

Policy Document – Bharti AXA Life Saral Pension
A Single Premium Non-Linked Non-participating Individual Immediate Annuity Plan

Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited
Registration Number: 130

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PART B
Definitions

The definitions of terms/words used in the Policy Document are as under:

1. Age is the age last birthday of the Annuitant(s) on the date of commencement of the policy.
2. Annuitant(s) being person(s) on whose life this policy has been taken and who become entitled to receive the annuity benefits as stated in Policy Schedule.
3. Annuity means a specified amount payable under this policy at specified regular intervals as mentioned in the Schedule and payable as per the specification under the option chosen by the Annuitant as evidenced in the Schedule of the policy. Annuity option once chosen cannot be altered.
4. Appointee is the person to whom the proceeds/benefits secured under the Policy are payable on behalf of the nominee if the benefit becomes payable to the nominee and nominee is minor (as on the date of claim payment) / dependent person with disability (Divyangjan). Appointee is also the person to whom the proceeds/benefits secured under the Policy are payable on behalf of the dependent person with disability, if dependent person with disability is the Secondary Annuitant.
5. Assignee is the person to whom the rights and benefits are transferred by virtue of an Assignment.
6. Assignment is the process of transferring the rights and benefits to an "Assignee". Assignment should be in accordance with the provisions of Section 38 of Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.
7. Assignor means the person who transfers the rights of the life insurance policy to the Assignee.
8. Beneficiary/Claimant means the person(s)/ entity who is/are entitled to receive benefits under this Policy. The Beneficiary to whom Benefits shall be payable is the Annuitant/Primary Annuitant or surviving named Secondary Annuitant or his Assignee under Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time or Proved Executors or Administrators or other legal representatives of the Annuitant(s) who should take out representation to his / her estate or limited to the monies payable under this policy from any court of any State or territory of the Union of India, as applicable.
9. Company or Corporation means Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Limited.
10. Date of commencement of policy is the start date of this policy and is also the same as mentioned in the schedule of the policy.
11. Date of issuance of policy means the date as specified in the policy schedule.
12. Death benefit means the benefit, agreed at the commencement of the contract, and means the amount as specified in the policy bond and is payable on death of the annuitant as per the terms and conditions of the policy.
13. Discharge form is the form to be filled by Annuitant /Claimant to claim the Surrender/Death benefit under the policy.
14. Due Date means a fixed date on which the Annuity is due and payable.
15. Endorsement means conditions attached/ affixed to this Policy incorporating any amendments or modifications agreed to or issued by the Company.
16. Free Look Period is the period of 15 days (30 days if the Policy is an electronic policy or is purchased through Distance Marketing where distance marketing means through any means of communication other than in person) from the date of receipt of the Policy Document by the Policyholder to review the terms and conditions of this policy and where the policyholder disagrees to any of those terms and conditions, he/she has the option to return this policy as detailed in Condition – of Part D of this Policy Document.
17. IRDAI means Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India earlier called as Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA).
18. Joint Life annuity refers to an annuity policy taken jointly on the lives of Primary Annuitant and Secondary Annuitant, where spousal relationship exists.
19. Loan is the interest bearing repayable amount granted by the Company against the Surrender Value payable to the policyholder.
20. Minor is a person who has not completed 18 years of age.
21. Mode refers to the frequency of Annuity payment as chosen by the Annuitant from the available modes of annuity i.e. yearly, half-yearly, quarterly, and monthly. The Annuity shall be payable in arrears i.e. the annuity payment shall commence after 1 year, 6 months, 3 months and 1 month from the Date of Commencement of Policy depending on whether the mode of annuity payment is Yearly, Half yearly, Quarterly and Monthly respectively.
22. Nomination is the process of nominating a person (s) in accordance with provisions of Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.
23. Nominee (s) means the person (s) nominated by the Policyholder (who is also the Annuitant) under this Policy and who is/are authorised to receive the claim benefit payable under this Policy on the death of the annuitant/ primary annuitant/ secondary annuitant, wherever applicable as per the annuity option chosen.
24. National Pension Scheme (NPS) is defined contribution pension scheme administered and regulated by Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA).

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- 25.** Policy/ Policy Document means this document along with endorsements, if any, issued by the Company which evidences the contract of Insurance between the policyholder and the Company.
- 26.** Policyholder is the legal owner of this policy.
- 27.** Primary Annuitant (applicable under Joint Life Annuity Option) is the person on whose life this policy has been taken and who is entitled to receive the annuity benefits as stated in Policy Schedule. For joint life annuity option under this policy, the word, “annuitant” is used for “primary annuitant”.
- 28.** Purchase Price or Premium is the amount paid by the policyholder as mentioned in the schedule of this Policy Document to secure the benefits under the policy. The term Purchase Price and the Premium are used interchangeably in this Policy Document. Purchase Price / Premium does not include any taxes which are payable separately.
- 29.** Schedule is the part of policy document that gives the specific details of this policy.
- 30.** Secondary Annuitant (applicable under joint life Annuity Option) is the person entitled to receive the annuity payment, in the event of death of the Primary Annuitant.
- 31.** Surrender means complete withdrawal / termination of the entire Policy.
- 32.** Surrender Value means an amount, if any, that becomes payable in case of surrender in accordance with the terms and conditions of this policy.
- 33.** UIN means the Unique Identification Number allotted to this Plan by the IRDAI.

The terms defined above shall also act as a reference guide to the Policy Document in terms of IRDAI Circular No. IRDA/LIFE/CIR/GDL/034/01/2014 dated 14 January 2014'

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PART C
Benefits

The following are the benefits under the policy:

1. Benefits payable on Survival or on Death.

The benefits payable are as under:-

| Annuity Option | Single/ Joint Life | Benefit Payable on survival | Benefit payable on death |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|
| Life Annuity with Return of 100% of Purchase Price | Single life | Annuity Payments will be made in arrears for as long as Annuitant is alive, as per the chosen mode of annuity payment | On death of the Annuitant, the annuity payment shall cease immediately. The Purchase Price shall be payable to nominee(s) / legal heirs. |
| Joint Life Last Survivor Annuity with Return of 100% of Purchase Price (ROP) on death of the last survivor. | Joint Life | Annuity will be paid in arrears for as long as the Primary Annuitant and/or Secondary Annuitant is alive, as per the chosen mode of annuity payment. | <p>On first death (of either of the covered lives): 100% of the annuity amount shall continue to be paid as long as one of the Annuitants is alive.</p> <p>On death of the last survivor: The annuity payments will cease immediately. The Purchase Price shall be payable to the Nominee (s) / legal heirs.</p> |

In the event that the Secondary Annuitant/spouse is pre-deceased, then on the death of the Annuitant, the 100% of Purchase Price shall be payable to the Nominee / legal heirs.

