

# Your Group Insurance Contract

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# Welcome to your company contract with AXA

The following helpline should be used for all membership enquiries.	
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The plan documents are available in other formats.

If you would like a Braille, large print or audio version please contact us.

### Introduction

The purpose of the Group Insurance Contract document is to explain how your group plan will operate and what you can expect from us. It will also explain what we require you to do as the Group Secretary of the plan.

When we refer to membership we mean the employees (and any of their included family members) who are covered by the plan.

When we refer to the plan we mean the contract of insurance held with the company.

When we use 'we', 'us' or 'our', we mean AXA Global Healthcare (Hong Kong) Limited acting on behalf of AXA General Insurance Hong Kong Limited, who is the insurance company who underwrite this product.

AXA Global Healthcare (UK) Limited is appointed by AXA Global Healthcare (HK) Limited to provide certain support services to policyholders and beneficiaries (including without limitation policy administration and claims processing related services). Such services to be provided by AXA Global Healthcare (UK) Limited are subject to the applicable laws and regulations of the relevant jurisdictions. AXA Global Healthcare (UK) Limited does not, and does not intend to, undertake any activities, which it is restricted from doing under the applicable laws and regulations of Hong Kong.

Specifically, AXA Global Healthcare (UK) Limited does not and shall not show any intent to perform any of the following activities: (a) negotiating or arranging a contract of insurance; (b) inviting or inducing (or attempting to invite or induce) a person to enter into a contract of insurance; (c) inviting or inducing (or attempting to invite or induce) a person to make a material decision; or (d) giving any advice or opinion in the making of settlement of an insurance claim or complaint.

The Group Insurance Contract should be read in conjunction with the membership handbook.

### Personal recommendations

When we sell our plans directly to customers we provide information to help customers make the right decisions for their needs but we do not offer a personal recommendation for any of our plans. You may also have bought your plan through an intermediary or broker, in which case they will inform you whether they offer a personal recommendation.

# **Membership documents**

Your company is buying private medical insurance cover for employees, and if applicable, their family members. We have to ensure that the members on the plan are kept informed about their cover and the terms that apply to it from year to year. We therefore produce a healthcare insurance statement and handbook each renewal year for every employee covered by the plan. Please ensure that these are distributed to the members so that they are aware of the extent and nature of the cover provided and any changes that may have occurred in the rules and benefits of their particular plan.

# A brief description of underwriting styles

A number of different medical underwriting styles may be available to your company, depending on the size of your group and any current healthcare plans. Here is a brief explanation of each:

### Fully medically underwritten

Available to International groups of all sizes (2 – 49). This requires each applicant to declare their medical history on the application form and, occasionally, we might request a medical report. Pre-existing medical conditions are then excluded where necessary. Any new member to join the group at a later date must also be fully medically underwritten.

### Continuation of medical underwriting exclusions (CME)

This option is available to groups transferring from a fully medically underwritten policy or moratorium with another insurer and is not available to groups of less than two. If your members join the plan on the basis of 'CME' this means that we will transfer any medical underwriting terms for medical conditions they had before joining that previous insurer to the new plan. It is important to remember, however, that this relates only to the specific underwriting terms. The plan will be subject to our general terms including the exclusions and benefit limitations, which you will find in the membership handbook. CME only applies at the point of switching to AXA General Insurance Hong Kong Limited and subsequent new joiners to the group must be underwritten. If a group has selected medical history disregarded underwriting with their current provider and wishes to continue on this basis with AXA General Insurance Hong Kong Limited, they should consider our medical history disregarded option.

### Medical history disregarded

This option, which is the most expensive, allows members of groups and their family members, when agreed, to be enrolled without any exclusions relating to their previous medical history. The plan will be subject to our general terms including the exclusions and limitations which you will find in the membership handbook. Medical history disregarded terms are extended to any subsequent joiners to the group.

### Addition of family members

Family members on a Medical History Disregarded (MHD) group plan will only be eligible for MHD under the following circumstances:

- If they join at the same time as the lead member
- If they join within 3 months of the date the lead member joins
- New spouses, civil partners or any person (whether or not of the same sex) living permanently in
  a similar relationship with the lead member if added within 13 weeks of them qualifying as a
  family member as outlined in the membership handbook glossary
- New-born children must be added from their date of birth and the completed 'Addition of family members' form received within 90 days of their birth date (and not be adopted or conceived through assisted conception).

If a family member is added at any other time, they must declare their full medical history and will be fully medically underwritten.

### Please note:

- This is our default position and alternate arrangements may apply where this has been separately agreed by us.
- This information is subject to change.

# **Adding other members**

If employees want to join or add family members to the plan we will send you the forms to complete fully with the information we request. Depending on your agreement, there may be restrictions on when members can add family members to the plan.

Family members who are eligible for inclusion will be included from the same date as the eligible employee or from the date on which the person concerned first satisfied the definition of family member contained in the membership handbook glossary. If any family member is not included within 3 months of the date of first eligibility they may join subsequently, but will then be subject to the full medical underwriting irrespective of any agreement which may exist between AXA General Insurance Hong Kong and the company to allow enrolment without such underwriting.

