

NORTH AMERICAN



New Agent Name: _____

States to be appointed in: _____
(Attach license copies)

Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Training Requirements:

AML training was completed through LIMRA on: ____/____/____

AML training was completed through an independent program on: ____/____/____ (Certificate Attached)

AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION

I hereby authorize Benchmark Insurance Group to obtain a consumer report or investigative consumer report about me. I further authorize any employer, insurance company, general or managing agent, school, financial institution, consumer reporting agency, criminal justice agency, regulatory authority or individual having information about myself- including without limitation information regarding my past and present employment, academic record, record of arrest, conviction and regulatory sanctions, credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, person characteristics and mode of living – to release such information to Benchmark Insurance Group or any consumer reporting agency that is preparing a consumer report of investigative consumer report about myself for Benchmark Insurance Group.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE REPORTING AND DISCLOSURE AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE.

I AUTHORIZE THE RELEASE OF INFORMATION ACCORDING TO THE TERMS OF THE AUTHORIZATION FOR RELEASE OF INFORMATION SET FORTH ABOVE.

Signature of Agent: _____ Date: _____

Appointment Requirements:

- _____ Complete and sign Appointment Application
- _____ Complete and sign Agency Agreement
- _____ **REQUIRED:** Complete EFT form and attached a voided check copy
- _____ **REQUIRED:** Attach current copy of Resident State Life License (non-resident fees apply)
- _____ **REQUIRED:** Attach current copy of E&O declaration page

Pre-Appointment States: GA

Please return to:

Benchmark Insurance Group

1515 Mockingbird Ln.

Suite 820

Charlotte, NC 28209

800-998-9997

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Agent Contract Guarantee Agreement Form

Benchmark Insurance Group has agreed to guarantee the obligation(s) of the undersigned to repay loans, advances of commissions and/ or overpayment of commissions made by various insurance companies to the undersigned. In the event at any time in the future Benchmark Insurance Group pays any of the aforesaid obligations, the undersigned agrees to reimburse Benchmark Insurance Group for the sums paid by Benchmark Insurance Group and further agrees that Benchmark Insurance Group shall have the right and is hereby authorized to identified below as a non-exclusive method of receiving payment for said sums. The undersigned acknowledges that said sums may be charged at any time after Benchmark Insurance Group pays the obligation and acknowledges that payment by Benchmark Insurance Group may not be made for several years after the obligation is incurred by the undersigned. The undersigned hereby waives any statute of limitations with regard to sums owed by the undersigned to Benchmark Insurance Group and agrees that, in the event of nonpayment by the undersigned, Benchmark Insurance Group may report said obligation as unpaid to any credit bureau or reporting agency.

The undersigned agrees to immediately notify Benchmark Insurance Group in the event that any of the credit cards listed below are revoked, surrendered, terminated or credit is no longer available under said card. The undersigned further agrees to provide all updated information, including any replacement or expiration of said card. In the event that the undersigned contests any charge and the charge is deemed valid, the undersigned shall reimburse Benchmark Insurance Group for all costs and fees, including attorneys' fees, associated with such contest.

Because this authorization relates to an on-going guarantee of commercial obligations, the undersigned agrees that this authorization shall be irrevocable.

Date

Signature

Printed Name



AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE SUMS TO CREDIT CARD Please initial one of the following:

I do not require commission loan advancement, and therefore am not providing credit card information below. I understand, however, that I am required to reimburse Benchmark Insurance Group for any sums paid as guarantee for obligations as detailed above.

I request commission loan advancement, and am providing two (2) credit card numbers below. I understand that the results of a Vector Check will directly impact the processing of my request of commission loan advancement.

Card One (Required)

VISA

Mastercard

Card number: _____ Security Code: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____

Card Two (Required)

VISA

Mastercard

Card number: _____ Security Code: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Name on Card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Cardholder Signature: _____



Contract Application For

Distributor Producer Licensed Only Producer

First Name*	MI	Last Name*	Date of Birth*	Sex*	Social Security Number*
Nickname			Name of Spouse	List Professional Designations:	
Contract: Individual DBA Partnership Corporation			Contract Name (If other than individual)		Tax ID Number
Residence Address – Street, City, County, State, Zip*				Residence Telephone	
Business Address – Street, City, County, State, Zip*				Business Telephone*	
Email Address*				Business Fax	
* Denotes Required Fields				Cell Phone (please list if we can contact)	

PLEASE RESPOND TO ALL QUESTIONS FOR YOU PERSONALLY AND ANY ORGANIZATION OVER WHICH YOU HAVE EXERCISED CONTROL. A "YES" REQUIRES A WRITTEN EXPLANATION ON A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.

