

CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED

# Professional and Limited Office Premises Liability Insurance Policy

Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company  
(A Risk Retention Group)

Form OPF24001



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**NOTICE**

**THIS POLICY IS ISSUED BY YOUR RISK RETENTION GROUP. YOUR RISK RETENTION GROUP MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO ALL OF THE INSURANCE LAWS AND REGULATIONS OF YOUR STATE. STATE INSURANCE INSOLVENCY GUARANTY FUNDS ARE NOT AVAILABLE FOR YOUR RISK RETENTION GROUP.**

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**THIS IS A NON-ASSESSABLE CLAIMS MADE AND REPORTED POLICY**

1. This policy is not effective unless **Declarations** are issued as part of the policy.
2. This policy covers only **Claims** that arise from **professional services incidents** occurring on or after the applicable **retroactive date** shown in the **Declarations** and that are first made against the **Insured** and first reported in writing by the **Insured** to the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company (a Risk Retention Group) ("**OMIC**") during the applicable **policy period** or **extended reporting period**, if any. No coverage is afforded for **Claims** first made against the **Insured** and first reported to **OMIC** after the termination of this insurance except as provided in Section X. Extended Reporting Period of the policy.
3. **OMIC** pays the cost of defending **Claims (Claim expenses)** in addition to your limits of liability.
4. The insurance provided by this policy is contained in multiple coverage agreements. The "per **Claim**" and "aggregate" limits of liability under this policy are not cumulative even if coverage for a **Claim** is available under more than one Coverage Agreement.
5. No coverage is provided or obligation undertaken except as expressly stated in this policy. Various provisions in this policy restrict coverage. Please read the policy carefully to determine your rights and duties. Discuss the coverage with your attorney, insurance advisor, or risk management consultant.
6. Give **OMIC** immediate written notice of **Claims** or **potential Claims** by one of the following methods:
  - a. by email to [claims@omic.com](mailto:claims@omic.com)
  - b. by mail or personal delivery to:  
Claims Department  
OMIC  
655 Beach Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109-1336
  - c. by submission via the claims reporting function on **OMIC's** website

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## SECTION I. DEFINITIONS

This Section defines various terms used in the policy. These terms are indicated throughout the policy in bold print. Terms in bold, italicized print are defined in subsequent Sections of the policy.

1. **Apparent partnership** means an association between two or more health care providers or **professional entities** in which the health care providers or **professional entities** appear to the public to be in partnership even though they have not legally formed a partnership or corporation and one is neither the employer nor **employee** or independent contractor of the other. The following are examples of activities that could give rise to an **apparent partnership**: participating in a profit-sharing plan; sharing a common business name, employees, telephone numbers, prescription pads, or letterhead; using common billing; referring to each other as partners; advertising together; or seeing each other's patients on a regular basis.
2. **Claim** means a written notice or demand received by the **Insured** for money or services, including the institution of a lawsuit or arbitration proceedings against the **Insured**, resulting from a **professional services incident**.
3. **Claim expenses** means fees charged by defense counsel retained by **OMIC** and all other fees, costs, and expenses resulting from the investigation, adjustment, defense, and appeal of a **Claim** or **disciplinary proceeding** if incurred by **OMIC**, including fees charged by expert witnesses and other litigation consultants.
4. **Damages** means money required to be paid as compensation to others as a result of a **Claim** to which this insurance applies. **Damages** includes prejudgment interest. **Damages** also includes the legal expenses of a person making a **Claim**, and interest based on such expenses, but only if an **Insured** is legally required to pay such expenses and interest. **Damages** does not include **Claim expenses**; post-judgment interest; punitive damages, exemplary damages, treble damages, or any other increase in damages resulting from multiplication of compensatory damages; fines or penalties; or the return, reimbursement, or restitution of governmental payments, fees, costs, or expenses for services rendered by the **Insured**.
5. **Declarations** means the document that validates the coverage available under this policy and includes Amended **Declarations**. It specifies the policy number, the **policy period**, and the **Insured(s)** covered under the policy. It also specifies the **retroactive date**, the nature of the coverage, the limits of liability, and the premium applicable to each **Insured**.
6. **Direct patient treatment** means the provision of health care services to a patient, including making diagnoses, providing medical or surgical treatment, prescribing or dispensing drugs or medical supplies or devices, rendering opinions to a patient, giving advice to a patient, or referring a patient to, or consulting about a patient with, another **physician** or health care provider.
7. **Employee** means an individual retained to provide services for the employer, including an at-will employee, employee under contract, leased employee, or volunteer employee, and excludes an independent contractor.
8. **Endorsement** means the document that forms a part of this policy and modifies or further specifies the coverage provided under this policy. If the terms of the **endorsement** are inconsistent with the terms of this policy, the terms of the **endorsement** apply. Any **endorsement** listed in Section XI. Part I – Endorsements Applied Manually is effective only if it is listed in the **Declarations** as applicable to a particular **Insured**. Any **endorsement** listed in Section XI. Part II – Endorsements Applied Automatically is effective automatically if the **Insured** meets the criteria for applicability in the **endorsement**.
9. **Eye bank services** means the provision of medical services at or on behalf of an eye bank, including the procurement, processing, testing, storage, and distribution of donor ocular tissue.
10. **Extended reporting period** means the time after the end of the **policy period** during which **Claims** arising out of **professional services incidents** that occurred on or after the **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the **policy period** may be made and reported.
11. **Good Samaritan** means any person who, in good faith, renders emergency medical care to an injured person at the scene of an accident or emergency without expecting to receive compensation from the injured person for such service.
12. **Insured** means any person or entity described as an **Insured** under Section II. Coverage Agreements A, B, C, D, or E.
13. **Injury** means physical injury, including mutilation or disfigurement of a cadaver or wrongful removal of tissue; sickness; disease; death; or mental or emotional injury or anguish if arising out of any of the foregoing.

14. **Locum tenens** means an ophthalmologist hired on a temporary basis to furnish **direct patient treatment** on behalf of, and only in the absence of, the **Insured** ophthalmologist.
15. **Office premises** means that part of any premises that the **Insured** owns, or leases or occupies with control over the maintenance of the leased or occupied premises, for the purpose of providing **direct patient treatment**. This does not include any parking lots, sidewalks, elevators, escalators, or common or public hallways or stairways.
16. **Outpatient surgical facility** means an in-office surgical suite that is used by **physician(s)** in addition to the owner-ophthalmologist(s) and his or her **employee(s)**, an ambulatory surgery center, and a refractive surgery center.
17. **Original effective date** means the coverage effective date applicable to an **Insured** from the earliest policy issued by **OMIC** to such **Insured**, which policy is followed by a continuous and unbroken period in which **OMIC** provided coverage to that **Insured**.
18. **Original inception date** means the policy effective date from the earliest policy issued by **OMIC** to a **Policyholder**, which policy is followed by a continuous and unbroken period in which **OMIC** provided coverage to that **Policyholder**.
19. **Permanent total disability** means the **Insured** is permanently prevented by sickness or accidental bodily injury from performing the material and substantial duties of an ophthalmologist.
20. **Physician** means a medical doctor (MD) or a doctor of osteopathy (DO).
21. **Policy period** means the period of time during which insurance coverage is provided to an **Insured**. The **policy period** begins at 12:01 a.m. at the address shown in the **Declarations** on either the effective date shown in the **Declarations** or the date an **Insured** is added to the policy, whichever is later. Coverage continues until 12:01 a.m. at the address shown in the **Declarations** on the expiration date shown in the **Declarations** or any earlier date of termination of the policy or the **Insured's** coverage under the policy. With respect to **slot** occupants, the **policy period** that applies to each **slot** occupant begins at 12:01 a.m. at the address shown in the **Declarations** on either the effective date shown in the **Declarations** or the date the **slot** occupant first occupies such **slot**, whichever is later. Coverage continues until 12:01 a.m. at the address shown in the **Declarations** on the expiration date shown in the **Declarations**, the date of termination of the policy or the **slot's** coverage under the policy, or the date the **slot** occupant vacates the **slot**, whichever occurs first. With respect to non-**physician employee Insureds** not specifically named in the **Declarations**, the **policy period** begins at 12:01 a.m. at the address shown in the **Declarations** on either the effective date shown in the **Declarations** or the date the **employee** first becomes continuously employed by the **Insured**, whichever is later. Coverage continues until 12:01 a.m. at the address shown in the **Declarations** on the expiration date shown in the **Declarations**, the date of termination of the policy or the employing **Insured's** coverage under the policy, or the termination date of the **Insured employee's** employment, whichever occurs first.
22. **Policyholder** means the **Insured** person or entity first listed under "Policyholder and Mailing Address" in the **Declarations**.
23. **Pollutants** mean any solid, liquid, gaseous, or thermal irritant or contaminant, including smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, or chemicals, or any waste materials to be disposed of, discarded, recycled, reconditioned, or reclaimed.
24. **Potential Claim** means a **professional services incident** that may reasonably be expected to result in an actual **Claim** against the **Insured**. Oral notices or demands for money or services, records requests, adverse outcomes resulting from **direct patient treatment**, and other signs that the patient is dissatisfied with treatment are all indicators of **potential Claims**.
25. **Premises maintenance** means the **Insured's** ownership, maintenance, or use of the **office premises** in which the **Insured** provides **direct patient treatment**.
26. **Professional committee activities** means service of an **Insured** while acting within the scope of his or her duties as a member of, participant in, or person charged with the duty of executing the directives of, a formal accreditation, utilization review, credentialing, quality assurance, peer review, or similar professional board or committee.
27. **Professional entity** means a medical partnership (including a limited liability partnership), a medical corporation (including a sole shareholder corporation), a limited liability company, a professional association, an **outpatient surgical facility**, an eye bank, a management services organization, an optical shop, and a medical spa.

28. **Professional services incident** means any act, error, or omission that is neither intended nor expected in the provision of, or the failure to provide, **direct patient treatment, eye bank services, professional committee activities, or premises maintenance**. Any such act, error, or omission together with all related acts, errors, or omissions will be considered one **professional services incident** and will be deemed to have occurred at the time of the earliest of such acts, errors, or omissions.
29. **Property damage** means physical damage to or destruction of personal, tangible property, and does not include the loss of use thereof.
30. **Retirement** means the total and permanent discontinuance of the clinical practice of medicine for compensation, whether private or public. An **Insured** is not deemed retired if the **Insured** receives any remuneration for providing clinical professional services. Performance of any compensated or uncompensated non-clinical activities or performance of any uncompensated clinical activities will not affect an **Insured's** retired status.
31. **Retroactive date** means the date shown in the **Declarations** beginning at 12:01 a.m. at the address shown in the **Declarations** on or after which **professional services incidents** must first occur to be covered under this policy. With respect to **slot** coverage, the **retroactive date** shown in the **Declarations** is the **retroactive date** applicable to the **slot** position. The **retroactive date** that applies to each **slot occupant** is the date he or she first occupied such **slot** or the **retroactive date** of the **slot** position, whichever is later. With respect to non-**physician employee Insureds** not specifically named in the **Declarations**, the **retroactive date** is the date the **employee** first became continuously employed by the **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** or the **retroactive date** of the employing **Insured**, whichever is later.
32. **Sexual misconduct or activity** means making sexually offensive or suggestive statements; engaging in sexually offensive or suggestive conduct or contact; sexual relations; sexual intimacy; sexual molestation; sexual harassment; sexual exploitation; sexual assault; sexual battery; soliciting sexual relations; sexual abuse; and any act punishable as a sexually-related crime.
33. **Slot** means an ophthalmology residency or fellowship training position. Under a **slot**, coverage applies to the position rather than to an individual. If an ophthalmologist leaves the position, another ophthalmologist may fill the **slot**. Only one ophthalmologist at a time can fill a **slot**.
34. **Terrorism, act of**, means an act, including but not limited to the use of force or violence or the threat thereof, by any person or group of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of or in connection with any organization or government, which is committed for political, religious, ideological, or similar purposes, including the intention to influence any government or put the public, or any section of the public, in fear.

## SECTION II. COVERAGE AGREEMENTS

**OMIC**, in consideration of payment of the premium, in reliance upon the statements made in the application(s) for insurance under this policy, and subject to all the terms, conditions, exclusions, restrictions, and definitions of this policy, agrees with the **Insured** as follows in Coverage Agreements A, B, C, D, and E.

### COVERAGE AGREEMENT A: PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

#### **PART I – WHO IS COVERED**

Each of the following is an **Insured** under Coverage Agreement A:

1. Any ophthalmologist named in the **Declarations** whose class is identified as Ophthalmology, except in the ophthalmologist's capacity as a member, officer, director, partner, or shareholder of a **professional entity**;
2. Any ophthalmologist **slot** occupant named in the **Declarations** whose class is identified as **Slot**, or any former occupant of such **slot**, but only with respect to **direct patient treatment** performed:
  - a. while an occupant of such **slot**; and
  - b. within the scope of his or her licensure and authorized duties as a resident or fellow. No coverage will apply for moonlighting activities performed by a **slot** occupant or for other activities not directly associated with the **slot** occupant's residency or fellowship training; and
3. Any ophthalmologist **locum tenens** named in the **Declarations** whose class is identified as **Locum tenens**, but only while acting within his or her duties for, and only in the absence of, the **Insured** ophthalmologist.



## **PART II – WHAT IS COVERED**

**OMIC** shall defend the **Insured** and pay on behalf of the **Insured**, subject to Section IV. Limits of Liability, all amounts that the **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as **damages** because of a **Claim** that results from **injury** to a patient because of a **professional services incident** arising from **direct patient treatment** provided by the **Insured** or by any person acting under the supervision, direction, or control of the **Insured** at the time of the **professional services incident**, so long as that person was acting within the scope of his or her licensure, training, and professional liability insurance coverage, if applicable.

The **Claim** will be covered only if:

1. The **professional services incident** upon which the **Claim** is based occurred on or after the applicable **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the applicable **policy period**; and
2. The **Claim** is first made against the **Insured** and the **Insured** first reports that **Claim** in writing to **OMIC** during the applicable **policy period** or **extended reporting period**.

## **PART III – EXCLUSIONS: COVERAGE AGREEMENT A**

In addition to the exclusions listed in Section III. Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, the following exclusions also apply to Coverage Agreement A.

### **A. No Defense or Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments**

**OMIC** will neither defend an **Insured** nor pay **damages** or supplementary payments because of a **Claim** that arises out of any of the following:

1. **Scope of Practice. Direct patient treatment** by the **Insured** that is not within the ordinary and customary scope of practice of ophthalmologists. **OMIC** considers ophthalmic or non-ophthalmic **direct patient treatment** provided as a “**Good Samaritan**” or in a bona fide emergency to be within the ordinary and customary scope of practice of ophthalmologists; or
2. **Entity Affiliation Liability.** An **injury** arising out of **direct patient treatment** by another person or entity for whose acts, errors, or omissions the **Insured** may be held liable as a member, partner, officer, director, shareholder, or employee of any **professional entity**.

## **COVERAGE AGREEMENT B: PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR EMPLOYEES**

## **PART I – WHO IS COVERED**

Each of the following is an **Insured** under Coverage Agreement B:

1. Any non-**physician employee**, except an optometrist or certified registered nurse anesthetist, of an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** that is named in the **Declarations**, but only while acting within the scope of his or her training, licensure, and employment by and for the direct benefit of the **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** at the time of the **professional services incident**;
2. Any optometrist named in the **Declarations** whose designation is identified as Optometrist, but only while acting within the scope of his or her training, licensure, and employment by the **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** at the time of the **professional services incident**, and except in the optometrist’s capacity as a member, officer, director, partner, or shareholder of a **professional entity**; and
3. Any certified registered nurse anesthetist named in the **Declarations** whose designation is identified as CRNA, but only while acting within the scope of his or her training, licensure, and employment by and for the direct benefit of the **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** at the time of the **professional services incident**.

## **PART II – WHAT IS COVERED**

**OMIC** will defend the **Insured** and pay on behalf of the **Insured**, subject to Section IV. Limits of Liability, all amounts that the **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as **damages** because of a **Claim** that results from **injury** to a patient

because of a **professional services incident** arising from **direct patient treatment** provided by the **Insured** or by any other person acting under the supervision, direction, or control of the **Insured** at the time of the **professional services incident**, so long as that person was acting within the scope of his or her licensure, training, and professional liability insurance coverage, if applicable.

The **Claim** will be covered only if:

1. The **professional services incident** upon which the **Claim** is based occurred on or after the applicable **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the applicable **policy period**; and
2. The **Claim** is first made against the **Insured** and the **Insured** first reports that **Claim** in writing to **OMIC** during the applicable **policy period** or **extended reporting period**.

### ***PART III – EXCLUSIONS: COVERAGE AGREEMENT B***

In addition to the exclusions listed in Section III. Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, the following exclusions also apply to Coverage Agreement B.

#### **A. No Defense or Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments**

**OMIC** will neither defend an **Insured** nor pay **damages** or supplementary payments because of a **Claim** that arises out of any of the following:

1. **Entity Affiliation Liability.** An **injury** arising out of **direct patient treatment** by another person or entity for whose acts, errors, or omissions the **Insured** may be held liable as a member, partner, officer, director, shareholder, or employee of any **professional entity**.

### **COVERAGE AGREEMENT C: PROFESSIONAL LIABILITY COVERAGE FOR PROFESSIONAL ENTITIES**

#### ***PART I – WHO IS COVERED***

Each of the following is an **Insured** under Coverage Agreement C:

1. Any **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** whose structure is identified as Medical Entity, Sole shareholder corporation, **Outpatient Surgical Facility**, **Eye Bank**, Optical Shop, or Medical Spa;
2. Any **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** whose structure is identified as MSO, but only with respect to its vicarious liability arising out of the performance of **direct patient treatment** provided by any other **Insured** under this policy or any health care provider providing **direct patient treatment** at the facilities of any other **Insured professional entity** under this policy; and
3. Any person or entity affiliated with an **Insured professional entity** that is named in the **Declarations**, but only in his, her, or its capacity as a member, officer, director, partner, or shareholder of the **professional entity** and excluding any **direct patient treatment** provided by that person or entity.

#### ***PART II – WHAT IS COVERED***

**OMIC** shall defend the **Insured** and pay on behalf of the **Insured**, subject to Section IV. Limits of Liability, all amounts that the **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as **damages** because of a **Claim** that results from:

1. **Injury** to a patient because of a **professional services incident** arising from:
  - a. **direct patient treatment** provided by the **Insured professional entity**; or
  - b. **direct patient treatment** provided by any person for whose acts, errors, or omissions the **Insured** is legally responsible, so long as that person was acting within the scope of his or her licensure, training, and professional liability insurance coverage, if applicable. If the **Claim** results from a **professional services incident** involving **direct patient treatment** provided by a health care provider not insured under this policy, such health care provider must maintain professional liability insurance with a carrier acceptable to **OMIC** during the term of his or her volunteer or paid employment by, contractual relationship with, or utilization of the facility of, the **Insured**. Should the health care provider fail to maintain such insurance, **OMIC** will neither defend the **Insured** nor pay

supplementary payments or **damages** resulting from the **Insured's** vicarious liability for the acts, errors, or omissions of the health care provider; and

2. A **professional services incident** arising from **professional committee activities** by an **Insured** defined in Part I, 3., performed for the **Insured professional entity**.

The **Claim** will be covered only if:

1. The **professional services incident** upon which the **Claim** is based occurred on or after the applicable **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the applicable **policy period**; and
2. The **Claim** is first made against the **Insured** and the **Insured** first reports that **Claim** in writing to **OMIC** during the applicable **policy period** or **extended reporting period**.

### **PART III – EXCLUSIONS: COVERAGE AGREEMENT C**

In addition to the exclusions listed in Section III. Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, the following exclusions also apply to Coverage Agreement C.

#### **A. No Defense or Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments**

**OMIC** will neither defend an **Insured** nor pay **damages** or supplementary payments because of a **Claim** that arises out of any of the following:

1. **Outpatient Surgical Facilities.** An **Insured's** failure to comply with any of the requirements agreed to by the **Insured outpatient surgical facility** in its **outpatient surgical facility** application, or any exceptions to the requirements granted in writing by **OMIC**; or
2. **Medical Spas.** An **Insured's** failure to comply with any of the requirements agreed to by the **Insured** medical spa in its medical spa application, or any exceptions to the requirements granted in writing by **OMIC**.