Members can add newborn babies (who are born to the member or the member's partner) to the plan from their date of birth. This can normally be done without filling out details of their medical history provided the member adds them within 90 days of their date of birth. However, we will require details of the baby's medical history if the baby has been adopted or was born as a multiple birth as the result of any method of assisted conception or if either parent has had any kind of fertility treatment and the babies are a multiple birth. In such circumstances, we reserve the right to apply particular restrictions to the cover we will offer and we will notify the member of those terms as soon as reasonably possible. This may limit the baby's cover for existing medical conditions.

This would mean that the baby would not be covered for treatment carried out for medical conditions which existed prior to joining, such as treatment in a Special Care Baby Unit and the member would be liable for these costs.

If employees add a baby within 10 months of the plan start date we will ask for details of the baby's medical history. We may add other conditions to the baby's cover. For example, we may limit their cover for pre-existing conditions.

Children cannot remain as dependents on the plan after the renewal date following their 25th birthday.

# Changes in cover and in membership

If your company wishes to apply for a change in benefits by selecting a different type of plan, please let us know at least 30 days before the group first starts or 30 days before it is due to renew.

We cannot make these changes during the course of a plan year and they can therefore only apply from the beginning of any plan year. Changes of this nature will, of course, apply without exception to all the employees covered and if the changes involve increases in cover this may, in certain circumstances for particular employees, be subject to restrictions.

Employees who are joining the plan will be required to complete an application form. We cannot add a new employee to the plan until we have received and have accepted that application form. Similarly, we will continue to charge your group premiums for employees until we are told they have left your company's employment and should no longer be covered. Please therefore let us know about members leaving the plan within 30 days to avoid your company incurring the cost of premiums for them.

Members leaving the plan can join as individual members and if they join within a limited period after leaving the company they can do so with favourable terms. They can continue to enjoy the benefits of cover by calling us on +44 (0)1892 556 013 or toll free on 800933241 (within Hong Kong)

# If a member breaks the terms of the plan

If a member breaks any terms of the plan that we reasonably consider to be fundamental, we may do one or more of the following:

- refuse to pay any of their claims;
- recover from them any loss caused by the break;
- refuse to renew their membership to the plan;
- impose different terms to their cover on the plan;
- end their membership to the plan and all cover immediately.

If they (or anyone acting on their behalf) claim knowing that the claim is false or fraudulent, we can refuse to pay that claim and may declare their membership to the plan void, as if it never existed. If we have already paid the claim we can recover what we have paid from them.

If we pay a claim and the claim is later found to be wholly or partly false or fraudulent, we will be able to recover what we have paid from the member.

# **Having an excess**

If, as part of your arrangement with us, the members pay an excess, then the premium for your group will be reduced. The excess operates on the basis that it is applied once each year to each person covered. The individual is responsible for paying the excess amount and we will deduct that from whatever we would otherwise have paid for the claim. As it applies each year, if treatment crosses a renewal date it means that the excess is applied twice – once to the treatment costs incurred in the first year of insurance and again for the costs incurred in the second year (and any subsequent years) of insurance

For more information about the discounts your company can receive by applying an excess, please contact your AXA representative.

# **Paying the premiums**

We will invoice you for the amount of premiums due approximately one month before they are due to be paid.

If there have been changes in membership then the invoice will show both the full year's premium for each member (for your reference) and also the amount actually due from the date of the change to the end of the plan year.

We also send you a statement at the end of each month showing any premiums due and any premiums received and, therefore, any amounts outstanding.

### How to pay

- Annually or quarterly by cheque or bank transfer (if you pay annually in advance you will receive a 5% discount which will be reflected in your invoice).
- If you pay quarterly or annually, and we issue a credit note (which can happen, for example, when
  a member leaves and there is a premium credit for part of the year which is unexpired) then they
  will be deducted from subsequent invoices unless you specifically ask us to refund that amount
  to you.
- Cheques should be made payable to AXA Global Healthcare (UK) Limited and should reach us by the due date.

# **Making a complaint**

Our aim is to make sure you're always happy with your **plan**. If things do go wrong, it's important to us that we put things right as quickly as possible.

### Making a complaint

If you want to make a complaint, you can call us or write to us using the contact details below.

To help us resolve your complaint, please give us the following details:

- your name and plan number
- your contact phone number
- the details of your complaint
- any relevant information that we may not have already seen.

Please call us toll free on 800933241 (within Hong Kong) or +44 (0)1892 556 013

Or write to us in Hong Kong:

AXA Global Healthcare 10th Floor, Vertical Square, 28 Heung Yip Road, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong.

Or write to us in the UK.

AXA Global Healthcare, International House, Forest Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN2 5FE,

We'll respond to your complaint as quickly as we can.

If we can't get back to you straight away, we'll contact you within five working days to explain the next steps.

We always aim to resolve things within eight weeks from when you first told us about your concerns. If it looks like it will take us longer than this, we will let you know the reasons for the delay and regularly keep you up to date with our progress.

### What regulatory protection do I have?

AXA Global Healthcare (Hong Kong) Limited is an Insurance Agent registered with the Insurance Agents Registration Board (Licence Number: FA2341), and acts on behalf of AXA General Insurance Hong Kong Limited, an authorised insurer in Hong Kong and regulated by the Insurance Authority of Hong Kong.

