§ 9.13 Actions on the policy.

The Assistant Director for Insurance will furnish the name and address of the insuring company upon written request of a member of the uniformed services or his or her beneficiary. Actions at law or in equity to recover on the policy, in which there is not alleged any breach of any obligation undertaken by the United States, should be brought against the insurer.


(a) What is an Accelerated Benefit? An Accelerated Benefit is a payment of a portion of your Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance or Veterans’ Group Life Insurance to you before you die.

(b) Who is eligible to receive an Accelerated Benefit? You are eligible to receive an Accelerated Benefit if you have a valid written medical prognosis from a physician of 9 months or less to live, and otherwise comply with the provisions of this section.

(c) Who can apply for an Accelerated Benefit? Only you, the insured member, can apply for an Accelerated Benefit. No one can apply on your behalf.

(d) How much can you request as an Accelerated Benefit? (1) You can request as an Accelerated Benefit an amount up to a maximum of 50% of the face value of your insurance coverage.

(2) Your request for an Accelerated Benefit must be $5,000 or a multiple of $5000 (for example, $10,000, $15,000).

(e) How much can you receive as an Accelerated Benefit? You can receive as an Accelerated Benefit the amount you request up to a maximum of 50% of the face value of your insurance coverage, minus the interest reduction. The interest reduction is the amount the Office of Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance actuarially determines to be the amount of interest that would be lost because of the early payment of part of your insurance coverage. This means that if you have $100,000 in coverage and you request the maximum amount that you are eligible to request as an Accelerated Benefit, you will be paid $50,000 minus the interest reduction.

(f) How do you apply for an Accelerated Benefit? (1) You can obtain an application form entitled “Claim for Accelerated Benefits” by writing the Office of Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance, 290 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey 07039; calling the Office of Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance toll-free at 1–800–219–1473; or downloading the form from the Internet at www.insurance.va.gov. You must submit the completed application form to the Office of Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance, 290 W. Mt. Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, New Jersey 07039.

(2) As stated on the application form, you will be required to complete part of the application form and your physician will be required to complete part of the application form. If you are an active duty servicemember, your branch of service will also be required to complete part of the form.

To Be Completed by Insured

Claim for Accelerated Benefits

Your name: __________________________
Social Security Number: ______________
Your home address: ____________________
Date of birth: _________________________
Branch of Service (if covered under SGLI): __________________________
Your mailing address (if different from above): ________________________
Amount of SGLI coverage: $ ______________
Amount of claim (can be no more than one-half of coverage in increments of $5,000): ______________
Type of coverage (check one): ______________
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To Be Completed by Personnel Office of Servicemember’s Unit

Branch of Service Statement

Servicemember’s name: __________________________
Social Security Number: _______________________
Branch of Service: ____________________________
Amount of SGLI coverage: $ ________________
Monthly premium amount: $ ________________
Name of person completing this form: __________
Telephone Number: __________________________
Fax Number: ________________________________
Title of person completing this form: __________
Duty Station and address: _____________________
Signature of person completing this form: _______
Date: __________________________

Notice: It is fraudulent to complete these forms with information you know to be false or to omit important facts. Criminal and/or civil penalties can result from such acts.

(g) Who decides whether or not an Accelerated Benefit will be paid to you? The Office of Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance will review your application and determine whether you meet the requirements of this section for receiving an Accelerated Benefit.

(1) They will approve your application if the requirements of this section are met.

(2) If the Office of Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance determines that your application form does not fully and legibly provide the information requested by the application form, they will contact you and request that you or your physician submit the missing information to them. They will not take action on your application until the information is provided.

(2) How will an Accelerated Benefit be paid to you? An Accelerated Benefit will be paid to you in a lump sum.

(i) What happens if you change your mind about an application you filed for Accelerated Benefits? (1) An election to receive the Accelerated Benefit is made at the time you have cashed or deposited the Accelerated Benefit. After that time, you cannot cancel your request for an Accelerated Benefit. Until that time, you may cancel your request for benefits by informing the Office of Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance.
§ 9.20 Traumatic injury protection.

(a) What is traumatic injury protection? Traumatic injury protection provides for the payment of a specified benefit amount to a member insured by Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance who sustains a traumatic injury directly resulting in a scheduled loss.

(b) What is a traumatic event? (1) A traumatic event is the application of external force, violence, chemical, biological, or radiological weapons, or accidental ingestion of a contaminated substance caused to a living being occurring—

(i) On or after December 1, 2005, or

(ii) On or after October 7, 2001, and through and including November 30, 2005, if the scheduled loss is a direct result of a traumatic injury incurred in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(2)(i) The term incurred in Operation Enduring Freedom means a service member was deployed outside of the United States on orders in support of Operation Enduring Freedom or served in a geographic location that qualified the service member for the Combat Zone Tax Exclusion under 26 U.S.C. 211.

(ii) The term incurred in Operation Iraqi Freedom means a service member was deployed outside of the United States on orders in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom or served in a geographic location that qualified the service member for the Combat Zone Tax Exclusion under 26 U.S.C. 211.

(3) A traumatic event does not include a medical or surgical procedure in and of itself.

(c) What is a traumatic injury? (1) A traumatic injury is physical damage to a living body that is caused by a traumatic event as defined in paragraph (b) of this section.

(2) For purposes of this section, the term “traumatic injury” does not include damage to a living body caused by—

(i) A mental disorder; or

(ii) A mental or physical illness or disease, except if the physical illness or disease is caused by a pyogenic infection, biological, chemical, or radiological weapons, or accidental ingestion of a contaminated substance.

(3) For purposes of this section, all traumatic injuries will be considered to have occurred at the same time as the traumatic event.

(d) What are the eligibility requirements for payment of traumatic injury protection benefits? You must meet all of the following requirements in order to be eligible for traumatic injury protection benefits.

(1) You must be a member of the uniformed services who is insured by Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance under section 1967(a)(1)(A)(i), (B) or (C)(i) of title 38, United States Code, on the date you sustained a traumatic injury, except if you are a member who experienced a traumatic injury on or after October 7, 2001, and your scheduled loss was a direct result of injuries incurred in Operation Enduring Freedom or Operation Iraqi Freedom.

(For this purpose, you will be considered a member of the uniformed services until midnight on the date of termination of your duty status in the uniformed services that established your eligibility for Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance, notwithstanding an extension of your Servicemembers’ Group Life Insurance coverage under section 1968(a) of title 38, United States Code.)