FinChoice Funeral Policy

Terms and Conditions

FinChoice a division of Homechoice (Pty) Ltd is an authorised financial services provider (FSP no. 48448). Underwritten by Guardrisk Life Limited, a licensed life insurer in terms of the Insurance Act 18 of 2017 and an authorised financial services provider in terms of the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act 37 of 2002 (no. 36). FinChoice a division of Homechoice is a registered, authorised credit provider, NCRCP 4945. FinChoice subscribes to the principles of treating customers fairly. Nothing herein shall be construed as a guarantee or promise by the policyholder that the underlying insured person will qualify for cover under the policy. Therefore the granting of loans is at the sole discretion of FinChoice and the amount you qualify for depends on your individual circumstances.

1. Policy document
This Policy and all the Benefits herein are underwritten by Guardrisk Life Limited, a licensed life insurer authorised to issue Life insurance policies in terms of the legislative Laws of the republic of South Africa.
This Policy is the entire binding to the male gender shall include the female gender and words referring to the singular shall include the plural number and vice versa.

2. Eligibility clause
The Insured must be a South African resident residing in the Republic of South Africa and in possession of a valid South African identity document/smart card.
The Policyholder and Spouse: 18 – 65 (eighteen to sixty-five) years of age at inception of cover. Child (maximum of 5 (five)) of the Policyholder. Not older than 18 (eighteen) years of age.
Parent of the Policyholder/Spouse (maximum 4 (four) parents): Not older than 75 (seventy-five) years of age at inception of cover.
Extended Family Member: 16 - 75 (eighteen to seventy-five) years of age at inception of cover.
The Insured must be ordinarily resident in South Africa.
The Policyholder and Spouse: 18 – 50 (eighteen to fifty) years of age at inception of cover).
Parent of the Policyholder is not eligible for this level of cover.
Extended Family Members are not eligible for this level of cover.