2. Suicide claim provisions: There is no specific exclusion for Suicide.

Annuity Option 1:

On death of the Annuitant due to suicide at any time, the annuity payment shall cease immediately. The Purchase Price shall be payable to nominee(s) / legal heirs.

Annuity Option 2:

On first death due to suicide (of either of the covered lives) at any time: 100% of the annuity amount shall continue to be paid to the surviving annuitant as long as one of the Annuitants is alive.

On death of the last survivor due to suicide at any time: The annuity payments will cease immediately. The Purchase Price shall be payable to the Nominee(s) / legal heirs.

Under both the options, any outstanding loan and interest thereon shall be recovered from the claim proceeds under the policy.

3. Maturity Benefit: There is no maturity benefit under this policy.

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PART D
Conditions Related To Servicing Aspects

- 1) Proof of Age:

The purchase price having been calculated on the age of the Annuitant(s) as declared in the Proposal Form, in case the age is found different (lower/higher) than such age, without prejudice to the Corporation's other rights and remedies, including those under the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time the following action shall be taken:

 - a) If the Annuitant's correct age is found to be different from the age declared in the Proposal Form, the Annuity payments payable under the Policy shall be altered corresponding to the correct age of the Annuitant from the next Annuity due date and the total of the excess paid, if any, due to difference between the original Annuity amounts paid and the corrected Annuity, from the commencement of the Policy up to the date of such excess payment, shall be paid to the Corporation with interest at such rate as fixed by the Corporation from time to time. The difference arising out of incorrect annuities paid in the past along with interest shall be collected from the Annuitant or would be adjusted from the following Annuity payments.
 - b) If the correct age is such as would have made the Annuitant uninsurable under this Policy, then the policy shall be cancelled and the Purchase Price paid may be refunded after deducting the charges for stamp duty, taxes and Annuity paid (if any).
- 2) Forfeiture in certain events:

In case any condition herein contained or endorsed hereon shall be contravened, or in case it shall hereafter appear that any untrue or incorrect averment is contained in the proposal and declaration herein mentioned, or in the statements referred to therein, have not been truly and fairly stated or that any material information has been withheld, then and in every such case this policy shall be void and all claims to any benefit in virtue of this policy shall be subject to the provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.
- 3) Surrender:

The policy can be surrendered any time after six months from the date of commencement, if the annuitant / primary annuitant /secondary annuitant, or spouse or any of the children of the annuitant is diagnosed as suffering from any of the critical illnesses as defined Annexure 4 to the policy document, based on the documents produced to the satisfaction of the medical examiner of the Company. On approval of the surrender, 95% of the Purchase Price shall be paid to the annuitant, subject to deduction of any outstanding loan amount and loan interest, if any. The surrender benefit will be payable immediately on surrender and on payment of the surrender value, the policy stands terminated. For the purpose of surrender value calculation, the Purchase Price excludes taxes, if any. Any change in the surrender value calculation method shall be applicable only after prior approval of IRDAI.
- 4) Loan:

Loan can be availed any time after six months from the date of commencement of the policy. Maximum amount of loan that can be granted under the policy shall be such that the effective annual interest amount payable on loan does not exceed 50% of the annual annuity amount payable under the policy. Under joint life option, the loan can be availed only by the primary annuitant and on death of the primary annuitant, it can be availed by the secondary annuitant.

 - a) The interest on loan shall be at 10-year G-Sec rate as at 1st April of the relevant financial year, as published by M/s. FBIL, plus not more than 200 bps and shall be applicable for all loans granted during the period of twelve months, beginning 1st May of the relevant financial year. The current rate of interest for FY 21 - 22 chargeable on Policy loans is 8.22% p.a.
 - b) The loan interest will be recovered from the annuity amount payable under the policy. The loan interest will accrue as per the frequency of annuity payment under the policy and it will be due on the date of annuity. The loan outstanding shall be recovered from the claim proceeds under the policy. However, the annuitant has the flexibility to repay the loan principal at any time during the currency of the annuity payments.
 - c) In case the Policy results in a claim before the repayment of the loan in full with interest, the Company shall be entitled to recover the outstanding loan and interest thereon from claims payable under the Policy.
- 5) NPS:

This product can be offered to subscribers of National Pension Scheme (NPS). Any change in offering of any option in future related to NPS or other related regulations shall be after prior approval of the Authority.
- 6) Free Look Period:
 - a) This is an option to review the Policy following receipt of Policy Document. The Policyholder has a free look period of 15 days (30 days in case of electronic policies and policies obtained through distance mode) from the date of receipt of the policy document, to review the terms and conditions of the policy and where the policyholder disagrees to any of those terms and conditions, the policy holder has the option to return the policy to the Company for cancellation, stating the reasons for his objection. Then the policyholder shall be entitled to a refund of the premium subject only to a deduction of stamp duty charges and annuity paid, if any.
 - b) The treatment of the policy shall be as follows:
 - i) For standalone immediate annuity policies: the proceeds from cancellation shall be returned to the policyholder.
 - ii) If this policy is purchased out of proceeds of a deferred pension plan of any other insurance company: The proceeds from cancellation will be transferred back to that insurance company.

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PART E

Part E is not applicable to this Policy.

PART F

Other Terms And Conditions

1. Fraud And Misstatement

Fraud, Misstatement would be dealt with in accordance with provisions of Sec 45 of the Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time.

