

BINDING ARBITRATION

All disputes under this policy shall be subject to binding arbitration as follows:

- a. All disputes over coverage or any rights afforded under this policy, including whether an entity or person is a named insured, an insured, an additional insured, or entitled to coverage under the Supplementary Payments provisions of this policy or the effect of any applicable statutes or common law upon the contractual obligations owed, shall be submitted to binding arbitration, which shall be the sole and exclusive means to resolve the dispute. Either party may initiate the binding arbitration.

The arbitration forum and process shall be agreed to by the parties. In the event the parties cannot agree on an arbitration forum and process, the matter shall be submitted to the American Arbitration Association. The Arbitration shall be before a panel of three arbitrators, unless the parties agree to one arbitrator, all of whom shall have experience in insurance coverage of the type afforded by this policy. If the parties select a panel of three arbitrators, each party shall select an arbitrator and the chosen arbitrators shall select a third arbitrator. The American Arbitration Association shall decide any disputes concerning the selection of the Arbitrators. The potential arbitrators from which the arbitrators shall be selected shall not be confined to those provided by the American Arbitration Association. Each party shall bear the costs of its arbitrator and shall share equally the costs of the third arbitrator and arbitration process. In the event of a single arbitrator, the cost shall be shared equally by the parties. The decision of the arbitration is final and binding on the parties.

- b. All disputes regarding payment(s) owed under this policy for any deductible or premium, including but not limited to any audit premium, shall be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in accordance with the AAA Expedited Procedures. This arbitration shall be the sole and exclusive means to resolve the dispute. Either party may initiate the binding arbitration.

Each party will provide relevant documents in support of its position. In order to eliminate undue burden and expense, there shall be no other discovery allowed. The arbitration will be based solely on the documents submitted by the parties and there shall be no in-person or oral hearing. The disputes shall be decided by a single arbitrator. The arbitrator's decision shall be accompanied by a reasoned opinion and shall be binding upon all parties. Any judgment or award rendered by the arbitrator may be entered in any court having jurisdiction to enforce such judgment or award. Each party shall bear its own costs and expenses and an equal share of the arbitrator's fee and any administrative fees associated with the arbitration.

Except as may be required by law, neither a party nor the arbitrator may disclose the existence, content, or results of any arbitration hereunder without the prior written consent of both parties.

ALL OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE POLICY REMAIN UNCHANGED.