums can be several times higher than you would pay initially for the same amount of term insurance. But they are smaller than the premiums you would eventually pay if you were to keep renewing a term insurance policy until your later years.

Some whole life policies let you pay premiums for a shorter period such as 20 years, or until age 65. Premiums for these policies are higher than for ordinary life insurance since the premium payments are squeezed into a shorter period.

Although you pay higher premiums, to begin with, for whole life insurance than for term insurance, whole life insurance policies develop "cash values" which you may have if you stop paying premiums. You can generally either take the cash, or use it to buy some continuing insurance protection. Technically speaking, these values are called "nonforfeiture benefits." This refers to benefits you do not lose (or "forfeit") when you stop paying premiums. The amount of these benefits depends on the kind of policy you have, its size, and how long you have owned it.

A policy with cash values may also be used as collateral for a loan. If you borrow from the life insurance company, the rate of interest is shown in your policy. Any money which you owe on a policy loan would be deducted from the benefits if you were to die or from the cash value if you were to stop paying premiums.

An **Endowment Insurance** policy pays a sum or income to you, the policyholder, if you live to a certain age. If you were to die before then, the death benefit would be paid to your beneficiary. Premiums and cash values for endowment insurance are higher than the same amount of whole life insurance. Thus, endowment insurance gives you the least amount of death protection for your premium dollar.

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## **Finding a Low Cost Policy**

After you have decided which kind of life insurance fits your needs, look for a good buy. Your chances of finding a good buy are better if you use two types of index numbers that have been developed to aid in shopping for life insurance. One is called the "Surrender Cost Index" and the other is the "Net Payment Cost Index." It will be worth your time to try to understand how these indexes are used, but in any event, use them only for comparing the relative costs of similar policies. LOOK FOR POLICIES WITH LOW COST INDEX NUMBERS.

## What is Cost?

"Cost" is the difference between what you pay and what you get back. If you pay a premium for life insurance and get nothing back, your cost for the death protection is the premium. If you pay a premium and get something back later on, such as a cash value, your cost is smaller than the premium.

The cost of some policies can also be reduced by dividends; these are called "participating" policies. Companies may tell you what their current dividends are, but the size of future dividends is unknown today and cannot be guaranteed. Dividends actually paid are set each year by the company.

Some policies do not pay dividends. These are called "guaranteed cost" or "non-participating" policies. Every feature of a guaranteed cost policy is fixed so that you know in advance what your future cost will be. The premiums and cash values of a participating policy are guaranteed, but the dividends are not. Premiums for participating policies are typically higher than for guaranteed cost policies, but the cost to you may be higher or lower, depending on the dividends actually paid.

## What are Cost Indexes?

In order to compare the cost of policies, you need to look at:

- 1. Premiums
- 2. Cash Values
- 3. Dividends

Cost indexes use one or more of these factors to give you a convenient way to compare relative costs of similar policies. When you compare costs, an adjustment must be made to take into account that money is paid and received at different times. It is not enough to just add up the premiums you will pay and to subtract the cash values and dividends you expect to get back. These indexes take care of the arithmetic for you. Instead of having to add, subtract, multiply, and

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divide many numbers yourself, you just compare the index numbers which you can get from life insurance agents and companies.

- 1. Life Insurance Surrender Cost Index. This index is useful if you consider the level of the cash values to be of primary importance to you. It helps you compare costs if at some future point in time, such as in 10 or 20 years, you were to surrender the policy and take its cash value.
- 2. Life Insurance Net Payment Cost Index. This index is useful if your main concern is the benefits that are to be paid at your death and if the level of cash values is of secondary importance to you. It helps you compare costs at some future point in time, such as in 10 or 20 years, if you continue paying premiums on your policy and do not take its cash value.

There is another number called the Equivalent Level Annual Dividend. It shows the part dividends play in determining the cost index of a participating policy. Adding a policy's Equivalent Level Annual Dividend to its cost index allows you to compare total costs of similar policies before deducting dividends. However, if you make any cost comparisons of a participating policy with a non-participating policy, remember that the total cost of the participating policy will be reduced by dividends, but the cost of the non-participating policy will not change.

