

# Work + Life Empowered.

## Group Whole Life Insurance at a Glance

Our group whole life insurance provides smart, convenient protection that also helps you achieve your financial goals.

### CONSIDER THE ADVANTAGES:

MassMutual® Group Whole Life Insurance provides coverage at a set premium, builds cash value over time you can access<sup>1</sup> and pays a death benefit to your loved ones. Group Whole Life Insurance may be easier and more affordable than you think.

### GROUP WHOLE LIFE FEATURES



#### Provides guarantees:

- Guaranteed death benefit
- Guaranteed level premiums
- Guaranteed cash-value accumulation



#### Dividend eligible<sup>2</sup>

MassMutual whole life certificate owners are eligible to receive dividends. During enrollment, you'll have the opportunity to select the dividend option that fits you best. Options include:

- Cash
- Dividend accumulations
- Paid-up additional insurance

Read more about these dividend options when you enroll. While dividends are not guaranteed, MassMutual has paid them to eligible participating policy and certificate owners every year since 1869.

### LIVING BENEFITS



#### Portable, lifelong coverage

You own the certificate along with the accumulated cash values and you can take it with you even if you leave the company. Additionally, if you leave the company and take your certificate with you, you can change your dividend option and choose to have your dividend payments reduce your premiums.



#### Tax advantages

Whole life insurance policies offer a combination of valuable tax advantages, including:

- Generally income-tax-free death benefit
- Tax-deferred cash-value growth



#### Accelerated Provisions<sup>3</sup>

As the certificateowner, you can receive an advance, or acceleration, of a portion of the death benefit under your certificate, if the insured is diagnosed with a terminal illness or if the insured has a chronic illness that has been certified by a Qualified Medical Practitioner.

Please be sure to review all of the features of your coverage.

<sup>1</sup> Access to cash values through borrowing or partial surrenders will reduce the certificate's cash value and death benefit, increase the chance the certificate will lapse, and may result in a tax liability if the certificate terminates before the death of the insured.

<sup>2</sup> Dividends are not guaranteed. The certificate is eligible to receive dividends beginning on the second anniversary.

- **Chronic Illness:** The Accelerated Death Benefit for Chronic Illness is payable when the insured meets the definition of Chronic Illness, generally having a permanent loss of two activities of daily living (eating, toileting, transferring, bathing, dressing, or continence) due to loss of functional capacity, or requiring substantial supervision due to permanent severe cognitive impairment. In North Carolina and Washington, generally, Chronic Illness is any medical condition that requires continuous confinement in an Eligible Institution, where the Insured is expected to remain there for the rest of their life.
- **Terminal Illness:** In most states, the Accelerated Death Benefit for Terminal Illness is payable when the insured meets the definition of Terminally Ill,

generally diagnosed with an illness that will result in death within 12 months (24 months in some states).

**These benefits are not long term care insurance and may be used for any purpose.** In many cases, these benefits allow access to more funds than would be available through a certificate loan or certificate cash surrender value. There is a fee taken from the Chronic Care Benefit. Consult with your tax advisor regarding a request for accelerated benefits. Certificateowners who have exercised the Accelerated Death Benefit for Terminal Illness benefit cannot use the Chronic Care Benefit. However, the Terminal Illness Benefit will still be available on the remaining death benefit after a Chronic Care Benefit payment has been made.

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<sup>3</sup> Except in Washington and North Carolina, the acceleration of the death benefit is intended to receive favorable tax treatment under §101(g) of the Internal Revenue Code. Accessing other similar benefits may cause the per diem limit to be exceeded. The insured must be chronically ill or terminally ill, as defined in 26 USC 7702B. Certificate owners should seek advice from a tax advisor prior to requesting a benefit payment. Receipt of accelerated death benefits may be taxable. For group policies issued in Washington or North Carolina, the Chronic Care Benefit defines a chronic illness in accordance with state insurance requirements, and may be taxable, as the state prescribed definition differs from the federal tax law definition.

Accelerating the payment of your death benefit may affect your eligibility for public assistance programs, including MEDICAID and SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY INCOME (“SSI”). Contact the Medicaid Unit of the local Department of Public Welfare and the Social Security Administration Office for more information.

An acceleration of the death benefit will reduce the certificate’s death benefit, any cash value and any loan values. The certificate’s premium payments will be based on the reduced amount of insurance at the current rate. There is no premium required for either the chronic care or terminal illness benefits, however, there is a fee if the chronic care benefit provision is exercised. The fee for the Chronic Care Benefit is a present value adjustment shown as a percentage of the Eligible Amount for the Chronic Care Benefit. The percentage depends on the Insured’s age at the time the benefit is exercised: 18% for ages 45 and above; 27% for ages 44–35; 36% for under age 35. In the situs states of Kansas, Minnesota, North Carolina and Washington the term “fee” is replaced with “Actuarial Discount.” For Montana, “fee” is replaced with “Reduction.”

Please carefully read the accelerated death benefit disclosure provided at application. Restrictions and limitations will apply.

The product and/or certain features may not be available in all states. State variations will apply. **The Chronic Care Benefit is not available in MA. This material is not for use in CA or NY.**

Group Whole Life Insurance (GPWL), (policy/certificate forms MM-GPWL-2014 and MM-GCWL-2014, and MM-GPWL-2014 (NC) and MM-GCWL-2014 (NC) in North Carolina), is level-premium, participating permanent life insurance. The GPWL policy and GCWL certificates are issued by Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Springfield, MA 01111-0001.