### Your legal rights

None of the information above affects your legal rights

If you have any questions or issues which arise out of running your plan, please contact your AXA representative.

# **Notes for the Group Secretary**

- If members' documents are sent to you directly, please distribute them without delay.
- If your group plan changes cover at renewal, please explain this to the members.
- When adding new members to your group plan, please ensure that you have discussed the following prior to completion of their enrolment form:
  - Data Protection preferences.
  - Eligibility to join the company plan, when the plan is due for renewal and that it is a
    yearly contract thereafter.
  - Eligibility of adding family members, the criteria of which can be found in this Group Secretary Guide.
  - Income tax liability as a result of joining the group plan.
  - Any underwriting terms applicable to members e.g. fully medically underwritten and any implications to their cover.
- If new members would like to see a membership handbook prior to joining, please contact us if you do not already have a copy.

# The Group Insurance Contract is a private medical insurance policy between AXA General Insurance Hong Kong Limited and the Company (as defined below)

This private medical insurance policy is arranged and administered by AXA Global Healthcare (Hong Kong) Limited on behalf of AXA General Insurance Hong Kong Limited. All references to **AXA Global Healthcare** (as defined below) mean AXA Global Healthcare (Hong Kong) Limited acting on behalf of AXA General Insurance Hong Kong Limited.

### 1 Purpose and Extent

- 1.1 The company wishes to purchase private medical insurance for the benefit of all, or certain of, its employees from AXA Global Healthcare. The company and AXA General Insurance are each described as a 'party' or together the 'parties' in this Group Insurance Contract.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Group Insurance Contract is therefore to set out the arrangements entered into between the company and AXA General Insurance whereby cover will be provided by AXA General Insurance to the company for the benefit of those employees.

### 2 Definitions

- 2.1 Unless we give a different meaning to them in this **Group Insurance Contract**, words and phrases in bold have the same meaning as set out in the glossary of the member's handbook. Additional definitions are set out below:
  - 2.1.1 "AXA Global Healthcare" means AXA Global Healthcare (Hong Kong) Limited, a company registered in Hong Kong under register number 2293457, acting on behalf of AXA General Insurance:
  - 2.1.2 "AXA group" means AXA Global Healthcare (UK) Limited, AGI and any other company which is for the time being AXA General Insurance's direct or indirect subsidiary or direct or indirect holding company or a direct or indirect subsidiary of any such holding company, and where the context so permits, any of those companies;
  - 2.1.3 "AXA General Insurance" means AXA General Insurance Hong Kong Limited, a company registered in Hong Kong, whose registered office is at 20/F, Vertical Sq, 28 Heung Yip Road, Wong Chuk Hang, Hong Kong;
  - 2.1.4 "company" means the legal entity or company who is purchasing private medical insurance for the benefit of all, or certain of, its employees from AXA General Insurance, and who is named in the Group Application Form, as completed by the company and returned to AXA General Insurance;
  - 2.1.5 "company group" means the company and each of its direct or indirect subsidiaries or direct or indirect holding companies or a direct or indirect subsidiary of any such holding companies;
  - 2.1.6 "confidential information" means, subject to any eligible employee's and family member's personal data which shall be excluded from this definition, any information of a confidential nature relating to the business of the parties disclosed by a party or its representatives (whether before or after the effective date) to the other party and/or that party's representatives in relation to this Group Insurance Contract, including, without

- limitation, the **premium**, details of **AXA General Insurance's** systems, software and hardware and any information regarding the **plan** or otherwise relating to the affairs of the company which may be acquired by **AXA General Insurance**, in connection with the performance of this **Group Insurance Contract**:
- 2.1.7 "cover" means the private medical insurance benefits and associated health services provided under this plan which are described in detail in this Group Insurance Contract and the membership handbook:
- 2.1.8 "Data Protection Legislation" means: (a) any law, statute, declaration, decree, directive, legislative enactment, order, ordinance, regulation, rule or other binding restriction (as amended, consolidated or re-enacted from time to time) which relates to the protection of individuals with regards to the processing of personal data to which a party is subject,; and (b) any code of practice or guidance published by a relevant regulator from time to time;
- 2.1.9 "effective date" shall mean the commencement date or renewal date of the plan;
- 2.1.10 "eligible employees" shall be the individuals currently employed by the company (and/or a company group) and accepted by AXA Global Healthcare as members under the plan or any other category of alternative members as set out in the current group membership listing (as amended throughout the course of the year);
- 2.1.11 "force majeure event" means any circumstances beyond the reasonable control of either party, an AXA group company or a third party service provider engaged in accordance with this Group Insurance Contract, which prevents the affected party from performing this Group Insurance Contract and which may include, Acts of God, war, riot, civil commotion, malicious damage, compliance with any law or governmental order, rule, regulation or direction of any overriding emergency procedures, accident, fire, flood, and storm, acts or omissions of any persons for whom either party, an AXA group company or a third party service provider engaged in accordance with this Group Insurance Contract is not responsible, and any strikes or any industrial action affecting the cover under this Group Insurance Contract and outside the control of the party relying on the force majeure event.
- 2.1.12 "Group Insurance Contract" means this private medical insurance policy entered into between the company and AXA General Insurance, including the membership handbook and any application form and ancillary documents completed by the company as part of its application for this private medical insurance policy;
- 2.1.13 "holding company" shall have the meaning set out in s.1159 of the Companies Act 2006;
- 2.1.14 "intellectual property" means logos, trademarks, trade or business names, service marks, design rights, database rights, domain names, copyright, patents, utility models, know-how and any other similar rights, whether or not registered, and all applications for the same, as may exist anywhere in the world;
- 2.1.15 "membership handbook" means the handbook terms containing details of the benefits and limitations of the cover:
- 2.1.16 "plan" means the terms and conditions contained in this Group Insurance Contract, including the membership handbook, entered into by the company with AXA General Insurance in order to provide the eligible employees with insurance cover;