2. Claims

The Company would require the following primary documents in support of a claim at the stage of claim intimation under the Policy:

For Death Benefit (other than death due to Accident/natural death): The original Policy (entire booklet), Copy of Death Certificate of the Life Insured, Claimant's Statement, KYC Documents, personalized cancelled cheque of the Claimant or beneficiary and Copy of medical records pertaining to treatment taken by the insured such as admission notes, discharge / death summary, test report etc. in case of hospitalisation.

For Death Benefit (death due to Accident/Unnatural death): First Information Report (FIR) and Post Mortem report is required in addition to the documents required for Death Benefit (other than death due to Accident/ natural death) as mentioned above.

The Company is entitled to call for additional documents, if in the opinion of the Company such additional documents are warranted to process the claim.

Easy ways of claim intimation

- Walk in to your nearest Bharti-AXA Life Branch
- Call us Toll Free: 1800-102-4444*
- E-mail us: lifecclaims@bharti-axa.com
- Have us call you*
- Submit online claim through our website
www.bharti-axalife.com

*Claims intimated through these modes will be considered as verbal intimation. Claim will be formally registered only when written intimation (in form of physical claims form or through email or online through our website) is received at branch or directly to Claims team at Head Office.

3. Misstatement of Age and Gender:

- If the correct Age of the Life Insured is different from that mentioned in the proposal form, the Company will assess the eligibility of the Life Insured for the Policy in accordance with the correct Age of the Life Insured.
- If on the basis of correct Age, the Life Insured is not eligible for the Policy, the Policy shall be cancelled immediately by refunding the Premium received by the Company under the Policy as per the provisions of Section 45 of Insurance Act as amended from time to time.

- If the Life Insured is eligible for the Policy as per his / her correct Age, then the Company will calculate the applicable charges basis the correct Age of Life Insured and will accordingly adjust the Fund Value / Coverage Sum Assured.

4. Assignment

Assignment is allowed under this plan as per section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. The current provisions of Section 38 are contained in Annexure-1 of this Policy Document. The notice of assignment should be submitted for registration to the office of the Company, where the policy is serviced.

5. Nomination

Nomination is allowed as per Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time. The current provisions of Section 39 are contained in Annexure-2 of this Policy Document. The notice of nomination or change of nomination should be submitted for registration to the office of the Company, where the policy is serviced. In registering nomination the Company does not accept any responsibility or express any opinion as to its validity or legal effect.

6. Section 45

Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938: The provisions of Section 45 of the Insurance Act 1938, as amended from time to time, shall be applicable. The current provisions are contained in Annexure – 3 of this policy document.

7. Incorrect information and Non-Disclosure

The Policyholder and the Life Insured under the Policy have an obligation to disclose every fact material for assessment of the risk in connection with issuing the Policy. In case of fraud and misstatement of material facts the Policy contract shall be treated in accordance with the Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time.

8. Taxes

- a) Statutory Taxes, if any, imposed on such insurance plans by the Government of India or any other constitutional tax Authority of India shall be as per the Tax laws and the rate of tax as applicable from time to time.
- b) The amount of any applicable taxes payable as per the prevailing rates, shall be payable by the policyholder on the premium payable under the policy, which shall be collected separately in addition to the premium payable by the policyholder. The amount of tax paid shall not be considered for the calculation of benefits payable under the Policy.

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9. Normal requirements for benefit payable:

- a) For annuities in payment: The Existence Certificate in the format prescribed by the Company is to be submitted by the Annuitant / Primary Annuitant / Secondary Annuitant as and when required by the Company. In case of Joint Life Last Survivor Annuity with Return of 100% of Purchase Price on death of the last survivor, after the death of the Primary Annuitant, the Existence Certificate of the surviving Secondary Annuitant will be required. The Annuity payments shall be released only on receipt of the Existence Certificate.
- b) On death of the Annuitant(s): The normal documents which the claimants shall submit while lodging the claim in case of death of the Annuitant / Primary Annuitant / Secondary Annuitant shall be the claim form, as prescribed by the Company, accompanied with original policy document, NEFT mandate from the claimant for direct credit of the claim amount to the bank account, proof of title, proof of death, whichever is applicable, to the satisfaction of the Company. If the age is not admitted under the policy, the proof of age of the Annuitant shall also be submitted. Intimation of death along with death certificate must be notified within 90 days from the date of death, in writing to the office of the Company where the policy is serviced for any claim to be admissible. However, delay in intimation of the genuine claim by the claimant, may be condoned by the Company, on merit and where delay is proved to be for reasons beyond his/her control.
- c) On Surrender: In case of surrender of a policy, the Annuitant shall submit the discharge form along with the original policy document, evidence of critical illnesses as per Annexure 4 to the policy document, NEFT mandate from the claimant for direct credit of the claim amount to the bank account besides proof of age, if the age is not admitted earlier. In addition to above, any requirement mandated under any statutory provision or as may be required as per law shall also be required to be submitted.

10. Legislative Change:

The Terms and conditions under this policy are subject to variation in accordance with the relevant Legislation & Regulations.

11. Issuance of duplicate Policy:

The Policyholder can make an application for duplicate copy of the Policy at Bharti AXA Life offices. While making an application for duplicate Policy the Policyholder is required to submit a notarized original indemnity bond. No additional charges may be applicable for issuance of the duplicate Policy.

12. Notices

Any notice to be given to the Policyholder under the Policy will be issued by post or electronic mail or telephone facsimile transmission to the latest address/es/fax number/email of the Policyholder available in the records of the Company. Any change in the address of the Policyholder should be informed to the Company so as to ensure timely communication of notices and to the correct address. Kindly refer to Part G section 1 of the Bond for intimating about the change in existing details.

13. Currency and Place of Payment

All payments to or by the Company will be in Indian rupees and shall be in accordance with the prevailing Exchange Control regulations and other relevant laws in force in India.