- Yes No 1. Have you *ever* been convicted, pled guilty or nolo contendere, or do you have pending charges to a felony or misdemeanor? If yes, attach copy of court records.
- Yes No 2. Have you *ever* had any regulatory action taken against you, or had your insurance or securities license denied, suspended, terminated or revoked by an insurance department, FINRA or any other regulatory agency?
- Yes No 3. Have you *ever* had a complaint filed or do you anticipate a complaint being filed against you by a consumer, an insurance department, FINRA or any other regulatory agency?
- Yes No 4. Has your contract or appointment ever been terminated involuntarily by an insurer or FINRA member firm?
- Yes No 5. Has any claim ever been made against you, your surety company or errors and omissions insurer arising out of insurance and/or securities sales?
- Yes No 6. Are you currently involved or *ever* been involved in litigation?
- Yes No 7. Do you have past due financial obligations, unsatisfied judgments or liens, including any delinquent state or federal tax obligations?
- Yes No 8. Have you filed bankruptcy in the last 10 years?
- Yes No 9. Does any person or entity claim any indebtedness from you as a result of any insurance transaction or business?

I will conform to procedures outlined in the published Compliance Manual for North American and product reference guides.

Initial Here

Complete required Training:

- Online XL Certification Test for Life
- Certificate of completion for AML Training (list provider) _____

Attach or indicate the following Licensing Requirements:

- If registered with FINRA, name of current broker/dealer: _____
- Resident insurance license Number _____ National Producer Number _____
- Non-resident license(s)
- Direct Deposit form (Direct Deposit is required for all contracted producers.)
- Errors & Omission Insurance (required at least \$1,000,000 per claim/\$1,000,000 aggregate)

Additional Comments

CONDITIONS AND AGREEMENTS - By signing this application, I hereby acknowledge I have read a specimen copy of the proposed contract(s) or agreement(s) and all applicable supplements and addendums thereto to be entered into between North American and myself. I agree to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of such contract, supplements and addendums, a personalized copy to which will be subsequently forwarded to me by North American. I represent and warrant that all information and answers to questions are true and complete. Any marketing materials, which have not been provided by North American, must be approved by North American prior to their use. I understand that any specimen sales brochures and material I have received are provided only for my personal examination of product provisions and rates.

I agree not to solicit business until North American has notified me that I am authorized to do so. I understand I will be paid according to the contract that is approved and placed in effective. If this application is not approved by North American, any business solicited and submitted to North American will be not be accepted and returned to the recruiting producer.

I understand that the Fair Credit Reporting Act requires North American to notify me that, as a routine part of processing my contract application, a consumer report may be obtained which may include information bearing on my credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal characteristics or mode of living. I authorize North American or any of its affiliates¹ to obtain a consumer report and Vector One report in connection with this contract application. I further authorize North American, its affiliates, or their duly authorized representative to release information about any debit balance I may incur to Vector One, its successors, or any organization designated to replace Vector One.

I authorize North American, its affiliates, or their duly authorized representatives to contact any organization or individual who has knowledge of my employment history, credit history, financial status, or record of any illegal activity to (a) obtain a copy of such history, status or activities and (b) hereby authorize the organization or individual to release such history, status or record information as requested by North American, its affiliates or their duly authorized representative and (c) authorize North American, its affiliates, or their duly authorized representatives to release such history, status or record to the individuals and/or entity that recruited me to apply with North American. This authorization shall remain valid and in effect from the date hereof until all my contract(s) with North American and its affiliates are terminated.

AGENT AUTHORIZATION – Under penalties of perjury, I certify that: 1) The Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number shown on this form is my correct Taxpayer Identification Number (or I am waiting for a number to be issued to me), and 2) I am not subject to backup withholding because (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding.

¹ Affiliate means any entity that controls, is controlled by or is under common control with North American.

Applicant Signature	Date
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I have reviewed the above application and I hereby recommend this producer’s contract for North American.