- 2.1.17 "premium" means the amount payable by the company to AXA Global Healthcare on behalf of AXA General Insurance for the year in return for AXA General Insurance providing cover for the benefit of eligible employees and family members plus any payable levies or taxes:
- 2.1.18 "regulatory requirements" means all applicable statutes, statutory instruments, orders, regulations and codes of practice (whether or not having the force of law) in force from time to time, and in particular but without limitation the requirements, rules, regulations, guidance and codes of practice of the relevant regulator;
- 2.1.19 "relevant regulator" means Insurance Authority of Hong Kong and any other person in any jurisdiction, which has regulatory or supervisory authority over all or any part of the business or activities of any of the parties and their officers and agents;
- 2.1.20 "renew" means the entry by the company into a new Group Insurance Contract with AXA General Insurance for a further year (and "renews", "renewal" and "renewed" shall be construed accordingly):
- 2.1.21 "renewal date" means the date on which this Group Insurance Contract renews:
- 2.1.22 "representatives" means in relation to each party:
  - a) employees and officers, and those of the **company group** and **AXA group**, that need to know the **confidential information** for the purpose of this **Group Insurance Contract**;
  - its professional advisers, which shall be limited to the parties' lawyers, accountants and auditors:
  - in relation to AXA General Insurance only, a sub-contractor who needs to know the confidential information for the purposes of providing the cover in accordance with this Group Insurance Contract; and
  - any other person to whom the other party agrees in writing that confidential information may be disclosed in connection with this Group Insurance Contract.
- 2.1.23 "subsidiary" shall have the meaning set out in s.1159 of the Companies Act 2006;
- 2.2 In this **Group Insurance Contract**:
  - 2.2.1 unless the context otherwise requires, use of any gender includes the other genders and use of the singular includes the plural and vice versa;
  - 2.2.2 references to "persons" includes natural persons, bodies corporate (wherever incorporated), unincorporated associations, partnerships and other unincorporated bodies;
  - 2.2.3 references to Clauses, Schedules and Appendices are to clauses, schedules and appendices of this **Group Insurance Contract** and references to Paragraphs are to paragraphs of the relevant Schedule or Appendix, as appropriate;
  - 2.2.4 the Schedules and Appendices are an integral part and shall be interpreted accordingly;
  - 2.2.5 all headings are for ease of reference only and shall not affect the interpretation of this **Group Insurance Contract**;

- 2.2.6 references to any statute or statutory provision is a reference to it as amended, extended or re-enacted from time to time; and shall include all subordinate legislation or statutory instrument made from time to time under that statute or statutory provision; and
- 2.2.7 any words following the terms "including", "includes", "in particular", "for example" or any similar expression shall also mean "without limitation".

### 3 Cover

In return for payment of the **premium** by the **company**, **AXA General Insurance** agrees to provide the cover for the **year** to the **company** and members of the **company group** for the benefit of **eligible employees** and their **family members** in accordance with the terms and conditions of this **Group Insurance Contract** and the **membership handbook**.

# 4 Eligibility

- 4.1 The company hereby warrants that all eligible employees as at the effective date will be included and that other employees who become eligible for inclusion subsequently will be included from the first day on which they become eligible.
- 4.2 Family members who are eligible for inclusion will be included from the same date as the eligible employee or from the date on which the person concerned first satisfied the definition of family member contained in the membership handbook glossary. If any family member is not included within 3 months of the date of first eligibility they may join subsequently, but will then be subject to the full medical underwriting irrespective of any agreement which may exist between AXA General Insurance and the company to allow enrolment without such underwriting.
- 4.3 Family members shall cease to be included on the same date as that on which the relevant eligible employee ceases to be included.
- 4.4 The **company** can (subject to Clause 5.7 below) withdraw **eligible employees** who, for whatever reason, cease to be eligible by giving written notice. The **company** can also choose to withdraw employees from the date of their 65th birthday or as otherwise allowed for under relevant legislation. They will be withdrawn either:
  - 4.4.1 from the end of the day on which they leave the **company's** employment providing **AXA Global Healthcare** is notified beforehand; or
  - 4.4.2 from the end of the month in which **AXA Global Healthcare** receives written notice of their withdrawal; or
  - 4.4.3 if later, 30 days prior to the date the **company's** written notice is received by **AXA Global Healthcare** in which the **eligible employee** leaves the **company's** employment.
    - The **company** shall immediately advise both **AXA Global Healthcare** and the **eligible employee** in writing when any **eligible employee** is no longer to be included. If the **company** fails to advise **AXA Global Healthcare** for any reason the **company** will remain responsible for the payment of the **premium** in respect of the **eligible employee** and their **family members** (if relevant) until the end of the month in which such notice is given.
- 4.5 The company may not offer any other private medical insurance cover through another provider to eligible employees.

