

# **Professional Liability Insurance for Insurance Agents and Brokers Policy**

Aspen American Insurance Company Newport Office Center III 499 Washington Boulevard, 8th Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310 (A stock insurance company)

THIS IS A "CLAIMS MADE" POLICY OF INSURANCE. PLEASE READ THE ENTIRE POLICY CAREFULLY TO DETERMINE WHAT IS AND WHAT IS NOT COVERED.

The words You, Your and Yours mean the **Insured** and the words We, Us, and Our refer to the Aspen American Insurance Company providing this insurance. All words that are in bold face type, other than the caption titles, have special meanings set forth in Section **III. DEFINITIONS** of the Policy.

In consideration of and subject to the payment of the premium, and in reliance upon the particulars, statements, representations, attachments and exhibits contained in and submitted with the Application which shall be the basis of this Policy and deemed to be incorporated herein, and subject to all the terms, conditions, limitations and any endorsements to this Policy, We and the **Named Insured** agree as follows:

#### I. INSURING AGREEMENTS

#### **Errors and Omissions**

### A. Professional Liability

We shall pay on Your behalf up to the applicable Limit of Liability set forth in **ITEM 3.A.** of the Declarations all sums in excess of the Deductible set forth in **ITEM 4.** of the Declarations which You shall become legally obligated to pay as **Damages** and **Defense Costs** resulting from any **Claim** first made against You during the **Policy Period** for any **Wrongful Act** by You or other person for whose actions You are legally responsible, but only if the **Wrongful Act** is first committed on or after the **Retroactive Date** stated in **ITEM 5.** of the Declarations and before the end of the **Policy Period.** 

#### **Cvber Coverage**

### A. First Party Breach Management Services

We shall pay on Your behalf up to the applicable Limit of Liability set forth in **ITEM 3.B.** of the Declarations all sums in excess of the Deductible set forth in **ITEM 4.** of the Declarations, costs and expenses incurred by You for **Breach Management Services** due to an actual or suspected **Breach** first occurring or first discovered during the **Policy Period** and first reported to Us during the **Policy Period**.

#### **B.** First Party Regulatory Proceedings

We shall pay on Your behalf up to the applicable Limit of Liability set forth in **ITEM 3.B.** of the Declarations all sums in excess of the Deductible set forth in **ITEM 4.** of the Declarations **Regulatory Expenses** incurred and **Regulatory Fines** imposed due to a **Regulatory Proceeding** first commenced against You during the **Policy Period** and first reported to Us during the **Policy Period**, as a direct result of an actual or suspected **Breach** or violation of a **Breach Notice Law** as a result of a **Breach** that is covered under **Section I. Cyber Coverage A.** above.

## II. ADDITIONAL COVERAGE EXTENSIONS

We will provide You with the following Coverage Extensions:

## A. Administrative Proceeding Coverage

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We shall pay up to \$50,000 in the aggregate for the **Policy Period** for reasonable and necessary legal fees and expenses You incur in the event that an **Administrative Proceeding** is first commenced against You during the **Policy Period** and reported to Us during the **Policy Period** or within sixty (60) days of the expiration of the **Policy Period**, or any **Extended Reporting Period**, if applicable, which arises from a **Wrongful Act**, provided that the **Wrongful Act** first takes place on or after the **Retroactive Date** specified in **ITEM 5.** of the Declarations and prior to the end of the **Policy Period** provided that You do not admit all or any part of the allegations. We shall only pay those reasonable legal fees and expenses incurred with Our prior written approval. We shall not pay any **Damages** pursuant to this Coverage Extension.

### B. Subpoena Inquiry Coverage

We shall pay up to \$10,000 per **Subpoena Inquiry** and \$30,000 in the aggregate for the **Policy Period** for all **Subpoena Inquiries** for reasonable and necessary legal fees and expenses incurred in the defense or response to a **Subpoena Inquiry** served upon You during the **Policy Period**. In order for this coverage benefit to apply, the **Subpoena Inquiry** must be served upon You during the **Policy Period** and reported to Us within sixty (60) days of Your receipt of service by an **Insured**. Any legal fees and expenses or other costs incurred prior to notice being received by Us or incurred without Our prior written approval will not be covered.