#### **B. Conditional Defense – No Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments**

**OMIC** shall defend an **Insured** because of a **Claim** otherwise covered by this policy that arises out of, but is not solely limited to, any of the following; however, under no circumstances will **OMIC** pay any **damages** or supplementary payments except **Claim expenses** resulting from either settlement or judgment attributed to any of the following:

1. **Wrongful Acts.** Allegations of any of the following resulting from the **Insured's** good faith **professional committee activities**: false arrest, detention, or imprisonment; malicious prosecution or abuse of process; libel, slander, or defamation of character; intentional invasion of privacy; or discrimination, harassment, or the violation of a person's civil rights; or
2. **Anticompetitive Activities.** Conduct, resulting from the **Insured's** good faith **professional committee activities**, alleged to be (a) anticompetitive or in restraint of trade, including interference with a contract, interference with a prospective advantage, unfair competition, unfair trade and business practices, and misappropriation of trade secrets, or (b) in violation of any state or federal antitrust, unfair trade practice, or other similar laws.

### **COVERAGE AGREEMENT D: PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES COVERAGE FOR OPHTHALMOLOGISTS**

#### **PART I – WHO IS COVERED**

Each of the following is an **Insured** under Coverage Agreement D:

1. Any ophthalmologist named in the **Declarations** whose class is identified as Ophthalmology, except in the ophthalmologist's capacity as a member, officer, director, partner, or shareholder of a **professional entity**.

#### **PART II – WHAT IS COVERED**

**OMIC** shall defend the **Insured** and pay on behalf of the **Insured**, subject to Section IV. Limits of Liability, all amounts that the **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as **damages** because of a **Claim** that results from a **professional**

**services incident** arising from the **Insured's professional committee activities** performed for (a) a state licensed health care facility or clinic that is not the **professional entity** with which the **Insured** is affiliated as a member, officer, director, partner, or shareholder or (b) a professional association or society.

The **Claim** will be covered only if:

1. The **professional services incident** upon which the **Claim** is based occurred on or after the applicable **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the applicable **policy period**; and
2. The **Claim** is first made against the **Insured** and the **Insured** first reports that **Claim** in writing to **OMIC** during the applicable **policy period** or **extended reporting period**.

### ***PART III – EXCLUSIONS: COVERAGE AGREEMENT D***

In addition to the exclusions listed in Section III. Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, the following exclusions also apply to Coverage Agreement D.

#### **A. Conditional Defense – No Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments**

**OMIC** shall defend an **Insured** because of a **Claim** otherwise covered by this policy that arises out of, but is not solely limited to, any of the following; however, under no circumstances will **OMIC** pay any **damages** or supplementary payments except **Claim expenses** resulting from either settlement or judgment attributed to any of the following:

1. **Wrongful Acts.** Allegations of any of the following resulting from the **Insured's** good faith **professional committee activities**: false arrest, detention, or imprisonment; malicious prosecution or abuse of process; libel, slander, or defamation of character; intentional invasion of privacy; or discrimination, harassment, or the violation of a person's civil rights; or
2. **Anticompetitive Activities.** Conduct, resulting from the **Insured's** good faith **professional committee activities**, alleged to be (a) anticompetitive or in restraint of trade, including interference with a contract, interference with a prospective advantage, unfair competition, unfair trade and business practices, and misappropriation of trade secrets, or (b) in violation of any state or federal antitrust, unfair trade practice, or other similar laws.

### **COVERAGE AGREEMENT E: LIMITED OFFICE PREMISES LIABILITY COVERAGE**

#### ***PART I – WHO IS COVERED***

Each of the following is an **Insured** under Coverage Agreement E:

1. Any ophthalmologist named in the **Declarations** whose class is identified as Ophthalmology;
2. Any **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** whose structure is identified as Medical Entity, Sole shareholder corporation, **Outpatient Surgical Facility**, **Eye Bank**, Optical Shop, or Medical Spa;
3. Any **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** whose structure is identified as MSO, but only with respect to its vicarious liability arising out of the performance of **premises maintenance** performed by any other **Insured** under this policy or any health care provider performing **premises maintenance** at the facilities of any other **Insured professional entity** under this policy; and
4. Any person or entity affiliated with an **Insured professional entity** that is named in the **Declarations**, but only in his, her, or its capacity as a member, officer, director, partner, or shareholder of the **professional entity**.

#### ***PART II – WHAT IS COVERED***

**OMIC** shall defend the **Insured** and pay on behalf of the **Insured**, subject to Section IV. Limits of Liability, all amounts that the **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay as **damages** because of a **Claim** that results from **injury** to a patient or **property damage** to a patient's personal, tangible property either of which are caused by a **professional services incident** resulting solely from **premises maintenance** performed by the **Insured** or anyone for whom the **Insured** is legally responsible.

The **Claim** will be covered only if:

1. The **professional services incident** upon which the **Claim** is based occurred on or after the applicable **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the applicable **policy period**; and
2. The **Claim** is first made against the **Insured** and the **Insured** first reports that **Claim** in writing to **OMIC** during the applicable **policy period** or **extended reporting period**.

This Coverage Agreement E does not constitute and is not meant to replace commercial general liability coverage or other fire and property coverage for the **Insured's office premises**.

### **SECTION III. COMMON EXCLUSIONS – APPLICABLE TO ALL COVERAGE AGREEMENTS**

The following exclusions apply to all Coverage Agreements of this policy.

#### **A. No Defense or Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments**

**OMIC** will neither defend an **Insured** nor pay **damages** or supplementary payments because of a **Claim** that arises out of any of the following:

1. **Known Prior Acts or Claims.** A **Claim**, **potential Claim**, or other circumstance likely to give rise to a **Claim**, that was known or should have been known to the **Insured** prior to the **Insured's original effective date**, whether it was reported to or covered by a previous insurance carrier or other risk-assuming entity;
2. **Licensure.** A **professional services incident** involving **direct patient treatment** by a health care provider that (a) the health care provider does not hold the required license, certification, or accreditation to provide; (b) occurs while the health care provider's license, certification, or accreditation to practice medicine or provide health care services has been suspended, revoked, voluntarily surrendered, or otherwise is not in effect; (c) constitutes a violation of any restriction imposed upon such license, certification, or accreditation; or (d) falls outside the scope of such license, certification, or accreditation;
3. **Licensure – Controlled Substances.** A **professional services incident**, involving the dispensing of controlled substances during the course of **direct patient treatment** by a health care provider, that occurs while the health care provider's license or registration to dispense such controlled substances has been suspended, restricted, revoked, voluntarily surrendered, or otherwise is not in effect;
4. **Workers' Benefits Laws.** An obligation for which the **Insured** may be held liable under any workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, or disability benefits law or any similar law;
5. **Employee Injury.** **Injury** to or **property damage** incurred by (a) any **employee** or independent contractor of the **Insured** arising in the course of his or her work for the **Insured** or (b) any non-employed medical personnel arising in the course of his or her work under the supervision, control, or direction of the **Insured**;
6. **Other Insurance Policies.** Allegations covered under a regulatory protection policy not issued by **OMIC** or allegations covered under any workers' compensation, employer's liability, employment practices liability, directors and officer liability, errors and omissions liability, billing errors, fraud and abuse liability, consultant liability, or automobile, fire, or commercial general liability policy (see [Section VIII. 12. Other Insurance](#) for more information);
7. **Billing Errors.** Except as provided under [Section VII. Additional Benefits, B. Broad Regulatory Protection](#), allegations of errors, omissions, fraud or abuse by the **Insured** in billing for **direct patient treatment**;
8. **Contractual Liability.** Liability of others assumed by the **Insured** under any written or oral contract or agreement, unless:
  - a. coverage for such liability would be provided to the **Insured** under this policy in the absence of such contract or agreement; or
  - b. the **Insured** assumed such liability under a hold harmless or indemnification agreement in a written contract between the **Insured** and a hospital, health maintenance organization, private or governmental health insurer, preferred provider organization, or similar managed care or health care provider organization ("organization") and the liability results

solely from a **professional services incident** arising from **direct patient treatment** by the **Insured** and is otherwise covered under this policy. Such organization is not an **Insured** under this policy and **OMIC** will have no duty to defend such organization. All **Claims** asserted directly by the injured party against the **Insured** and all **Claims** asserted by the organization against the **Insured** for indemnification arising out of the same **professional services incident** will constitute a single **Claim** for purposes of the limits of liability. Any payments made under this exception to the exclusion, including reasonable **Claim expenses**, are included within the limits of liability applicable to the **Insured** and will only be paid after all payments which **OMIC** is obligated to make on behalf of the **Insured** for direct liability arising out of the **Claim** have been finally determined and made. Such payments made on behalf of the organization may be considered payment of **damages** attributable to the **Insured** for national and state reporting purposes;

9. **Wrongful Acts.** Allegations of any of the following: false arrest, detention, or imprisonment; malicious prosecution or abuse of process; libel, slander, or defamation of character; intentional invasion of privacy; or discrimination, harassment, or the violation of a person's civil rights; but this exclusion does not affect the right and duty of **OMIC** to defend a **Claim** against the **Insured** that would be covered under Coverage Agreements C and D of this policy resulting from the **Insured's** good faith **professional committee activities**;
10. **Anticompetitive Activities.** Conduct alleged to be (a) anticompetitive or in restraint of trade, including interference with a contract, interference with a prospective advantage, unfair competition, unfair trade and business practices, and misappropriation of trade secrets, or (b) in violation of any state or federal antitrust, unfair trade practice, or other similar laws; but this exclusion does not affect the right and duty of **OMIC** to defend a **Claim** against the **Insured** that would be covered under Coverage Agreements C and D of this policy resulting from the **Insured's** good faith **professional committee activities**;
11. **Products.** The designing, producing, manufacturing, assembling, distributing, marketing, or selling of any medical device or other product, including the making of warranties or representations with respect to the fitness, quality, durability, performance, or use of the product and the providing of or failure to provide warnings or instructions with the product, by the **Insured**, by any entity in which the **Insured** has a financial interest, or by others trading under an **Insured's** name, including any contractor of the **Insured**;
12. **Government Work.** Employment of the **Insured** by a governmental entity, unless **OMIC** gives the **Insured** prior written confirmation of coverage for such employment. Volunteer work and work as an independent contractor are not considered employment under this exclusion;
13. **Medical Director.** Allegations against the **Insured** as a proprietor, superintendent, executive officer, administrative officer, medical staff officer, medical director, or board member of a hospital, sanitarium, clinic with bed and board facilities, HMO, laboratory, or other medically related enterprise, including as a medical director, supervising **physician**, or prescribing **physician** of a medical spa, not named in the **Declarations**;
14. **Consulting Liability.** A **Claim** arising out of services performed by the **Insured** as a paid consultant, including providing expert witness testimony or independent medical examinations, when such **Claim** is made by anyone other than the **Insured's** patient (for example, when the **Claim** is made by the person who hired the **Insured** as a consultant or by the opposing party);
15. **Clinical Studies.** Clinical research or trials by the **Insured** that are not conducted under and in accordance with an American IRB-approved protocol;
16. **Communicable Disease.** The **Insured's** knowing transmission to another of, or exposure of another to, Hepatitis B, HIV/AIDS, or any other communicable disease. "Knowing" is defined as the **Insured** being aware that he or she is infected with the virus or disease or, based upon medical symptoms, the **Insured** reasonably should have known he or she was infected. This exclusion does not apply if the **Insured** has complied with the then-current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidelines for infection control;
17. **Weight Loss Treatments.** The performance of weight loss treatments including but not limited to the use of appetite suppressants, hypnosis, and the injection of Vitamin B-12, HCG, and lipotropics.

18. **ROP Remote Screening (RDFI-TM).** Any screening for retinopathy of prematurity by remote digital fundus imaging (RDFI-TM), in the absence of binocular indirect ophthalmoscopy by a qualified ophthalmologist for each exam to determine the infant's ROP status, unless specifically covered by **endorsement**;
19. **Motor Vehicles.** The **Insured's** ownership, maintenance, or operation of any motor vehicles;
20. **Other Premises.** The maintenance of any premises owned, leased, or occupied by the **Insured** that is not the **office premises** of the **Insured**;
21. **Construction.** New construction, property repair, or demolition operations performed by or under contract with the **Insured**;
22. **Earth Movement.** Earth movement including earthquake, landslide, and mudflow; the sinking, rising, and shifting of earth; and volcanic eruption;
23. **War.** War, whether or not declared, or any act or condition incident to war;
24. **Terrorism.** Any **act of terrorism** or action taken to control, prevent, or respond to an **act of terrorism**, unless specifically covered by **endorsement**.
25. **Pollutants.** The discharge, dispersal, release, or escape of **pollutants** by the **Insured** or by any person or organization for whom the **Insured** is legally responsible; or any loss, cost, or expense arising out of any governmental direction or request that the **Insured** test for, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify, or neutralize **pollutants**; or
26. **Nuclear Energy Exclusion.** Allegations for which insurance is or can be available to the **Insured** under a nuclear energy liability policy or that result from the hazardous properties of nuclear materials for which financial protection would be required under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (as amended) or for which the **Insured** would be entitled to indemnity from the United States government pursuant to the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (as amended).

**B. Conditional Defense – No Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments**

**OMIC** will defend an **Insured** because of a **Claim** otherwise covered by this policy that arises out of, but is not solely limited to, any of the following; however, under no circumstances will **OMIC** pay any **damages** or supplementary payments except **Claim expenses** resulting from either settlement or judgment attributed to any of the following:

1. **Intentional Acts.** An act, error, or omission intended or expected to cause **injury** or **property damage** committed by the **Insured** or at the direction of the **Insured**, including any of the following: intentional infliction of emotional distress; assault or battery, except that a technical battery based on lack of informed consent is not excluded; false, misleading, or deceptive advertising and marketing; or any other dishonest, fraudulent, malicious, or knowingly wrongful acts, errors, or omissions.
2. **Criminal Acts.** An act, error, or omission that is also a violation of a statute, ordinance, or regulation imposing criminal penalties;
3. **Sexual Misconduct or Activity.** Allegations of **sexual misconduct or activity**, even if such conduct is consensual or arises under the guise of **direct patient treatment**, or abandonment of, or failure to properly refer for treatment, the person subject to the **sexual misconduct or activity**;
4. **Substance Abuse.** An act, error, or omission (a) committed while the **Insured** is under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other substances that adversely affect the **Insured's** professional ability or judgment or (b) that results from substance abuse;
5. **Guarantee.** A guarantee by the **Insured** of the result of any **direct patient treatment**; or
6. **Apparent Partnership.** Allegations of vicarious liability on the part of the **Insured** for the acts, errors, or omissions of others based upon an **apparent partnership** between the **Insured** and another health care provider or **professional entity**.

**C. Allegations Involving Non-Covered Damages**

**OMIC** will not (1) pay any judgments for money legally required to be paid as compensation other than **damages** ("non-covered damages," which includes punitive and exemplary damages) or (2) contribute any amount in settlement for such non-covered damages. However, **OMIC** shall defend an **Insured** against a **Claim** for non-covered damages as long as they are alleged to have resulted from a **Claim** otherwise covered by this

policy. If **OMIC** settles all **damages** except non-covered damages arising from such **Claim**, **OMIC's** duty to defend will end.

**D. Failure to Meet Conditions**

**OMIC** will neither defend an **Insured** nor pay **damages** or supplementary payments because of any **Claim** otherwise covered under this policy if the **Insured** fails to comply with any of the conditions listed in Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties.

**E. Disciplinary Proceedings**

**OMIC** will neither defend an **Insured** nor pay any fines, sanctions, penalties, or supplementary payments that result from an investigation, disciplinary proceeding, or action for review of the **Insured's** practice by any governmental or private licensing, quality of care, or similar review board, except as may otherwise be defended as outlined in Section VII. Additional Benefits.

**SECTION IV. LIMITS OF LIABILITY**

Except as otherwise provided in this policy, the amount of insurance coverage available to pay **damages** for **Claims** covered by this policy made under Coverage Agreements A, B, C, and D will be as shown in the **Declarations** or any **endorsement** applicable to the **Insured**.

The amount of insurance coverage available to pay **damages** for **Claims** covered by this policy made under Coverage Agreement E will be \$50,000 per **Claim**/\$150,000 in the aggregate for all **Claims** reported during the policy period.

For the purpose of determining the limit of liability, (1) any **Claim**, together with all related **Claims** arising out of any one **professional services incident** or any series of related **professional services incidents** or (2) all related **Claims** joined together in a class action suit or otherwise, will be considered one **Claim** under this policy and will be deemed to have been reported as of the date the first such **Claim** was reported.

The limit of liability that applies to a **Claim** is the limit that is in effect as of the date such **Claim** is reported in writing to **OMIC**.

The most **OMIC** will pay per **Insured**, for all **damages** because of any one **Claim**, will not exceed the limit of liability applicable "per **Claim**," regardless of the number of **injuries** or claimants.

The most **OMIC** will pay per **Insured** for all **Claims** reported to **OMIC** during the **policy period** will not exceed the limit of liability stated as "aggregate," regardless of the number of **injuries** or claimants. The aggregate applicable to each **slot** will be applied to all ophthalmologists who have occupied such **slot** and who have **Claims** made against them and reported to **OMIC** within the **policy period**.

The "per **Claim**" and "aggregate" limits of liability under this policy are not cumulative even if (1) related **Claims** or **professional services incidents** span more than one **policy period** or (2) coverage for a **Claim** is available under more than one Coverage Agreement.

The limits of liability apply separately to each **policy period**. If **OMIC** extends the **policy period** for an additional period of less than twelve months, the additional period will be deemed part of the preceding period and only one set of liability limits will apply.

The limits of liability apply separately to each **Insured** listed in the **Declarations** unless the "Primary limits of liability" indicate that the limits are "Shared." Unless otherwise indicated in the **Declarations** or any **endorsement**, the limits of liability are shared:

1. Among all **Insured non-physician employees** and the **Insured ophthalmologist or professional entity** employer unless state law prohibits non-**physicians** and **physicians** or **professional entities** from sharing limits of liability. If so prohibited, the limits of liability are shared among all **Insured non-physician employees**, who



share a separate limit of liability equivalent to the limits shown in the **Declarations** as applicable to the **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** employer. Further, if state law requires certain non-**physician employees** to carry separate limits, such **Insured non-physician employees** will each have a separate limit of liability equivalent to the limits shown in the **Declarations** as applicable to the **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** employer.

2. Among all **Insured locum tenens** and the **Insured** ophthalmologist employer whom the **locum tenens** is replacing unless state law prohibits the sharing of limits among **physicians**. If so prohibited, such **locum tenens** will each have a separate limit of liability as shown in the **Declarations**.
3. Among all **Insured professional entities** and the **Policyholder** unless state law prohibits the sharing of limits among **professional entities** or between **professional entities** and **physicians**. If so prohibited, such **professional entities** will each have a separate limit of liability as shown in the **Declarations**.
4. Between an **Insured** sole shareholder corporation **professional entity** and the **Insured** sole shareholder, unless state law prohibits the sharing of limits between **professional entities** and **physicians**. If so prohibited, the sole shareholder corporation will have a separate limit of liability as shown in the **Declarations**.

#### SECTION V. DEFENSE OF A CLAIM

**OMIC** has the right to investigate any **professional services incident** at any time and in any manner that **OMIC** deems appropriate. **OMIC** has the right and duty to defend each covered **Claim** brought against the **Insured** even if groundless, false, or fraudulent. **OMIC** has the right to select defense counsel for any covered **Claim** and to negotiate, evaluate, and control the defense of such **Claim**. **OMIC** will not be liable for **Claim expenses** incurred by an **Insured** without **OMIC's** written consent or incurred before **OMIC's** receipt of written notice of a **Claim**.

Defense counsel's primary duty will be to the **Insured**. If **OMIC** notifies the **Insured** at any time during the defense of the **Claim** that (1) **OMIC** denies coverage as to certain allegations, (2) **OMIC** denies coverage of punitive or other non-covered damages, or (3) the **Claim** is for an amount in excess of the applicable limits of liability, the **Insured** is entitled to retain counsel of the **Insured's** choice, at the sole expense of the **Insured**, to participate in the defense of the matters that are the subject of such notice. If **OMIC** is required by law to pay for such independent counsel, the attorney's fees and expenses **OMIC** will pay are limited to the rates **OMIC** usually pays to counsel it has retained in the ordinary course of business for the defense of similar **Claims** in the same community.