### 5 Premiums

- 5.1 The premium shall be calculated by AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare at the beginning of the year. AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare reserves the right to change the amount of the premium during a year to reflect any changes in Insurance Premium Tax or other government levies.
- 5.2 All undisputed **premiums** are immediately due and payable upon receipt of written notification from **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** to the **company** or their intermediary agent. **Premiums** are payable for the **year** and are due annually in advance but may be paid in instalments if agreed between **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** and the **company**.
- 5.3 **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** reserves the right to discontinue immediately any agreement to accept **premiums** by instalments if any undisputed instalment shall not be received by **AXA Global Healthcare** on the date on which it was due in or for any other reason. In such event all remaining **premium** instalments in respect of that **year** shall become immediately due and payable. For the avoidance of doubt, the **company** shall not be entitled to terminate the **Group Insurance Contract** on notice or otherwise avoid liability for payment of **premium** for the whole **year**.
- 5.4 **AXA Global Healthcare** only accepts payment from the **company** directly and **premiums** may not be paid via an intermediary. Notwithstanding this, **premiums** paid by the **company** to an intermediary or agent (not including AXA Global Healthcare (UK) Limited) shall be received and held by such intermediary or agent on behalf of the **company** and not on behalf of **AXA General Insurance** or AXA Global Healthcare (UK) Limited. Until such monies are paid to **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** by the intermediary or agent on the **company's** behalf the **company** remains liable and responsible to **AXA General Insurance** for such payment.
- 5.5 The **company** shall be responsible for the payment of the **premium** for all **eligible employees** and **family members** included under this **Group Insurance Contract**.
- 5.6 The company may recover from any eligible employees that part of the premium which relates to family members if agreed between AXA Global Healthcare and the company. The company may not recover any part of the premium relating to eligible employees from those employees.
- 5.7 The company shall obtain the agreement of AXA Global Healthcare in writing if, during a year, it wishes to make any changes in the numbers of eligible employees to be included which will affect membership by more than five percent of the total numbers which were included at the beginning of the year. If such change is agreed, AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare shall have the right, if appropriate, to reconsider the basis of calculation of the premium and to require the immediate payment of any further premium thereby made necessary.

# 6 Commencement, Renewal and Termination

6.1 The **cover** shall start from the **effective date**, and subject to payment by the **company** of the appropriate **premium** or part **premium** as specified by **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** 

- Group Insurance Contract is for a year and is renewable on the agreed date subject to the company paying the renewal premium. AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare will, prior to the renewal date, either (i) issue renewal terms and related documentation to the company, including any proposed alteration to the cover and/or premium, or (ii) notify the company that it does not wish to renew the cover or (iii) in the event that renewal is possible but regulation prevents AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare from contacting the company to offer renewal terms, either AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare will notify the company in advance of this position. If in the event of scenarios (i) or (ii) above the company confirms before the renewal date that it wishes to renew cover for a further year, the parties shall enter into a new agreement incorporating the renewal terms including the updated membership handbook.
- 6.3 Both parties reserve the right to refuse to renew this Group Insurance Contract at the renewal date.
- 6.4 **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** reserves the right to terminate this **Group Insurance Contract**, immediately on giving the **company** written notice, if
  - 6.4.1 any part of the **premium** which is undisputed remains unpaid for more than 45 days after it has become due and payable; or
  - 6.4.2 the **company** has deliberately misled **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** in any way in relation to this **Group Insurance Contract** or the **cover** to a degree which is reasonably likely to cause **AXA General Insurance** or AXA Global Healthcare (UK) Limited acting on behalf of **AXA General Insurance**, any **AXA group** company material loss; or
  - 6.4.3 the **company** goes into liquidation or becomes bankrupt, or if an administrator or receiver or an administrative receiver is appointed in respect of all or any part of the business of the **company**; or otherwise in accordance with this **Group Insurance Contract**.
- 6.5 Either AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare or the company shall be entitled to terminate this Group Insurance Contract, immediately on the giving of notice, if there shall be any material breach by the other party of its obligations arising under this Group Insurance Contract and, if such breach is capable of being remedied, such breach shall not have been so remedied within 28 days of notice in writing specifying such breach and requiring its remedy being given by that party to the other.
- 6.6 Upon termination of this **Group Insurance Contract**, howsoever arising:
  - 6.6.1 any outstanding **premium** then unpaid will fall due for immediate payment; and
  - 6.6.2 AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare shall be entitled to retain data relating to the cover in accordance with all applicable law, rule, regulation or professional record keeping procedure or with any requirement from any competent judicial, governmental, supervisory or regulatory body or with any existing reasonable written internal policy or procedure relating to the back-up storage of electronic data. AXA General Insurance's and AXA Global Healthcare's data protection policies can be found at:

    AXA Global Healthcare privacy policy and legal statement (axaglobalhealthcare.com) and www.axaglobalhealthcare.com/Hong-Kong-Information-Collection-Statement

- 6.7 Any termination of this **Group Insurance Contract** shall be without prejudice to any accrued rights and obligations of both **parties** in respect of the period for which the **premium** has been paid.
- 6.8 Except for Clauses 2, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 14, and 15 no other terms shall survive expiry or termination of this **Group Insurance Contract** unless expressly provided.

