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**BULLETIN 12-02**

To: All Insurance Companies Selling Life Insurance, Health Insurance or Annuities in Iowa  
From: Susan E. Voss, Insurance Commissioner  
Re: Summary Document of Iowa Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association  
Date: March 1, 2012

The purpose of this bulletin is to provide information regarding the summary document required by new Iowa Code section 508C.18A (2011 Acts, SF 406, Ch. 70, Sec. 23). Under that section, the Iowa Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association was required to prepare a summary document describing the general purposes and current provisions of Iowa Code Chapter 508C (the Iowa Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act) containing certain disclosures specified in the section. Once the summary document was approved by the Iowa Insurance Commissioner, the summary document and disclosure was to be delivered to owners of insurance policies or contracts as provided in the section.

On or after March 1, 2012, insurers shall not deliver an insurance policy or contract in Iowa to the owner of the policy or contract unless the summary document attached to this Bulletin is delivered to the policy or contract owner at the same time. This should be provided on sales of all life insurance, health insurance and annuities. Insurers shall otherwise comply with Iowa Code section 508C.18A (2011 Acts, SF 406, Ch. 70, Sec. 23).

For questions regarding this matter, please contact Jim Mumford, Iowa Insurance Division, 330 Maple, Des Moines, Iowa 50319, telephone 515-281-5705.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan E. Voss".

Susan E. Voss  
Iowa Insurance Division

**NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY  
IOWA LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION**

This notice provides a brief summary of the Iowa Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (the “Association”) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Iowa law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your life, annuity or health insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its Insurance Department. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Iowa law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies.

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
  - \$300,000 in death benefits
  - \$100,000 in cash surrender and withdrawal values
- Health Insurance
  - \$500,000 in basic hospital, medical-surgical or major medical insurance benefits
  - \$300,000 in disability income protection insurance benefits
  - \$300,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
  - \$100,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities
  - \$250,000 in annuity benefits, cash surrender and withdrawal values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$350,000. Special rules may apply with regard to hospital, medical-surgical and major medical insurance benefits.

**Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered.** If coverage is available, it will be subject to substantial limitations and exclusions. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements under Iowa law.

To learn more about the Association and the protections it provides, as well as those relating to group contracts or retirement plans, please visit the Association’s website at [www.ialifega.org](http://www.ialifega.org), or contact:

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Guaranty Association  
700 Walnut Street, Suite 1600  
Des Moines, IA 50309  
(515) 248-5712

Iowa Insurance Division  
330 Maple Street  
Des Moines, IA 50319  
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Information about the financial condition of insurers is available from a variety of sources, including financial rating agencies such as AM Best Company, Fitch Inc., Moody's Investors Service, Inc., and Standard & Poor's. That information may be accessed from the "Helpful Links & Information" page located on the website of the Iowa Insurance Division at [www.iid.state.ia.us](http://www.iid.state.ia.us).

The Association is subject to supervision and regulation by the Commissioner of the Iowa Insurance Division. Persons who desire to file a complaint to allege a violation of the laws governing the Association may contact the Iowa Insurance Division. State law provides that any suit against the Association shall be brought in the Iowa District Court in Polk County, Iowa.

**Insurance companies and agents are not allowed by Iowa law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to encourage you to purchase any form of insurance. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and Iowa law, then Iowa law will control.**