If an arbitration or mediation proceeding is brought against the **Insured** with respect to a **Claim**, **OMIC** has the right to exercise all of the **Insured's** rights in the choice of arbitrators or mediators and the conduct of the proceedings.

If a **Claim** is asserted against more than one **Insured**, **OMIC** may retain the same legal counsel to defend all **Insureds** consistent with counsel's ethical duties to avoid conflicts of interest.

When the applicable limit of liability has been exhausted, **OMIC** (1) has the right to withdraw from and tender to the **Insured** any further defense of the **Claim** and (2) will not be obligated to pay any further **damages** or supplementary payments. If this happens, **OMIC** shall (1) notify the **Insured** so that the **Insured** can arrange to take over control of the defense of the **Claim** and payment of **Claim expenses** and (2) assist in the transfer of control to the **Insured** for such defense.

#### SECTION VI. SUPPLEMENTARY PAYMENTS

The following supplementary payments are in addition to the applicable limit of liability. These supplementary payments end when the limit of liability is exhausted. For any covered **Claim**, **OMIC** shall pay:

1. All **Claim expenses** incurred by **OMIC** and all costs levied against the **Insured** related to the **Claim** and approved by **OMIC**;
2. All interest on the amount of any judgment that is within the applicable limit of liability that accrues after entry of the judgment and before **OMIC** has paid or deposited in court that part of the judgment which does not exceed the limit of liability ("post-judgment interest"). In no event will prejudgment interest be considered supplemental;

3. Premiums on appeals bonds authorized by **OMIC**, but only for that portion of a judgment that does not exceed the applicable limit of liability, and premiums on bonds to release attachments for an amount not in excess of the applicable limit of liability, but **OMIC** will have no obligation to apply for or furnish any such bonds;
4. Reasonable expenses, other than loss of earnings, incurred by the **Insured** at **OMIC's** request in the investigation or defense of the **Claim**; and
5. At the **Insured's** request, loss of earnings of the **Insured** as a result of the **Insured's** attendance, as requested by **OMIC**, at any court proceeding, trial, mediation, or arbitration involving the **Claim**, not to exceed the sum of \$500 for each day and \$250 for each half-day. A "day" of attendance means attendance for more than three hours. A "half-day" of attendance means attendance for three hours or fewer. Attendance at the **Insured's** own deposition, or the deposition of others, is not a "court proceeding" and does not qualify for these supplementary payments.

## SECTION VII. ADDITIONAL BENEFITS

### **A. Disciplinary Proceeding Protection**

**OMIC** shall defend and pay **Claim expenses** for any **Insured** ophthalmologist named in the **Declarations** whose class is identified as Ophthalmology against any investigation, disciplinary proceeding, or action for review ("**disciplinary proceeding**") of the **Insured's** practice by any federal, state, or local regulatory agency arising from a complaint or report to such agency of an actual or alleged **injury** to a patient resulting from a **professional services incident** involving **direct patient treatment** provided by the **Insured**. However, **OMIC** will have no liability for fines, sanctions, penalties, or other financial awards resulting from the **disciplinary proceeding**.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

1. The **professional services incident** upon which the **disciplinary proceeding** is based occurred on or after the applicable **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the applicable **policy period**; and
2. The **disciplinary proceeding** is first made against the **Insured** and the **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **disciplinary proceeding** to **OMIC** during the applicable **policy period** or **extended reporting period**.

This coverage does not apply to any **disciplinary proceeding** that arises out of a **professional services incident** that is not covered under this policy, or would be specifically excluded if brought as a **Claim** under this policy. The most **OMIC** will pay per **Insured** for **Claim expenses** for any one **disciplinary proceeding** is \$25,000. The most **OMIC** will pay per **Insured** for **Claim expenses** for all such **disciplinary proceedings** during the **policy period** or the **extended reporting period** will be \$75,000. The Additional Benefit pertaining to any **disciplinary proceedings** or **regulatory proceedings** arising out of the same event(s) is afforded either under Subsection VII.A. or VII.B., but not both, and only one limit applies.

### **B. Broad Regulatory Protection**

**OMIC** shall reimburse any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** for (1) any **legal expenses** incurred as a result of a **regulatory proceeding**; (2) any **audit expenses** incurred in the course of a **shadow audit** related to a **billing errors proceeding**; and (3) **fines or penalties** imposed against the **Insured** as a result of a **billing errors proceeding**, **EMTALA proceeding**, **HIPAA proceeding**, or **STARK proceeding**.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

1. The act, error, or omission upon which the **regulatory proceeding** is based actually or allegedly takes place prior to the end of the **policy period**;
2. The **regulatory proceeding** is **instituted** against the **Insured** during the **policy period** or within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy; and
3. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **regulatory proceeding** to **OMIC** (a) during the **policy period**, (b) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (c) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy.

**Definitions.** This Section defines various terms used in this Subsection VII.B. These terms are indicated throughout the Subsection in bold, italicized print. Refer to Section I. Definitions of the policy for terms that are shown in bold, but not defined below. If a term is defined below and in Section I. Definitions of the policy, the definition below applies to this Subsection VII.B.

1. **Audit expenses** means the fees for the services of a qualified audit professional and associated expenses incurred by the **Insured** in the course of a **shadow audit**.
2. **Billing errors proceeding** means (a) a civil investigation or proceeding **instituted** against the **Insured** by a qui tam plaintiff under the federal False Claims Act, by a government entity, or by a commercial payer alleging presentation of erroneous billings by the **Insured** to a government health benefit payer or commercial payer from which the **Insured** seeks or has received payment or reimbursement for medical services or items or (b) any investigation or proceeding described in paragraph (a) above which is **instituted** against the **Insured** because of the **Insured's voluntary self disclosure** to any government entity.
3. **Covered licensing proceeding** means a proceeding **instituted** against the **Insured** by a state licensing authority that arises out of the practice of ophthalmology but that does not arise from a complaint or report of an actual or alleged **injury** to a patient resulting from **direct patient treatment** or **eye bank services**.
4. **DEA proceeding** means a proceeding **instituted** against the **Insured** by the Drug Enforcement Agency ("DEA"), for the purpose of adversely affecting the **Insured's** ability to prescribe drugs pursuant to a license issued by the DEA.
5. **EMTALA proceeding** means a proceeding **instituted** against the **Insured** by a government entity alleging one or more violations of the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act ("EMTALA").
6. **Fines or penalties** means administrative fines or penalties the **Insured** is required to pay as a result of a covered **billing errors proceeding**, **EMTALA proceeding**, **HIPAA proceeding**, or **STARK proceeding** (but not a **DEA proceeding**, **peer review**, or **covered licensing proceeding**).
7. **HIPAA proceeding** means a proceeding **instituted** against the **Insured** by a government entity alleging violation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") privacy and security regulations.
8. **Instituted** means the time formal written notice of a **regulatory proceeding** is received by the **Insured**. All related proceedings comprising a **regulatory proceeding** shall be deemed to have been **instituted** at the time the earliest of such proceedings was **instituted**.
9. **Legal expenses** means an attorney's fees for legal services rendered in defense of a **regulatory proceeding**, associated expenses, and related, **OMIC** pre-approved consultant fees other than **audit expenses**. **Legal expenses** do not include costs associated with the adoption and implementation of any corporate integrity agreement or compliance or similar program negotiated as part of a settlement with or by order of a government entity.
10. **Peer review** means a professional review action **instituted** against the **Insured** by the professional review body of a hospital or other healthcare facility with which the **Insured** has clinical privileges, which action has the potential to adversely affect those clinical privileges.
11. **Regulatory proceeding** means a **billing errors proceeding**, **DEA proceeding**, **EMTALA proceeding**, **HIPAA proceeding**, **covered licensing proceeding**, **STARK proceeding**, or **peer review instituted** against the **Insured**. All related and consolidated proceedings, and proceedings arising out of the same facts, events, or circumstances, including appeals and post-trial proceedings, shall be considered one proceeding for the purpose of addressing coverage.
12. **Shadow audit** means an audit performed by a qualified professional, which examines the same billing records and related documents as those subject to an ongoing **billing errors proceeding**, with the intent of providing the **Insured** with a private expert opinion.
13. **STARK proceeding** means a proceeding **instituted** against the **Insured** by a government entity alleging violation of any federal, state, or local anti-kickback or self-referral laws.
14. **Voluntary self disclosure** means the **Insured** discloses information to a government entity, without prior solicitation by the entity of such information, which information may serve as grounds for a **billing errors proceeding** against the **Insured**. Such information must have become known to the **Insured** fortuitously and on or after the initial effective date of the policy.

**Exclusions.** These exclusions are applicable to this Subsection VII.B.:

1. This Benefit does not apply to **regulatory proceedings** that arise from any circumstances, events, or causes that (1) are underlying in any litigation, government investigation or proceeding, other notice pending, or any judicial decree or judgment entered; (2) are the subject of notice to an insurer under any other insurance policy; or (3) any **Insured** or any of his/her/its supervisory level employees knew or had a reasonable basis to know might result in a **regulatory proceeding**, prior to the **Insured's original effective date**.
2. This Benefit does not apply to any matter other than a **regulatory proceeding**.
3. No benefits shall be reimbursable for **legal expenses, audit expenses, or fines or penalties**:
  - a. arising out of any matter that any **Insured** has acted with another to institute, except for **voluntary self disclosure**;
  - b. arising out of any matter brought against an **Insured** by any other **Insured**, except if brought by a qui tam plaintiff or under the federal False Claims Act;
  - c. incurred in defense of a criminal proceeding. Criminal proceeding shall mean a governmental action for the enforcement of criminal laws, including those offenses for which conviction could result in criminal fines and/or incarceration;
  - d. arising out of any liability of any **Insured** assumed under any contract or agreement, except if the **Insured** would have been liable in the absence of such contract or agreement and the **legal expenses, audit expenses, or fines or penalties** would have otherwise been covered by this benefit;
  - e. arising out of a **billing errors proceeding** involving billing errors for medical services or items provided or prescribed by someone other than an **Insured**; and
  - f. incurred in the course of a **shadow audit** not previously approved by **OMIC**, which approval will not be unreasonably withheld.
4. This Benefit does not apply to:
  - a. restitution of fees, reimbursements, profits, charges, or benefit payments received by the **Insured** from a government health benefit payer, commercial payer, or patient that the **Insured** was not legally entitled to by reason of billing error;
  - b. damages, including compensatory damages, punitive damages, exemplary damages, or additional damages resulting from the multiplication of compensatory damages;
  - c. any amounts which are deemed uninsurable by law;
  - d. remuneration, salaries, fees, or overhead of any **Insured**; and
  - e. the costs associated with the adoption and implementation of any corporate integrity agreement, compliance program, or similar provision regarding the operations of the **Insured's** business negotiated as part of a settlement with or by order of a government entity.

**Choice of Counsel.** **OMIC** does not assume any duty to defend under this Additional Benefit. The obligation to defend any **regulatory proceeding** resides solely with an **Insured**, and a reasonable and good faith defense by an **Insured** is a condition precedent to coverage under this Additional Benefit. The **Insured** shall have complete freedom to select and retain a licensed attorney who will provide legal services in connection with any **regulatory proceeding**. However, reimbursement of **legal expenses** under this Additional Benefit shall be limited to a maximum hourly attorney rate of \$300.00.

**Coverage Limit.** The most **OMIC** will reimburse per **Insured** for **legal expenses, audit expenses, and fines or penalties** for any one **regulatory proceeding** and in the aggregate for all **regulatory proceedings instituted** during a **policy period** is \$100,000. Any **extended reporting period** does not increase the limit; it is shared with the prior **policy period**. The Additional Benefit pertaining to any **disciplinary proceedings or regulatory proceedings** arising out of the same event(s) is afforded either under Subsection VII.A. or VII.B., but not both, and only one limit applies. The Additional Benefit pertaining to any **HIPAA proceedings or claims** arising out of the same event(s) is afforded either under Subsection VII.B or VII.C, but not both, and only one limit applies (Subsection VII.C. limits are a sub-limit of Subsection VII.B. limits, regardless). **OMIC** has the sole discretion to determine which coverage provision applies in any event.

### C. e-MD® Protection

This Section VII.C. provides nine different insuring agreements. Section VII.C.1. covers Multimedia Liability. Section VII.C.2. covers Security and Privacy Liability. Section VII.C.3. covers Privacy Regulatory Defense and Penalties. Section VII.C.4. covers Security and Privacy Breach Response Costs, Notification Expenses, and Support and Credit Monitoring Expenses. Section VII.C.5. covers Network Asset Protection. Section VII.C.6. covers Cyber Extortion. Section VII.C.7. covers Cyber Terrorism. Section VII.C.8. covers BrandGuard®. Section VII.C.9. covers PCI DSS Assessment.

#### 1. Multimedia Liability Coverage

**OMIC** shall pay on behalf of any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** the **loss**, including liability **assumed under contract**, such **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay, and related **legal expenses**, because of a **claim** for a **multimedia peril** first made against such **Insured** during the **policy period** or within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy. **OMIC** shall have the right and duty to defend any **claim** even if the allegations are groundless, false, or fraudulent. **OMIC** shall have the right to appoint defense counsel and to investigate any **claim** as **OMIC** deems necessary.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- a. The actual or alleged **multimedia peril** takes place or first begins on or after the **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the **policy period**; and
- b. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **claim** to **OMIC** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy.

#### 2. Security and Privacy Liability Coverage

**OMIC** shall pay on behalf of any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** the **loss** such **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay, and related **legal expenses**, because of a **claim** for a **security and privacy wrongful act** first made against such **Insured** during the **policy period** or within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy. **OMIC** shall have the right and duty to defend any **claim** even if the allegations are groundless, false, or fraudulent. **OMIC** shall have the right to appoint defense counsel and to investigate any **claim** as **OMIC** deems necessary.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- a. The actual or alleged **security and privacy wrongful act** takes place or first begins on or after the **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the **policy period**; and
- b. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **claim** to **OMIC** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy.

#### 3. Security and Privacy Regulatory Defense and Penalties Coverage

**OMIC** shall pay on behalf of any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** the **regulatory fines and penalties** and/or a **regulatory compensatory award** the **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay, and related **legal expenses**, because of a **claim** for a **security breach** or **privacy breach** first made against the **Insured** during the **policy period** or within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy. **OMIC** shall have the right and duty to defend any **claim** even if the allegations are groundless, false, or fraudulent. **OMIC** shall have the right to appoint defense counsel and to investigate any **claim** as **OMIC** deems necessary.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- a. The actual or alleged **security breach** or **privacy breach** takes place or first begins on or after the **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the **policy period**; and
- b. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **claim** to **OMIC** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy.

4. **Security and Privacy Breach Response Costs, Notification Expense, and Support and Credit Monitoring Expense Coverage**

OMIC shall pay on behalf of any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** the **security and privacy breach response costs, notification expenses, and/or support and credit monitoring expenses** incurred by such **Insured** during the **policy period**, or within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy, as a result of a **security breach** or **privacy breach**, but only if such **security and privacy breach response costs, notification expenses, and/or support and credit monitoring expenses** are incurred with **OMIC's** prior written consent. **OMIC** will not unreasonably withhold consent.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- a. The **security breach** or **privacy breach** takes place or first begins on or after the **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the **policy period**;
- b. A **claim** is first made by the **Insured** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy; and
- c. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **security breach** or **privacy breach** to **OMIC** no later than sixty days from the date an **Insured** first discovers the **security breach** or **privacy breach**.

5. **Network Asset Protection Coverage**

a. **Loss of Digital Assets**

OMIC shall pay **digital assets loss** and/or **special expenses** incurred by any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** during the **policy period**, or within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy, as a result of a **covered cause of loss**, which causes damage, alteration, corruption, distortion, theft, misuse, or destruction of the **Insured's digital assets**.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- i. The **covered cause of loss** takes place or first begins during the **policy period**;
- ii. A **claim** is first made by the **Insured** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy;
- iii. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **covered cause of loss** to **OMIC** no later than sixty days from the date an **Insured** first discovers the **covered cause of loss**; and
- iv. The **Insured** provides clear evidence that the **digital assets loss** and/or **special expenses** directly resulted from a **covered cause of loss**.

**Digital assets loss** and/or **special expenses** will be paid for a period of up to twelve months following the discovery of the damage, alteration, corruption, distortion, theft, misuse or destruction of an **Insured's digital assets**.

b. **Non-Physical Business Interruption and Extra Expense**

OMIC shall pay **income loss, interruption expenses, and/or special expenses** incurred by any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** during the **period of restoration** because of a **covered cause of loss**, which directly causes a total or partial interruption, degradation in service, or failure of the **Insured's computer system**.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- i. The **covered cause of loss** takes place or first begins during the **policy period**;

- ii. A **claim** is first made by the **Insured** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy;
- iii. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **covered cause of loss** to **OMIC** no later than sixty days from the date an **Insured** first discovers the **covered cause of loss**;
- iv. The **Insured** provides clear evidence that the **income loss, interruption expenses**, and/or **special expenses** directly resulted from a **covered cause of loss**; and
- v. The total or partial interruption, degradation in service, or failure of the **Insured's computer system** exceeds the **waiting period**.

#### 6. **Cyber Extortion Coverage**

**OMIC** shall pay **cyber extortion expenses** and/or **cyber extortion monies** incurred by any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** during the **policy period**, or within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy, as a result of a **cyber extortion threat**.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- a. The **cyber extortion threat** takes place or first begins during the **policy period**;
- b. A **claim** is first made by the **Insured** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy;
- c. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **cyber extortion threat** to **OMIC** no later than sixty days from the date the **cyber extortion threat** is made against the **Insured**; and
- d. The **Insured** provides clear evidence that the **cyber extortion expenses** and/or **cyber extortion monies** directly resulted from a **cyber extortion threat**.

**Cyber extortion expenses** and/or **cyber extortion monies** shall not be paid without **OMIC's** prior consultation and written consent. An **Insured** must make every reasonable effort to notify local law enforcement authorities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation or similar equivalent foreign agency before surrendering any **cyber extortion monies** in response to a **cyber extortion threat**.

#### 7. **Cyber Terrorism Coverage**

**OMIC** shall pay **income loss, interruption expenses**, and/or **special expenses** incurred by any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** during the **period of restoration** because of an **act of cyber terrorism** which directly causes a total or partial interruption, degradation in service, or failure of the **Insured's computer system**.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- a. The **act of cyber terrorism** takes place or first begins during the **policy period**;
- b. A **claim** is first made by the **Insured** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy;
- c. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **act of cyber terrorism** to **OMIC** no later than sixty days from the date an **Insured** first discovers the **act of cyber terrorism**;
- d. The **Insured** provides clear evidence that the **income loss, interruption expenses**, and/or **special expenses** directly resulted from the **act of cyber terrorism**; and
- e. The total or partial interruption, degradation in service, or failure of an **Insured's computer system** exceeds the **waiting period**.

#### 8. **BrandGuard® Coverage**

**OMIC** shall pay the provable and ascertainable **brand loss** incurred by any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** during the **period of indemnity**, but after the **waiting period**, as a direct result of an **adverse media report** or **notification**.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- a. The **adverse media report** or **notification** results from a **privacy breach** or **security breach** that takes place or first begins on or after the **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the **policy period**;
- b. The **brand loss** is first discovered by the **Insured** during the **policy period**;
- c. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **brand loss** to **OMIC** no later than sixty days from the date an **Insured** first discovers the actual or potential **brand loss**; and
- d. The **Insured** provides clear evidence that the **brand loss** directly resulted from the **adverse media report** or **notification**.

#### 9. PCI DSS Assessment Coverage

**OMIC** shall pay on behalf of any **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** the **PCI DSS assessment** such **Insured** becomes legally obligated to pay, and related **legal expenses**, because of a **claim** first made against such **Insured** during the **policy period** or within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy. **OMIC** shall have the right and duty to defend any **claim** even if the allegations are groundless, false, or fraudulent. **OMIC** shall have the right to appoint defense counsel and to investigate any **claim** as **OMIC** deems necessary.

This Benefit will only be provided if:

- a. The actual or alleged **security breach** or **privacy breach** giving rise to the **claim** takes place or first begins on or after the **retroactive date** and prior to the end of the **policy period**; and
- b. The **Insured** provides timely written notice of the **claim** to **OMIC** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy.