### 7 Liability of AXA General Insurance

- 7.1 Subject to Clause 7.2 and 7.3 the liability of **AXA General Insurance** under this **Group**Insurance Contract:
  - 7.1.1 in respect of any claims in respect of benefits payable to an **eligible employee** or **family member**, shall be limited to the benefits payable in respect of treatment received by the **eligible employee** or **family member** as specified in the **plan** and limited to claims notified to **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** within any time limit specified in the **membership handbook**. In the event that any part of the **premium** remains unpaid for more than five days after it has become due and payable **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** may suspend payment of benefits until such time as the outstanding **premium** is paid.
  - 7.1.2 in respect of all other claims in relation to this **Group Insurance Contract**, not falling within **AXA General Insurance's** total liability shall in no circumstances whatsoever exceed the higher of either 150% of the **premium** for the **year** in which the claim relates to, or £100,000, in respect of a single claim or in the aggregate for all claims under this **Group Insurance Contract**, and shall be limited to claims notified to **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** within 12 months of the end of the **year** in which the claim accrued.
- 7.2 Subject to Clause 7.3, in no event will **AXA General Insurance** be liable to the **company** whether in contract, tort (including negligence) for breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, arising under or in accordance with this **Group Insurance Contract** for any:
  - 7.2.1 loss of profits, loss of revenue or loss of anticipated savings:
  - 7.2.2 loss of business or opportunity, loss of goodwill or injury to reputation, loss of use or corruption of software, data or information;
  - 7.2.3 any special, consequential or indirect loss or damage, suffered by the company; or
  - 7.2.4 loss which arises as a result of the fraud or negligence of the **company** or as a result of a breach by the **company** of a term of this **Group Insurance Contract** (or its officers, employees, agents and sub-contractors).
- 7.3 Nothing in Clause 7.1 or 7.2 is intended to exclude or restrict or shall be construed as excluding or restricting the liability of AXA General Insurance for the death or personal injury caused by the negligence, fraud or fraudulent misrepresentation of AXA General Insurance.
- 7.4 In the event that any undisputed **premium** or part of the undisputed **premium** remains unpaid after it has become due and payable in accordance with Clause 5.2 notwithstanding that an invoice may contain undisputed and disputed **premiums**, **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** may suspend the **cover** until such time as the outstanding undisputed **premium** is paid.

- 7.5 Without prejudice to the provisions of Clause 7.4 AXA General Insurance may at its discretion continue to provide the cover where the undisputed premium for the relevant period is due and payable and remains outstanding if the benefit, service or treatment costs have been incurred in good faith and the company has given AXA General Insurance no reason to believe that the outstanding premium will not be paid. In such event if the Group Insurance Contract is then terminated by AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare for non-payment of premium, the company shall promptly on being given written notice from AXA Global Healthcare refund to AXA General Insurance the full amount of any benefits paid for any period for which no premium has been received by AXA General Insurance.
- 7.6 For the purposes of making and calculating the value of any claim for breach by the company of any of its obligations under this Group Insurance Contract, the company agrees that AXA General Insurance shall be entitled to claim against the company for any loss suffered by an AXA group company or other third party service provider engaged by AXA General Insurance in accordance with Clause 9 as if the failure by the company to discharge its obligations had occurred against and caused loss directly to AXA General Insurance.
- 7.7 In the event the **company** engages a third party to carry out administration and claims handling services in relation to the **plan**, **AXA General Insurance** shall not have any liability to the **company**, whether in contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty, or otherwise, for any direct, indirect or consequential loss arising as a result of the appointment of such third party administrator or claims handler.

### 8 Administration

- 8.1 As the purpose of the **Group Insurance Contract** is to provide **cover** for **eligible employees** and **family members**, the **company** undertakes:
  - 8.1.1 that it will advise all **eligible employees** as soon as practicable if for any reason this **Group Insurance Contract** is terminated or should not be **renewed** or this **Group Insurance Contract** should be terminated in accordance with the provisions of Clause 6 so that such **eligible employees** are made aware that all **cover** has ceased and that benefits will not be payable for treatment costs incurred after the termination date for **eligible employees** or **family members**.
- 8.2 The **company** hereby agrees to indemnify **AXA General Insurance** from and against any and all costs, losses and expenses incurred by **AXA General Insurance** or any member of the **AXA group** in respect of claims made by **eligible employees** or **family members**, where such costs, losses and expenses arise as a result of any failure by the **company** to discharge its obligations under this **Group Insurance Contract**.
- 8.3 The company shall designate a responsible person (the 'Group Secretary') to administer this Group Insurance Contract in accordance with its terms and any guidance issued by AXA Global Healthcare from time to time and shall notify AXA Global Healthcare in writing of any change in the person designated.
- 8.4 The **company** shall not deliberately mislead **AXA General Insurance** or **AXA Global Healthcare** in any way in relation to the membership, claims or benefits incurred by or paid to the **eligible employees** or **family members** in respect of the **cover**, to a degree which is reasonably likely to cause **AXA General Insurance** material loss, and shall remain responsible for ensuring its

- obligations under this **Group Insurance Contract** are fully discharged notwithstanding that all or any part of the **company's** obligations are delegated to an intermediary or agent who shall be deemed to be the agent of the **company**.
- 8.5 The **company** shall advise **AXA Global Healthcare** immediately if it goes into liquidation (except in respect of a reconstruction, take-over or amalgamation) or becomes bankrupt, or if an administrator or receiver or an administrative receiver is appointed in respect of all or any part of the business of the **company**.

