

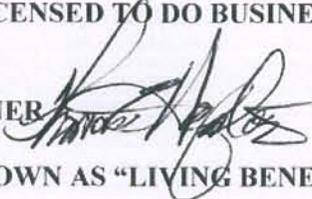
**Government of the District of Columbia**  
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Commissioner



**BULLETIN**  
**06-IP-03-7/21**

**TO: INSURERS AND OTHER ENTITIES LICENSED TO DO BUSINESS IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

**FROM: THOMAS E. HAMPTON, COMMISSIONER** 

**RE: ACCELERATED BENEFITS (ALSO KNOWN AS "LIVING BENEFITS")**

**DATE: JULY 21, 2006**

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Policyholder disclosure is required when an Accident and Health or Life and Annuity policy includes an Accelerated Benefit. Provisional language should include definition, qualifying events (triggers to accelerate), disclosure that benefits can be taxable according to IRS guidelines, and a description on how other policy benefits could be reduced if an accelerated benefit is paid.

Any accelerated benefit that mentions a long term care benefit or provides benefits similar to long term care policies are subject to D.C. Official Code § 31-3601 et seq., Long Term Care Insurance.

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