14. Mode of communication

The Company and the Policyholder may exchange communications pertaining to the Policy either through normal correspondence or through electronic mail and the Company shall be within its right to seek clarifications / to carry out the mandates of the Policyholder on merits in accordance with such communications. While accepting requests / mandate from the Policyholder through electronic mail, the Company may stipulate such conditions as deemed fit to give effect to and comply with the provisions of Information Technology Act 2000 and/ or such other applicable laws in force from time to time.

15. Governing Laws & Jurisdiction:

The Policy shall be governed by the laws of India and the Indian Courts shall have jurisdiction to settle any disputes arising under the Policy.

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PART G

Grievance Redressal Mechanism

1. Customer Service

- a) You can seek clarification or assistance on the Policy from the following:
 - I. The nearest branch office
 - II. The Advisor through whom the Policy was bought
 - III. The Customer Service Representative of The Company at toll free no. 1800 102 4444
- IV. SMS "SERVICE" to 56677
- V. Email: service@bharti-axalife.com
- VI. Mail to: Customer Service
Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Ltd. Spectrum tower, 3rd Floor, Malad link road, Malad (west), Mumbai 400064. Maharashtra

2. Grievance Redressal Procedure

Step 1: Inform us about your grievance

In case you have any grievance, you may approach our Grievance Redressal Cell at any of the below-mentioned helplines:

- I. Lodge your complaint online at www.bharti-axalife.com
- II. Call us at our toll free no. 1800 102 4444
- III. Email us at complaints.unit@bharti-axa.com
- IV. Write to us at:
Registered Office:
Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Ltd., Unit No. 1904, 19th Floor, Parinee Crescenzo, 'G' Block, Bandra Kurla Complex, BKC Road, Behind MCA Ground, Bandra East, Mumbai -400051, Maharashtra'
Grievance Redressal Cell
Bharti AXA Life Insurance Company Ltd., Spectrum tower, 3rd Floor, Malad link road, Malad (west), Mumbai 400064. Maharashtra'
- V. Visit our nearest branch and meet our Grievance Officer who will assist you to redress your grievance/ lodge your complaint.

Step 2: Tell us if you are not satisfied

In case you are not satisfied with the decision provided or if you have not received any response post completion of 14 days, you may write to Head - Customer Service for resolution at the above mentioned address or email at: head.customerservice@bharti-axa.com:

You are requested to inform us about your concern (if any) within 8 weeks of receipt of resolution as stated above, failing which it will be construed that the complaint is satisfactorily resolved.

If you are not satisfied with the response or do not receive a response from us within 14 days, you may approach the Grievance Cell of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDA of India) on the following contact details:

IRDA of India Grievance Call Centre (IGCC) TOLL FREE NO: **1800 4254 732** or 155255
Email ID: complaints@irdai.gov.in

You can also register your complaint online at <http://www.igms.irda.gov.in/>
Address for communication for complaints by paper:
General Manager, Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)
Consumer Affairs Department – Grievance Redressal Cell.
Sy.No.115/1, Financial District, Nanakramguda, Gachibowli, Hyderabad – 500 032

Step 3: If you are not satisfied with the resolution provided by the Company

Where the redressal provided by the Company is not satisfactory despite the escalation above, the customer may represent the case to the Ombudsman for Redressal of the grievance, if it pertains to the following:

- Delay in settlement of claim
- Partial or total rejection of claim
- Dispute with regard to premium
- Misrepresentation of policy terms and conditions
- Legal construction of the policy in so far as dispute related to claim
- Grievance relating to policy servicing
- Issuance of policy which is not in conformity with proposal form
- Non- issuance of your insurance document and
- Any other matter resulting from the violation of provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938 or the regulations, circulars, guidelines or instructions issued by the IRDAI from time to time or the terms and conditions of the policy contract, in so far as they relate to issues mentioned hereinabove.

The complaint should be made in writing duly signed by the complainant or through his legal heirs, Nominee(s)/legal heirs in case of death Aof the Nominee(s)or assignee, and shall state clearly the name and address of the complainant, the name of the branch or office of the insurer against whom the complaint is made, the facts giving rise to the complaint, supported by documents, the nature and extent of the loss caused to the complainant and the relief sought from the Insurance Ombudsman. As per provision 14(3) of the Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017, the complaint to the Ombudsman can be made, within a period of one year provided it is not simultaneously under any litigation:

- Only if the grievance has been rejected by the Grievance Redressal Machinery of the Insurer; or
- The complainant hadnot received any reply within a period of one month after the Insurer received his representation; or
- The complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to him by the insurer.

Section 41 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time:

(1) "No person shall allow or offer to allow, either directly or indirectly, as an inducement to any person to take out or renew or continue an insurance in respect of any kind of risk relating to lives or property in India, any rebate of the whole or part of the commission payable or any rebate of the premium shown on the Policy, nor shall any person taking out or renewing or continuing a Policy accept any rebate, except such rebate as may be allowed in accordance with the published prospectus or tables of the insurer:

(2) Any person making default in complying with the provisions of this section shall be liable for a penalty which may extend to ten lakh rupees."

Section 45 of Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time:

Fraud and Misstatement would be dealt with in accordance with provisions of Sec 45 of the Insurance Act 1938 as amended from time to time. **[A Leaflet containing the simplified version of the provisions of Section 45 is enclosed in appendix – III for reference]**

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**Section 13 of the Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017:
Duties and Powers of Insurance Ombudsman**

- 1) The Ombudsman shall receive and consider complaints or disputes relating to—
 - i. Delay in settlement of claims, beyond the time specified in the regulations, framed under the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India Act, 1999;
 - ii. Any partial or total repudiation of claims by the Company;
 - iii. Disputes over premium paid or payable in terms of insurance policy;
 - iv. Misrepresentation of policy terms and conditions at any time in the policy document or policy contract;
 - v. Legal construction of insurance policies in so far as the dispute relates to claim;
 - vi. Policy servicing related grievances against insurers and their agents and intermediaries;
 - vii. Issuance of life insurance policy, general insurance policy including health insurance policy which is not in conformity with the proposal form submitted by the proposer;
 - viii. Non-issuance of insurance policy after receipt of premium in life insurance; and
 - ix. Any other matter resulting from the violation of provisions of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time, or the regulations, circulars, guidelines or instructions issued by the IRDAI from time to time or the terms and conditions of the policy contract, in so far as they relate to issues mentioned at clauses (a) to (f).
- 2) The Ombudsman shall act as counselor and mediator relating to matters specified in sub-rule (1) provided there is written consent of the parties to the dispute.
- 3) The Ombudsman shall be precluded from handling any matter if he is an interested party or having conflict of interest.
- 4) The Central Government or as the case may be, the IRDAI may, at any time refer any complaint or dispute relating to insurance matters specified in sub-rule (1), to the Insurance Ombudsman and such complaint or dispute shall be entertained by the Insurance Ombudsman and be dealt with as if it is a complaint made under Clause provided herein below.