**Definitions.** This Section defines various terms used in this Subsection VII.C. These terms are indicated throughout the subsection in bold, italicized print. Refer to Section I. Definitions of the policy for terms that are shown in bold, but not defined below. If a term is defined below and in Section I. Definitions of the policy, the definition below applies to this Subsection VII.C.

1. **Acquiring bank** means a bank or financial institution that accepts credit and/or debit card payments (including stored value cards and pre-paid cards) for products or services on behalf of a merchant, including processing and crediting those payments to a merchant's account.
2. **Act of cyber terrorism** means the premeditated use of disruptive activities, or the threat thereof, against computers, **computer systems**, networks, and/or the public internet by any person or group(s) of persons, whether acting alone or on behalf of, or in connection with, any organization(s) or government(s) with the intent to intimidate or cause destruction or harm and/or further social, ideological, religious, political, or similar objectives; provided that such activities are not committed by, or at the express direction of, a sovereign state or a government simultaneously engaged in **war** or a **cyber operation** carried out as part of any **war**. **Act of cyber terrorism** includes, but is not limited to, the use of information technology to organize and execute attacks against **computer systems**, networks, and/or the public internet, resulting in disabling and/or deleting critical infrastructure, **data**, or information; provided that such activities are not committed by, or at the express direction of, a sovereign state or a government simultaneously engaged in **war** or a **cyber operation** carried out as part of any **war**. **Act of cyber terrorism** does not include any **act of terrorism**.
3. **Adverse media report** means any unexpected report or communication of an actual or potential **security breach** or **privacy breach**, which:
  - a. Has been publicized through any media channel, including but not limited to, television, **print media**, radio or electronic networks, the internet, and/or electronic mail; and
  - b. Threatens material damage to an **Insured's** reputation or brands.
4. **Assumed under contract** means liability for **loss** resulting from a **multimedia peril** where such liability has been assumed by an **Insured** in the form of a written hold harmless or indemnification agreement that predates the **multimedia peril**.
5. **Bodily injury** means physical injury, sickness, disease, pain, or death, and, if arising out of the foregoing,



- mental anguish, mental injury, shock, humiliation, or emotional distress sustained by a person at any time.
6. **BPO service provider** means any third-party independent contractor that provides business process outsourcing services for the benefit of an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations**, under a written contract with such **Insured**, including, but not limited to, call center services, fulfillment services, and logistical support.
  7. **Brand loss** means the net income of an **Insured** as could have been reasonably projected immediately prior to **notification** or, in the event of an **adverse media report**, immediately prior to the publication of an **adverse media report**, but which has been lost as a direct result of such **notification** or **adverse media report**. **Brand loss** will be determined in accordance with the Loss Determination section below.
  8. **Card association** means Visa International, Mastercard, Discover, JCB American Express, and any similar credit or debit card association that is a participating organization of the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council.
  9. **Claim** means:
    - a. With respect to Multimedia Liability Coverage and Security and Privacy Liability Coverage only:
      - i. Any written demand for monetary damages or other non-monetary relief against an **Insured**;
      - ii. Any civil proceeding or arbitration proceeding commenced against an **Insured** by the service of a summons, complaint, or similar pleading or notification;
      - iii. Any written request to toll or waive a statute of limitations relating to a potential **claim** against an **Insured**, including any appeal therefrom.

A **claim** under the Multimedia Liability Coverage or the Security and Privacy Liability Coverage will be deemed to be first made when any of the foregoing is first received by an **Insured**.
    - b. With respect to Privacy Regulatory Defense and Penalties Coverage only, proceedings against an **Insured** brought by a government entity, commenced by letter notification, complaint, or order of investigation, the subject matter of which is a **security breach** or **privacy breach**. A **claim** under the Privacy Regulatory Defense and Penalties Coverage will be deemed to be first made when it is received by an **Insured**.
    - c. With respect to Security and Privacy Breach Response Costs, Notification Expenses, and Support and Credit Monitoring Expenses Coverage only, a written report by an **Insured** to **OMIC** of an **adverse media report**, **security breach**, or **privacy breach**. A **claim** under Security and Privacy Breach Response Costs, Notification Expenses, and Support and Credit Monitoring Expenses Coverage will be deemed to be first made when such written report is received by **OMIC**.
    - d. With respect to Network Asset Protection Coverage only, a written report by an **Insured** to **OMIC** of a **covered cause of loss**. A **claim** under the Network Asset Protection Coverage will be deemed to be first made when such written report is received by **OMIC**.
    - e. With respect to Cyber Extortion Coverage only, a written report by an **Insured** to **OMIC** of a **cyber extortion threat**. A **claim** under the Cyber Extortion Coverage will be deemed to be first made when such written report is received by **OMIC**.
    - f. With respect to Cyber Terrorism Coverage only, a written report by an **Insured** to **OMIC** of an **act of cyber terrorism**. A **claim** under the Cyber Terrorism Coverage will be deemed to be first made when such written report is received by **OMIC**.
    - g. With respect to BrandGuard® Coverage only, a written report by an **Insured** to **OMIC** of **brand loss**. A **claim** under the BrandGuard® Coverage will be deemed to be first made when such written report is received by **OMIC**.
    - h. With respect to PCI DSS Assessment Coverage only, a written demand made against an **Insured** by an **acquiring bank** or **card association** for a **PCI DSS assessment** due to the **Insured's** non-compliance with the **PCI Data Security Standard**. A **claim** under the PCI DSS Assessment Coverage will be deemed to be first made when such written demand is received by an **Insured**.
  10. **Computer hardware** means the physical components of any **computer system** including CPU's, memory, storage devices, storage media, and input/output devices and other peripheral devices and components including but not limited to cables, connectors, fiber optics, wires, power supply units, keyboards, display monitors, and audio speakers.

11. **Computer program** means an organized set of instructions that, when executed, causes a computer to behave in a predetermined manner. **Computer program** includes, but is not limited to, communication systems, networking systems, operating systems, and related **computer programs** used to create, maintain process, retrieve, store, and/or transmit electronic **data**.
12. **Computer systems** means interconnected electronic, wireless, web, or similar systems (including all **computer hardware** and software) used to process and store **data** or information in an analog, digital, electronic, or wireless format including but not limited to **computer programs**, electronic **data**, operating systems, **firmware**, servers, media libraries, associated input and output devices, mobile devices, networking equipment, websites, extranets, off line storage facilities (to the extent that they hold electronic **data**), and electronic backup equipment.
13. **Computer virus** means a program that possesses the ability to create replicas of itself (commonly known as an auto-reproduction program) within other programs or operating system areas, and which is capable of spreading copies of itself, wholly or in part, to other **computer systems**.
14. **Covered cause of loss** means, and is limited to, the following:
  - a. Accidental Damage or Destruction
    - i. Accidental physical damage or destruction of **electronic media**, so that stored **digital assets** are no longer machine-readable;
    - ii. Accidental damage or destruction of **computer hardware**, so that stored **data** is no longer machine-readable;
    - iii. Failure in power supply or under/over voltage, but only if such power supply is under the direct operational control of an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations**. "Direct operational control" includes back-up generators;
    - iv. **Programming error of delivered programs**; or
    - v. Electrostatic build-up and static electricity.
  - b. Administrative or Operational Mistakes  
An accidental, unintentional, or negligent act, mistake, error, or omission by an **Insured**, a **BPO service provider**, or **Outsourced IT service provider** in:
    - i. The entry or modification of the electronic **data** of an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations**, which causes damage to such **data**;
    - ii. The creation, handling, development, modification, or maintenance of **digital assets**; or
    - iii. The ongoing operation or maintenance of an **Insured's computer system**, excluding the design, architecture, or configuration of the **Insured's computer system**.
  - c. Computer Crime and Computer Attacks  
An act, mistake, or negligent error or omission in the operation of an **Insured's computer system** or in the handling of **digital assets** by an **Insured**, a **BPO service provider**, or **Outsourced IT service provider**, which fails to prevent or hinder any of the following attacks on the **Insured's computer system**:
    - i. a **denial of service attack**;
    - ii. **malicious code**;
    - iii. **unauthorized access**; or
    - iv. **unauthorized use**.
15. **Cyber extortion expenses** means all reasonable and necessary costs and expenses, which an **Insured** incurs, with **OMIC's** prior written consent, as a direct result of a **cyber extortion threat**, other than **cyber extortion monies**.
16. **Cyber extortion monies** means any funds or property, which an **Insured** pays, with **OMIC's** prior written consent, to a person(s) or entity(ies) reasonably believed to be responsible for a **cyber extortion threat**, in order to terminate such **cyber extortion threat**.
17. **Cyber extortion threat** means a credible threat or series of related credible threats, including but not limited to a demand for **cyber extortion monies**, which is directed at an **Insured** and threatens to:
  - a. Release, divulge, disseminate, destroy, or use the confidential information of a third party taken from an **Insured** as a result of **unauthorized access** to, or **unauthorized use** of, the **Insured's computer system**;
  - b. Introduce **malicious code** into the **Insured's computer system**;

- c. Corrupt, damage, or destroy the **Insured's computer system**;
  - d. Restrict or hinder access to the **Insured's computer system**, including but not limited to the threat of a **denial of service attack**; or
  - e. Electronically communicate with an **Insured's** patients and falsely claim to be an **Insured** or to be acting under an **Insured's** direction in order to falsely obtain personal or confidential information (also known as pharming or phishing) or other types of false communications.
18. **Cyber operation** means the use of a **computer system** by or at the direction or under the control of a sovereign state to disrupt, deny, degrade, manipulate or destroy information in a **computer system** of or in another sovereign state.
19. **Data** means any and all information stored, recorded, appearing or present in or on an **Insured's computer system**, including but not limited to information stored, recorded, appearing, or present in or on an **Insured's** electronic and computer databases, the internet, intranet, extranet and related websites, facsimiles, and electronic mail.
20. **Delivered programs** means programs, applications, and software where the development stage has been finalized, having passed all test-runs and been proven successful in a live environment.
21. **Denial of service attack** means an event caused by unauthorized or unexpected interference or a malicious attack intended by the perpetrator to overwhelm the capacity of a **computer system** by sending an excessive volume of electronic **data** to such **computer system** in order to prevent authorized access to such **computer system**.
22. **Digital assets** mean **data** and **computer programs** that exist in the **Insured's computer system**. **Digital assets** do not include **computer hardware**.
23. **Digital assets loss** means reasonable and necessary expenses and costs which an **Insured** incurs to replace, recreate, or restore **digital assets** to the same state and with the same contents immediately before it was damaged, destroyed, altered, misused, or stolen, including expenses for materials and machine time. **Digital assets loss** also includes amounts representing **employee** work time to replace, recreate, or restore **digital assets**, which shall be determined on a predefined billable hours or per hour basis as based upon an **Insured's** schedule of **employee** billable hours.
24. **Electronic media** means floppy disks, CD ROMs, flash drives, hard drives, solid state drives, magnetic tapes, magnetic discs, or any other media on which electronic data is recorded or stored.
25. **Essential service** means any service that is essential for the proper operation and maintenance of vital functions of a sovereign state, including, but not limited to, financial services (including services related to financial institutions and associated financial market infrastructure), health services, utility services, emergency services, and/or services that are essential for the proper operation of the food, energy and/or transportation sector.
26. **Firmware** means the fixed programs that internally control basic low-level operations in a device.
27. **Impacted state** means a sovereign state where a **cyber operation** has had a major detrimental impact on:
- a. The functioning of that sovereign state due to disruption of the availability, integrity or delivery of an **essential service** in that sovereign state; and/or
  - b. The security or defense of that sovereign state.
28. **Income loss** means financial loss, which an **Insured** sustains, as determined in accordance with the provisions of Coverage 5.b. or Coverage 7.
29. **Insured's computer system** means:
- a. A **computer system** operated by and either owned by or leased to an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations**;
  - b. With respect to Coverage 2 only, a **computer system** operated by a **BPO service provider** or **Outsourced IT service provider** and used for the sole purpose of providing hosted computer application services to an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** or for processing, maintaining, hosting, or storing such **Insured's** electronic **data** pursuant to a written contract with such **Insured** to provide such services.
30. **Interruption expenses** means those expenses, excluding **special expenses**, which an **Insured** incurs in accordance with the provisions of Coverage 5.b. or Coverage 7 to:
- a. Avoid or minimize the suspension of the **Insured's** business as a result of a total or partial interruption, degradation in service, or failure of the **Insured's computer system** caused directly by a

**covered cause of loss** or an **act of cyber terrorism**, which such **Insured** would not have incurred had no **covered cause of loss** or **act of cyber terrorism** occurred, including but not limited to the use of rented/leased external equipment, substitution of other work or production procedures, use of third party services, or additional staff expenditures or labor costs; and

- b. Minimize or avoid a **covered cause of loss** or an **act of cyber terrorism** and continue the **Insured's** business.

The amount of **interruption expenses** recoverable shall not exceed the amount by which the covered **income loss** is reduced by such incurred expenses.

- 31. **Legal expenses** means reasonable and necessary fees, costs, and expenses incurred in the investigation, defense, and appeal of any **claim** covered under Coverage 1, 2, 3, or 9; but **legal expenses** shall not include any wages, salaries, or other compensation or income of any **Insured**.
- 32. **Loss** means money an **Insured** is legally obligated to pay as a result of a **claim** covered under Coverage 1 or 2. **Loss** includes damages and judgments; prejudgment and post-judgment interest awarded against an **Insured** on that part of any judgment paid or to be paid by **OMIC**; legal fees and costs awarded pursuant to such judgments; and settlements negotiated with **OMIC's** prior consent. **Loss** does not include:
  - a. Taxes;
  - b. Any amount for which the **Insured** is absolved from legal responsibility to make payment to any third party;
  - c. Amounts owed under, or assumed by, any contract;
  - d. Any return, withdrawal, restitution, or reduction of professional fees, profits, or other charges;
  - e. Punitive or exemplary damages or the multiple portion of any multiplied damages;
  - f. Fines, penalties, or sanctions;
  - g. Any matters that are deemed uninsurable under applicable law;
  - h. The costs to comply with orders granting injunctive relief or non-monetary relief, including specific performance or any agreement to provide such relief; and
  - i. Settlements negotiated without **OMIC's** prior consent.
- 33. **Malicious code** means software intentionally designed to insert itself and damage a **computer system** without the owner's informed consent by a variety of forms including but not limited to viruses, worms, Trojan horses, spyware, dishonest adware, and crimeware.
- 34. **Multimedia peril** means the release or display of any **electronic media** on the internet site of an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** or in **print media** for which such **Insured** is solely responsible, which directly results in any of the following:
  - a. Any form of defamation or other tort related to the disparagement or harm to the reputation or character of any person or organization, including libel, slander, product disparagement, or trade libel, and infliction of emotional distress, mental anguish, outrage, or outrageous conduct, if directly resulting from any of the foregoing;
  - b. Invasion, infringement, or interference with an individual's right of privacy or publicity, including false light, intrusion upon seclusion, commercial misappropriation of name, person, or likeness, and public disclosure of private facts;
  - c. Plagiarism, piracy, or misappropriation of ideas under an implied contract;
  - d. Infringement of copyright, trademark, trade name, trade dress, title, slogan, service mark, or service name; or
  - e. Domain name infringement, improper deep linking, or framing.
- 35. **Notification** means notification to individuals in the event of a **security breach** or a **privacy breach**.
- 36. **Notification expenses** means all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by an **Insured**, with **OMIC's** prior written consent, to comply with governmental privacy legislation mandating notification to affected individuals in the event of a **security breach** or **privacy breach**, whether or not there is a specific requirement by law to do so. **Notification expenses** includes, but is not limited to:
  - a. Legal expenses;
  - b. Computer forensic and investigation fees;
  - c. Public relations expenses;
  - d. Postage expenses; and
  - e. Related advertising expenses.

37. **Operational programs** means programs and software that are ready for operational use, having been fully developed, tested, and accepted by an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations**.
38. **Outsourced IT service provider** means a third party independent contractor that provides information technology services for the benefit of an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations**, under a written contract with such **Insured**. **Outsourced IT service provider** services include but are not limited to hosting, security management, co-location, and **data** storage.
39. **PCI Data Security Standard** (known as “PCI DSS”) means the published Payment Card Industry Security Council Data Security Standard in effect now or as hereafter amended, which all merchants and processors must follow when storing, processing, and transmitting cardholder **data**.
40. **PCI DSS assessment** means a monetary fine or penalty assessed against an **Insured** by an **acquiring bank** or **card association** as a result of a **security breach** or **privacy breach**.
41. **Period of indemnity** means the period beginning with the earlier of the date of **notification** or the first publication of an **adverse media report** (whichever applies), and ending on the earlier of:
- a. The date that gross revenues are restored to the level they had been prior to **notification** or the first **adverse media report** (whichever applies); or
  - b. 180 consecutive days after the notice of **brand loss** is received by **OMIC**.
42. **Period of restoration** means the period of time that begins on the date when the interruption, degradation, or failure of the **Insured’s computer system** began and ends on the earlier of:
- a. The date when the **Insured’s computer system** is restored or could have been repaired or restored with reasonable speed to the same condition, functionality, and level of service that existed prior to the **covered caused of loss** or **act of cyber terrorism** plus no more than thirty consecutive days after the restoration of the **Insured’s computer system** to allow for restoration of the **Insured’s** business; or
  - b. One hundred and twenty consecutive days after the notice of the **covered cause of loss** or **act of cyber terrorism** is received by **OMIC**.
43. **Print media** means newspapers, newsletters, magazines, brochures, books, and literary works in any form, or other types of publications and advertising materials including packaging, photographs, and digital images.
44. **Privacy breach** means any of the below, whether actual or alleged, but only if committed or allegedly committed by an **Insured** or by others acting on the **Insured’s** behalf for whom such **Insured** is legally responsible, including **BPO service providers** and **Outsourced IT service providers**:
- a. Breach of confidence or invasion, infringement, interference, or violation of any rights to privacy including but not limited to breach of the **Insured’s** privacy statement, breach of a person’s right of publicity, false light, intrusion upon a person’s seclusion, public disclosure of a person’s private information, or intrusion or misappropriation of a person’s name or likeness for commercial gain; or
  - b. Any breach or violation of U.S. federal, state, or local statutes and regulations associated with the control and use of personally identifiable financial or medical information including but not limited to:
    - i. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-191) (“HIPAA”), including Title II which requires protection of confidentiality and security of electronic protected health information, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as they currently exist and as amended, including related state medical privacy laws as they currently exist and as amended;
    - ii. Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 1999 (“G-L-B”), also known as the Financial Services Modernization Act of 1999, including sections concerning security protection and standards for customer or patient records maintained by financial services companies, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder as they currently exist and as amended;
    - iii. State Attorneys General and Federal Trade Commission enforcement actions regarding the security and privacy of consumer information;
    - iv. Governmental privacy protection regulations or laws, as they currently exist now or in the future, which require commercial internet sites or online services that collect personal information or medical information (as defined by such laws or acts) to post privacy policies

and adopt specific privacy controls or to notify those impacted by identity or data thief, abuse, or misuse;

- v. Federal and state consumer credit reporting laws, such as the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”); and
- vi. The Health Information Technology for Economic and Clinical Health Act (“HITECH ACT”), Title XIII of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (“ARRA”) of 2009.

A series of continuing **privacy breaches**, related or repeated **privacy breaches**, or multiple **privacy breaches** resulting from the same facts or circumstances shall be considered a single **privacy breach** and shall be deemed to have taken place at the time of the first such **privacy breach**.