Signature of recruiting producer	Producer Code	Contract Level
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NORTH AMERICAN COMPANY FOR LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE'S PRODUCER'S CONTRACT

1. RELATIONSHIPS

The ATTACHED CONTRACT is made by and between North American Company For Life and Health Insurance ("NACOLAH", "Company", "we", "us", or "its"), the undersigned Producer ("Producer", "you", "your"), and the undersigned Distributor. The Producer shall act in good faith when dealing with NACOLAH's policyholders and acknowledges that all policies and the information contained therein are the property of NACOLAH. The Producer is an independent contractor for NACOLAH and not an employee of NACOLAH. Nothing in this contract shall be construed to make you an employee of NACOLAH. You shall be free to exercise your own judgment as to the persons from whom you will solicit applications and as to the time and place of solicitation, subject to the Company's rules and regulations. You may represent other insurance companies while this Contract is in force, provided, however, that while doing so you may not hold yourself out in any manner as acting on behalf of the Company. You agree that your compensation is determined by the terms of this Contract or addendums to the contract. You are not eligible to participate in any employee benefit programs, including but not limited to, any employee welfare or pension benefit plan for employees of the Company.

2. AUTHORITY

a) The Producer agrees to:

- 1) procure applications for policies underwritten by NACOLAH and, if applicable, recommend qualified Producers for NACOLAH appointment in your hierarchy,
- 2) promptly forward all applications and initial premiums to NACOLAH,
- 3) take all reasonable steps to ensure that all policies issued by NACOLAH are delivered to the policyholder within 30 days in accordance with NACOLAH's underwriting guidelines and published rules and procedures; in the event policy delivery is not possible then you must return the policies immediately to NACOLAH's home office,
- 4) make reasonable efforts to maintain NACOLAH's policies and provide reasonable assistance to NACOLAH's policyholders,
- 5) operate in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations,
- 6) supervise and be responsible for keeping your producers of NACOLAH's published rules, guidelines, procedures, and practices provided by your Distributor or published by NACOLAH,
- 7) exercise reasonable due diligence for the faithful performance, fidelity and honesty of your employees and Producers and maintain responsibility for all funds collected and business done by or entrusted to you and your employees,
- 8) promptly report to NACOLAH, in writing, any known or alleged misappropriation of funds by any Producer or employee regardless of whether such known or alleged misappropriation is with respect to funds of NACOLAH or funds of any other person or company,
- 9) fully cooperate with NACOLAH in any investigation or proceeding of any federal, state or other regulatory or governmental body, or court, if it is determined by NACOLAH that the investigation or proceeding affects matters covered by or arising out of this Contract,
- 10) immediately notify NACOLAH if served with any legal document received by you through any medium or if you have knowledge of any legal or administrative action,
- 11) maintain any and all state insurance licenses and be in good standing with all applicable state and regulatory authorities.
- 12) keep full and accurate records of the business transacted by you under this Contract and forward records to the Company as we may prescribe,
- 13) notify the Company in writing of the Producer Commission Schedule that will govern the compensation to be received by them, and
- 14) have and maintain reasonable and effective policies and procedures for the detection and prevention of illegal activity, including anti-money laundering and anti-terrorism financing procedures and controls.

b) The Producer may:

1. solicit, personally and through other Producers, applications for NACOLAH insurance policies, and annuities as described in the Schedule of Commissions, and
2. collect the full initial premium for the NACOLAH policies, subject to the restrictions listed on the Company's Temporary Insurance Agreement or Conditional receipt. Checks, money orders, or other forms of payment from policy owners and applicants shall be made payable to the order of the Company and shall not be commingled with your funds. You are not authorized to collect other premiums.

3. LIMITATION OF AUTHORITY

The Producer may not:

- a) make, alter or discharge any NACOLAH policy, contract, Temporary Insurance Agreement or other NACOLAH agreement,
- b) pay any premium personally or rebate premium to any policyholder,
- c) waive or modify any terms of any NACOLAH policy or contract, including rates or conditions of limitation,
- d) execute any documents on behalf of a proposed NACOLAH insured or policyholder,