**Section 14 of the Insurance Ombudsman Rules, 2017:
Manner in which complaint to be made**

- 1) Any person who has a grievance against the Company, may himself or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee, make a complaint in writing to the Insurance Ombudsman within whose territorial jurisdiction the branch or office of the Company complained against or the residential address or place of residence of the complainant is located.
- 2) The complaint shall be in writing, duly signed by the complainant or through his legal heirs, nominee or assignee and shall state clearly the name and address of the complainant, the name of the branch or office of the Company against whom the complaint is made, the facts giving rise to the complaint, supported by documents, the nature and extent of the loss caused to the complainant and the relief sought from the Insurance Ombudsman.
- 3) No complaint to the Insurance Ombudsman shall lie unless—
 - a. the complainant makes a written representation to the Company named in the complaint and—
 - i. either the Company had rejected the complaint; or
 - ii. the complainant had not received any reply within a period of one month after the Company received his representation; or
 - iii. the complainant is not satisfied with the reply given to him by the Company;
 - b. The complaint is made within one year—
 - i. after the order of the Company rejecting the representation is received; or
 - ii. after receipt of decision of the Company which is not to the satisfaction of the complainant;
 - iii. after expiry of a period of one month from the date of sending the written representation to the Company if the Company fails to furnish reply to the complainant.
- 4) The Ombudsman shall be empowered to condone the delay in such cases as he may consider necessary, after calling for objections of the Company against the proposed condonation and after recording reasons for condoning the delay and in case the delay is condoned, the date of condonation of delay shall be deemed to be the date of filing of the complaint, for further proceedings under these rules.
- 5) No complaint before the Insurance Ombudsman shall be maintainable on the same subject matter on which proceedings are pending before or disposed of by any court or consumer forum or arbitrator.

List of Ombudsman
(For the updated list you may refer to IRDA of India website)

Address & Contact Details of Ombudsmen Centers

Office of the Executive Counsel of Insurer (Monitoring Body for Offices of Insurance Ombudsman)
3rdFloor, Jeevan Seva Annexe, S.V. Road, Santacruz (West), Mumbai-400054 | Tel no: 022-26106671/6889/980
Email id: inscoun@ecoi.co.in | website: www.ecoi.co.in

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If you have a grievance, approach the grievance cell of Insurance Company first. If complaint is not resolved / not satisfied / not responded for 30 days then you can approach The Office of the Insurance Ombudsman (Bimalokpal). Please visit our website for details to lodge complaint with Ombudsman.

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| Office of the Ombudsman | Contact Details | Areas of Jurisdiction |
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Annexure I to Policy Bond:

Section 38 – Assignment and Transfer of Insurance Policies

Assignment or transfer of a policy should be in accordance with Section 38 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

1. This policy may be transferred/assigned, wholly or in part, with or without consideration.
2. An Assignment may be effected in a policy by an endorsement upon the policy itself or by a separate instrument under notice to the Insurer.
3. The instrument of assignment should indicate the fact of transfer or assignment and the reasons for the assignment or transfer, antecedents of the assignee and terms on which assignment is made.
4. The assignment must be signed by the transferor or assignor or duly authorized agent and attested by at least one witness.
5. The transfer of assignment shall not be operative as against an insurer until a notice in writing of the transfer or assignment and either the said endorsement or instrument itself or copy thereof certified to be correct by both transferor and transferee or their duly authorised agents have been delivered to the insurer.
6. Fee to be paid for assignment or transfer can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
7. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should Grant a written acknowledgement of receipt of notice. Such notice shall be conclusive evidence against the insurer of duly receiving the notice.
8. If the insurer maintains one or more places of business, such notices shall be delivered only at the place where the policy is being serviced.
9. The insurer may accept or decline to act upon any transfer or assignment or endorsement, if it has sufficient reasons to believe that it is
 - a. Not bonafide or
 - b. Not in the interest of the policyholder or
 - c. Not in public interest or
 - d. Is for the purpose of trading of the insurance policy.
10. Before refusing to act upon endorsement, the Insurer should record the reasons in writing and communicate the same in writing to Policyholder within 30 days from the date of policyholder giving a notice of transfer or assignment.
11. In case of refusal to act upon the endorsement by the Insurer, any person aggrieved by the refusal may prefer a claim to IRDAI within 30 days of receipt of the refusal letter from the Insurer.
12. The priority of claims of persons interested in an insurance policy would depend on the date on which the notices of assignment or transfer is delivered to the insurer; where there are more than one instruments of transfer or assignment, the priority will depend on dates of delivery of such notices. Any dispute in this regard as to priority should be referred to Authority.
13. Every assignment or transfer shall be deemed to be absolute assignment or transfer and the assignee or transferee shall be deemed to be absolute assignee or transferee, except
 - a. Where assignment or transfer is subject to terms and conditions of transfer or assignment OR
 - b. Where the transfer or assignment is made upon condition that
 - i. The proceeds under the policy shall become payable to policyholder or nominee(s) in the event of assignee or transferee dying before the insured OR
 - ii. the insured surviving the term of the policySuch conditional assignee will not be entitled to obtain a loan on policy or surrender the policy. This provision will prevail notwithstanding any law or custom having force of law which is contrary to the above position. In other cases, the insurer shall, subject to terms and conditions of assignment, recognize the transferee or assignee named in the notice as the absolute transferee or assignee and such person
 - a. Shall be subject to all liabilities and equities to which the transferor or assignor was subject to at the date of transfer or assignment and
 - b. May institute any proceedings in relation to the policy
 - c. Obtain loan under the policy or surrender the policy without obtaining the consent of the transferor or assignor or making him a party to the proceedings
15. Any rights and remedies of an assignee or transferee of a life insurance policy under an assignment or transfer effected before commencement of the Insurance Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 shall not be affected by this section.