- 45. **Programming error** means an error that occurs during the development or encoding of a computer program, software, or application, which would, when in operation, result in a malfunction or incorrect operation of a **computer system**.
- 46. **Property damage** means injury to tangible property, including all resulting loss of use of that property, and loss of use of tangible property that is not physically injured.
- 47. **Public relations expenses** means reasonable and necessary expenses incurred by an **Insured** to re-establish the **Insured’s reputation**, which was damaged as a direct result of an **adverse media report**.
- 48. **Regulatory compensatory award** means a sum of money that an **Insured** is legally obligated to pay as an award or fund for affected individuals, including a regulatory agency’s monetary award to a third party, due to an adverse judgment or settlement arising out of a **claim** covered under Coverage 3. **Regulatory compensatory award** does not include a criminal penalty or fine issued by a regulatory agency of any kind, including federal, state, or local governmental agencies.
- 49. **Regulatory fines and penalties** means any administrative fines and penalties an **Insured** is legally required to pay because of a **claim** covered under Coverage 3.
- 50. **Reputation** means the estimation of trust that patients, customers, or clients have in doing business with an **Insured** or in purchasing an **Insured’s** products or services.
- 51. **Security and privacy breach response costs** means those reasonable and necessary fees and expenses, which an **Insured** incurs, with **OMIC’s** prior written consent, for the employment of a public relations consultant prior to, or following, the publication of an **adverse media report**, if such action is deemed necessary in order to avert or mitigate any actual or potential material damage to the reputation or brands of an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations**, which harm results or reasonably will result from the **adverse media report**.
- 52. **Security and privacy wrongful act** means any of the below, whether actual or alleged, but only if committed or allegedly committed by an **Insured**:
  - a. The failure to prevent or hinder a **security breach**, which in turn results in:
    - i. the alteration, copying, corruption, destruction, deletion, or damage to electronic **data** stored on the **Insured’s computer system**;
    - ii. the theft, loss, or unauthorized disclosure of electronic and non-electronic confidential commercial, corporate, personally identifiable, or private information that is in an **Insured’s** care, custody, or control;
    - iii. the theft, loss, or unauthorized disclosure of electronic and non-electronic confidential commercial, corporate, personally identifiable, or private information that is in the care, custody, or control of a **BPO service provider** or **Outsourced IT service provider** that is holding, processing, or transferring such information on behalf of an **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity** named in the **Declarations** provided, however, that the theft, loss, or unauthorized disclosure occurs while such **Insured’s** written contract with the **BPO service provider** or **Outsourced IT service provider** is in effect; or
    - iv. **unauthorized use** of or **unauthorized access** to a **computer system** other than an **Insured’s computer system**;
  - b. The failure to timely disclose a **security breach** affecting personally identifiable, nonpublic information, or the failure to dispose of personally identifiable, nonpublic information within the required time period, in violation of privacy regulations in effect now or in the future;
  - c. The failure to prevent the transmission of **malicious code** or a **computer virus** from an **Insured’s computer system** to the **computer system** of a third party;

- d. A **privacy breach**;
  - e. The failure to prevent or hinder the **Insured's computer system** from participating in a **denial of service attack** directed against internet sites or the **computer system** of any third party; or
  - f. Loss of **employee** information.
53. **Security breach** means any of the following, whether a specifically targeted attack or a generally distributed attack:
- a. **Unauthorized access** to, or **unauthorized use** of, the **Insured's computer system**, including **unauthorized access** or **unauthorized use** resulting from the theft of a password from the **Insured's computer system** or from an **Insured**;
  - b. A **denial of service attack** against an **Insured's computer system**; or
  - c. Infection of the **Insured's computer system** by **malicious code** or the transmission of **malicious code** from the **Insured's computer system**,
- A series of continuing **security breaches**, related or repeated **security breaches**, or multiple **security breaches** resulting from a continuing failure of computer security shall be considered a single **security breach** and be deemed to have taken place at the time of the first such **security breach**.
54. **Special expenses** means reasonable and necessary costs and expenses that an **Insured** incurs to:
- a. Prevent, preserve, minimize, or mitigate any further damage to **digital assets**, including the reasonable and necessary fees and expenses of specialists, outside consultants, or forensic experts;
  - b. Preserve critical evidence of any criminal or malicious wrongdoing;
  - c. Purchase replacement licenses for **computer programs** because the copy protection system and/or access control software was damaged or destroyed by a **covered cause of loss** or an **act of cyber terrorism**; or
  - d. Notify an **Insured's** patients of a total or partial interruption, degradation in service, or failure of the **Insured's computer system** resulting from a **covered cause of loss** or **act of cyber terrorism**.
55. **Support and credit monitoring expenses** means those reasonable and necessary expenses which an **Insured** incurs, with **OMIC's** prior written consent, for the provision of customer support activity in the event of a **privacy breach**, including the provision of credit file monitoring services and identity theft education and assistance for up to a period of twelve months from the date of enrollment in such credit file monitoring services.
56. **Unauthorized access** means the gaining of access to a **computer system** by an unauthorized person or persons.
57. **Unauthorized use** means the use of a **computer system** by unauthorized persons or by authorized persons in an unauthorized manner.
58. **Waiting period** means:
- a. With respect to Coverage 5.b. or Coverage 7, the eight-hour period that must elapse before **OMIC** will consider the recovery of loss. The **waiting period** applies to each **period of restoration**.
  - b. With respect to Coverage 8, the two-week period that must elapse after **notification** or publication of the first **adverse media report** (whichever applies), before **brand loss** may be payable. The **waiting period** applies to each **period of indemnity**.
59. **War** means any war, invasion, acts of foreign enemies, hostilities (whether war is declared or not), civil war, rebellion, revolution, insurrection, civil commotion assuming the proportions of or amounting to an uprising, military or usurped power, or confiscation, nationalization, requisition or destruction of or damage to property by or under the order of any government or public or local authority, or any action taken by a government authority to hinder, control, prevent, suppress or defend against any of the aforementioned actions.

**Exclusions.** These exclusions are applicable to this Subsection VII.C. This Benefit does not apply to any **claim** based on, resulting from, arising out of, attributable to, or in any way involving:

- 1. Any facts, circumstances, events, causes or situations that (a) are underlying in any litigation, government investigation or proceeding, other notice pending, or any judicial decree or judgment entered; (b) are the subject of notice to an insurer under any other insurance policy; or (c) any **Insured** or any of his/her/its

- supervisory level employees knew or had a reasonable basis to know might result in a **claim** prior to the **Insured's original effective date**;
2. The actual, alleged or threatened discharge, dispersal, release or escape of pollutants, or any direction, request or voluntary decision to test for, abate, monitor, clean up, remove, contain, treat, detoxify or neutralize pollutants, nuclear material or nuclear waste. For purposes of this exclusion, "pollutants" means any solid, liquid, gaseous, or thermal irritant or contaminant, including mold, smoke, vapor, soot, fumes, acids, alkalis, chemicals, odors, noise, lead, oil or oil products, radiation, asbestos or asbestos-containing products and waste, and any electric, magnetic, or electromagnetic field of any frequency. "Waste" includes, but is not limited to, material to be recycled, reconditioned, or reclaimed;
  3. (a) Any breach of contract, warranty, guarantee, or promise; or (b) liability of others assumed by an **Insured** under any contract or agreement. This exclusion shall not apply to the extent the **Insured** would have been liable in the absence of a contract, warranty, guarantee, promise, or agreement. This exclusion shall not apply to a **claim** alleging breach of an **Insured's** privacy policy. With respect to a **multimedia peril, security breach, or privacy breach**, this exclusion shall not apply to liability assumed by an **Insured** in the form of a written hold harmless or indemnification agreement that predates such **multimedia peril, security breach, or privacy breach**;
  4. Any business, joint venture, or enterprise other than the health care practice of the **Insured**;
  5. Any conduct, act, error, or omission of any individual serving in any capacity other than as an **Insured's** principal, partner, officer, director, or employee;
  6. Any **Insured** gaining in fact any profit, remuneration, or financial advantage to which such **Insured** was not legally entitled;
  7. Any deliberately dishonest, intentional, malicious, or fraudulent act or omission or any willful violation of law by any **Insured**, if judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the **Insured** establishes such an act, omission, or willful violation. This exclusion shall not apply to any **Insured** that did not commit, participate in, or have knowledge of any such act, omission, or violation of law described in this exclusion. This exclusion shall not apply to an otherwise covered **claim** under Coverage 5 resulting from **employee** sabotage;
  8. Any **claim** that is covered under any general liability or commercial general liability insurance;
  9. Any actual or alleged violation of the False Claims Act, or any similar federal or state law, rule, or regulation concerning billing errors or fraudulent billing practices or abuse;
  10. Any actual or alleged infringement of any patent or trade secret;
  11. Any actual or alleged price fixing, restraint of trade, or violation of any securities or anti-trust laws;
  12. Any obligation of an **Insured** under a worker's compensation, employer's liability, disability benefits, or unemployment compensation law, or any similar law, or any other employment or employment-related matter. This exclusion does not apply to an otherwise covered **claim** under Coverage 2 alleging a **security and privacy wrongful act**;
  13. Any actual or alleged **bodily injury** or **property damage**;
  14. Any actual or alleged harassment or discrimination, including but not limited to harassment or discrimination because of, or relating to, race, creed, color, age, sex, sexual orientation or preference, national origin, religion, handicap, disability, political affiliation, or marital status or any other basis prohibited by federal, state, or local law;
  15. An individual or entity's insolvency, receivership, bankruptcy, or liquidation; or any individual or entity's inability to pay or perform obligations or to conduct business because of insolvency, receivership, bankruptcy, or liquidation;
  16. Any actual or alleged medical malpractice or professional liability errors or omissions other than those specifically covered by this [Section VII.C.](#);
  17. Any actual or alleged violation of any U.S. economic or trade sanctions including but not limited to sanctions administered and enforced by the U.S. Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC");
  18. The actual or alleged purchase, sale, offer, or solicitation of an offer to purchase or sell securities; the loss of value of any securities; or any actual or alleged violation of any securities law, such as the provisions of the Securities Act of 1933, 15 U.S.C. § 77a et seq., the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 15 U.S.C. 78a et seq., the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-204), or any regulation promulgated under the foregoing statutes, or any federal, state, local, or foreign laws similar to the foregoing statutes, including "Blue Sky" laws, whether such law is statutory, regulatory, or common law;



19. Actual or alleged violation of the Organized Crime Control Act of 1970 (“OCCA”) (Pub. L. 91-452, 84 Stat. October 15, 1970) and the Racketeer Influenced And Corrupt Organizations Act (“RICO”) (18 U.S.C. § 1961 et seq.) or any regulation promulgated under the foregoing statutes, or any similar federal, state, local, or foreign laws, whether such law is statutory, regulatory, or common law;
20. Any matter brought by the Federal Trade Commission, the Federal Communications Commission, or any other federal, state, or local governmental entity, in such entity’s regulatory or official capacity. This exclusion does not apply to an otherwise covered **claim** under Coverage 3;
21. The violation of any pension, healthcare, welfare, profit sharing, or mutual or investment plans, funds, or trusts; or the violation of any provision of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (“ERISA”) (Pub. L. 93-406, codified in part at 29 U.S.C. § 1001 et seq.) and its amendments and/or the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (Pub. L. 109-280) and its amendments, or any regulation, ruling, or order issued pursuant thereto;
22. Labor strikes or similar labor actions;
23. Any **loss**, damage, cost or expense:
  - a. Directly or indirectly caused by, resulting from or in connection with any **war**;
  - b. Resulting from a **cyber operation** carried out as part of any **war**; or
  - c. Resulting from a **cyber operation** that causes a sovereign state to become an **impacted state**. However, this Exclusion does not apply to an **act of cyber terrorism**. Paragraph c. above shall also not apply to the direct or indirect effect of a **cyber operation** on an **Insured’s computer system** that is not physically located in an **impacted state** but is affected by a **cyber operation**.
24. Gambling or pornography; prizes, awards, or coupons; or the sale or provision of illegal, prohibited, restricted, or regulated items such as alcoholic beverages, tobacco, or drugs;
25. Any actual or alleged satellite failures; electrical or mechanical failures and/or interruption, including but not limited to electrical disturbance, electrical power interruption, spike, surge, brownout, or blackout; or outages to gas, water, telephone, cable, telecommunications, or other infrastructure, unless such infrastructure is under an **Insured’s** direct operational control. This exclusion does not apply to an otherwise covered **claim** under Coverage 5 or 7;
26. The wear and tear, drop in performance, failure to maintain, or progressive deterioration or aging of an **Insured’s** electronic equipment or **computer hardware**;
27. Any **Insured’s** actual or alleged failure to render professional services;
28. The failure of overhead transmission and distribution lines;
29. The gradual deterioration of subterranean insulation;
30. Fire, smoke, explosion, lightning, wind, water, flood, earthquake, volcanic eruption, tidal wave, landslide, hail, force majeure, or any other physical event, however caused. This exclusion does not apply to an otherwise covered **claim** under Coverage 5 or Coverage 7;
31. The gradual deterioration, wear and tear, latent or time-delayed damage of an **Insured’s computer system**; or an **Insured’s** failure, or the failure of those acting on an **Insured’s** behalf, to maintain any computer, **computer system** or network, **computer software**, or any other equipment;
32. The actual or alleged inaccurate, inadequate or incomplete description of the price of goods, products, or services;
33. Cost guarantees, cost representations, contract price, or cost estimates being exceeded;
34. Unauthorized trading. For purposes of this exclusion, “unauthorized trading” means trading, which at the time of the trade is (a) in excess of permitted financial limits or (b) outside of permitted product lines;
35. An **Insured’s** commercial decision to cease providing a particular product or service, but only if the **Insured** is contractually obligated to continue providing such products or services;
36. The use of programs that are not **operational programs** or **delivered programs**;
37. An **Insured’s** intentional use of illegal or unlicensed programs that are in violation of the provisions or laws referring to software protection;
38. The confiscation, commandeering, requisition, destruction of, or damage to **computer hardware** by order of a government de jure or de facto or by any public authority for whatever reason; or
39. The existence, emission, or discharge of any electromagnetic field, electromagnetic radiation, or electromagnetism that actually or allegedly affects the health, safety, or condition of any person or the environment or that affects the value, marketability, condition, or use of any property.

With respect to Multimedia Liability Coverage, Security and Privacy Liability Coverage, Privacy Regulatory Defense and Penalties Coverage, Security and Privacy Breach Response Costs, Notification Expense, and Support and Credit Monitoring Expense Coverage, BrandGuard® Coverage, and PCI DSS Assessment Coverage, **OMIC** is not obligated to defend or pay any **claim** based upon, arising out, or attributable to:

1. Any actual or alleged **multimedia peril, security and privacy wrongful act, security breach, or privacy breach** occurring before the **retroactive date**; or
2. Any other actual or alleged **multimedia peril, security and privacy wrongful act, security breach, or privacy breach** occurring on or after the **retroactive date** which, together with a **multimedia peril, security and privacy wrongful act, security breach, or privacy breach** actually or allegedly occurring prior to such date would constitute related **multimedia perils, security and privacy wrongful acts, security breaches, or privacy breaches**.

For purposes of this exclusion, **multimedia perils, security and privacy wrongful acts, security breaches, and privacy breaches** will be deemed related if they are logically or causally connected by any common fact, circumstance, situation, event, transaction, or series of facts, circumstances, situations, events, or transactions.

With respect to Network Asset Protection Coverage 5.a. – Loss of Digital Assets only, **OMIC** is not obligated to pay any of the following:

1. Any amount incurred in restoring, updating, or replacing **digital assets** to a level beyond that which existed prior to the **covered cause of loss**;
2. Physical damage to the **computer hardware or data** center, other than accidental physical damage or destruction of **electronic media**, so that stored **digital assets** are no longer machine-readable;
3. Contractual penalties or consequential damages;
4. Any liability to third parties for whatever reason, including legal costs and expenses of any type;
5. Fines or penalties imposed by law;
6. The economic or market value of **digital assets**;
7. Costs or expenses incurred to identify, patch, or remediate software program errors or **computer system** vulnerabilities;
8. Costs to upgrade, redesign, reconfigure, or maintain the **Insured's computer system** to a level of functionality beyond that which existed prior to the **covered cause of loss**; or
9. Any amount paid under Network Asset Protection Coverage 5.b. - Non-Physical Business Interruption and Extra Expense.

With respect to Network Asset Protection Coverage 5.b. – Non-Physical Business Interruption and Extra Expense only, **OMIC** is not obligated to pay any of the following:

1. Any amount arising out of a physical cause or natural peril, including but not limited to fire, wind, water, flood, subsidence, or earthquake, which results in physical damage to **computer hardware** and/or any **data** center;
2. Any amount arising out of updating or replacing **digital assets** to a level beyond that which existed prior to the **covered cause of loss**;
3. Contractual penalties or consequential damages;
4. Any liability to third parties for whatever reason, including legal costs and expenses of any type;
5. Fines or penalties imposed by law;
6. Costs or expenses incurred to identify, patch, or remediate software program errors or **computer system** vulnerabilities;
7. Loss of goodwill and reputational harm;
8. Costs to upgrade, redesign, reconfigure, or maintain the **Insured's computer system** to a level of functionality beyond that which existed prior to the **covered cause of loss**; or
9. Any amount paid under Network Asset Protection Coverage 5.a. - Loss of Digital Assets.

With respect to BrandGuard® Coverage only, **OMIC** is not obligated to pay any of the following:

1. Any amounts incurred by an **Insured** in an effort to re-establish the **Insured's reputation**, including **public relations expenses**;
2. Any amounts incurred in any **claim** that is insured by any other insurance, except excess insurance;

3. Any amounts incurred in connection with an **adverse media report** that also affects or refers in similar terms to a general security issue, an industry, or specific competitors of the **Insured** without any specific allegations regarding a **security breach** or a **privacy breach** by an **Insured**, a **BPO service provider**, an **outsourced IT service provider**, or a **privacy breach** by others acting on an **Insured's** behalf and for whom the **Insured** is legally responsible;
4. Any civil or regulatory liability to third parties for whatever reason, including legal costs and expenses of any type;
5. Contractual penalties or consequential damages;
6. **Security and privacy breach response costs, notification expenses, or support and credit monitoring expenses** paid under Coverage 4; or
7. Fines or penalties imposed by law or regulation.

This benefit VII.C. does not apply to any **claim** brought by or on behalf of:

1. Any **Insured** against another **Insured**;
2. Any entity owned, in whole or in part, by any **Insured**;
3. Any entity directly or indirectly controlled, operated, or managed by any **Insured**;
4. Any entity that is a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary of any entity in which any **Insured** is a partner; or
5. Any person who is a partner or joint venturer in any entity in which any **Insured** is also a partner or joint venturer.

This exclusion shall not apply to an otherwise covered **claim** by an employee of an **Insured** alleging a **security and privacy wrongful act**.

#### **Notice of Claim**

1. If a **claim** under the Multimedia Liability Coverage, the Security and Privacy Liability Coverage, the Privacy Regulatory Defense and Penalties Coverage, or the PCI DSS Assessment Coverage is made against an **Insured**, the **Insured** must give **OMIC** timely written notice of such **claim** (1) during the **policy period**, (2) within sixty days after the expiration of the **policy period**, or (3) within the first two years of any **extended reporting period** added by **endorsement** to this policy.
2. If an **Insured** has a **claim** under the Security and Privacy Breach Response Costs, Notification Expenses and Support and Credit Monitoring Expenses Coverage, the Network Asset Protection Coverage, the Cyber Extortion Coverage, the Cyber Terrorism Coverage, or the BrandGuard® Coverage, the **Insured** must give **OMIC** written notice of such **claim** no later than sixty days from the date an **Insured** first discovers the **security breach, privacy breach, covered cause of loss, cyber extortion threat, act of cyber terrorism, or brand loss** giving rise to such **claim**.
3. An **Insured** shall provide **OMIC** with copies of all documentation comprising the **claim** as well as all authorization, cooperation, or assistance as **OMIC** may require.
4. **OMIC** is not obligated to pay any **loss, legal expense, regulatory compensatory awards, regulatory fines and penalties, security and privacy breach response costs, notification expenses, support and credit monitoring expenses, digital assets loss, special expenses, income loss, interruption expenses, cyber extortion expenses, cyber extortion monies, brand loss, and/or PCI DSS assessments** that are incurred prior to notification of a **claim**.

**Notice of a Potential Claim.** If, during the **policy period**, any **Insured** first becomes aware of any facts or circumstances which could give rise to a **claim** under this Subsection VII.C., and if the **Insured**, during the **policy period**, provides **OMIC** with written notice as soon as practicable of the following, then any **claim** subsequently arising from such reported facts or circumstances will be deemed a **claim** first made on the date notice is received by **OMIC**:

1. The details regarding such facts or circumstances;
2. The nature of the alleged or potential damages;
3. The identity of the potential claimants and any **Insured** involved;
4. The manner in which the **Insured** first became aware of the facts or circumstances; and
5. The consequences which have resulted or may result therefrom.

