



## Section B – Telephone underwriting

The telephone underwriting facility reduces the need for follow-up information and medical reports, resulting in faster completion. I permit the insurer (AIA Australia) to call me (the life to be insured) to clarify or gain further information regarding any matter pertaining to the assessment and processing of this application. I understand that the call will form part of my duty to take reasonable care as described in Section D.

No  Yes  ▶ If 'Yes', I am contactable on the following number ( )  
between the hours of ( ) am/pm ( ) am/pm  
(note they must be usual business hours eastern standard time)

## Section C – Consent for accessing health information

### Notes on releasing information about your health

Your health information includes details about all your interactions with health providers, and may include details such as your symptoms, treatment, consultations, personal medical history and lifestyle. Health providers cannot release this information about you without your consent.

We (AIA Australia) collect and use your health information to assess your application for cover, to assess and manage your claim, or to confirm the information you gave us when you applied for cover or made a claim. This is why we need your consent.

Each time you apply for cover or make a claim, we will ask you for a fresh consent. We will respect your privacy by only asking for the information we reasonably need, and we will tell you each time we use your consent.

Even if we collect information from health providers (such as your General Practitioner), before the insurance starts you must still tell us every matter (including about your health) that is relevant to our decision about whether to offer you insurance, and if so, on what terms. This is your Duty to take reasonable care under the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth).

Please read each Authority carefully and the explanatory notes below.

**Authority 1 explanatory notes** – through this Authority, with the exception of a copy of the consultation notes held by your General Practitioner/Practice, you are consenting to any health provider releasing any health information about you in the form we ask for. This may involve, for example:

- preparing a general report and/or a report about a specific condition;
- accessing and releasing your records in SafeScript;
- releasing your hospital patient notes;
- releasing the results of any investigations they have done; and/or
- releasing correspondence with other health providers.

**Authority 2 explanatory notes** – through this Authority, you are consenting to any General Practitioner/Practice you have attended releasing a copy of your full record, including consultation notes, but only if we have asked them to provide a general report and/or a report about a specific condition under Authority 1, and either:

- they will be unable to, or did not, provide the report within 4 weeks; or
- the report provided is incomplete, or contains inconsistencies or inaccuracies.

Your General Practitioner maintains consultation notes to support quality care, your wellbeing and to meet legal and professional requirements. General Practitioners/Practices should only release a copy of your full record, including consultation notes, for life insurance purposes in the rare circumstances set out above.

If you choose to withhold your consent to this authority, we may not be able to process your application for cover or a claim.

### Authority 1 – to release any of my health information except the consultation notes held by my General Practitioner/Practice

With the exception of consultation notes held by any General Practitioner/Practice I have attended, I authorise any health provider, practitioner, practice, psychologist, dentist, allied health services provider or any hospital to access and release, in writing or verbally, any details of my health information to AIA Australia, or to third parties they engage.

I agree to all the following:

- My health information can be released in the form AIA Australia asks for, such as a general report, a report about a specific condition, my records in SafeScript, any hospital notes, or correspondence between health providers.
- AIA Australia can collect, use, store and disclose my personal information (including sensitive information) in accordance with privacy laws and Australian Privacy Principles.
- This Authority is valid only while AIA Australia is assessing my claim or application for cover, or is verifying disclosures I made in connection with the cover.
- A copy or transcript of this Authority will be valid and effective, and this Authority should be accepted as valid and effective where I have signed electronically or consented verbally.

Full name

Signature of life to be insured

Date of signature

## Section C – Consent for accessing health information (continued)

### Authority 2 – to release a copy of the full record, including consultation notes, held by my General Practitioner/Practice in specified circumstances

I authorise any General Practitioner/Practice I have attended to release a copy of my full record, including consultation notes, to AIA Australia, or to third parties they engage, only if AIA Australia has asked them for a report on my health and either:

- the General Practitioner/Practice will be unable to, or did not, provide the report within four weeks; or
- the report is incomplete, or contains inconsistencies or inaccuracies.

I agree to all the following:

- AIA Australia can collect, use, store and disclose my personal information (including sensitive information) in accordance with privacy laws and Australian Privacy Principles.
- This Authority is valid only while AIA Australia is assessing my claim or application for cover, or is verifying disclosures I made in connection with the cover.
- A copy or transcript of this Authority will be valid and effective, and this Authority should be accepted as valid and effective where I have signed electronically or consented verbally.

Full name

Signature of life to be insured

Date

## Section D – Declaration

I declare that:

- I have read and understood the Duty to take reasonable care contained on this form; and
  - all answers to the questions on this form are true and correct (including those not in my own handwriting); and
  - no information has been omitted that may affect AIA Australia's (AIA) decision to provide insurance;
- I have read and understood the "Privacy of your personal information" as detailed in my previously completed original application and agree to the collection, use and disclosure of my personal information.
- I acknowledge that insurance cover, or an increase in insurance cover, as applicable, will not commence until AIA accepts the insurance proposed or receives a signed acceptance of such alternative conditions as may be offered and the appropriate premium is received.
- I authorise AIA to refer any statements that have been made on this form, or in connection with the insurance proposed, and any medical reports to reinsurers and/or medical consultants.
- I authorise any hospital, doctor or other person who has treated or examined me to give to AIA any information on my illness or injury, medical history, consultation, prescription or treatment or copies of all hospital or medical reports.
- I agree to provide further medical authorities if requested.
- I agree that a photocopy or an electronically transmitted image of this authorisation shall be considered as effective and valid as the original signed authorisation.

### Duty to take reasonable care

When applying for insurance, there is a legal duty to take reasonable care not to make a misrepresentation to the insurer before the contract of insurance is entered into.

A misrepresentation is a false answer, an answer that is only partially true, or an answer which does not fairly reflect the truth.

This duty applies to a new contract of insurance and also applies when extending or making changes to existing insurance, and reinstating insurance.

### If you do not meet your duty

If you do not meet your legal duty, this can have serious impacts on your insurance. There are different remedies that may be available to us. These are set out in the *Insurance Contracts Act 1984* (Cth). These are intended to put us in the position we would have been in if the duty had been met.

Your cover could be avoided (treated as if it never existed), or its terms may be varied. This may also result in a claim being declined or a benefit being reduced.

Please note that there may be circumstances where we later investigate whether the information given to us was true. For example, we may do this when a claim is made.

Before we exercise any of these remedies, we will explain our reasons and what you can do if you disagree.

### Guidance for answering our questions

You are responsible for the information provided to us. When answering our questions, please:

- think carefully about each question before you answer. If you are unsure of the meaning of any question, please ask us before you respond.
- answer every question.
- answer truthfully, accurately and completely. If you are unsure about whether you should include information, please include it.
- review your application carefully before it is submitted. If someone else helped prepare your application (for example, your adviser), please check every answer (and if necessary, make any corrections) before the application is submitted.

## Section D – Declaration (continued)

### Changes before your cover starts

Before your cover starts, we may ask about any changes that mean you would now answer our questions differently. As any changes might require further assessment or investigation, it could save time if you let us know about any changes when they happen.

### If you need help

It's important that you understand this information and the questions we ask. Ask us or a person you trust, such as your adviser for help if you have difficulty understanding the process of buying insurance or answering our questions.

If you're having difficulty due to a disability, understanding English or for any other reason, we're here to help. If you want, you can have a support person you trust with you.

### Notifying the insurer

If, after the cover starts, you think you may not have met your duty, please contact us immediately and we'll let you know whether it has any *impact on the cover*.

Name

Signature of life to be insured

Date of signature