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Annexure II to the Policy Bond:

Section 39 - Nomination by policyholder

Nomination of a life insurance Policy is as below in accordance with Section 39 of the Insurance Act, 1938 as amended from time to time. The extant provisions in this regard are as follows:

1. The policyholder of a life insurance on his own life may nominate a person or persons to whom money secured by the policy shall be paid in the event of his death.
2. Where the nominee is a minor, the policyholder may appoint any person to receive the money secured by the policy in the event of policyholder's death during the minority of the nominee. The manner of appointment to be laid down by the insurer.
3. Nomination can be made at any time before the maturity of the policy.
4. Nomination may be incorporated in the text of the policy itself or may be endorsed on the policy communicated to the insurer and can be registered by the insurer in the records relating to the policy.
5. Nomination can be cancelled or changed at any time before policy matures, by an endorsement or a further endorsement or a will as the case may be.
6. A notice in writing of Change or Cancellation of nomination must be delivered to the insurer for the insurer to be liable to such nominee. Otherwise, insurer will not be liable if a bonafide payment is made to the person named in the text of the policy or in the registered records of the insurer.
7. Fee to be paid to the insurer for registering change or cancellation of a nomination can be specified by the Authority through Regulations.
8. On receipt of notice with fee, the insurer should grant a written acknowledgement to the policyholder of having registered a nomination or cancellation or change thereof.
9. A transfer or assignment made in accordance with Section 38 shall automatically cancel the nomination except in case of assignment to the insurer or other transferee or assignee for purpose of loan or against security or its reassignment after repayment. In such case, the nomination will not get cancelled to the extent of insurer's or transferee's or assignee's interest in the policy. The nomination will get revived on repayment of the loan.
10. The right of any creditor to be paid out of the proceeds of any policy of life insurance shall not be affected by the nomination.
11. In case of nomination by policyholder whose life is insured, if the nominees die before the policyholder, the proceeds are payable to policyholder or his heirs or legal representatives or holder of succession certificate.
12. In case nominee(s) survive the person whose life is insured, the amount secured by the policy shall be paid to such survivor(s).
13. Where the policyholder whose life is insured nominates his
 - a. Parents
 - b. Spouse
 - c. children
 - d. Spouse and children
 - e. Any of themthe nominees are beneficially entitled to the amount payable by the insurer to the policyholder unless it is proved that policyholder could not have conferred such beneficial title on the nominee having regard to the nature of his title.
14. If nominee(s) die after the policyholder but before his share of the amount secured under the policy is paid, the share of the expired nominee(s) shall be payable to the heirs or legal representative of the nominee or holder of succession certificate of such nominee(s).
15. The provisions of sub-section 7 and 8 (13 and 14 above) shall apply to all life insurance policies maturing for payment after the commencement of Insurance Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2014 (i.e. 26.12.2014).
16. If policyholder dies after maturity but the proceeds and benefit of the policy has not been paid to him because of his death, his nominee(s) shall be entitled to the proceeds and benefit of the policy.
17. The provisions of Section 39 are not applicable to any life insurance policy to which Section 6 of Married Women's Property Act, 1874 applies or has at any time applied except where before or after Insurance Laws (Ordinance) 2014, a nomination is made in favour of spouse or children or spouse and children whether or not on the face of the policy it is mentioned that it is made under Section 39. Where nomination is intended to be made to spouse or children or spouse and children under Section 6 of MWP Act, it should be specifically mentioned on the policy. In such a case only, the provisions of Section 39 will not apply.

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Annexure III to the Policy Bond:

Section 45 – Policy shall not be called in question on the ground of mis-statement after three years

Provisions regarding policy not being called into question in terms of Section 45 of the Insurance Act, 1938, as amended from time to time are as follows:

1. No Policy of Life Insurance shall be called in question **on any ground whatsoever** after expiry of 3 years from
 - a. The date of issuance of policy or
 - b. The date of commencement of risk or
 - c. The date of revival of policy or
 - d. The date of rider to the policywhichever is later.
2. On the ground of fraud, a policy of Life Insurance may be called in question within 3 years from
 - a. The date of issuance of policy or
 - b. The date of commencement of risk or
 - c. The date of revival of policy or
 - d. The date of rider to the policywhichever is later.

For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which such decision is based.
3. Fraud means any of the following acts committed by insured or by his agent, with the intent to deceive the insurer or to induce the insurer to issue a life insurance policy:
 - a. The suggestion, as a fact of that which is not true and which the insured does not believe to be true;
 - b. The active concealment of a fact by the insured having knowledge or belief of the fact;
 - c. Any other act fitted to deceive; and
 - d. Any such act or omission as the law specifically declares to be fraudulent.
4. Mere silence is not fraud unless, depending on circumstances of the case, it is the duty of the insured or his agent keeping silence to speak or silence is in itself equivalent to speak.

5. No Insurer shall repudiate a life insurance Policy on the ground of Fraud, if the Insured / beneficiary can prove that the misstatement was true to the best of his knowledge and there was no deliberate intention to suppress the fact or that such mis-statement of or suppression of material fact are within the knowledge of the insurer. Onus of disproving is upon the policyholder, if alive, or beneficiaries.
6. Life insurance Policy can be called in question within 3 years on the ground that any statement of or suppression of a fact material to expectancy of life of the insured was incorrectly made in the proposal or other document basis which policy was issued or revived or rider issued. For this, the insurer should communicate in writing to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, as applicable, mentioning the ground and materials on which decision to repudiate the policy of life insurance is based.
7. In case repudiation is on ground of mis-statement and not on fraud, the premium collected on policy till the date of repudiation shall be paid to the insured or legal representative or nominee or assignees of insured, within a period of 90 days from the date of repudiation.
8. Fact shall not be considered material unless it has a direct bearing on the risk undertaken by the insurer. The onus is on insurer to show that if the insurer had been aware of the said fact, no life insurance policy would have been issued to the insured.
9. The insurer can call for proof of age at any time if he is entitled to do so and no policy shall be deemed to be called in question merely because the terms of the policy are adjusted on subsequent proof of age of life insured. So, this Section will not be applicable for questioning age or adjustment based on proof of age submitted subsequently.