### C. Court Attendance Costs Coverage

If You are required to attend a trial, hearing or arbitration proceeding pursuant to a covered **Claim** against You then We will pay for Your reasonable expenses for each such day or part thereof that You are required to attend. However, the most We will pay under this subsection C. is up to a total of \$10,000 each **Claim** and \$30,000 in the aggregate for all **Claims** made during the **Policy Period** or **Extended Reporting Period**, if applicable.

### D. Deductible Reduction Coverage

- 1. If You and the Company agree to use **Mediation** and a **Claim** is fully and finally resolved by **Mediation** with Our consent and agreement, Your Deductible amount incurred for such **Claim** will be reduced by fifty percent (50%) subject to a maximum reduction of \$25,000.
- 2. If You become aware of a **Wrongful Act** or incident reasonably expected to give rise to a **Claim** and report it to Us pursuant to **Section VII. CONDITIONS 3. Reporting of Potential Claims**, Your Deductible obligation for any **Claim** which later arises therefrom will be reduced by fifty percent (50%) subject to a maximum reduction of \$10,000.
- **3.** In the event the **Named Insured** is eligible to receive a reduction in the Deductible pursuant to 1. and 2. herein, the total maximum reduction of the Deductible shall not exceed a total of 50% of the applicable Deductible, subject to a maximum reduction of \$25,000.

## E. Crisis Management Coverage

We will reimburse the **Named Insured** the reasonable costs incurred resulting from a **Crisis** first occurring during the **Policy Period** commencing ninety (90) days prior to, and in anticipation of the first publication, to ninety (90) days after the first publication, regardless of whether a **Claim** is ever made against You arising from such **Crisis**. Reimbursable costs under this Coverage Extension are those reasonable and necessary fees and expenses incurred by the **Named Insured**, with Our prior written consent, for a **Public Relations Firm** to provide **Public Relations Services** for the benefit of the **Named Insured** in connection with a **Crisis**. Such services include reasonable and necessary publishing, printing, advertising, mailing of materials, or travel by an **Insured** or the **Public Relations Firm** in connection with a **Crisis**. We shall pay up to \$25,000 in the aggregate under this Coverage Extension regardless of the number of publications, **Crises**, or **Insureds** subject to the unfavorable publication as stated above.

Any payments made pursuant to the foregoing subsections A., B., C., or E. will be made in addition to the Limits of Liability set forth in the Declarations. There shall be no Deductible with respect to any coverage benefit provided under subsections A., B., C., and E. above.

#### III. DEFINITIONS

Certain words, identified by bold text throughout this Policy, shall have the following meaning when used in this Policy:

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- **1.** "Administrative Proceeding" means any proceeding or investigation brought by any federal, state, or municipal agency, insurance department or quasi-governmental authority.
- 2. "Breach" means one or more of the following:
  - a. loss, theft or unlawful disclosure of **Third Party Data**;
  - **b.** failure to comply with any part of Your privacy policy;
  - c. unauthorized access to or unauthorized use of a **Computer System**;
  - **d.** failure to prevent the transmission of malicious code from the **Computer System** to a third party's computer or computer system; or
  - **e.** theft of passwords or access codes, by physical or electronic means, from Your premises or **Computer System**, which results in the unauthorized access to a third party's computer or computer system.
- **3.** "Breach Management Services" means one or more of the following services provided by authorized third party service providers chosen at the sole discretion of Us and with Our prior approval:
  - a. forensic investigation of a **Computer System** to determine the source, cause and/or extent of a **Breach**;
  - **b.** credit monitoring, identity theft monitoring and identity theft restoration services, for up to one year, to affected parties, including customers and clients of the **Insured**, and to any other person or party affected by a **Breach**;
  - c. notifications of affected individuals or affected parties as mandated by a **Breach Notice Law**, including printing and mailing of materials;
  - d. notification of local, state or federal regulatory bodies as required by a Breach Notice Law;
  - e. legal counsel to assist in determining the applicability of and actions necessary to comply with **Breach Notice** Laws;
  - **f.** hiring of a public relations firm, law firm or crises management firm to assist in mitigating any damage to the **Insured's** brand or reputation;
  - **g.** any other services approved by Us at Our sole discretion.
- **4.** "Breach Notice Law" means any statute or regulation requiring an entity storing Third Party Data on its computer or computer system to notify affected parties of any unauthorized access to such data.
- **5.** "Claim" means any civil action, suit, proceeding or written demand seeking to hold You responsible for monetary **Damages** resulting from any actual or alleged **Wrongful Act**.
- **6.** "Computer System" means any computer and any input, output, processing, storage or communications device, or any related network operating system or application software, that is connected to, or used in connection with such computer including laptops, tablets, smartphones and networking equipment, which is rented by, owned by, licensed to, or under the direct operational control of the **Insured.**
- 7. "Crisis" means the publication, in a daily newspaper of general circulation or a radio, internet or television news report, of unfavorable information regarding You that is reasonably likely to lessen public confidence in the competence, integrity or viability of You to conduct business. A Crisis will be deemed to occur on the first date of publication of such unfavorable information.
- 8. "Damages" means compensatory monetary amounts for which the Insured is legally liable, including judgments (inclusive of any pre- or post-judgment interest), awards, or settlements that are negotiated with Our consent, punitive or exemplary damages or the multiple portion of any multiplied damage award pursuant to applicable law which most favors coverage for such damages, unless such damages are uninsurable by law. Damages shall not include any of the following:
  - a. Regulatory Fines;
  - **b.** taxes, statutory penalties or sanctions whether imposed by law or otherwise;
  - c. the return of or restitution of fees, commissions or charges;
  - **d**. amounts for which You are not financially liable;
  - e. equitable relief, including any fees, costs or expenses incurred by You to comply with any such equitable relief; or
  - f. any items constituting **Damages** within the definition as set forth above which may be deemed uninsurable under applicable law;