# 9 Assignment & Subcontracting

- 9.1 Neither **party** shall assign this **Group Insurance Contract** without the prior written consent of the other
- 9.2 AXA General Insurance may sub-contract or delegate in any manner any or all of its obligations under this Group Insurance Contract, including but not limited to engaging certain third party providers to provide certain wellbeing services under the cover for the benefit of eligible employees and family members. Such third party providers may then further sub-contract all or part of the relevant service provision at their own discretion. Any such sub-contracting shall not relieve AXA General Insurance from any of its obligations or liabilities under this Group Insurance Contract.

### 10 Confidentiality

- 10.1 Each **party** shall treat all **confidential information** as secret and confidential and shall not divulge such information to any persons (except to such **party's** own employees and then only to those employees who need to know the same, its professional advisers or as required to be divulged by law or regulatory authority) without the other **party's** prior written consent provided that this Clause shall not extend to information which:
  - 10.1.1 was rightfully in the possession of such **party** prior to the commencement of the negotiations leading to this **Group Insurance Contract**; or
  - 10.1.2 is already public knowledge or becomes so at a future date (other than by breach of this Clause).
- 10.2 Subject to Clause 10.3, if in accordance with this Clause 10, the recipient of the confidential information is entitled to disclose any of the other party's confidential information to a representative, it must procure that the representative is aware of the confidentiality obligations and restrictions on use and restricts any further disclosure of that confidential information by the representative and remains responsible for the representatives' acts and omissions.
- 10.3 In the event the company engages a third party auditor, the company may not disclose AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare confidential information to such third party auditor if the third party auditor is a provider or supplier of private medical insurance or healthcare trust or healthcare plan administration services who are capable of providing the cover or are otherwise competitors of AXA General Insurance or AXA group.
- 10.4 Each party shall be liable for the acts and/or omissions of its representatives in respect of this Group Insurance Contract as if they were its own acts and/or omissions.

### 11 Data Protection

11.1 The parties agree to the Personal Information Collection Statement set out as a s to this group insurance contract.

# 12 Intellectual Property

Subject to the relevant owning **party's** written consent, each **party** is hereby granted a non-exclusive royalty free licence from the other **party** to use the **intellectual property** of the other **party** during the continuation of this **Group Insurance Contract** solely to the extent required to perform its obligations under this **Group Insurance Contract**.

# 13 Force Majeure

- 13.1 Neither **party** shall be in breach of its obligations under this **Group Insurance Contract** nor otherwise liable to the other **party** for delay in performance or non-performance hereunder where such delay or non-performance is caused by a **force majeure event**.
- 13.2 If either **party** is prevented, hindered or delayed from or in performing any of its obligations under this **Group Insurance Contract** by a **force majeure event** then:
  - 13.2.1 that party's obligations under this Group Insurance Contract shall be suspended for as long as the force majeure event continues and to the extent that party is so prevented, hindered or delayed:
  - 13.2.2 as soon as reasonably possible after commencement of the **force majeure event** that **party** shall notify the other **party** in writing of the occurrence of the **force majeure event**, the date of commencement of the **force majeure event** and the effects of the **force majeure event** on its ability to perform its obligations under this **Group Insurance Contract**;
  - 13.2.3 that party shall use all reasonable efforts to mitigate the effects of the force majeure event upon the performance of its obligations under this Group Insurance Contract;
  - 13.2.4 as soon as reasonably possible after the cessation of the force majeure event that party shall notify the other party in writing of the cessation of the force majeure event and shall resume performance of its obligation under this Group Insurance Contract;
  - 13.2.5 if the **force majeure event** shall continue for more than 30 days any **party** shall be entitled to terminate this **Group Insurance Contract** by giving to the other **party** not less than 14 days prior notice of termination in writing.

# 14 Compliance, Anti-Bribery and Sanctions

14.1 The **company** shall observe strictly all instructions as to the carrying out or ceasing of the activities contemplated by this **Group Insurance Contract** given to it by **AXA General Insurance** directly or **AXA Global Healthcare** for a specific or indefinite period in order that **AXA General Insurance** may comply with all applicable **regulatory requirements**.