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Annexure IV to the Policy Bond:
List of Critical Illnesses

1. CANCER OF SPECIFIED SEVERITY

- I. A malignant tumor characterized by the uncontrolled growth and spread of malignant cells with invasion and destruction of normal tissues. This diagnosis must be supported by histological evidence of malignancy. The term cancer includes leukemia, lymphoma and sarcoma.
- II. The following are excluded –
 - i. All tumors which are histologically described as carcinoma in situ, benign, pre-malignant, borderline malignant, low malignant potential, neoplasm of unknown behaviour, or non-invasive, including but not limited to: Carcinoma in situ of breasts, Cervical dysplasia CIN-1, CIN-2 and CIN-3.
 - ii. Any non-melanoma skin carcinoma unless there is evidence of metastases to lymph nodes or beyond;
 - iii. Malignant melanoma that has not caused invasion beyond the epidermis;
 - iv. All tumors of the prostate unless histologically classified as having a Gleason score greater than 6 or having progressed to at least clinical TNM classification T2N0M0
 - v. All Thyroid cancers histologically classified as T1N0M0 (TNM Classification) or below;
 - vi. Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia less than RAI stage 3
 - vii. Non-invasive papillary cancer of the bladder histologically described as TaN0M0 or of a lesser classification.
 - viii. All Gastro-Intestinal Stromal Tumors histologically classified as T1N0M0 (TNM Classification) or below and with mitotic count of less than or equal to 5/50 HPFs;
 - ix. All tumors in the presence of HIV infection.

2. MYOCARDIAL INFARCTION

(First Heart Attack of specific severity)

- I. The first occurrence of heart attack or myocardial infarction, which means the death of a portion of the heart muscle as a result of inadequate blood supply to the relevant area. The diagnosis for Myocardial Infarction should be evidenced by all of the following criteria:
 - i. A history of typical clinical symptoms consistent with the diagnosis of acute myocardial infarction (For e.g. typical chest pain)
 - ii. New characteristic electrocardiogram changes
 - iii. Elevation of infarction specific enzymes, Troponins or other specific biochemical markers.
- II. The following are excluded:
 - i. Other acute Coronary Syndromes
 - ii. Any type of angina pectoris
 - iii. A rise in cardiac biomarkers or Troponin T or I in absence of overt ischemic heart disease OR following an intra-arterial cardiac procedure.

3. OPEN CHEST CABG

- I. The actual undergoing of heart surgery to correct blockage or narrowing in one or more coronary artery(s), by coronary artery bypass grafting done via a sternotomy (cutting through the breast bone) or minimally invasive keyhole coronary artery bypass procedures. The diagnosis must be supported by a coronary angiography and the realization of surgery has to be confirmed by a cardiologist.
- II. The following are excluded:
 - i. Angioplasty and/or any other intra-arterial procedures

4. OPEN HEART REPLACEMENT OR REPAIR OF HEART VALVES

- I. The actual undergoing of open-heart valve surgery is to replace or repair one or more heart valves, as a consequence of defects in, abnormalities of, or disease-affected cardiac valve(s). The diagnosis of the valve abnormality must be supported by an echocardiography and the realization of surgery has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner. Catheter based techniques including but not limited to, balloon valvotomy/valvuloplasty are excluded.

5. COMA OF SPECIFIED SEVERITY

- I. A state of unconsciousness with no reaction or response to external stimuli or internal needs. This diagnosis must be supported by evidence of all of the following:
 - i. no response to external stimuli continuously for at least 96 hours;
 - ii. life support measures are necessary to sustain life; and
 - iii. permanent neurological deficit which must be assessed at least 30 days after the onset of the coma.
- II. The condition has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner. Coma resulting directly from alcohol or drug abuse is excluded.

6. KIDNEY FAILURE REQUIRING REGULAR DIALYSIS

- I. End stage renal disease presenting as chronic irreversible failure of both kidneys to function, as a result of which either regular renal dialysis (haemodialysis or peritoneal dialysis) is instituted or renal transplantation is carried out. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner.

7. STROKE RESULTING IN PERMANENT SYMPTOMS

- I. Any cerebrovascular incident producing permanent neurological sequelae. This includes infarction of brain tissue, thrombosis in an intracranial vessel, haemorrhage and embolisation from an extracranial source. Diagnosis has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner and evidenced by typical clinical symptoms as well as typical findings in CT Scan or MRI of the brain. Evidence of permanent neurological deficit lasting for at least 3 months has to be produced.

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- I. The following are excluded:
- i. Transient ischemic attacks (TIA)
 - ii. Traumatic injury of the brain
 - iii. Vascular disease affecting only the eye or optic nerve or vestibular functions.

8. MAJOR ORGAN/BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT

- I. The actual undergoing of a transplant of:
- i. One of the following human organs: heart, lung, liver, kidney, pancreas, that resulted from irreversible end-stage failure of the relevant organ, or
 - ii. Human bone marrow using haematopoietic stem cells. The undergoing of a transplant has to be confirmed by a specialist medical practitioner.
- II. The following are excluded:
- i. Other stem-cell transplants
 - ii. Where only islets of langerhans are transplanted

9. PERMANENT PARALYSIS OF LIMBS

- I. Total and irreversible loss of use of two or more limbs as a result of injury or disease of the brain or spinal cord. A specialist medical practitioner must be of the opinion that the paralysis will be permanent with no hope of recovery and must be present for more than 3 months.