g. Defense Costs.

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- 9. "Defense Costs" means reasonable and necessary expenses and legal fees incurred with Our consent, such consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, in the investigation, adjustment, defense or appeal of a Claim against You. Defense Costs shall not include salaries, overhead, wages or benefit expenses of Yours, or salaries, overhead, wages or benefit expenses of Our employees, officers or staff attorneys.
- 10. "Extended Reporting Period" means the applicable period of time after the end of the Policy Period for reporting Claims for any Wrongful Act committed or alleged to have been committed on or subsequent to the Retroactive Date, and prior to the end of the Policy Period.
- 11. "Insured" means the Named Insured, and shall include any past, present or future:
  - **a.** partner, principal, director, officer, managing member, trustee, shareholder, or employee of the **Named Insured** or any **Subsidiary**, solely while acting on behalf of the **Named Insured** or **Subsidiary** in the scope of his or her duties as such:
  - **b.** temporary or leased employee or intern hired as such by the **Named Insured** and/or any otherwise covered **Subsidiary**, working under the direct supervision of an **Insured** and on behalf of such **Insured**;
  - c. the lawful spouse or legally recognized domestic partner of any Insured; provided, however, coverage will apply only if the spouse or domestic partner is a party to any Claim solely in his or her capacity as a spouse or domestic partner of such Insured person; and such Claim seeks Damages recoverable from marital community property, property jointly held by such Insured and spouse or domestic partner, or property transferred from such Insured to the spouse or domestic partner. No coverage shall be provided for any actual or alleged Wrongful Act by such spouse or domestic partner;
  - **d.** the estate, heirs, executors and legal representatives of an **Insured** in the event of the **Insured's** death, disability incapacity, insolvency, or bankruptcy, but only to the extent such **Insured** would have otherwise been provided coverage under this Policy;
  - **e.** an independent contractor, but only with respect to **Professional Services** which were rendered or should have been rendered on behalf of the **Named Insured** and/or any otherwise covered **Subsidiary** and within the scope of his or her duties as such; and
  - f. any Subsidiary but only with respect to any Wrongful Act that occurs while such entity is a Subsidiary of the Named Insured.
- **12.** "Interrelated Wrongful Acts" means all Wrongful Acts based on, arising out of, directly or indirectly from, or in any way involving the same or related facts, circumstances, situations, transactions or events.
- **13**. "Mediation" means a non-binding process in which the parties to a Claim, with Our consent, use a mediator to assist the parties in reaching a mutual and binding settlement. Mediation does not include litigation, arbitration or any court mandated proceeding.
- **14.** "Named Insured" means the individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company or other entity named in ITEM 1. of the Declarations.
- **15.** "Personal Injury" means false arrest, detention, imprisonment, malicious prosecution, wrongful entry, eviction or other invasion of private occupancy, libel, slander or other defamatory or disparaging material, or publication or utterance in violation of an individual's right of privacy.
- **16.** "Policy Period" means the period from the inception date to the expiration date stated in ITEM 2. of the Declarations, or any earlier cancellation date of this Policy.
- 17. "Professional Services" means services performed by You for others for a fee, commission or pro-bono, as a property, casualty, surety, life, accident, health or other insurance agent; insurance broker; insurance consultant; educator; employee benefits consultant, expert witness concerning any insurance related subject; managing general agent; managing general underwriter; program administrator; general agent; surplus lines broker; wholesale broker; claims adjustor; third party administrator; cobra administrator; claims appraiser; notary; premium financing coordinator; or as part of any loss control or risk management service. **Professional Services** shall include such services as provided via electronic means or methods as well as electronic dissemination of insurance or risk related content or material.
- **18.** "Public Relations Firm" means a firm providing services directed at creating and maintaining a positive public image of their clients.

