



State Group Universal Life (GUL) Insurance Plan: Special Opportunity for 2021 Open Enrollment (May 3 – 19, 2021) Frequently Asked Questions

Important Information for Individuals Employed in a Benefit-Eligible Position:

If you are enrolled in the State Group Universal Life (GUL) Insurance Plan and are **not** making any changes during Open Enrollment, your current State GUL and Dependent Term Life Insurance coverage will continue into the new plan year beginning July 1, 2021.

*Note: If you are not making any changes to your current State GUL and Dependent Term Life Insurance coverage during Open Enrollment, you do **not** need to submit proof of good health to Securian Financial.*

1) What is the special 2021 Open Enrollment opportunity?

Although you can enroll and/or make plan changes throughout the year, there is a special opportunity during 2021 Open Enrollment (May 3 – 19) to enroll and/or increase employee coverage in the State Group Universal Life (GUL) Insurance Plan **without having to provide proof of good health:**

- **Benefit eligible active State of Delaware and DSWA employees who are not currently enrolled:**

May elect employee coverage at **one times** their base annual salary up to \$200,000 - without providing proof of good health.

(Note: Employees who were previously enrolled in the State GUL Plan (coverage no longer active) are unable to enroll online and **must** complete the paper application located on the Securian website. To access the **Securian** website, visit de.gov/statewidebenefits: select your group, choose *Life Insurance*, then select *Enroll or Make Changes* and follow the instructions. Once on the Securian website, follow the navigation to the paper application: Forms > Group Universal Life Changes > Employee Application.)

- **Benefit eligible active State of Delaware and DSWA employees who are currently enrolled at one or two times their base annual salary:**

May elect to increase their employee coverage **one times** their base annual salary as long as it does not exceed three times their base annual salary or \$200,000, whichever is less – without providing proof of good health. If your multiple of salary takes you over \$200,000, you will be capped at \$200,000 unless you submit proof of good health to Securian Financial and are approved. For example, if your base annual salary is \$70,000 and you are currently enrolled at two times your salary (\$140,000), you may increase your coverage one times to \$210,000. You can decide to just keep your coverage at the \$200,000 cap or submit proof of good health for the remaining \$10,000 to Securian Financial and be approved to obtain the full

\$210,000. *Please note: If you do not submit proof of good health for amounts over \$200,000, you will not receive increases in your coverage due to salary increases.*

2) Who is NOT ELIGIBLE for the special 2021 Open Enrollment opportunity?

- Those who are not employed in an active benefit eligible position with the State of Delaware or DSWA; or
- Those who were previously declined* GUL coverage by Securian Financial; or
- Those who are currently on a Leave of Absence from work; or
- Current GUL participants enrolled at three*, four*, five* or six times their base annual salary; or
- Current GUL participants with greater than \$200,000 coverage*

**These individuals can apply for or increase GUL coverage anytime throughout the year; however, they would be required to submit proof of good health to Securian Financial for approval.*

3) If I fall within the categories mentioned in Question #2, can I still apply for or increase my coverage during Open Enrollment?

The following individuals can enroll or increase State GUL coverage during Open Enrollment or anytime throughout the year; however, they would be required to submit proof of good health to Securian Financial for approval:

- Those who were previously declined GUL coverage by Securian Financial; or
- Current GUL participants enrolled at three, four, or five times their base annual salary; or
- Current GUL participants with greater than \$200,000 coverage

4) Can State GUL enrollees add dependent term life coverage during 2021 Open Enrollment?

Yes, State GUL enrollees can add dependent (spouse and/or child(ren)) term life coverage during Open Enrollment. Proof of good health is required for dependents. View the [plan rates](#).

5) How do I access plan rates?

Visit the SBO website at de.gov/statewidebenefits: select your group, choose *Life Insurance*, then select *Review Plan Rates*.

6) Are rates changing July 1, 2021?

State GUL and spouse/dependent term life insurance rates are not changing effective July 1, 2021.

7) What is Benefit Scout®?

Benefit Scout®, Securian's online benefits decision-support tool, can help you make your life insurance selections with confidence and find your right fit. **The online tool for State GUL will be available within Securian's portal as of April 13, 2021.**

8) How do I access Benefit Scout to learn more and enroll/make coverage changes?

Visit the SBO website at de.gov/statewidebenefits: select your group, choose *Life Insurance*, then select *Enroll or Make Changes* and follow the instructions.

9) When will my coverage become effective?

Guaranteed coverage amounts will become effective July 1, 2021. Coverage amounts requiring medical underwriting (proof of good health) will be effective on the date of approval by Securian Financial or July 1, 2021, whichever comes later.

10) How do I confirm my State GUL benefit selections for the new plan year beginning July 1, 2021?

A confirmation email of your new coverage request will be sent to you, if you enter an email address and select the box "I would like to receive an email confirmation of my request" on the "Review & Submit" page of Securian Financial's website:

Email notification

☒ I would like to receive an email confirmation of my request.

Email address

test@test.com

You may also view your enrolled coverage on the home page of Securian Financial's website. Contact [Securian Financial](#) directly with questions or concerns regarding enrollment. **Note:** Your new selections may show as "Pending" on the Securian Financial website until they have processed your benefit coverage. Once your new selections have been processed the Status will change to "Active." **Your State GUL selections will not be reflected on the "Benefits Summary" in State of Delaware Employee Self-Service (ESS).**

11) Who should I contact with questions?

You may contact Securian Financial directly at lifebenefits@securian.com or by telephone at 1-877-215-1489 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. (ET), Monday through Friday. You may also contact SBO by telephone at 1-800-489-8933 between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm (ET), Monday through Friday, or by email at benefits@delaware.gov.