10. MOTOR NEURON DISEASE WITH PERMANENT SYMPTOMS

- I. Motor neuron disease diagnosed by a specialist medical practitioner as spinal muscular atrophy, progressive bulbar palsy, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or primary lateral sclerosis. There must be progressive degeneration of corticospinal tracts and anterior horn cells or bulbar efferent neurons. There must be current significant and permanent functional neurological impairment with objective evidence of motor dysfunction that has persisted for a continuous period of at least 3 months.

11. MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS WITH PERSISTING SYMPTOMS

- I. The unequivocal diagnosis of Definite Multiple Sclerosis confirmed and evidenced by all of the following:
- i. investigations including typical MRI findings which unequivocally confirm the diagnosis to be multiple sclerosis and
 - ii. there must be current clinical impairment of motor or sensory function, which must have persisted for a continuous period of at least 6 months.
- II. Other causes of neurological damage such as SLE and HIV are excluded.

12. BENIGN BRAIN TUMOR

- I. Benign brain tumor is defined as a life threatening, non-cancerous tumor in the brain, cranial nerves or meninges within the skull. The presence of the underlying tumor must be confirmed by imaging studies such as CT scan or MRI.
- II. This brain tumor must result in at least one of the following and must be confirmed by the relevant medical specialist.
- i. Permanent Neurological deficit with persisting clinical symptoms for a continuous period of at least 90 consecutive days or
 - ii. Undergone surgical resection or radiation therapy to treat the brain tumor.
- III. The following conditions are excluded:
- Cysts, Granulomas, malformations in the arteries or veins of the brain, hematomas, abscesses, pituitary tumors, tumors of skull bones and tumors of the spinal cord.

13. BLINDNESS

- I. Total, permanent and irreversible loss of all vision in both eyes as a result of illness or accident.
- II. The Blindness is evidenced by:
- i. corrected visual acuity being 3/60 or less in both eyes or;
 - ii. the field of vision being less than 10 degrees in both eyes.
- III. The diagnosis of blindness must be confirmed and must not be correctable by aids or surgical procedure.

14. END STAGE LUNG FAILURE

- I. End stage lung disease, causing chronic respiratory failure, as confirmed and evidenced by all of the following:
- i. FEV1 test results consistently less than 1 litre measured on 3 occasions 3 months apart; and
 - ii. Requiring continuous permanent supplementary oxygen therapy for hypoxemia; and
 - iii. Arterial blood gas analysis with partial oxygen pressure of 55mmHg or less (PaO₂ <55mmHg); and
 - iv. Dyspnea at rest.

15. END STAGE LIVER FAILURE

- I. Permanent and irreversible failure of live function that has resulted in all three of the following:
- Permanent jaundice; and
Ascites; and
Hepatic encephalopathy
- II. Liver failure secondary to drug or alcohol abuse is excluded.

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16. LOSS OF SPEECH

- I. Total and irrecoverable loss of the ability to speak as a result of injury or disease to the vocal cords. The inability to speak must be established for a continuous period of 12 months. This diagnosis must be supported by medical evidence furnished by an Ear, Nose, Throat (ENT) specialist.
- II. All psychiatric related causes are excluded.

17. LOSS OF LIMBS

- I. The physical separation of two or more limbs, at or above the wrist or ankle level limbs as a result of injury or disease. This will include medically necessary amputation necessitated by injury or disease. The separation has to be permanent without any chance of surgical correction. Loss of Limbs resulting directly or indirectly from self-inflicted injury, alcohol or drug abuse is excluded.

18. MAJOR HEAD TRAUMA

- I. Accidental head injury resulting in permanent Neurological deficit to be assessed no sooner than 3 months from the date of the accident. The diagnosis must be supported by unequivocal findings on Magnetic Resonance Imaging, Computerized Tomography, or other reliable imaging techniques. The accident must be caused solely and directly by accidental, violent, external and visible means and independently of all other causes.
- II. The Accidental Head Injury must result in an inability to perform at least three (3) of the following Activities of Daily Living either with or without the use of mechanical equipment, special devices or other aids and adaptations in use for disabled persons. For the purpose of this benefit, the word “permanent” shall mean beyond the scope of recovery with current medical knowledge and technology.
- III. The Activities of Daily Living are:
 - i. Washing: the ability to wash in the bath or shower (including getting into and out of the bath or shower) or wash satisfactorily by other means;
 - ii. Dressing: the ability to put on, take off, secure and unfasten all garments and, as appropriate, any braces, artificial limbs or other surgical appliances;
 - iii. Transferring: the ability to move from a bed to an upright chair or wheelchair and vice versa;
 - iv. Mobility: the ability to move indoors from room to room on level surfaces;
 - v. Toileting: the ability to use the lavatory or otherwise manage bowel and bladder functions so as to maintain a satisfactory level of personal hygiene;
 - vi. Feeding: the ability to feed oneself once food has been prepared and made available.

- IV. The following are excluded:

- i. Spinal cord injury;

19. PRIMARY (IDIOPATHIC) PULMONARY HYPERTENSION

- I. An unequivocal diagnosis of Primary (Idiopathic) Pulmonary Hypertension by a Cardiologist or specialist in respiratory medicine with evidence of right ventricular enlargement and the pulmonary artery pressure above 30 mm of Hg on Cardiac Cauterization. There must be permanent irreversible physical impairment to the degree of at least Class IV of the New York Heart Association Classification of cardiac impairment.
- II. The NYHA Classification of Cardiac Impairment are as follows:
 - i. Class III: Marked limitation of physical activity. Comfortable at rest, but less than ordinary activity causes symptoms.
 - ii. Class IV: Unable to engage in any physical activity without discomfort. Symptoms may be present even at rest.
- III. Pulmonary hypertension associated with lung disease, chronic hypoventilation, pulmonary thromboembolic disease, drugs and toxins, diseases of the left side of the heart, congenital heart disease and any secondary cause are specifically excluded.

20. THIRD DEGREE BURNS

- I. There must be third-degree burns with scarring that cover at least 20% of the body's surface area. The diagnosis must confirm the total area involved using standardized, clinically accepted, body surface area charts covering 20% of the body surface area.

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