**Loss Determination under Network Asset Protection Coverage, Cyber Terrorism Coverage, and BrandGuard® Coverage**

1. Digital Assets Loss: For all coverage provided under Network Asset Protection Coverage, 5.a. – Loss of Digital Assets, any **digital assets loss** will be determined as follows:
  - a. If the impacted **digital asset** was purchased from a third party, then **OMIC** will pay only the lesser of the original purchase price of the **digital asset** or the reasonable and necessary **digital assets loss**.
  - b. If it is determined that the **digital assets** cannot be replaced, restored, or recreated, then **OMIC** will only reimburse the actual and necessary **digital assets loss** incurred up to such determination.
2. Income Loss: For any coverage provided under Network Asset Protection Coverage 5.b. – Non-Physical Business Interruption and Extra Expenses and Cyber Terrorism Coverage, **income loss** will be determined as the reduction of an **Insured's** income during the **period of restoration**, which is:
  - a. The **Insured's** net income (net profit or loss before income taxes) that would have been reasonably projected, but which has been lost directly as a result of the total or partial interruption, degradation in service, or failure of an **Insured's computer system** caused directly by a **covered cause of loss** or an **act of cyber terrorism**. The revenue projection will take into account the prior experience of the **Insured's** business preceding the date of the **covered cause of loss** or the **act of cyber terrorism** and the probable experience had no **covered cause of loss** or **act of cyber terrorism** occurred. Revenues include the amount of money paid or payable to an **Insured** for goods, products or services sold, delivered, or rendered in the normal course of the **Insured's** business. Revenue projection will be reduced by the extent to which the **Insured** uses substitute methods, facilities, or personnel to maintain its revenue stream. **OMIC** will take into consideration an **Insured's** documentation of the trends in its business and variations in or other circumstances affecting its business before or after the **covered cause of loss** or **act of cyber terrorism**, which would have affected the **Insured's** business had no **covered cause of loss** or **act of cyber terrorism** occurred; and
  - b. Any fixed operating expenses (including ordinary payroll) incurred, but only to the extent that such operating expenses must continue during the **period of restoration**.
3. BrandGuard®: For any coverage provided under Coverage 8, the income projection required to calculate **brand loss** will take into account the prior experience of an **Insured's** business preceding the date of the **adverse media report** or **notification**, whichever applies, and the probable experience had no **adverse media report** been published or **notification** occurred. Income includes the amount of money paid or payable to the **Insured** for goods, products, or services sold, delivered, or rendered in the normal course of the **Insured's** business. Income projections will be reduced by the extent to which the **Insured** uses substitute methods, facilities, or personnel to maintain its revenue stream. **OMIC** will take into consideration the **Insured's** documentation of the trends in the **Insured's** business and variations in, or other circumstances affecting, the **Insured's** business before or after the **adverse media report** or **notification** that would have affected the **Insured's** business had no **adverse media report** been published or **notification** occurred. Any fixed operating expenses (including ordinary payroll) incurred will be considered in calculating **brand loss**, but only to the extent that such operating expenses must continue during the **period of indemnity**.

**Coverage Limit.** The most **OMIC** will pay per **Insured** for any one **claim** and in the aggregate for all **claims** made during a **policy period** is \$100,000, regardless of the number of insuring agreements or **claims** made. Any **extended reporting period** does not increase the limit; it is shared with the prior **policy period**. Any payment under this [Section VII.C.](#) is a sub-limit of, and reduces the benefits payable under, [Section VII.B. Broad Regulatory Protection](#). The Additional Benefit pertaining to any **HIPAA proceedings** or **claims** arising out of the same event(s) is afforded either under Subsection VII.B. or VII.C., but not both, and only one limit applies (Subsection VII.C. limits are a sub-limit of Subsection VII.B. limits, regardless). **OMIC** has the sole discretion to determine which coverage provision applies in any event.

**Related Claims.**

1. With respect to Multimedia Liability Coverage, Security and Privacy Liability Coverage, Privacy Regulatory Defense and Penalties Coverage, and PCI DSS Assessment Coverage, all related **claims** made against an **Insured** will be considered a single claim, and only one “each **claim**” limit will apply to such **claim**. Such **claim** shall be deemed to have been first made on the date the earliest of the related **claims** was first made against

an **Insured** and shall be deemed to have been first reported to **OMIC** on the date the earliest of the related **claims** was first reported to **OMIC**. Appeals and any post-trial proceedings shall be considered part of the original **claim**. **Claims** will be deemed related if they are logically or causally connected by any common fact, circumstance, situation, event, transaction, or series of facts, circumstances, situations, events, or transactions.

2. With respect to Security and Privacy Breach Response Costs, Notification Expense and Support and Credit Monitoring Expense Coverage, Network Asset Protection Coverage, Cyber Extortion Coverage, Cyber Terrorism Coverage, and BrandGuard® Coverage, all **claims** arising out of the same, related or continuing incident(s), act(s), fact(s), or circumstance(s) will be considered a single **claim**, and only one “each **claim**” limit of liability will apply, regardless of the number of **claims** made or the number of **Insureds** involved or affected. All such **claims** will be deemed first made on the date the earliest of such **claims** is first made.
3. If a **claim** is covered under more than one of the insuring agreements of this Section VII.C., then only one “each **claim**” limit will apply. **OMIC** has the sole discretion to allocate **claims** paid, if any, against the appropriate limit of liability.
4. In the event two or more **claims** arising out of the same facts, circumstances, situations, events, or transactions are covered under more than one insuring agreement of this Section VII.C., then only one “each **claim**” limit will apply to such **claims**. **OMIC** has the sole discretion to allocate **claims** paid, if any, against the appropriate limit of liability. All such **claims**, whenever first made, shall be considered as reported to **OMIC** during the **policy period** in which the **Insured** reports the first of such **claims** to **OMIC**, and shall be subject to the limits of insurance applicable to that policy.

#### **SECTION VIII. GENERAL CONDITIONS, RULES, AND DUTIES**

If any **Insured** fails to comply with any obligations under this policy, **OMIC’s** obligations to such **Insured** under this policy terminate, including any obligation to defend or continue any litigation or to pay any **damages** or supplementary payments.

**1. Policyholder**

The **Policyholder** shall act on behalf of all **Insureds** under this policy with respect to giving and receiving notice regarding this policy. This may include changes in premium, policy changes, termination of the policy, accepting any **endorsement** issued to form a part of this policy, and receiving premium refunds. The **Policyholder** is also responsible for notifying **OMIC** of any changes of which it is aware that might affect the insurance under this policy.

**2. Application**

The **Insured** represents and agrees that the statements made in any application(s), supplemental questionnaire(s), and any other documents submitted to **OMIC** for the purpose of obtaining, retaining, or modifying this insurance are the **Insured’s** true and complete agreements and representations and that this policy is issued in reliance upon the truth and completeness of such representations.

The **Insured** shall immediately notify **OMIC**, in writing, of any changes in such representations that may occur during the **policy period**. If the **Insured** fails to notify **OMIC** of material changes within thirty days following the change, **OMIC** has the right to deny coverage of a **Claim** related to the change or cancel this policy or the insurance provided by this policy with respect to such **Insured**.

If the **Insured** or the **Insured’s** representative conceals or misrepresents, either negligently or intentionally, any material fact or circumstance concerning this insurance, including the **Insured’s** training, experience, **Claims** history, prior **potential Claims**, or the nature or scope of the **Insured’s** practice, **OMIC** has the right to deny coverage of a **Claim** related to the concealment or misrepresentation or cancel this policy or the insurance provided by this policy with respect to such **Insured**.

Any application(s), supplemental questionnaire(s), and any other documents submitted to **OMIC** for the purpose of obtaining, retaining, or modifying this insurance, together with this policy, the **Declarations**, and any **endorsements**, constitute the contract of insurance between **OMIC** and the **Insured**.

**3. Reporting Health, Licensing, and Privileges Occurrences**

Each **Insured** shall notify **OMIC**, in writing, within thirty days after the occurrence of any one or more of the following:

- a. such **Insured** is undergoing treatment or is advised by a treating health care provider, peer review committee, hospital credentialing committee, or licensing agency to undergo treatment for alcohol, drug, or other substance abuse, or for psychiatric illness;
- b. such **Insured** suffers an illness or physical injury which impairs, or is likely to impair, such **Insured's** ability to practice ophthalmology for thirty days or more;
- c. such **Insured** is convicted of, or pleads guilty or no contest to, a felony or misdemeanor, including driving under the influence (DUI) or driving while intoxicated (DWI), other than minor traffic offenses;
- d. such **Insured's** license, certification, or accreditation to practice medicine, dispense drugs, or provide health care services is investigated, revoked, suspended, surrendered, or restricted in any respect, or any licensing agency, peer review committee, professional standards review committee, or credentialing committee takes any action against the **Insured**; or
- e. such **Insured's** privilege to practice is denied, terminated, revoked, suspended, or restricted by any licensed health care facility or employer, whether by reason of termination of employment, voluntary termination, or otherwise.

**4. Policy Changes**

- a. At **Insured's** request: The **Insured** must contact **OMIC** in writing to request a change in policy terms. Notice given to or knowledge possessed by **OMIC** does not waive or change any part of this policy or prevent **OMIC** from asserting any right under the terms of this policy. The terms of this policy are waived or changed only by **endorsement** or Amended **Declarations** issued to form a part of this policy and signed by a duly authorized **OMIC** representative.
- b. By **OMIC**: In the event that **OMIC** adopts any revision to this policy that would broaden coverage without payment of additional premium, the broadened coverage will automatically apply to this policy effective on the date **OMIC** authorizes the change. If **OMIC** revises the policy such that coverage is diminished, this will take effect upon renewal of the policy and only after 60 days' advance notice to the **Insured**.

**5. Declarations**

This policy is not effective unless **Declarations** are issued as part of the policy. The coverage afforded by this policy is subject to the conditions and limitations set forth in the **Declarations**.

**6. Certificates of Insurance**

At the **Insured's** request, **OMIC** may, but is not required to, provide proof of the **Insured's** coverage with **OMIC** ("certificates of insurance") to third parties. It is the **Insured's** responsibility to inform recipients of certificates of insurance of any changes in, or cancellation of, coverage under this policy. Neither the issuance of certificates of insurance by **OMIC** nor the contents of any such certificate will extend or modify coverage or in any other way affect this policy.

**7. Premium**

- a. Insurance under this policy is provided in return for, and expressly conditioned on, timely payment by the **Insured** of a premium established by **OMIC**.
- b. All premiums for this policy are computed in accordance with **OMIC's** rules, rates, and rating plans. The **Insured** shall maintain records of such information as is necessary for premium computation and shall send copies of such records to **OMIC** at such times during and after the **policy period** as **OMIC** may require.

- c. All **OMIC** premiums, assessments that **OMIC** collects on behalf of state patient compensation or excess liability funds, and any applicable premium taxes and service charges for this policy are payable on or before the due date on the premium notice. Premiums may be paid either in full or, at **OMIC's** discretion, in installments. State patient compensation or excess liability fund assessments and any applicable premium taxes are due in full at policy issuance. There is no grace period for payment. Any amount due, whether full or installment, not paid on or before the due date, will be in default. **OMIC** applies payments received from **Insureds** in the following order: state patient compensation or excess liability fund assessments, premium taxes, **OMIC** premiums, and service charges.
- d. Any overpayment will be refunded directly to the **Policyholder**, regardless of who made the payment.

## 8. Reporting Claims and Potential Claims

In order for this policy to cover a **Claim** against an **Insured**:

- a. the **Insured** must immediately give written notice of any **Claim** that has been made against the **Insured**, or any **potential Claim**, to the Claims Department at **OMIC**, as follows:
  - i. by email to [claims@omic.com](mailto:claims@omic.com);
  - ii. by mail or personal delivery to Claims Department, **OMIC**, 655 Beach Street, San Francisco, CA 94109-1336; or
  - iii. by submission via the claims reporting function on **OMIC's** website.

Informing any other **OMIC** department of a **Claim** is not deemed notice of a **Claim** for coverage purposes.

- b. the notice of the **Claim** or **potential Claim** must include the following information, as applicable:
  - i. the **Insured** involved;
  - ii. the extent and type of **Claim** received or anticipated;
  - iii. the date, time, and place of the **professional services incident**;
  - iv. the facts and circumstances of the **professional services incident**;
  - v. the **injury** or **property damage**, including the names, addresses, and ages of the claimants or persons injured; and
  - vi. the names of witnesses, including other treating health care providers.

Written notice of a **Claim** or **potential Claim** received by **OMIC's** Claims Department from the **Insured** during the **policy period** or within five days after the end of the **policy period** will be deemed a **Claim** reported during the **policy period**.

There may be no coverage if a delay in reporting a **Claim** or **potential Claim** results in prejudice to **OMIC** or to the **Insured's** defense. For example, there is prejudice if the **Insured** fails to report a lawsuit to **OMIC** until after a default judgment is entered against the **Insured** in court.

**Claims** and **potential Claims** reported to **OMIC's** Risk Management Department are kept confidential and are not shared with the Underwriting or Claims Departments without the **Insured's** permission and are therefore not considered reported to **OMIC** for coverage purposes. In order to report a **Claim** or **potential Claim**, the **Insured** must notify **OMIC's** Claims Department as explained above.

## 9. Cooperation

In order for this policy to cover a **Claim** against an **Insured**, the **Insured** and each of the **Insured's employees**, members, partners, directors, officers, and shareholders must fully cooperate with **OMIC**, **OMIC's** authorized representatives, and defense counsel appointed by **OMIC** in their investigation and defense of the **Claim**.

- a. The **Insured** shall promptly forward to **OMIC** every demand, notice, summons, or other process or legal documents received by the **Insured** or the **Insured's** representative in connection with the **Claim**.
- b. Upon **OMIC's** request, the **Insured** and each of the **Insured's employees**, members, partners, directors, officers, and shareholders, as necessary, must:
  - i. authorize **OMIC** to obtain medical records and other information;

- ii. meet with **OMIC** representatives and defense counsel;
  - iii. submit to an examination under oath;
  - iv. attend hearings, conferences, depositions, trials, mediations, and arbitrations;
  - v. assist **OMIC** in securing and giving evidence and obtaining the attendance of witnesses at the above proceedings; and
  - vi. assist **OMIC** in its effort to reach a settlement.
- c. The **Insured** must not admit liability and must not take any action with regard to a **Claim**, including voluntarily making any payment, assuming any obligation, or incurring any expense, without **OMIC's** prior written consent.
- d. The **Insured** must not create, alter, modify, or destroy medical records with the intent to defraud or deceive or otherwise misrepresent or conceal facts pertinent to any **professional services incident** or **Claim**. This does not preclude coverage where a proper correction or addendum to a medical record has been made, the original entry remains legible, and the correction or addendum is dated and initialed by the **Insured**.
- e. If the **Claim** involves both covered and non-covered allegations, at **OMIC's** request, the **Insured** must cooperate in securing (i) a bifurcation of the hearing, arbitration, or trial as to covered and non-covered **Claims** and **damages** and (ii) a special verdict form that segregates covered **Claims** from non-covered **Claims**, as well as covered and non-covered **damages**.

**10. Subrogation**

The **Insured** must preserve for and transfer to **OMIC** any right the **Insured** may have to recover all or part of any payment **OMIC** has made under this policy. If the **Insured** takes action against a third party concerning a loss for which sums were paid under this policy on the **Insured's** behalf, **OMIC** will have a lien against such sums recovered by the **Insured** to the extent that such sums were paid by **OMIC**. The **Insured** shall execute and deliver any instruments and papers and do whatever else **OMIC** may request to secure such rights. The **Insured** shall not do anything after any loss to prejudice such rights.

**11. Consent to Settle**

**OMIC** will not settle any **Claim** without the consent of the **Insured**. If the **Insured** is a **professional entity**, a duly authorized representative of the **Insured** may give his or her consent on behalf of the **professional entity**. **OMIC** bases all recommendations to settle a **Claim** on careful consideration of all circumstances surrounding the **Insured's** potential liability. The **Insured** shall give careful consideration to any settlement recommendation by **OMIC**. **OMIC**, however, is not obligated to recommend settlement of any **Claim**.

**12. Other Insurance**

- a. Except as provided in paragraphs b. through f. below or as otherwise provided in this policy, the **Declarations**, or any **endorsement** to this policy, the insurance provided under this policy is primary. If an **Insured** has other insurance, risk transfer funds, or another source of indemnification ("other insurance") applicable to a **Claim**, **OMIC** will not be liable under this policy for a greater proportion of the **damages** than the amount due if all the insurers contribute equal amounts until each has paid its applicable limit in full or the full amount of the **damages** is paid, whichever comes first ("contribution by equal shares"), regardless of whether the other insurance states that it will be primary, excess, or contingent to another policy, unless such other insurance was specifically purchased to apply in excess of this policy.
- b. With respect to **employees** insured under Coverage Agreement B, the insurance provided by this policy is excess over any other valid and collectible insurance, risk transfer funds, or source of indemnification available to such **Insured employees** for **Claims** covered under this policy.
- c. With respect to **Claims** arising from **professional committee activities** covered under Coverage Agreement D, the insurance provided by this policy is excess over any other valid and collectible insurance, risk transfer funds, or source of indemnification available for such **Claims**.
- d. With respect to **Claims** arising from **professional services incidents** covered under Coverage Agreement E, this policy will not apply if there is any other valid and collectible insurance, risk transfer funds, or source of indemnification available for such **Claims**.



- e. With respect to the Additional Benefits provided to **Insureds** under Section VII. Additional Benefits, this coverage shall be excess over any other valid and collectible insurance, risk transfer funds, or source of indemnification available to the Insured, unless such insurance specifically applies as excess insurance over the maximum benefit provided under this policy.
- f. With respect to **Claims** that are covered under a state patient compensation fund or excess liability fund (“fund”), the **Insured’s** primary limit of liability is decreased to the minimum amount required for the fund to respond to the **Claim**. If the **Insured’s** limit is not exhausted at the point the fund responds, the remainder of the **Insured’s** limit will apply on an excess basis after the fund limit is exhausted. If the fund does not cover a **Claim**, the **Insured’s** limit of liability for that **Claim** will apply uninterrupted on a primary basis.

**13. Allocation**

**OMIC** has the right to allocate **damages** or supplementary payments among claimants, **Insureds**, and policies as **OMIC** deems appropriate.

**14. Appeal of Judgment**

**OMIC** has the right but not the duty to appeal any judgment rendered against the **Insured**.

**15. Assignment of Interest**

The **Insured** must not assign or transfer the **Insured’s** interest under this policy without the prior written consent of **OMIC**.

**16. Death or Incompetence**

If the **Insured** dies or is adjudged incompetent, this insurance will cover the **Insured’s** heirs, assigns, and legal representative as the **Insured** with respect to liability incurred by the **Insured** before his or her death or incompetence and otherwise covered by this policy.

**17. Bankruptcy or Insolvency**

Bankruptcy or insolvency of the **Insured** or the **Insured’s** estate does not relieve **OMIC** or the **Insured** of their respective obligations under this policy.

**18. Action Against OMIC**

No action may be taken against **OMIC** to recover under this policy until:

- a. the **Insured** has complied with all of the applicable terms and conditions of this policy; and
- b. the amount of damages the **Insured** is legally obligated to pay has been determined either by judgment against the **Insured** after actual trial or by written agreement of the **Insured**, the claimant, and **OMIC**.

No person or organization has any right under this policy to include **OMIC** in any legal action against the **Insured** to determine the **Insured’s** liability, nor may the **Insured** or the **Insured’s** legal representative bring **OMIC** into such an action. Any recovery under this policy is limited to the extent of the protection provided under this policy and the limits of liability. Any action against **OMIC** must be brought in the state of Vermont or the state where the policy was delivered to the **Insured**.

**19. Service of Lawsuit**

If any state law applicable to **OMIC** so requires, **OMIC** designates the Superintendent, Commissioner, or Director of Insurance or other specified officer, as its true and lawful attorney, upon whom may be served any lawful process in an action, lawsuit, or proceeding instituted by or on behalf of the **Insured** arising out of this contract of insurance.

**20. Arbitration**

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that any dispute between the **Insured** and **OMIC** arising out of the policy that cannot be settled through direct discussions will be submitted exclusively to final and binding arbitration.

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree not to proceed against the other seeking equitable or declaratory relief or damages through a civil action in state or federal court. Each party specifically acknowledges waiving its right to trial by jury. In construing this agreement, the commercial intention of the parties in entering into this contract shall be considered. Any arbitration award rendered will be final and not subject to appeal. The award will be binding on each of the parties to this agreement and judgment may be entered in any court of competent jurisdiction.