### 14.2 The company shall:

14.2.1 have and maintain in place throughout the term of this **Group Insurance Contract** adequate policies and procedures to ensure compliance with the Bribery Act 2010 and enforce them where appropriate;

- 14.2.2 not do, nor omit to do anything, nor permit anything to be done by any other **party**, which is an offence or which may be deemed to be an offence under the Bribery Act 2010; and
- 14.2.3 notify AXA Global Healthcare immediately upon becoming aware or upon becoming reasonably suspicious that any activity undertaken in connection with this Group Insurance Contract has contravened or may contravene the Bribery Act 2010.
- 14.3 **AXA General Insurance** shall not be deemed to provide **cover** and **AXA General Insurance** shall not be liable to pay any claim or provide any benefit in connection with this **plan** to the extent that the provision of such **cover**, payment or such claim or provision of such benefit would, in **AXA General Insurance's** opinion, be likely to expose **AXA General Insurance** to any sanction, prohibition or restriction under United Nations resolutions or the trade or economic sanction, laws or regulations of Hong Kong, the European Union, United Kingdom or United States of America
- 14.4 **AXA General Insurance** reserves the right to immediately cease **cover**, stop paying claims on the **plan**, or cease providing a benefit in relation to any member if such member is, directly or indirectly, subject to any sanction, prohibition or restriction described in Clause 14.3, including where relevant sanctions which apply against the **eligible employee's** and/or **family member's** country of residence. If the **company** is aware that an **eligible employee** and/or **family member** is subject to any sanction, prohibition or restriction, the **company** must inform **AXA Global Healthcare** within seven (7) days of obtaining such information.
- 14.5 AXA General Insurance may exercise its rights under Clause 14.4 even if that eligible employee and/or family member has permission from a relevant authority to continue receiving the cover or benefit under the plan, or if that cover or benefit is exempted from any prohibition or restriction.
- 14.6 The company acknowledges that the AXA group adheres to certain principles and practices designed to prevent, detect and identify money laundering and counter terrorist financing.
- 14.7 Each party shall take such steps as necessary prior to the effective date and during the term of this Group Insurance Contract to prevent, detect and identify money laundering and terrorist financing in connection with this Group Insurance Contract which shall include, (but need not be limited to), the following components:
  - 14.7.1 maintaining an effective anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing regime, including detection, prevention, identification and appropriate responses;
  - 14.7.2 maintaining an effective anti-money laundering and counter terrorist financing regime that complies with the regulatory requirements, and applicable laws, including checking financial sanctions lists;
  - 14.7.3 operating a structure, procedures and mechanism for immediately reporting suspicious activity, to the extent permitted by law, through a secure reporting mechanism to a **representative** of each **party** (as nominated by that **party** in writing to the other **party** from time to time).
- 14.8 AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare reserves the right to terminate this Group Insurance Contract immediately if:
  - 14.8.1 the **company** has failed to comply with Clause 14.2;

- 14.8.2 **AXA General Insurance** deem that Clause 14.3 applies or the **company** is directly or indirectly, subject to any sanction, prohibition or restriction described in Clause 14.3.
- 14.9 Where a **party** fails to comply with Clause 14.7, that **party** will be deemed to be in material breach of this **Group Insurance Contract** that is not capable of being remedied and the other **party** shall have a right to terminate this **Group Insurance Contract** immediately.

### 15 General

- 15.1 No variation will be admitted unless it is in writing and signed on behalf of both **parties** by a properly authorised **representative**.
- 15.2 AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare may alter the membership handbook terms from time to time but no alteration shall take effect until the next annual renewal of this Group Insurance Contract.
- 15.3 AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare may amend the terms of this Group Insurance Contract from time to time (subject to giving 60 days prior notice in writing to the company) to reflect any changes in Insurance Premium Tax or any levy or imposition made under any legislation or regulation to which AXA General Insurance or any insurance under this Group Insurance Contract may from time to time be subject.
- 15.4 Any notice issued under this **Group Insurance Contract** must be in writing and be delivered or sent either by registered or recorded delivery post and shall be considered to have been given if sent by first class post to **AXA Global Healthcare** or the **company** at the registered office given above (or such other address as may have been notified to the other **party**) forty eight hours after it was posted.
- 15.5 Any waiver by AXA General Insurance or AXA Global Healthcare or the company of any breach of any term or condition of this Group Insurance Contract shall not prevent the subsequent enforcement of that term or condition and shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach.
- 15.6 Any person or entity who is not a party to this **Group Insurance Contract** shall have no rights under the Contracts (Rights of Third Parties) Ordinance (Cap 623 of the Laws of Hong Kong) to enforce any terms of this **Group Insurance Contract**.
- 15.7 If any provision of this Group Insurance Contract is declared by any judicial or other competent authority to be void voidable illegal or otherwise unenforceable (or indications to that effect are received by either party from any competent authority) the parties shall amend that provision in such reasonable manner as achieves the intention of the parties without illegality or at the discretion of the company it may be severed from this Group Insurance Contract and the remaining provisions of this Group Insurance Contract shall remain in full force and effect.
- 15.8 Each party acknowledges that this Group Insurance Contract and the membership handbook contains the whole agreement between the parties and that it has not relied upon any oral or written representation made to it by the other party or its employees or agents and has made its own independent investigations.
- 15.9 This **Group Insurance Contract** supersedes any prior agreement between the **parties** in respect of the subject matter of this **Group Insurance Contract** whether written or oral and any

such prior agreements are cancelled as at the **effective date** but without prejudice to any rights which have already accrued to any of the **parties**.

# 16 Governing Law

16.1 This **Group Insurance Contract** shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China.



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