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- **19.** "**Public Relations Services**" means those services performed by a **Public Relations Firm** to minimize potential harm to public confidence in the competence, integrity or viability of You to conduct business arising from a **Crisis**, including maintaining and restoring public confidence in You and providing advice to You.
- **20.** "Regulatory Expenses" means reasonable and necessary fees, costs and expenses consented to by Us resulting solely from the investigation, defense and appeal of a Regulatory Proceeding against You.
- **21.** "Regulatory Fines" means any civil monetary fine or penalty imposed as a result of a Regulatory Proceeding or by the Payment Card Industry (PCI) Security Standards Council. Regulatory Fines shall not include any civil monetary fines or penalties that are not insurable by law, criminal fines, disgorgement of profits, or multiple damages.
- **22.** "Regulatory Proceeding means a civil, formal administrative or formal regulatory proceeding against You brought by or on behalf of any state's attorney general, the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, or any other federal, state, local or foreign governmental entity, resulting from an actual or suspected **Breach**, or a proceeding against You by the PCI Standards Council alleging a failure to comply with PCI Data Security Standards.
- **23**. "**Retroactive Date**" means the Date designated in **ITEM 5**. of the Declarations. This Policy shall not apply to any **Wrongful Acts** committed prior to this date.
- **24.** "Third Party Data" means the following when in the care, custody or control of You, including when held by an outside service provider on Your behalf:
  - **a.** non-public personal information of an individual including social security number, driver's license number, passport number, financial account information, email address, passwords, web browsing history, location data and biometric data;
  - **b.** protected health information as defined in the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, and any similar statute;
  - **c.** any third party's corporate information which is specifically identified as confidential and protected under a nondisclosure agreement or similar written contract.

**Third Party Data** includes data in electronic and hard copy format.

- **25.** "Subsidiary" means any entity in which the **Named Insured** directly or indirectly has an ownership interest of fifty percent (50%) or more. No coverage shall apply to any **Subsidiary** for any **Wrongful Act:** 
  - a. which takes place prior to its becoming a **Subsidiary** of the **Named Insured** unless specifically endorsed hereon, or
  - **b.** until the conditions set forth in Section **VII. CONDITIONS**, 4. Acquisitions/Creations and Sale of Subsidiaries are satisfied.
- **26.** "**Subpoena Inquiry**" means any subpoena to produce documents, to be deposed or to appear as a witness for litigation to which You are not a party.
- **27.** "Wrongful Act" means any actual or alleged act, error or omission including a **Personal Injury** committed solely in the performance of or failure to perform **Professional Services.**

#### IV. EXCLUSIONS

This Policy shall not apply to any **Claim, Administrative Proceeding, Regulatory Fine** or **Subpoena Inquiry** based on, directly or indirectly arising out of or resulting from any actual or alleged:

1. criminal, fraudulent, and/or dishonest acts or omissions by any Insured. We shall defend You until a judgment or other final non-appealable adjudication adverse to You establishes such conduct, but only if these allegations arise out of Professional Services which are otherwise covered under this Policy. You shall reimburse Us for all Defense Costs if such conduct is established as a matter of fact in a civil, arbitration or other proceeding, or is admitted to by any Insured. However, this exclusion shall not apply to an Insured who did not commit, or have knowledge of, or participate in such conduct and the conduct or knowledge of one Insured shall not automatically be imputed to another Insured.

