



a Northbridge Financial company

## **BRITISH COLUMBIA UNCLAIMED PROPERTY ACT UNCLAIMED PROPERTY POLICY**

Certain premium refunds or claims payments that were issued after July 1, 2000 that have been returned undelivered or remain uncashed are subject to the rules established under the British Columbia *Unclaimed Property Act* (the UPA). Under these rules Federated Insurance has certain prescribed obligations to retain this property and to locate the owners of the property.

### **What Property is Subject to the UPA**

The UPA applies to amounts over \$50.00 where the last known address of the payee was in B.C. and/or the circumstances leading to the obligation to pay occurred in B.C. In the second instance, this generally means that an incident occurs in B.C. which leads to a claim against a policy issued by the Company but neither the insured nor the claimant have to be B.C. residents.

### **What are the Obligations Regarding Property Subject to the UPA**

The obligation to treat subject property in accordance with the UPA arises once the obligation to pay arises and once the earlier of the following occurs (called the "Triggering Event"):

- (i) any correspondence (including cheques or drafts) that had been sent to the payee is returned as undeliverable; or,
- (ii) three years have passed since a cheque or draft was sent to the payee and the cheque or draft has remained uncashed.

Federated will commence making reasonable efforts within 6 months of the Triggering Event to locate the payee. If these efforts are unsuccessful, and 12 months have elapsed since the Triggering Event, the property is considered to be "Unclaimed Property" and the rules for determining when the property may be considered income by Federated Insurance come into play (see below under "Taking Unclaimed Property Into Income").

### **Taking Unclaimed Property Into Income**

Unclaimed Property will be considered income of Federated<sup>1</sup>:

- (i) after 6 years have elapsed since the property under consideration became Unclaimed Property and the amount is less than \$1000.00;
- (ii) after 10 years have elapsed since the property under consideration became Unclaimed Property and the amount is between \$1000.00 and 24,999.99; and,
- (iii) after 30 years have elapsed since the property under consideration became Unclaimed Property and the amounts more than \$24,999.99.

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to other laws regarding determination of income.

Federated will maintain a record of all Unclaimed Property for the appropriate time period and will pay claimants the Unclaimed Property if the claimant can satisfactorily prove their entitlement to the Unclaimed Property within the applicable time period.

### **Claiming Unclaimed Property**

Any person who believes that they may be entitled to property held by Federated Insurance in accordance with the UPA are to contact the Federated Insurance Unclaimed Property Administrator in writing at:

Unclaimed Property Administrator  
Federated Insurance Company of Canada  
Box 5800  
Winnipeg, MB  
R3C 3C9