## **How Do I Use Cost Indexes?**

The most important thing to remember when using cost indexes is that a policy with a small index number is generally a better buy than a comparable policy with a larger index number. The following rules are also important:

- (1) Cost comparisons should only be made between similar plans of life insurance. Similar plans are those which provide essentially the same basic benefits and require premium payments for approximately the same period of time. The closer policies are to being identical, the more reliable the cost comparison will be.
- (2) Compare index numbers only for the kind of policy, for your age and for the amount you intend to buy. Since no one company offers the lowest cost for *all* types of insurance at *all* ages and for *all* amounts of insurance, it is important that you get the indexes for the actual policy, age and amount which you intend to buy. Just because a "Shopper's Guide" tells you that one company's policy is a good buy for a particular age and amount, you should not assume that all of that company's policies are equally good buys.
- (3) Small differences in index numbers could be offset by other policy features, or differences in the quality of service you may expect from the company or its agent. Therefore, when you find small differences in cost indexes, your choice should be based on something other than cost.
- (4) In any event, you will need other information on which to base your purchase decision. Be sure you can afford the premiums, and that you understand its cash values, dividends, and

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- death benefits. You should also make a judgment on how well the life insurance company or agent will provide service in the future, to you as a policyholder.
- (5) These life insurance cost indexes apply to new policies and should not be used to determine whether you should drop a policy you have already owned for a while, in favor of a new one. If such a replacement is suggested, you should ask for information from the company which issued the old policy before you take action.

## IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER -- A SUMMARY

The first decision you must make when buying a life insurance policy is choosing a policy whose benefits and premiums most closely meet your needs and ability to pay. Next, find a policy which is also a relatively good buy.

If you compare Surrender Cost Indexes and Net Payment Cost Indexes of similar competing policies, your chances of finding a relatively good buy will be better than if you do not shop. REMEMBER --- LOOK FOR POLICIES WITH LOWER COST INDEX NUMBERS. A good life insurance agent can help you to choose the amount of life insurance and kind of policy you want and will give you cost indexes so that you can make cost comparisons of similar policies.

Don't buy life insurance unless you intend to stick with it. A policy which is a good buy when held for 20 years can be very costly if you quit during the early years of the policy. If you surrender such a policy during the first few years, you may get little or nothing back and much of your premium may have been used for company expenses.

Read your new policy carefully, and ask the agent or company for an explanation of anything you do not understand. Whatever you decide now, it is important to review your life insurance program every few years to keep up with changes in your income and responsibilities.

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# REPLACING YOUR LIFE INSURANCE POLICY

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### LIST ALL EXISTING LIFE INSURANCE TO BE REPLACED.

Policy No.	Name of Company
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Make sure you understand the facts. Georgia law gives you tinsurer at any time. Ask the company or agent that sold you yo	he right to obtain a policy summary statement from your existing our existing policy to give you information about it.
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## **ITEMS TO CONSIDER**

- 1. If the policy coverages are basically similar, premiums for a new policy may be higher because rates increase as your age increases.
- 2. Cash values and dividends, if any, may grow slower under a new policy initially because of the initial costs of issuing a policy.
- 3. Your present insurance company may be able to make a change on terms which may be more favorable than if you replace existing insurance with new insurance.
- 4. If you borrow against an existing policy to pay premiums on a new policy, death benefits payable under your existing policy will be reduced by the amount of any unpaid loan, including unpaid interest.
- 5. Current interest rates are not guaranteed. Guaranteed interest rates are usually considerably lower than current rates. What rates are guaranteed?
- 6. Are premiums guaranteed or subject to change -- up or down?
- 7. Participating policies pay dividends that may materially reduce the cost of insurance over the life of the contract. Dividends, however, are not guaranteed.
- 8. **CAUTION**. You are urged not to take action to terminate, assign, or alter your existing life insurance coverage until after you have been issued the new policy, examined it and have found it to be acceptable to you.

**REMEMBER**, you have ten (10) days following receipt of any individual life insurance policy to examine its contents. If you are not satisfied with it for <u>any</u> reason, you have the right to return it to the insurer at its home or branch office or to the agent through whom it was purchased, for a full refund of premium.