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- **2.** act or omission committed with knowledge of its wrongful nature or with intent to cause damage. However, such conduct or knowledge of one **Insured** shall not automatically be imputed to another **Insured**.
- **3.** act, error, omission, fact or circumstance which is the subject of any notice or **Claim** under any prior Policy, or any other act, error, omission, fact or circumstance logically or causally connected to such notice or **Claim**.
- **4. Wrongful Act** first committed prior to the beginning of the **Policy Period** if, before the inception date of this Policy, any **Insured** knew or could have reasonably foreseen that such **Wrongful Act** did or could result in a **Claim**. However, if this Policy is a renewal of one or more policies previously issued to You, and the insurance provided to You was in effect without interruption for the entire time between the inception date of the first such other Policy and the inception date of this Policy, then the reference above to the inception date of this Policy will instead refer to the inception date of the first policy under which you were provided with continuous and uninterrupted insurance.
- **5.** bodily injury to or sickness, disease or death of any person, or damage to or destruction of any property, including the loss of use thereof. However, this exclusion shall not apply to a **Claim** alleging **Damages** that solely arise from **Professional Services.**
- **6.** unfair competition, or infringement of any patent, trademark, trade dress, service mark, trade secret, slogan or copyright. However, this exclusion shall not apply to any **Claim** of accidental or unintentional copyright infringement arising out of insurance or risk related content or material first electronically disseminated by the **Insured** on or after the **Retroactive Date**.
- 7. violation of the Telephone Consumer Protection Act, any federal and/or state anti-spam statutes, or any federal, state and/or local law similar to the foregoing.
- **8.** placement of or failure to place any reinsurance, or sale of or failure to sell any securities. However, for the purposes of this exclusion, mutual funds, annuities and life insurance shall not be considered securities.
- **9.** performance of or failure to perform any actuarial services or the commingling of or failure to collect or safeguard any money.
- **10.** guarantee of any future premium payment, of any investment result or return, of any interest rate or yield, or of any tax consequence in connection with any life insurance product, annuity, mutual fund or security.
- **11. Claim** made by any entity that wholly or partially controls, manages or operates any **Insured**, or owns more than 10% of any **Insured**, separately or in combination, at the time **Professional Services** are performed.
- 12. bankruptcy of, suspension of payments or failure to pay monies due, in whole or in part, by any:
  - a. broker or dealer in securities or commodities; or
  - **b.** bank or banking firm; or
  - **c.** insurance, reinsurance or bonding company; or
  - d. self-insurance plan, insurance pool or reciprocal, captive insurance company or risk retention group; or
  - **e.** managed care organization, health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization, independent physician organization or physician hospital organization.

However, this exclusion shall not apply if, as of the effective date of a bond or insurance policy issued to Your client, the bonding or insurance company issuing the bond or insurance policy was:

- **a.** rated B+ or higher by A.M. Best Company;
- **b.** guaranteed by a governmental body or bodies and/or operated by a governmental body or bodies (including but not limited to Assigned Risk Plans, Joint Underwriting Associations, Fair Plans or State Insurance Funds);
- **c.** a County Mutual reinsured by carriers rated no less than B+; or
- **d.** rated A or better by Demotech.

## V. DEFENSE AND SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS

### 1. Duty to Defend

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We shall have the right and the duty to defend any **Claim** brought against You seeking **Damages** because of a **Wrongful Act**, even if it is groundless, false or fraudulent. We shall pay **Defense Costs** on Your behalf resulting from such **Claim**. We shall have the right to select Defense Counsel for You.

#### 2. Settlement

We may investigate and solicit settlement offers for any **Claim**. No offer to settle a **Claim** will be accepted without the **Named Insured's** consent, such consent is not to be unreasonably withheld. If We recommend that the **Named Insured** accept the judgment of the trial court, appellate court, or any negotiated settlement or settlement offer and the **Named Insured** is not willing to accept such judgment or settlement, Our liability for such **Claim** shall not exceed the amount for which We could have resolved such **Claim**, (proposed resolution amount) plus any **Defense Costs** incurred up to the date We made the recommendation to resolve the **Claim**, plus 70% of any **Damages** and **Defense Costs** exceeding the proposed resolution amount. The remaining 30% of any **Damages** and **Defense Costs** shall be borne by the **Named Insured** at the **Named Insured's** own risk and will be uninsured.