- e) approve evidence of insurability,
- f) bind or commit NACOLAH to any policy, contract, risk or otherwise, except to NACOLAH's Temporary Insurance Agreement,
- g) deliver to a NACOLAH applicant any policy where the health of the applicant at the time of the delivery is other than as stated in NACOLAH's application for insurance,
- h) receive any premiums after the initial premium,
- i) extend time for any premium payment or reinstate any lapsed policy,
- j) approve, imply approval, adjust or settle any claim,
- k) retain any issued NACOLAH policy beyond thirty (30) days of issue,
- l) enter into any legal proceedings pertaining to NACOLAH or obligate NACOLAH for any expenses with respect to such proceedings,
- m) use or cause to be used any letters, advertising of any character or medium, or promotion of any kind, descriptive of products, services, procedures, or other information about the Company unless first approved, in writing, by the Company. You shall not use the Company's name or logo without Company prior written approval. The Company shall provide you with printed materials that relate to the Company and its products on the Company website, illustration software, or material in any other medium and you may distribute such materials at your expense.
- n) exercise any authority on behalf of NACOLAH other than as authorized by Section 2 of this Contract,
- o) waive any outstanding debts of you or your Producers,
- p) incur any expenses not authorized by the Company, and
- q) act as Trustee or Fiduciary on behalf of an applicant, insured or policyowner of insurance with the Company.

4. NACOLAH'S RIGHTS

NACOLAH at any time may:

- a) discontinue any policy form in any state,
- b) change any policy form or premium rate,
- c) determine maximum or minimum policy limits,
- d) change the conditions under which any policy may be offered,
- e) change, delete or add any NACOLAH procedure, guideline or practices,
- f) cease doing business in any state,
- g) unilaterally amend the payment of commissions, bonuses, and benefits under this Contract as to amount, conditions, and vesting of payment that shall include all Supplements to this Contract and the Company's procedures, guidelines or practices. These amendments will be effective upon mailing of such notice addressed to you at Your last known address and will be prospective in effect.
- h) determine whether to accept any applications and determine underwriting standards,
- i) recapture from the producer vendor expenses for underwriting requirements when applications for life insurance are not received and when inappropriate underwriting requirements are ordered by the producer.
- j) terminate any producer for any reason with appropriate notice,
- k) choose not to contract or appoint any producer recommended by you for any reason,
- l) reject applications for insurance submitted by you or your Producers without specifying the cause,
- m) examine your records of the business transacted by you or your Producers under this Contract at any time prior to and/or after termination of this Contract and to make copies of such records as we may deem necessary, and
- n) appoint as Producers those persons recruited by you who are deemed acceptable by the Company.

5. COMPENSATION

The Producer agrees that:

- a) the compensation from NACOLAH as specified in this Contract, applicable supplements, Schedule of Commissions and Addendums is your sole compensation for all matters covered under this Contract,
- b) commissions will be paid at the commission rate in effect at the time a NACOLAH application is submitted to us according to the "Schedule of Commissions" and payment method as determined by the Company,
- c) the Company will pay your override commissions on first year and renewal premiums where applicable on policies written by your Producers and received by the Company while this Producer contract is in effect,
- d) the Company may adjust each of your Producer's commissions in accordance with the provisions of that Producer's contract. Your percentage of commissions may increase or decrease as a result of such adjustment,
- e) the Company may charge back commissions including overrides to you in the event of rescission or cancellation, if commissions were paid in error, or if there are unearned commissions, which include but are not limited to the following: if the policy was not taken for any reason, or when there is a change in billing mode, or the policy was surrendered or lapsed in the first year, for any reason, and



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- f) commissions and/or overrides are not earned on premiums being waived under any non-forfeiture or Waiver of Premium provision of any NACOLAH policy, including retroactively waived premium.

6. VESTING

The Producer agrees that:

- a) except as provided herein, all first year and renewal commissions will vest immediately, according to the contract held by your Distributor or your Producer,
- b) vesting, if any, applies only to business remaining in force after termination of this Contract,
- c) if you are terminated for cause, all commissions no longer vest,
- d) if, after termination other than by cause, commissions are less than \$600 in any calendar year, NACOLAH shall have the option of paying you the "present value" of those commissions and no further commissions shall be due to you under this Contract. "Present Value" as used here means the value of such commissions determined by NACOLAH on the basis of accepted actuarial practices,
- e) if you are appointed as a sole proprietorship and this Agreement is terminated by your death or physical disability at a time when commissions are payable to you,
 - i) the Company will continue to pay, for the vesting period specified in this section, such commissions to your legal surviving spouse during his or her life, and,
 - ii) thereafter to such persons as your spouse may appoint by will or, in default of appointment, to your spouse's legal representative, and
- f) if this Agreement is terminated by your mental disability or if you die leaving no legal surviving spouse, such commissions will be payable to your legal representative.