Any such dispute will be submitted to and settled by arbitration in any jurisdiction that is convenient for the **Insured** and agreed to by the parties. The **Insured** or **OMIC** may initiate arbitration by serving all parties with notice of the nature of the claim and demand for arbitration. A claim will be waived and forever barred if, on the date of the demand for arbitration, the claim would be barred by the applicable statute of limitations in a civil action. If the **Insured** or **OMIC** demands arbitration, all claims, either known or which reasonably should have been known at the time, that arise out of the same transaction, occurrence, or series of transactions or occurrences, as alleged in the demand for arbitration, must be asserted or will be deemed waived and forever barred.

Unless the parties agree otherwise, the arbitration will be conducted by three arbitrators and pursuant to the arbitration rules and procedures of the alternative dispute resolution service provider, JAMS, Inc., The Resolution Experts, ("JAMS"), except that any provision in this Arbitration Clause supersedes any JAMS rule or procedure. Within thirty days of the initiation of arbitration proceedings, the **Insured** and **OMIC** each will select one arbitrator who may serve in a non-neutral capacity. When the first two arbitrators are selected, they will select a third arbitrator within thirty days. The third arbitrator will be neutral and will act as the chairperson of the panel with the responsibility of and authority accorded to JAMS. The decision and award of a majority of the panel will be the arbitration award. The arbitrators may grant any remedy or relief that they deem just and equitable except that they will have no authority to award punitive or other damages not measured by the prevailing party's actual damages.

Each party to arbitration shall pay its own arbitration costs and expenses. Each party shall pay the fees of its selected arbitrator. Each party shall share equally in the fees of the neutral arbitrator and any other arbitration fees or costs.

This insurance contract touches interstate commerce, so any challenges to arbitrability will be governed by federal law. If any provision or any part of this Arbitration Clause is for any reason invalid, unenforceable, or in conflict with Title 9 of the U.S. Code (the Federal Arbitration Act) or any other applicable public policy or law, that provision or part will be conformed to applicable public policy or law and the remainder of this Arbitration Clause will not be affected.

All parties shall treat the dispute as a private matter and shall not make the dispute public. All parties shall maintain the confidential nature of the arbitration proceeding and the award.

**21. Choice of Law**

The laws of the state of Vermont will govern this policy, including the meaning, interpretation, or operation of any term, condition, definition, or provision of this policy.

**22. Policy Territory**

Coverage is provided for the **Insured** only for **professional services incidents** that occur while the **Insured's** principal professional office and practice are maintained in the state(s) declared in the application applicable when the **professional services incident** occurred. Coverage is provided only for **Claims** brought against the **Insured** in the fifty United States and Washington, D.C.

**23. Inspection and Audit**

**OMIC**, or any inspection organization acting on **OMIC's** behalf, has the right but not the duty to inspect the **Insured's office premises** and operations and examine and audit the **Insured's** books and records that are

relevant to this insurance at any time during normal business hours while this policy is in force and for three years after termination of this policy. In making such inspections, **OMIC** will not determine or warrant that the **Insured's office premises** or operations are safe, or that they conform to any laws, codes, standards, or regulations.

**24. Non-Assessable**

This policy is non-assessable. This means that **OMIC** cannot collect more money from the **Insured** to recoup losses and expenses that exceed **OMIC's** premium income than the initial premium charged for a **policy period**. However, the premium itself may increase during the **policy period** as described in Section IX. B. Premium Increase.

**25. 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 coverage.

**26. Compliance with Applicable Law**

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that all policy terms shall be construed and administered in a manner consistent with applicable federal and state law. Further, should either a federal or state court invalidate any provision of the policy, all remaining provisions of the policy shall remain binding and in full force.

**27. Evidence of Ownership**

**OMIC** is a mutual insurance company. It is owned by its member **Insureds**. To be a member, an **Insured** must qualify as an eligible person or entity, meet the requirements for acceptance under **OMIC's** Bylaws, and be issued a policy or coverage under a policy by **OMIC**. Membership and ownership begin on the **Insured's original effective date**. Membership and any ownership rights or interest end when the policy, or the **Insured's** coverage under the policy, is terminated. A member **Insured** may only attain a vested financial interest in **OMIC** if **OMIC** is demutualized (converted to a stock company). The form and extent of such financial interest would be subject to the approval of the Vermont Department of Financial Regulation.

**28. Notice and Communications**

- a. Notice by **OMIC**: Notice required under the policy by **OMIC** must be provided in writing and shall be deemed properly given if delivered to the **Policyholder** or **Insured** as follows:
  - i. Email: Notice sent via email to the email address of the recipient on file with **OMIC**.
  - ii. Mail: Notice sent via hard copy by a postal service such as the United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service, FedEx, or similar to the mailing address of the recipient on file with **OMIC**.
  - iii. Personal Delivery: Notice given by personal delivery when delivered in person to the recipient.
  - iv. Fax: Notice given by facsimile to the fax number of the recipient on file with **OMIC**.
- b. Notice by **Policyholder / Insured**: Unless otherwise specified herein, notice required under the policy by the **Policyholder** or **Insured** must be in writing and shall be deemed properly given if delivered to **OMIC** as follows:
  - i. Email: Notice sent via email to **OMIC** at [omic@omic.com](mailto:omic@omic.com).
  - ii. Website: Notice submitted to **OMIC** electronically as specifically permitted on **OMIC's** website.
  - iii. Mail: Notice sent via hard copy by a postal service such as the United States Postal Service, United Parcel Service, FedEx or similar to **OMIC** at 655 Beach Street, San Francisco, CA 94109-1336.
  - iv. Personal Delivery: Notice given by personal delivery when delivered in person to an authorized representative of **OMIC** at 655 Beach Street, San Francisco, CA 94109-1336.
- c. Electronic Communications:
  - i. Notices and other communications between **OMIC** and the **Policyholder** or **Insured**, including policy documents and invoices, sent by email shall be deemed received when the

email enters the recipient's email server or is capable of being retrieved by the recipient at the designated email address. If the sender receives an error message or notice indicating failure of delivery, the sender shall promptly notify the recipient by another means as provided above.

- ii. Notices and other communications by the **Policyholder** or **Insured** to **OMIC** submitted electronically on **OMIC's** website shall be deemed received when submitted. If the sender receives an error message or notice that the submission failed, the sender shall promptly notify **OMIC** by another means as provided above.
- iii. The **Insured** and **OMIC** acknowledge that electronic notices and communications shall have the same legal effect as if they were provided in physical form.

## **SECTION IX. TERMINATION AND CHANGES IN PREMIUM**

### **A. Termination**

An **Insured's** coverage under this policy terminates upon cancellation of the policy, cancellation of the **Insured's** coverage under this policy, or upon the end of the **policy period** shown in the **Declarations**, whichever occurs first. The reporting period terminates either five days after the termination of the **Insured's** coverage under this policy or at the end of the **extended reporting period** specified in the **extended reporting period endorsement**, if any, whichever occurs later.

If the coverage under Agreements A, B, or D of this policy of an **Insured** member of an **Insured professional entity** terminates, the member will continue to have coverage under Coverage Agreements C and E, but only in his or her capacity as a member, officer, director, partner, or shareholder of the **professional entity**, as long as the policy remains in force, but he or she will not have coverage for any **Claims** under any other Coverage Agreement of this policy.

#### **1. Cancellation**

This policy or an **Insured's** coverage under this policy may be cancelled only as provided here. Nonrenewal of this policy is not cancellation.

- a. **Death, Disability, or Incompetency.** Insurance coverage for an **Insured** under this policy is automatically cancelled upon the death, **permanent total disability**, or judicial determination of incompetency of the **Insured**.
- b. **Cancellation by the Insured.** The **Policyholder** may cancel this policy and the **Policyholder** or any **Insured** may cancel that **Insured's** coverage under this policy at any time by giving **OMIC** written notice prior to the desired date of cancellation stating when thereafter the cancellation will be effective.
- c. **Cancellation by OMIC.** **OMIC** may cancel this policy by giving the **Policyholder** a notice of cancellation, or an **Insured's** coverage under this policy by giving the **Policyholder** or **Insured** a notice of cancellation, stating the reason(s) for cancellation and when the cancellation will be effective.
  - i. If the policy or an **Insured's** coverage under the policy has been in effect for fewer than sixty days from the **original inception date** or the **Insured's original effective date**, respectively, **OMIC** may cancel this policy or the **Insured's** coverage under this policy for any reason, with no prior notice.
  - ii. If the policy or an **Insured's** coverage under the policy has been in effect for sixty days or more from the **original inception date** or the **Insured's original effective date**, respectively, **OMIC** may cancel this policy or the **Insured's** coverage under this policy for nonpayment of premium, surplus contribution, or other payment, with at least fifteen days' notice prior to such date of cancellation.
  - iii. If the policy or an **Insured's** coverage under the policy has been in effect for sixty days or more from the **original inception date** or the **Insured's original effective date**, respectively, **OMIC** may cancel this policy or the **Insured's** coverage under this policy with at least sixty days' notice prior to such date of cancellation, only for

one or more of the following reasons: (a) fraud or material misrepresentation, concealment, or omission by the **Insured** affecting this policy or in the presentation of a **Claim** made under this policy; (b) material increase in hazard insured against; (c) material breach of any term or condition of the policy by the **Insured**; or (d) the **Insured** no longer satisfies the eligibility criteria for membership in **OMIC** as set forth in **OMIC's** Bylaws.

- d. **Premium Adjustment.** If the policy is cancelled, **OMIC** shall return any unearned premium to the **Policyholder**. If the **Policyholder** or an **Insured** cancels, unearned premium will be computed, at **OMIC's** discretion, either in accordance with the customary short rate table and procedure or on a pro rata basis from the date of cancellation. If cancellation is for death, disability, or incompetency, or if **OMIC** cancels, unearned premium will be computed on a pro rata basis from the date of cancellation. **OMIC** may adjust the **Insured's** premium either at the time of cancellation or as soon as practicable after cancellation becomes effective, but **OMIC's** refunding of unearned premium to the **Policyholder** is not a condition of cancellation.

## 2. **Nonrenewal**

**OMIC**, the **Policyholder**, and the **Insured** do not have any obligation to renew this policy or any **Insured's** coverage under this policy. If **OMIC** elects to nonrenew, it shall give the **Insured** a notice of nonrenewal stating the reason(s) for nonrenewal at least sixty days prior to the policy expiration date. If notice is given less than sixty days before expiration, coverage will remain in effect until sixty days after notice is given. **OMIC** will consider an **Insured's** nonpayment of renewal premium notice to **OMIC** of the **Insured's** intent to nonrenew. Renewal of the policy will not prevent **OMIC** from later cancelling the policy on grounds that existed before or after the effective date of the renewal.

## B. **Premium Increase**

In the event of a change in the practice or activities of any **Insured** which, in **OMIC's** opinion, materially alters the risk or affects the hazard insured against, **OMIC** has the right, as a condition of continued coverage, to impose and obtain additional premium consistent with **OMIC's** rating plans applicable to such practices or activities. **OMIC** may also charge an additional premium, in accordance with **OMIC's** rating plans, if coverage or limits changes are selected by the **Insured**. Upon renewal of the policy, **OMIC** may increase the premium for any reason by giving notice of the renewal premium to the **Insured** at least sixty days prior to renewal.

## **SECTION X. EXTENDED REPORTING PERIOD**

In the event of the termination of the policy or an **Insured's** coverage under this policy, any **Insured** ophthalmologist whose class is identified as Ophthalmology, any **slot**, and any **professional entity Policyholder** has the right, upon the payment of additional premium computed in accordance with **OMIC's** rules, rates, and rating plans applicable on the effective date of such termination, to have issued an **endorsement** providing an **extended reporting period** in perpetuity in which **Claims** otherwise covered by this policy may be made against the **Insured** and reported. This right must be exercised by payment of the **extended reporting period endorsement** premium no later than sixty days after termination of the policy, or the **Insured's** coverage under the policy. The earned policy premium through the date of termination must be paid before the **extended reporting period endorsement** will be issued. The premium for the **extended reporting period endorsement** is fully earned as of the effective date of such **endorsement**, and the premium is non-refundable to the **Insured**, or the estate or legal representative of the **Insured**, under any circumstances, including the **Insured's** subsequent death, **permanent total disability**, or judicial determination of incompetency.

A separate set of liability limits, equal to the policy limits, applies under the **extended reporting period**. The "aggregate" limit of liability does not apply on an annual basis; it applies to the entire **extended reporting period**, even if paid for and provided by **endorsement** on an annual basis.

In the event that the **Insured** fails to purchase an **extended reporting period endorsement** within the required sixty days, coverage will not be provided for any **Claims** the former **Insured** reports to **OMIC** more than five days after the termination of the policy or the **Insured's** coverage under the policy.

If the coverage under this policy of any **Insured non-physician employee** or **locum tenens** terminates, such **employee** or **locum tenens** will continue to be covered for **Claims** based on **professional services incidents** that occurred while such **employee** or **locum tenens** was employed by the **Insured** ophthalmologist or **professional entity**, even if any such **Claim** is not made or reported until after the **employee** or **locum tenens** is no longer employed, so long as such **Claim** is first made against the **employee** or **locum tenens** and first reported to **OMIC** within the **policy period** or **extended reporting period** applicable to the employer **Insured**. Limits of liability for such a **Claim** will be shared with the employer **Insured**. However, if state law prohibits non-**physicians** and **physicians** or **professional entities** from sharing limits of liability, the limits will be shared with all **Insured non-physician employees**, who share a separate limit of liability equivalent to the limits shown in the **Declarations** or **extended reporting period endorsement** as applicable to the employer **Insured**. Further, if state law requires certain non-**physician employees** to carry separate limits, such **Insured non-physician employees** will each have a separate limit of liability equivalent to the limits shown in the **Declarations** or **extended reporting period endorsement** as applicable to the employer **Insured**.

If the coverage under this policy of any **Insured professional entity** that shares limits with another **Insured** terminates by reason of the dissolution or other termination of activity of the **professional entity**, the **professional entity** will continue to be covered for **Claims** based on **professional services incidents** that occurred while such **professional entity** was active, even if any such **Claim** is not made or reported until after the **professional entity** ceases activity, so long as such **Claim** is first made against the **professional entity** and first reported to **OMIC** within the **policy period** or **extended reporting period** applicable to the **Insured** with which the **professional entity** shares limits.

**1. Retirement Premium Waiver**

In the event of the termination of this policy or an **Insured** ophthalmologist's coverage under this policy upon the **retirement** of the **Insured**, the premium for the **extended reporting period endorsement** for such **Insured** will be waived in its entirety if the **Insured** has been continuously insured by **OMIC** for at least five years.

The **extended reporting period endorsement** will be provided as soon as (a) **OMIC** receives a signed affidavit confirming the **Insured's retirement** and (b) the earned policy premium through the date of termination has been paid.

**2. Death, Disability, or Incompetency Premium Waiver**

In the event of the termination of this policy or an **Insured** ophthalmologist's coverage under this policy upon the death, **permanent total disability**, or judicial determination of incompetency of the **Insured**, the premium for the **extended reporting period endorsement** for such **Insured** will be waived in its entirety.

The **extended reporting period endorsement** will be provided as soon as (a) **OMIC** receives written notice of the **Insured's death, permanent total disability**, or incompetency and (b) the earned policy premium through the date of termination has been paid.

**3. One Premium Waiver Per Lifetime**

The provision for waiver of **extended reporting period** premium applies only once per lifetime. In the event that an **Insured** who has received a waiver of such premium later resumes practice such that he or she does not meet the definition of **permanent total disability** or **retirement**, **OMIC** may collect a premium for the **extended reporting period endorsement** issued. This premium will be computed in accordance with **OMIC's** rules, rates, and rating plans applicable as of the effective date of the **extended reporting period**.

## **SECTION XI. ENDORSEMENTS**

If the terms of any **endorsement** are inconsistent with the terms of the policy, the terms of the **endorsement** apply. There may be **endorsements** other than those listed in this Section that also apply to the policy. Unless otherwise specified in an **endorsement**, the terms of an **endorsement** in effect at the time of a **professional services incident** govern the **Insured's** coverage for any **Claim** based on that **professional services incident**.

### **PART I – ENDORSEMENTS APPLIED MANUALLY**

The following **endorsements** are effective only if they are listed by number in the **Declarations** as applicable to a particular **Insured**. They may be added or deleted by subsequent Amended **Declarations** or **endorsements** issued by **OMIC**.

#### **OMC123A – Part-time Coverage: 20 Hours or Fewer per Week**

The **Insured** represents and agrees that the **Insured** is and will remain during the **policy period** engaged in **direct patient treatment** for which coverage is provided under this policy for an average of not more than twenty hours per week. The **Insured** may be insured elsewhere for any additional practice activity. In reliance upon the **Insured's** written representations and in consideration of the reduced premium for which this policy is provided, **OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the insurance afforded by this policy applies only to **Claims** arising out of the **Insured's** limited practice activity.

#### **OMC123B – Part-time Coverage: 10 Hours or Fewer per Week**

The **Insured** represents and agrees that the **Insured** is and will remain during the **policy period** engaged in **direct patient treatment** for which coverage is provided under this policy for an average of not more than ten hours per week. The **Insured** may be insured elsewhere for any additional practice activity. In reliance upon the **Insured's** written representations and in consideration of the reduced premium for which this policy is provided, **OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the insurance afforded by this policy applies only to **Claims** arising out of the **Insured's** limited practice activity.

#### **OMC136 – Modification of Exclusion – Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)**

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the following provision is added under Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part III – Exclusions, A. No Defense or Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments, 3. Specific Procedures: any care, treatment, or services, including screening, for retinopathy of prematurity (“ROP”).

#### **OMC145 – Suspension of Coverage**

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that coverage under this policy is suspended. No coverage will be provided for any **Claims** that arise from **professional services incidents** that occur while the **Insured's** coverage under this policy is suspended.

#### **OMC147 – Excess Liability Coverage over Louisiana PCF**

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that this policy provides excess coverage for ultimate net losses in excess of the **Insured's** combined limits of liability of \$500,000 per **Claim** (\$100,000 limit from **OMIC** for primary coverage and \$400,000 limit from the Louisiana Patient's Compensation Fund for first excess coverage). “Ultimate net loss” means the sum actually paid or payable due to a **Claim** for which the **Insured** is liable either by a settlement to which **OMIC** has agreed or a final judgment.

#### **OMC165 – OSF Limit of Liability for Anesthesia Related Claims**

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the limit of liability available to the **Insured** for any anesthesia related **Claim** is reduced to the “per **Claim**” limit carried by the anesthesia provider who administered services during the patient's treatment that led to the **Claim** (or, if more than one anesthesia provider was involved, the limit of liability is reduced to the lowest “per **Claim**” limit carried by any of the anesthesia providers).

## PART II – ENDORSEMENTS APPLIED AUTOMATICALLY

The following **endorsements** are effective and applicable to a particular **Insured** if the **Insured** meets the criteria for applicability in the **endorsement**.

### **OMC121A – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 2**

*This **endorsement** incorporates **endorsements** OMC121B and OMC122 and automatically applies to all **Insureds** whose class is identified in the **Declarations** as Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 2.*

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the policy is amended as follows: The following exclusion is added to Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part III – Exclusions, A. No Defense or Payment of **Damages** or Supplementary Payments:

the performance of any surgical procedures, except for the following surgical procedures permitted in Surgery Class 2: laser capsulotomy, laser iridotomy, laser iridectomy, laser iridoplasty, laser trabeculoplasty, wedge resection for suspected non-cancerous tumors, laser ablation of corneal vessels, cautery for conjunctivochalasis, temporal artery biopsy, depression of the posterior paracentesis site, use of self-retained amniotic membrane tissue for FDA-approved indications, periocular injections, periorbital injections, peribulbar injections, retrobulbar injections, and sub-Tenons injections; and the additional surgical procedures permitted in Surgery Class 1 as described in OMC121B. Coverage applies only to the surgical procedures listed above; assisting in surgery; and non-surgical ophthalmology as described in OMC122.