### 3. Cooperation and Assistance

You shall, with respect to:

- **a.** each covered **Claim** under this Policy, cooperate with Us and upon our request attend hearings, trials and depositions and assist in securing and giving evidence and obtaining the attendance of witnesses;
- **b.** each covered **Claim** under this Policy, assist in making settlements, participate in litigation defense strategies, including the making of Offers of Judgment, or any action seeking declaratory relief (which is not a coverage action);
- **c.** each covered **Claim** under this Policy, assist in the enforcement of any right or contribution or indemnity against any person or organization who or which may be liable to any **Insured** in connection with a **Claim**;
- **d.** each covered **Claim** under this Policy, provide Us with any relevant materials in Your possession that will assist in the defense of the **Claim** or the determination of coverage. If We request, You will agree to a deposition under oath; and
- **e.** each **Wrongful Act** or incident which might reasonably be expected to give rise to a **Claim**, provide cooperation, assistance and information as We may request.

You may not, except at Your own expense, voluntarily make any payment, admit to any liability, assume any obligation, fail to take any action which prejudices Us, or incur any expense without Our prior written consent.

### VI. LIMIT OF LIABILITY, DEFENSE COSTS AND DEDUCTIBLE

#### 1. Limits of Liability and Defense Costs

Regardless of the number of **Claims** or **Breaches**, the number of persons or entities included within the definition of **Insured**, or the number of claimants who make **Claim** against You:

- a. If ITEM 3.A.3. of the Declarations is marked "No", The amount stated in ITEM 3.A.1. of the Declarations as applicable to Professional Liability shall be the maximum limit of Our liability to pay for all Damages and Defense Costs resulting from each Claim for a Wrongful Act or series of continuous, repeated or Interrelated Wrongful Acts. If additional Claims are subsequently made which arise out of the same Wrongful Act or series of continuous, repeated or Interrelated Wrongful Acts as Claims already made, all such Claims, whenever made, shall be considered first made within the Policy Period or Extended Reporting Period in which the earliest Claim arising out of such Wrongful Act was first made, and all such Claims shall be subject to one Limit of Liability.
- **b.** If **ITEM 3.A.3.** of the Declarations is marked "No", The amount stated in **ITEM 3.A.2.** of the Declarations as applicable to Professional Liability Aggregate shall be the maximum limit of Our liability to pay for the sum of all **Damages** and **Defense Costs** for all **Claims** covered under this Policy.
- c. If ITEM 3.A.3. of the Declarations is marked "Yes", then Defense Costs are in addition to the applicable Limits of Liability, and payment of Defense Costs by Us shall not reduce or exhaust, the applicable Limits of Liability until such time as the Defense Costs Aggregate amount in ITEM 3.A.3(i) is exhausted. Once the Defense Costs Aggregate amount is exhausted by payment of Defense Costs, any subsequent Defense Costs shall be part of and not in addition to the applicable Limits of Liability as designated by ITEM 3.A.1. and 3.A.2. of the Declarations.

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- **d.** If **ITEM 3.A.3.** of the Declarations is marked "Yes", the amount stated in **ITEM 3.A.2.** of the Declarations as applicable to Professional Liability Aggregate shall be the maximum limit of Our liability to pay for the sum of all **Damages** for all **Claims** covered under the Policy.
- e. ITEM 3.B. will be part of and not in addition to the Limit of Liability stated in ITEM 3.A.1. and 2.

We shall not be obligated to pay any **Damages** or **Defense Costs** or to defend or continue to defend any **Claim** after the applicable Limit of Liability has been exhausted.

### 2. Deductible

We shall only be obligated to pay **Damages**, **Defense Costs**, costs and expenses incurred by You for **Breach Management Services** and **Regulatory Fines** which are in excess of the Deductible stated in **ITEM 4**. of the Declarations. This Deductible shall be borne by You, shall remain uninsured and its payment is a condition precedent to any payment by Us on Your behalf under this Policy. We shall have no obligation to pay all or any part of the Deductible on your behalf, but We shall, at Our sole discretion, have the right and option to do so, in which event You agree to reimburse Us any amounts so paid upon Our demand.

#### VII. CONDITIONS

### 1. Territory

This Policy applies to **Wrongful Acts, Claims or Breaches** committed anywhere in the world.

### 2. Notice and Reporting of Claim or Breach

As a condition precedent to Our obligations under this Policy, You must give written notice to Us of any **Claim** made against You, **Regulatory Proceeding** or any **Breach** as soon as practicable but in no event later than sixty (60) days after the end of the **Policy Period** or, if applicable, any **Extended Reporting Period**.

