# MASSACHUSETTS MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Springfield, Massachusetts

# **COST OF LIVING RIDER**

This Rider may increase the amount of Disability benefits payable to the Recipient of Benefits under the Policy and select Riders shown in the Policy Specifications. We discuss Disability benefits in the Disability Benefits section of Your Policy. All definitions in the Policy apply to this Rider, unless otherwise specified.

### General

This Rider is made part of Your Policy in consideration of the application and premium payments. A copy of the application is attached to and made part of Your Policy. If this Rider is issued after the Policy was issued, We will send new Policy Specifications.

#### **Premiums**

The premiums for this Rider are shown in the Policy Specifications. Premiums for this Rider must be paid along with the premiums for the Policy. If You keep Your Policy In Force after this Rider terminates, You will no longer pay premiums for this Rider.

#### Eligibility

To receive increases under this Rider, the Insured must be Disabled for 12 months or the full Waiting Period shown in the Policy Specifications, whichever is greater. Total Disability Benefits under the Policy and the Social Insurance Rider, if In Force, or Partial Disability Benefits, if the Extended Partial Disability Benefits Rider is In Force, up to the Monthly Benefit for this Rider will be eligible for increases. Monthly benefits from the Catastrophic Disability Benefit Rider, if In Force, up to the Monthly Benefit for this Rider will be eligible for increases.

### When We Will Pay Monthly Benefit Increases

If requirements for Eligibility have been met, the Monthly Benefit increase under this Rider will start to accrue after the Insured is Disabled for 12 months or the full Waiting Period, whichever is greater. We will make the first payment one month later. For each year of a period of Disability, thereafter, We will continue to increase the benefit payable, as specified in the Amount of Monthly Benefit Increases provision.

# How Long We Will Pay Benefit Increases

While the Insured is Disabled, We will make increases to the Monthly Benefit based on the Monthly

Benefit for this Rider shown in the Policy Specifications until the earliest of:

- the date the Disability ends;
- the date the Maximum Benefit Period under this Rider ends:
- the Policy Expiration Date.

### **Amount Of Monthly Benefit Increases**

The increases to the benefits will be computed once each 12 months of Disability. If requirements for eligibility have been met, the increases to the Monthly Benefit payments for the next 12 months will be computed by multiplying each Monthly Benefit payable by a percentage. The percentage used each year is shown in the Table below.

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Year of		Year of	
Disability	Percentage	Disability	Percentage
2	3.0%	25	103.3%
3	6.1	26	109.4
4	9.3	27	115.7
5	12.6	28	122.1
6	15.9	29	128.8
7	19.4	30	135.7
8	23.0	31	142.7
9	26.7	32	150.0
10	30.5	33	157.5
11	34.4	34	165.2
12	38.4	35	173.2
13	42.6	36	181.4
14	46.9	37	189.8
15	51.3	38	198.5
16	55.8	39	207.5
17	60.5	40	216.7
18	65.3	41	226.2
19	70.2	42	236.0
20	75.4	43	246.1
21	80.6	44	256.5
22	86.0	45	267.1
23	91.6	46	278.2
24	97.4	47	289.5

## Right To Apply For Additional Benefits

Following a period of Disability during which Monthly Benefit increases were paid, You will have the opportunity to purchase additional Monthly Benefits under the Policy, the Social Insurance Rider, the Extended Partial Disability Benefits Rider, and the Catastrophic Disability Benefit Rider, if those Riders are In Force. To be eligible to purchase additional Monthly Benefits, the Insured must return to work at an occupation consistent with his/her education, training, and experience, at least 30 hours per week.

The maximum additional Monthly Benefit available will be computed from the accrued percentage increase on which the last increase and Monthly Benefit payment was based. The percentage will be multiplied by the:

- Total Disability Monthly Benefit to which this Rider applies shown in the Policy Specifications:
- Social Insurance Rider Monthly Benefit to which this Rider applies shown in the Policy Specifications:
- Extended Partial Disability Monthly Benefit to which this Rider applies shown in the Policy Specifications;
- Catastrophic Disability Benefit Rider Monthly Benefit to which this Rider applies shown in the Policy Specifications.

The result will be the maximum additional Monthly Benefit available for purchase.

Additional benefits will be purchased at the Insured's Age and current occupational class based on the premium rates We are using for new insurance on the date the additional benefits are purchased. Additional benefits may be purchased if:

- the Insured has not reached his/her 60th birthday at the time of application for the additional benefits:
- the application for additional benefits is made within 90 days after the Insured's Disability ends.

Proof of Good Health will not be required, but proof of the Insured's employment must be furnished.

#### **Dividends**

Each year We determine how much We may pay as dividends. We specify how dividends are based in the Dividends provision of Your Policy. We use the same procedure to determine the dividends We may pay on this Rider.

### Time Limit On Certain Defenses

After two years from the date this Rider becomes Effective, only fraudulent misstatements in the application may be used to void this Rider or to deny a claim for a Disability that starts after the two year period.

After two years from the date any additional benefit or Rider change based on a subsequent application becomes Effective, only fraudulent misstatements in the subsequent application may be used to void or deny the additional benefit or Rider change.

No claim for Disability that starts two years after the date this Rider becomes effective will be denied because a disease or physical condition existed before coverage began: Unless We have specifically excluded the condition from coverage by name or specific description.

No claim for Disability caused by a disease or physical condition fully and accurately described in the application will be denied on the basis that the condition existed before coverage began: Unless We have specifically excluded the condition from coverage by name or specific description.

#### **Termination**

This Rider will end on the earliest of the following dates:

- 31 days after the due date of any unpaid premium:
- as of the next premium due date upon Your Written Request;
- the Policy Expiration Date;
- the death of the Insured.

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