7. INDEBTEDNESS

- a) You shall repay the Company for any indebtedness arising from the marketing activities or transactions from you or your Producers or from the payment of any unearned commissions or bonuses if applicable to you. Any indebtedness owed by you or your Producers to the Company is a legal debt. The Company is hereby given a first lien upon any amounts due you, your estate, successors, or assignments under this or any other agreement with the Company or its affiliates as security for payment of any indebtedness owed to the Company by you. Your indebtedness may be offset by any sum due to you or thereafter becoming due from the Company for the satisfaction of the debt. The Company at any time may pursue additional means to satisfy your then outstanding indebtedness to the Company, and may assign its right to collect this debt to your Distributor or overriding Producer.
- b) To the extent you are liable for any Producer's or Distributor's indebtedness, the company is free to seek satisfaction and/or offset of the debt from you at any time and is not obligated first to seek satisfaction or offset from the Distributor or Producer involved.
- c) You shall be responsible for your and your employees' present and future indebtedness to NACOLAH. The Company may offset such indebtedness from compensation otherwise due to the Distributor from NACOLAH. Any unsatisfied indebtedness to NACOLAH shall accrue interest at a rate equal to NACOLAH's current practice rate and shall be payable upon demand together with all collection costs incurred by NACOLAH.
- d) Transactions that may result in your indebtedness to the Company include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - 1. The advance payment of commissions or payment of commissions to you that are not earned due to any of the following:
 - a) a policy cancellation under a "free look" provision,
 - b) a policy surrender, lapse, or a change in the frequency of premium payment,
 - c) a policy not being accepted by the applicant after commission is paid,
 - d) a refund of premium or rescission of the policy by the Company for any reason, or
 - e) change in billing mode.
 - 2. The payment of a death benefit, which would have been denied but for your prior knowledge a material misrepresentation had been made;
 - 3. Cancellation fees charged to you when a policy was delivered more than 30 days from the date of issue and the policy is subsequently canceled or refused;
 - 4. Causing the Company expense in defending against a charge that you, your employee, or your Producer violated an insurance law or regulation;
 - 5. Causing the Company expense in settling a consumer complaint arising out of alleged negligent, fraudulent, illegal, or unauthorized acts or transactions by you, your employee, or your agent, or
 - 6. Any other transactions or activity by you, your employee or your agent, which results in your indebtedness to the Company.

8. TERRITORY

The Producer has not been assigned an exclusive territory or market segment.

9. ASSIGNMENT

NACOLAH, by any of its officers or designated employees, must approve in writing any assignment of this Agreement or any current or future compensation assignment under this Agreement. NACOLAH does not assume any responsibility for the validity, sufficiency, or tax consequences of any assignment. No assignment shall be effective until any indebtedness to NACOLAH incurred prior to, or subsequent to, such assignment is satisfied.



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10. INDEMNITY AND ERRORS & OMISSIONS INSURANCE

- a) The Producer will indemnify and hold NACOLAH harmless from all expenses (including reasonable attorneys' fees incurred by the Company), loss or damages (including punitive and extra contractual damages) suffered by NACOLAH because of violation of, or refusal or failure to comply with the terms of this Contract or with any federal or state laws, rules or regulations, or resulting from unauthorized acts or transactions, errors or omissions by the Producer or the Producer's employees in the performance of its services under this Contract.
- b) NACOLAH will indemnify and hold the Producer harmless for all non-commission related expenses, loss or damage suffered by the Producer resulting from any intentional act or omission by the Company or any of its employees contrary to the terms and provisions of this Agreement. However, NACOLAH will not be liable to the Producer for any legal or other expense the Producer chooses to incur, solely on its own, in connection with any such error.
- c) The Producer shall maintain Errors & Omissions liability insurance coverage in such amount during the term of this Agreement and in such terms as NACOLAH may from time to time determine. The Producer shall provide evidence of such coverage with submission of contract and subsequent renewal of coverage each year.
- d) Additionally, the Producer will communicate that the Company requires all producers and brokers to have and maintain Errors and Omissions liability insurance covering themselves during the term of this Contract and also provide evidence of such coverage with submission of contract and subsequent renewal of coverage each year.

11. PRIVACY AND CONFIDENTIALITY

You shall follow the Company's published Privacy Policy. This includes, but is not limited to:

- a) We require you protect the confidentiality of the underwriting information received by an applicant for insurance.
- b) You will maintain and dispose of all personal information in a secured manner as required by federal and state law. You will disclose all underwriting information only to us.
- c) You will maintain physical, electronic, and procedural safeguards that comply with federal and state standards.
- d) You will allow only designated personnel or service providers to have access to such information for our underwriting purposes.