Written notice shall be sent to:

Aspen American Insurance Company Newport Office Center III 499 Washington Boulevard, 8th Floor Jersey City, NJ 07310 professionalliability.claims@aspenspecialty.com

### 3. Reporting of Potential Claims

If during the **Policy Period** You become aware of any **Wrongful Act** or incident which might reasonably be expected to give rise to a **Claim**, and provide Us written notice during the **Policy Period** of the nature and date of the circumstances, specifics of the **Wrongful Act** and the name of the potential claimant, then any **Claim** subsequently made against You arising from such **Wrongful Act** shall be deemed to have been first made on the date such written notice was received by Us. However, this provision does not apply during any **Extended Reporting Period**.

### 4. Acquisitions/Creations and/or Sale of Subsidiaries

- **a.** An entity in which the **Named Insured** directly or indirectly has an ownership interest of fifty percent (50%) or greater, which is disclosed to Us on one or more application(s) or supplemental application(s) for this coverage received by Us or our authorized representative prior to the inception date unless otherwise noted, shall, at the inception date of this Policy, be considered a **Subsidiary** and an **Insured** under this Policy.
- **b.** If during the **Policy Period**, the **Named Insured**:
  - i. acquires or creates a **Subsidiary**, such entity shall be considered an **Insured** under this Policy:
    - 1) for a period of ninety (90) days from the effective date of the acquisition or creation, but only for **Wrongful Acts** which occur while the entity is a **Subsidiary**.

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- 2) Such coverage will apply beyond the ninety (90) day period if:
  - **a)** written notice of such acquisition or creation with all the particulars and details about the entity and its acquisition or creation that We may require is provided to Us, and
    - You accept any terms, conditions, or exclusions proposed by Us relative to the Subsidiary and, if applicable, promptly pay Us any premiums that We may require for the inclusion of the Subsidiary, and
    - ii) We agree in writing to provide such coverage; or
  - **b)** if the **Subsidiary** becomes so owned after the inception date of the Policy, and:
    - i) its gross annual revenues do not exceed 25% of the **Named Insured's** gross annual revenues at the time it becomes so owned; and
    - ii) that all business lines and insurance products provided by this entity were also previously provided by the Insured and fall within the scope of the Professional Services of the Named Insured as disclosed to Us on one or more application(s) or supplemental application(s) for this coverage.
- ii. ceases to have an ownership interest of fifty percent (50%) or greater in any entity that previously qualified as a **Subsidiary** under the Policy, then coverage for such entity shall apply only to **Wrongful Acts** occurring prior to date the **Named Insured** ceased to have an ownership interest of fifty percent (50%) or more.

### 5. Extended Reporting Period:

### a. Automatic Extended Reporting Period

If You or We cancel or non-renew this Policy for any reason other than nonpayment of premium, then the insurance afforded by this Policy shall be automatically extended, subject otherwise to its terms, limits of liability, exclusions and conditions, to apply to **Claims** first made against You and reported during the sixty (60) days immediately following the effective date of such cancellation or non-renewal, but only with respect to a **Wrongful Act** occurring before the effective date of cancellation, and on or after the **Retroactive Date** stated in **ITEM 5.** of the Declarations. Such period shall hereinafter be referred to as the "Automatic **Extended Reporting Period.**" No Automatic **Extended Reporting Period** is in effect if this Policy is renewed with Us. The Automatic **Extended Reporting Period** with coverage from another insurer, which is not a subsidiary of or affiliated with Us.

### b. Optional Extended Reporting Period

If this Policy is not renewed for any reason or is cancelled for any reason other than for non-payment of premium, You shall have the right, upon written request and the payment of an additional premium of seventy-five percent (75%) of the total annual premium stated in **ITEM 6.** of the Declarations, to a period of twelve (12) months immediately following the Automatic **Extended Reporting Period** in which to give Us written notice of **Claims** for **Wrongful Acts** occurring before the effective date of cancellation or nonrenewal, and on or after the **Retroactive Date** stated in **ITEM 5.** of the Declarations. Your rights contained in this clause will terminate unless We receive written notice of Your intent to exercise such rights along with the additional premium due within thirty (30) days of the effective date of cancellation or non-renewal. If You do not make this election, You shall not have the right to purchase the Optional **Extended Reporting Period** at a later time. This clause does not increase or renew the limits of Our liability and it does not apply to **Wrongful Acts** subsequent to the effective date of cancellation or non-renewal. A twenty-four (24) month **Extended Reporting Period** is available for one-hundred-thirty-five percent (135%), thirty-six (36) months for one-hundred-seventy-five percent (175%), forty-eight (48) months for one-hundred-ninety-five percent (195%), sixty (60) months for two-hundred-ten percent (210%), and seventy-two (72) months for two-hundred-twenty-five percent (225%). Premiums due under this clause will be fully earned when paid and once paid this coverage may not be cancelled.

