# Tips for a successful group life enrollment event.

A checklist for employers and administrators.



### □ Review your policy terms

While your medical plan may routinely have annual enrollment events, group life insurance usually does not. Review your policy to determine if a group enrollment event is available. Typically, one initial enrollment event is common. Any subsequent special one-time enrollment group events must be specifically described in the policy, if there are any at all.

#### □ Promote your enrollment event

Use the prepackaged communications in our Enrollment Toolkit to educate employees about the need for life insurance and encourage them to enroll. Go to <u>nyl.com/group-life</u> to access the toolkit. See page two for instructions on *"How to Promote Your Life Enrollment Event to Employees."* 

#### □ Be clear on who is eligible

Check spousal enrollment eligibility separately. If your policy does not specifically provide opportunity for spouses to enroll in a group event, then they may not be enrolled in any group initial enrollment or subsequent group event. This includes any increase to existing coverage. Adjust your promotion and messaging accordingly.

# □ Collect proof of good health

Employees may only elect coverage (new or increase) up to the explicit guaranteed issue amount stated in your policy. If guaranteed issue is not specifically stated as being part of your enrollment event, then all employee coverage elections (new or increase) must be approved after we receive and approve a medical underwriting application.

## □ Enforce enrollment deadlines

It is important that employees be allowed to enroll only during the enrollment period which we agree upon. Permitting employees to enroll past the agreed upon enrollment deadline could negatively impact risk selection and continued viability of your voluntary employee benefits plan. Likewise, newly hired employees must also complete their enrollment within the agreed upon time frame.

#### □ Facilitate coverage

Employees with a life status change – such as newly married, birth of a child –must enroll spouse/dependents in a timely manner. Unless your contract states otherwise, employees can only adjust their coverage within a specified window – within 31 days of the life status change.



# Promote your life insurance enrollment event to employees.

# How to use our prepackaged communications:

Use the material listed below to educate employees about the role life insurance can play in helping to protect the well-being of their loved ones.



# We offer a variety of topics

#### For general use:

- When's the last time you thought about life insurance?
- Protect the people who rely on you every day.
- Think you can't afford life insurance?
- Why buying life insurance at work makes sense.
- Are you due for a life insurance check-up?

#### Only use if you're offering these options:

- Does my spouse/partner need life insurance too?
- Term vs. universal: Which life insurance is right for me?

#### For use with enrollees after enrollment has closed:

You're enrolled. What now?



#### Materials are available in three formats

- TXT file for use on your company intranet site.
- MSG file for use in emails.
- PDF file for use when you want to distribute via interoffice mail or post in common areas.

To optimize enrollment, we **highly recommend** you add your company's life insurance enrollment event information into the communications prior to distribution. That field is editable in each of the files.

- Download the file.
- Type in your company information in the editable field.
- Resave the file.
- Distribute.

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