12. TERMINATION

Termination of this Contract will automatically include termination of all supplements, amendments, addendums, and guarantees. The Producer agrees that:

- a) this Contract may be terminated without cause at any time by mutual agreement, or by you or the Company by depositing written notice in regular U.S. mail addressed to the last known address of the other party at least 30 days prior to the date of such termination,
- b) if the Producer is a corporation, corporate dissolution or cessation of doing business will cause immediate termination of this Contract,
- c) if the Producer is a partnership, death of one of the partners will cause immediate termination of this Contract,
- d) if the Producer is an individual, his or her death will cause immediate termination of this Contract,
- e) if the Producer is an individual or corporation, bankruptcy or commission of any act of bankruptcy will cause immediate termination for cause of this Contract,
- f) NACOLAH at any time also may terminate this Contract immediately for cause. "For cause" includes, but is not limited to, any determination by NACOLAH that the Producer:
 - 1. has breached this Contract, Company rules, guidelines or procedures, or state or federal law or regulation,
 - 2. has become involved in any legal or regulatory proceeding which might impair its ability to perform its obligation,
 - 3. has committed, or attempted to commit, an illegal or fraudulent act,
 - 4. has encouraged, induced or attempted to induce the replacement, lapse, or other termination of NACOLAH policies,
 - 5. has acted detrimentally towards NACOLAH or its policyholders,
 - 6. has withheld funds or documents from NACOLAH or its policyholders,
 - 7. has misrepresented NACOLAH's products or services, or
 - 8. has misrepresented, falsified or omitted (or has encouraged or attempted to misrepresent, falsify, or omit) material information furnished to NACOLAH on any applicable license or bond or if the applicable license or bond is refused, canceled, or not renewed,
- g) upon termination, the Producer and/or their legal representatives will immediately cease acting on behalf of NACOLAH, will return all of NACOLAH's property, and will promptly account to NACOLAH for all funds held on behalf of NACOLAH, and
- h) commissions will continue to vest as provided in Section 6 of this Contract.

13. CONSTRUCTION AND EFFECT

The Producer and NACOLAH agree that:

- a) as used in the Contract, the term "Producer" includes the Producer and the Producer's employees,
- b) the term "contract" includes any NACOLAH policy, certificate, endorsement, rider, Temporary Insurance Agreement, addendum or agent Contract,
- c) all notices under this Contract must be delivered by regular mail, addressed to the last address furnished in writing by either party to this Contract to the other,
- d) Illinois law governs this Contract.



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14. **NON WAIVER** Failure of the Company to require strict compliance with any of the terms of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of such terms or conditions nor affect the right of the Company thereafter to require such compliance.
15. **SEPARABILITY** The provisions of this Contract will be considered to be separable and independent from each other, and in the event any provision of this Contract is found to be invalid, it will not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining provisions.
16. **SUPPLEMENTS, ADDENDUMS, AND AMENDMENTS** Supplements, Addendums and Amendments to this Contract shall run concurrently with it and are subject to the terms and conditions of the contract thereof, except as specifically modified by the Supplement, Addendum or Amendment.
17. **MEDIATION AND ARBITRATION OF DISPUTES** Any disputes or controversies between you and the Company arising out of or relating to your contract may, upon written demand of either party, be submitted to mediation and non-binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association or a similar arbitration organization agreed upon by you and the Company, under the organization's then-applicable mediation and arbitration rules. This clause in no way limits or restricts the rights of you or the Company to obtain relief in a court of competent jurisdiction.
18. **ENTIRETY OF CONTRACT** This Contract and any supplements, amendments, addendums, or guarantees plus the producer contract application and agreement form the complete contract between you and the Company. Any amendment, supplement, or addendum to this contract must be in writing. Your signed Contract on file with the Company will control as to form and content.



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NOTICE REGARDING CONSUMER REPORTS

In connection with your application for a Producers Contract with North American Company for Life and Health Insurance Company (North American), North American may obtain one or more reports regarding your credit worthiness, credit standing, credit capacity, character, general reputation, personal characteristics, and/or mode of living from a consumer reporting agency. If North American plans to use any information in a consumer report in a decision not to contract with you or to make any other adverse contracting decision regarding you, it will provide you with a copy of the credit report upon which its decision was based and a written summary of your rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act before it takes any adverse action. If any adverse action is taken against you based upon a consumer report, North American will notify you that the action has been taken and that the consumer report was the reason for the action.