#### 6. Cancellation

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You may cancel this Policy by surrendering it to Us or by delivering or mailing to Us notice stating when thereafter such cancellation shall be effective. We may cancel this Policy only for non-payment of premium or Deductible by delivering or mailing to You by registered, certified or other first-class mail written notice stating when not less than ten (10) days thereafter, cancellation shall be effective.

#### 7. Authorization

The **Named Insured** shall be the sole agent and shall act on behalf of all **Insureds** with respect to all matters under this Policy, including giving and receiving notices, effecting or accepting endorsements to or cancellation of this Policy, the payment of premium and receipt of any return premiums, and the purchase of the **Extended Reporting Period**.

#### 8. Changes

Notice to any agent or knowledge possessed by any agent or other person shall not effect a waiver or change in any part of this Policy or estop Us from asserting any of Our rights. The terms, conditions and limitations of this Policy can only be waived or changed by written endorsement issued to form a part of this Policy.

### 9. Assignment

No assignment of interest under this Policy will be effective without Our written consent. However, in the event of Your death, incapacity or bankruptcy this Policy will apply to Your estate, heirs, legal representatives or assigns as if they were You, but only for **Wrongful Acts** committed by You otherwise covered by this Policy.

#### 10. Subrogation

If We make any payment under this Policy, We shall be subrogated to all Your rights of recovery therefore. You shall do whatever is necessary to secure such rights, and You shall do nothing to prejudice such rights. Any amount recovered in excess of Our total payment shall be restored to You, less the cost to Us for the recovery. We will not exercise subrogation rights against an **Insured**.

#### 11. Other Insurance

This Policy shall apply only as excess over, and shall not contribute with, any other valid and collectible insurance, whether such other insurance is stated to be primary, contributory, excess, contingent or otherwise, unless such other insurance is written only as specific excess insurance over the Limits of Liability provided in this Policy.

#### 12. Action Against Us

No action shall be taken against Us unless, as a condition precedent thereto, there shall have been full compliance with all the terms of this Policy, and the amount of Your obligation to pay shall have been finally determined either by judgment against You after adjudicatory proceedings, or by written agreement between the claimant and Us. No person or entity shall have any right under this Policy to join Us as a party to any **Claim** against You to determine Your liability, nor shall We be impleaded by You or Your legal representative in any such **Claim**.

#### 13. Bankruptcy

Bankruptcy or insolvency of You or of Your estate shall not relieve Us of any of Our obligations under this Policy.

### 14. Headings

The descriptions in the headings and sub-headings of this Policy are solely for convenience and form no part of the terms and conditions of the Policy.

#### 15. Liberalization

If we file with the appropriate regulator, general revisions to the terms and conditions of this Policy to provide more coverage without an additional premium charge, then Your Policy will automatically provide this additional coverage as of the date the filed revision is effective in the state shown in **ITEM 1.** of the Declarations.

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#### 16. Change In Control

If the **Named Insured** merges with or is acquired by another organization or a receiver, conservator, trustee, liquidator or rehabilitator is appointed to take control of, supervise, manage or liquidate the **Named Insured**, coverage under this Policy will continue until the end of the **Policy Period**, but only with respect to **Wrongful Acts** or **Breaches** which first took place prior to the effective date of such merger, acquisition or appointment. The premium for this Policy will be deemed fully earned as of the effective date of such merger, acquisition or appointment.

### 17. Representations

You agree that all representations made and statements contained within the Application for this Policy are true, accurate, and complete. Such statements and information are the basis for Our issuance of this Policy and are incorporated into and constitute a part of this Policy. In the event of any material untruth, inaccurate or incomplete information or misrepresentation in the Application, this Policy will be void ab initio.

### 18. Entire Agreement

You agree that this Policy, including the Application and any endorsements, constitutes the entire agreement between You and Us relating to this insurance. The terms, conditions and limitations of this Policy can only be waived or changed by written endorsement issued by Us.

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