### **OMC121B – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 1**

*This **endorsement** incorporates **endorsement** OMC122 and automatically applies to all **Insureds** whose class is identified in the **Declarations** as Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 1.*

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the policy is amended as follows: The following exclusion is added to Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part III – Exclusions, A. No Defense or Payment of **Damages** or Supplementary Payments:

the performance of any surgical assisting or surgical procedures, except for the following surgical procedures permitted in Surgery Class 1: removal of sutures; fluorescein angiography; tear duct probing or irrigation done under local anesthetic; repair of minor lid lacerations limited to the skin and/or muscle; repair of minor conjunctival lacerations; biopsy of lid tumors; biopsy of the conjunctiva; removal of cysts and other suspected non-cancerous skin lesions and tumors; removal of corneal epithelium; implantation of eye jewelry; incision and drainage; canthotomy/cantholysis (without tarsal strip fixation or other suturing); punctal occlusion with cautery; laser punctal closure; hair removal using radio frequency/light energies, photoepilation, electrical epilation, or laser; intramuscular injections; intravenous injections; subconjunctival injections; injection of botulinum toxin, hyaluronic acid, and other fillers; stromal puncture; micropigmentation; microdermabrasion; dermaplaning and superficial chemical peels limited to the epidermis; skin rejuvenation/tightening using non-invasive, non-ablative techniques; microneedling (with or without radio frequency or other energy); non-invasive cellulite reduction; non-invasive lipolysis; chemical lipolysis; blue light acne treatment (with or without use of photodynamic therapy); treatment of spider veins using IPL or lasers; removal of papillomas and chalazions; cryotherapy of the lid; thermal pulsation therapy for chronic cystic conditions of the eyelids; suture tarsorrhaphy; marginal adhesion tarsorrhaphy without incision into the tarsus; non-incisional entropion or ectropion repair; and percutaneous skin scratch testing and sublingual immunotherapy (SLIT) for the treatment of ocular allergies. Coverage applies only to the surgical procedures listed above and non-surgical ophthalmology as described in OMC122.

### **OMC122 – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – No Surgery**

*This **endorsement** automatically applies to all **Insureds** whose class is identified in the **Declarations** as Ophthalmology – No Surgery.*

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the policy is amended as follows: The following exclusion is added to Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part III – Exclusions, A. No Defense or Payment of **Damages** or Supplementary Payments:



the performance of any surgical assisting or surgical procedures. Coverage applies only to non-surgical ophthalmology, which includes the diagnosis and non-surgical treatment of diseases (other than screening for or treating retinopathy of prematurity), prescription of glasses or contact lenses, mechanical epilation, adult diagnostic canalicular probing or irrigation under topical anesthesia, punctal closure with plugs, and removal of superficial foreign bodies from the cornea and conjunctiva.

#### **OMC144 – Wisconsin Amendatory Endorsement**

*This **endorsement** automatically applies to all **Insureds** who participate in the Wisconsin Injured Patients and Families Compensation Fund (“the Fund”) under the provisions of Chapter 655 of the Wisconsin Statutes. In the event that a similar provision is already contained in another **endorsement** under Section XI. Part II – Endorsements Applied Automatically, the provisions of this **endorsement** will take precedence.*

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the policy is amended as follows:

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part I – Who Is Covered 2. (**slots**) and 3. (**locum tenens**) are deleted in their entirety.

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part II – What is Covered the following is deleted from the first paragraph: so long as that person was acting within the scope of his or her licensure, training, and professional liability insurance coverage, if applicable.

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part III – Exclusions, A. No Defense or Payment of **Damages** or Supplementary Payments 1. Scope of Practice is deleted in its entirety.

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement B, Part I – Who Is Covered 3. (CRNAs) is deleted in its entirety.

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement C, Part I – Who Is Covered 2. (MSOs) is deleted in its entirety.

Section II. Coverage Agreement C, Part II – What is Covered 1.b. is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following: **direct patient treatment** provided by any person for whose acts, errors, or omission the **Insured** is legally responsible.

Section II. Coverage Agreement C, Part III – Exclusions, A. No Defense or Payment of **Damages** or Supplementary Payments is deleted in its entirety.

Section III. Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, A. No Defense or Payment of **Damages** or Supplementary Payments 2. Licensure is deleted in its entirety and replaced by the following: A **professional services incident** involving **direct patient treatment** by a health care provider that occurs while the health care provider’s license to practice medicine or provide health care services has been suspended, revoked, voluntarily surrendered, or otherwise is not in effect.

Section III, Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, A. No Defense or Payment of **Damages** or Supplementary Payments 3. Licensure – Controlled Substances; 17. Weight Loss Treatments; and 18. ROP Remote Screening (RDFI-TM) are deleted in their entirety.

Under Section III, Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, B. Defense – No Payment of **Damages** or Supplementary Payments 3. Sexual Misconduct or Activity the following is deleted: or abandonment of, or failure to properly refer for treatment, the person subject to the **sexual misconduct or activity**.

Section III, Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, B. Defense – No Payment of **Damages** or Supplementary Payments 4. Substance Abuse; 5. Guarantee; and 6. Apparent Partnership are deleted in their entirety.

Section III, Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, D. Failure to Meet Conditions is deleted in its entirety.

Under Section IV. Limits of Liability the eighth paragraph is deleted and replaced by the following: The limits of liability apply separately to each **policy period**.

Under Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties the introductory paragraph is deleted.

The following is added at the end of Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 1. Policyholder: However, **OMIC** must individually notify each **Insured** who participates in the Fund when OMIC initiates cancellation, nonrenewal, or other termination of the policy, or amendment of the policy that affects the coverage provisions.

Under Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 2. Application the second and third paragraphs are deleted and replaced by the following:

The **Insured** shall immediately inform **OMIC**, in writing, of any changes in such representations that may occur during the **policy period**. If the **Insured** fails to notify **OMIC** of material changes within thirty days following the change, **OMIC** has the right to cancel this policy or the insurance provided by this policy with respect to such **Insured** in accordance with Section IX. Termination and Changes in Premium.

If the **Insured** or the **Insured's** representative conceals or misrepresents, either negligently or intentionally, any material fact or circumstance concerning this insurance, including the **Insured's** training, experience, **Claims** history, prior **potential Claims**, or the nature or scope of the **Insured's** practice, **OMIC** has the right to cancel this policy or the insurance provided by this policy with respect to such **Insured** in accordance with Section IX. Termination and Changes in Premium.

Under Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 8. Reporting Claims and Potential Claims "immediately" is replaced by "as soon as reasonably possible."

Under Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 9. Cooperation the following is deleted: In order for this policy to cover a **Claim** against an **Insured**.

The following is added at the end of Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 10. Subrogation: However, the **Insured** must be made whole, taking into account comparative negligence, before **OMIC** may retain amounts recovered.

Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 11. Consent to Settle is deleted in its entirety.

Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 18. Action Against OMIC is deleted and replaced by: No action may be taken against **OMIC** to recover under this policy until the **Insured** has complied with all of the applicable terms and conditions of this policy. Any recovery under this policy is limited to the extent of the protection provided under this policy and the limits of liability.

Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 20. Arbitration is deleted and replaced by the following: After a dispute between the **Insured** and **OMIC** has arisen and the dispute cannot be settled through direct discussions, the **Insured** and **OMIC** may agree, voluntarily, to have the dispute resolved by arbitration.

Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 21. Choice of Law is deleted in its entirety.

Under Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 22. Policy Territory the following is deleted: Coverage is provided only for **Claims** brought against the **Insured** in the fifty United States and Washington, D.C.

Section IX. Termination and Changes in Premium A.1.c. Cancellation by OMIC is amended as follows:

- i. If the policy or an **Insured's** coverage under the policy has been in effect for fewer than sixty days from the **original inception date** or the **Insured's original effective date**, respectively, **OMIC** may cancel this policy or

the **Insured's** coverage under this policy for any reason, with ~~no prior notice~~ at least ten days' notice prior to such date of cancellation.

- ii. If the policy or an **Insured's** coverage under the policy has been in effect for sixty days or more from the **original inception date** or the **Insured's original effective date**, respectively, **OMIC** may cancel this policy or the **Insured's** coverage under this policy for nonpayment of premium, ~~surplus contribution, or other payment,~~ with at least fifteen days' notice prior to such date of cancellation.
- iii. If the policy or an **Insured's** coverage under the policy has been in effect for sixty days or more from the **original inception date** or the **Insured's original effective date**, respectively, **OMIC** may cancel this policy or the **Insured's** coverage under this policy with at least sixty days' notice prior to such date of cancellation, only for one or more of the following reasons: (a) fraud or material misrepresentation, concealment, or omission by the **Insured** affecting this policy or in the presentation of a **Claim** made under this policy; (b) material increase in hazard insured against; (c) material breach of any ~~term or condition of the policy contractual~~ duties, conditions, or warranties by the **Insured**; or (d) the **Insured** no longer satisfies the eligibility criteria for membership in **OMIC** as set forth in **OMIC's** Bylaws.

Section IX. Termination and Changes in Premium A.1.d. Premium Adjustment is amended as follows:

If the policy is cancelled, **OMIC** shall return any unearned premium to the **Policyholder**. ~~If the **Policyholder** or an **Insured** cancels, unearned premium will be computed, at **OMIC's** discretion, either in accordance with the customary short rate table and procedure or on a pro rata basis from the date of cancellation. If cancellation is for death, disability, or incompetency, or if **OMIC** cancels, u~~ Unearned premium will be computed on a pro rata basis from the date of cancellation. **OMIC** may adjust the **Insured's** premium either at the time of cancellation or as soon as practicable after cancellation becomes effective, but **OMIC's** refunding of unearned premium to the **Policyholder** is not a condition of cancellation.

Section X. Extended Reporting Period is amended as follows:

The following is deleted from the first paragraph: The earned policy premium through the date of termination must be paid before the **extended reporting period endorsement** will be issued.

The second paragraph of 1. Retirement Premium Waiver is amended as follows: The **extended reporting period endorsement** will be provided as soon as ~~(a)~~ **OMIC** receives a signed affidavit confirming the **Insured's retirement** and ~~(b) the earned policy premium through the date of termination has been paid.~~

The second paragraph of 2. Death, Disability, or Incompetency Premium Waiver is amended as follows: The **extended reporting period endorsement** will be provided as soon as ~~(a)~~ **OMIC** receives written notice of the **Insured's death, permanent total disability, or incompetency** and ~~(b) the earned policy premium through the date of termination has been paid.~~

The following is added at the end of the section: The **Insured** has the obligation under s. 655.23 (3) (a), Wis. Stats., to purchase the **extended reporting period endorsement** unless other insurance is available to ensure continuing coverage for the liability of all **Insureds** under this policy for the term the policy was in effect. **OMIC** will notify the Wisconsin commissioner of insurance if the **Insured** does not purchase the **extended reporting period endorsement**. Such **Insured**, if a natural person, may be subject to administrative action by the **Insured's** licensing board.

Under Section XI. Part II – Endorsements Applied Automatically, Endorsement OMC121A – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 2; Endorsement OMC121B – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 1; and Endorsement OMC122 – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – No Surgery are deleted in their entirety.

### **OMC157 – Pennsylvania Amendatory Endorsement**

*This endorsement automatically applies to all Insureds who participate in the Medical Care Availability and Reduction of Error Fund (Mcare) under the provisions of Act 13 of 2002. In the event that a similar provision is already contained in another endorsement under Section XI. Part II – Endorsements Applied Automatically, the provisions of this endorsement will take precedence.*

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the policy is amended as follows:

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part I – Who Is Covered 3. (locum tenens) is deleted in its entirety.

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement C, Part I – Who Is Covered 2. (MSOs) is deleted in its entirety.

### **OMC158 – Nebraska Amendatory Endorsement**

*This endorsement automatically applies to all Insureds who participate in the Nebraska Excess Liability Fund under the provisions of the Nebraska Hospital - Medical Liability Act (the "Act"). In the event that a similar provision is already contained in another endorsement under Section XI. Part II – Endorsements Applied Automatically, the provisions of this endorsement will take precedence.*

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the policy is amended as follows:

The following is added to the policy: Any provision in the policy attempting to limit or modify **OMIC's** liability contrary to the provisions of sections 44-2801 to 44-2855 of the Act shall be void. **OMIC** shall assume all obligations to pay an award imposed against its **Insureds** under the provisions of sections 44-2801 to 44-2855 of the Act. Any termination of the policy by cancellation shall not be effective as to patients claiming against the **Insured** covered thereby unless, at least thirty days before the effective date of the cancellation, a written notice giving the date upon which termination becomes effective has been mailed to the **Insured** at his or her last-known address and to the director of the insurance department at his or her office by certified or registered mail with sufficient postage attached.

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part I – Who Is Covered 2. (slots) and 3. (locum tenens) are deleted in their entirety.

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement B, Part I – Who Is Covered 3. (CRNAs) is amended to read as follows: Any certified registered nurse anesthetist named in the **Declarations** whose designation is identified as CRNA.

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement C, Part I – Who Is Covered 2. (MSOs) is deleted in its entirety.

Section II. Coverage Agreement E: Limited Office Premises Liability Coverage is deleted in its entirety.

Under Section III. Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, A. No Defense or Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments 1. Known Prior Acts or Claims; 12. Government Work; 13. Medical Director; 15. Clinical Studies; 17. Weight Loss Treatments; and 18. ROP Remote Screening (RDFI-TM) are deleted in their entirety.

Under Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 12. Other Insurance, paragraph b. is deleted in its entirety.

Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 21. Choice of Law is deleted in its entirety.

Section XI. Part I – Endorsements Applied Manually is deleted in its entirety.

Under Section XI. Part II – Endorsements Applied Automatically, Endorsement OMC121A – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 2; Endorsement OMC121B – Coverage Classification Endorsement –

Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 1; and Endorsement OMC122 – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – No Surgery are deleted in their entirety.

#### **OMC159 – Indiana Amendatory Endorsement**

*This **endorsement** automatically applies to all **Insureds** who participate in the Indiana Patient’s Compensation Fund under the provisions of the Indiana Medical Malpractice Act. In the event that a similar provision is already contained in another **endorsement** under Section XI. Part II – Endorsements Applied Automatically, the provisions of this **endorsement** will take precedence.*

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the policy is amended as follows:

The following is added to Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 11. Consent to Settle: However, in the event a medical review panel issues a unanimous opinion that the **Insured** failed to comply with the appropriate standard of care as charged in the **Claim**, **OMIC** has the right to settle the liability **Claim** without the **Insured’s** consent.

Section IX. Termination and Changes in Premium A.1.b. is deleted and replaced by the following:

b. **Cancellation by the Insured.** The **Policyholder** may cancel this policy and the **Policyholder** or any **Insured** may cancel that **Insured’s** coverage under this policy at any time by giving **OMIC** at least thirty days’ written notice prior to the desired date of cancellation. If the **Policyholder** gives less than thirty days’ notice, cancellation will be effective thirty days from the receipt by **OMIC** of the notice. Any premium due or to be refunded will be calculated as of the applied cancellation date.

#### **OMC160 – Kansas Amendatory Endorsement**

*This **endorsement** automatically applies to all **Insureds** who participate in the Kansas Health Care Stabilization Fund under the provisions of the Health Care Provider Insurance Availability Act. In the event that a similar provision is already contained in another **endorsement** under Section XI. Part II – Endorsements Applied Automatically, the provisions of this **endorsement** will take precedence.*

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the policy is amended as follows:

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement A, Part I – Who Is Covered 2. (slots) and 3. (locum tenens) are deleted in their entirety.

Under Section II. Coverage Agreement C, Part I – Who Is Covered 2. (MSOs) is deleted in its entirety.

Section II. Coverage Agreement E: Limited Office Premises Liability Coverage is deleted in its entirety.

Under Section III, Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, A. No Defense or Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments 15. Clinical Studies; 17. Weight Loss Treatments; and 18. ROP Remote Screening (RDFI-TM) are deleted in their entirety.

Section III, Common Exclusions – Applicable to All Coverage Agreements, A. No Defense or Payment of Damages or Supplementary Payments 12. Government Work is deleted and replaced by the following: Employment of the **Insured** by the State of Kansas as a charitable health care provider or by the federal government when the **Insured’s** liability is covered under the federal tort claims act pursuant to chapter 171 of title 28 of the United States code. Volunteer work and work as an independent contractor are not considered employment under this exclusion.

Section VIII. General Conditions, Rules, and Duties 20. Arbitration is deleted and replaced by the following: After a dispute between the **Insured** and **OMIC** has arisen and the dispute cannot be settled through direct discussions, the **Insured** and **OMIC** may agree, voluntarily, to have the dispute resolved by arbitration.

Section XI. Part I – Endorsements Applied Manually is deleted in its entirety.

Under Section XI. Part II – Endorsements Applied Automatically, Endorsement OMC121A – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 2; Endorsement OMC121B – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – Surgery Class 1; and Endorsement OMC122 – Coverage Classification Endorsement – Ophthalmology – No Surgery are deleted in their entirety.

#### **OMC161 – Eye Bank Amendatory Endorsement**

*This endorsement automatically applies to all Insured professional entities whose structure is identified in the Declarations as Eye Bank.*

**OMIC** and the **Insured** agree that the policy is amended as follows: the term “**eye bank services**” replaces the term “**direct patient treatment**” throughout the entirety of this policy.

#### **OMC162 – Certified Acts of Terrorism Insurance Coverage Endorsement**

*This endorsement automatically applies to all Insureds.*

Coverage is included in the policy for otherwise insured **damages** arising out of certified acts of terrorism. The Terrorism Risk Insurance Act, including all amendments (“TRIA”), defines an act of terrorism as any act that is certified by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of Homeland Security and the Attorney General of the United States, to be an act of terrorism; to be a violent act or an act that is dangerous to human life, property, or infrastructure; to have resulted in damage within the United States, or outside the United States in the case of certain air carriers or vessels or the premises of a United States mission; and to have been committed by an individual or individuals as part of an effort to coerce the civilian population of the United States or to influence the policy or affect the conduct of the United States Government by coercion. Any **damages** otherwise insured under the policy caused by certified acts of terrorism may be partially reimbursed by the United States under a formula established by federal law. Under this formula, the United States generally reimburses 85% through 2015, 84% beginning on January 1, 2016, 83% beginning on January 1, 2017, 82% beginning on January 1, 2018, 81% beginning on January 1, 2019, and 80% beginning on January 1, 2020, of covered terrorism losses exceeding the statutorily established deductible paid by the insurance company providing the coverage. No compensation will be paid under TRIA unless the aggregate industry insured losses resulting from certified acts of terrorism exceed \$100 million with respect to such insured losses occurring in calendar year 2015, \$120 million for calendar year 2016 losses, \$140 million for calendar year 2017 losses, \$160 million for calendar year 2018 losses, \$180 million for calendar year 2019 losses, and \$200 million for calendar year 2020 losses. TRIA contains a \$100 billion cap that limits U.S. Government reimbursement as well as insurers’ liability for losses resulting from certified acts of terrorism when the amount of such losses exceeds \$100 billion in any one calendar year. If the aggregate insured losses for all insurers exceed \$100 billion, **Insureds’** coverage may be reduced. The portion of **Insureds’** annual premium that is attributable to coverage for acts of terrorism is \$0 and does not include any charges for the portion of loss that may be covered by the U.S. Government under TRIA.

TRIA and this **endorsement** only affect coverage in the policy for otherwise insured **damages** relating to certified acts of terrorism. All other terms and conditions of the policy, including applicable limits and deductibles, are not affected and still apply to **Insureds’** coverage under the policy.

#### **OMC163 – OFAC Endorsement**

*This endorsement automatically applies to all Insureds.*

Payments by **OMIC** under this policy shall only be made in full compliance with all sanctions, laws, and regulations administered and enforced by the United States Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”). OFAC identifies and lists certain foreign agents, front organizations, terrorists, terrorist organizations, and narcotics traffickers on the U.S. Treasury’s website, [www.treas.gov/ofac](http://www.treas.gov/ofac), as Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons. In accordance with OFAC regulations, if it is determined that an **Insured** or any other person or entity claiming the benefits of this insurance has violated U.S. sanctions law or is a Specially Designated National and Blocked Person, this insurance will be considered a blocked or frozen contract and no payments or premium refunds may be made by **OMIC** without authorization from OFAC. Other limitations on premium refunds and payments by **OMIC** also may apply.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company (a Risk Retention Group) has caused this policy to be signed by its Chair and Secretary, but it will not be valid unless **Declarations** signed by a duly authorized representative of **OMIC** are issued as part of this policy.



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Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company  
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