3. Definitions
3.1 Administrator
FinChoice, a division of HomeChoice (PTY) Ltd (registration number: 1985/002759/07 FSP No 48448).
3.2 Accidental
An unforeseen, external, which could not reasonably have been expected to occur and was not caused by an illness or Bodily Injury. The Bodily Injury must result in death within 14 (fourteen) days from the date of the bodily injury and must be caused directly and independently of all other causes by some external, violent, physical and visible means arising from such Bodily Injury and excludes Natural Death.
3.3 Accidental Death
Means death arising from an Accident.
3.4 Applicable Laws
The Financial Sector Insurance Act 18 of 2017 and the Long-term Insurance Act 52 of 1998, the Policyholder Protection Rules Act 2017 (Government Gazette 41232) and the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013, and any other relevant laws and rules with data management and similar processes.
3.5 Application form
The form that the Policyholder completes. This form shall state the names of the persons to be insured and the selection of Benefits to be paid to nominated Beneficiary(s) upon the death of the Insured. This shall also include any voice log-calls or any other application.
3.6 Beneficiary
means the Beneficiary payable under this Policy upon the death of the Insured and is the amount stated in the Policy Schedule.
3.7 Beneficiary
means the person nominated by the Policyholder in the application in respect of whom the Insurer should meet the Policy Benefit. The Policyholder can change the Beneficiary details by submitting a written request to the Insurer. The Insurer may, at any time, for reasons of Fraud, Claims payment process, minor Children cannot be nominated as Beneficiaries on this Policy. In an instance where any Insured Life passes away and there is no Beneficiary, the Policyholder shall automatically be the Beneficiary. If the Policyholder passes away, then the nominated Beneficiary(s) shall receive the Benefit.
3.8 Bodily Injury
Bodily injury to an Insured directly or indirectly from the accident and results in bodily injury, shall be deemed to be a physical injury that is accidental, third, and/or exposure to the elements.
3.9 Child/Children
An unmarried dependent who is under 18 (eighteen) years of age and is dependent due to mental or physical incapacity (with no age limit) and is enrolled as a full-time student at a registered tertiary institution and is financially dependent of the Policyholder, Spouse, biological parent is the Policyholder and/or Spouse. Included under this definition provided that there is no Child born as a result of a failed in vitro uterine assistance and that the fetus showed no signs of life after complete birth. "Stillborn" shall exclude the intentional termination of the life of the Child.
3.10 Claim
Shall mean, unless the context indicates otherwise, a demand for the Policy Benefit by the Claimant in relation to this Policy, irrespective of whether the Claimant is a lawful valid by submitting a completed and signed claim form and all supporting documentation to the stated Administrator.
3.11 Claim Event
Shall mean the life insured, occurring during the currency of this Policy, being the death of the Insured.
3.12 Claimant
Shall mean a person who makes a Claim in relation to this Policy.
3.13 Cooling Off Period
A period of up to 31 (thirty-one) Days from the date of receipt of the Policy documentation or within 31 (thirty-one) Days from the Policy Inception Date, within which the Policyholder can cancel this Policy in writing at no cost, provided that no Benefit Claim has been paid or claimed or the Claim Event insured against has not occurred, by giving notice to the Administrator and any premium paid will be refunded in full.
3.14 Commencement Date
The date that the insurance cover and Waiting Periods start and is effective. This date is stated in the Policy Schedule to this Policy.
3.15 Days
Means a 24 (twenty-four) hour period and Days has a corresponding.
3.16 Exclusions
Shall mean losses or risk events not covered under this Policy. Should a Claim Event arise from an Exclusion, no Benefit will be payable.
3.17 Extended Family Member
Shall mean further Members nominated by the Policyholder to be covered under this Policy. This will include brothers and sisters, aunts and uncles, and grandparents of the Policyholder/Spouse. A maximum of 5 (eight) Extended Family Members can be covered under this Policy. The maximum entry age for Extended Family Members is 75 except for cover amounts exceeding R100,000.00 for which they are not eligible.
3.18 Grace Period
A period of 90 (ninety) Days after the premium payment date where the cover is still in force, but the premium has not been paid. If any Claim Event occurs during this period which results in a valid Claim, the outstanding premium will be deducted from any Benefit paid. Failure to pay the premium/s by the expiry of this period will result in the Policy lapsing and all Benefits will cease. A Claim Event that arises in the period after the Policy has lapsed will not be covered.
3.19 Insured Life
Insured shall mean the Policyholder and the persons covered under this Policy.
3.20 Insurer
Shall mean a licensed life insurer, in terms of the Insurance Act 18 of 2017, Guardrisk Life Limited – registration no 1999/013922/06 and FSP No 76.
3.21 Misrepresentation
Shall mean the conscious decision to provide inaccurate or incorrect information in relation to any personal details or to change the true facts to mislead an interested party. This shall also mean the failure to disclose material information or any other application that had the Insurer been aware of, would have resulted in the Policy not being issued.
3.22 Natural death
Shall mean death that is not Accidental Death.
3.23 Parent
The Policyholder's parent (s) and or spouse's parent (s) and shall include natural parents, stepparents, and legally adoptive parents of the Policyholder and/or Spouse. The maximum number of Parents to be covered is 4 (four). The maximum entry age is 75 (seventy-five).
3.24 Premium
Means the Benefit premium payable and covered under this Policy and as stated in the Policy Schedule.
3.25 Unclaimed Benefit
Means a Benefit for terms of an approved Claim where payment cannot be made to the Beneficiary within 3 (three) months of the Claim having been approved because the Beneficiary is unknown or is not contactable. In other words, the Beneficiary cannot be located, his/her emails are undelivered, his/her post is returned to sender, his/her phone number is no longer in service. Claim that is followed by the Insurer and has been reported, assessed, investigated and approved. 'Unclaimed Benefits' shall have a corresponding meaning.
3.26 Variation
Shall mean any act resulting in a change to –
3.26.1 The premium;
3.26.2 Any term;
3.26.3 Any condition;
3.26.4 Any Policy Benefit;
3.26.5 Any Exclusion;
3.26.6 The duration of this Policy.
3.26.7 The duration of this Policy.
And 'Vary' and 'Variations' have a corresponding meaning.
3.27 Waiting Period
Shall mean a period during which an Insured is not entitled to the Policy Benefit and is a period of 6 (six) months commencing from the Commencement Date and shall not apply in the event of Natural Death. There is also a 12 (twelve) months Waiting Period for Suicide. Suicide is covered by the Policy Benefit only if the Waiting Period has passed, death due to Natural Causes will be covered during the Waiting Period for Accidental Death. A Waiting Period will not be applicable in the following instances:
- Where an Insured Life was covered on a similar policy with another Insurer at least 31 (thirty-one) Days prior to the Commencement Date of this Policy and the waiting period on the Alternate Policy had already expired and where such Alternate Policy has been replaced by this Policy with no lapse in cover and is not replaced with this Policy, the Waiting Period will not apply.
- Where this Policy lapses and is reinstated within 90 (ninety) Days and the Waiting Period applicable on this Policy has already expired.

Where a waiting period on a previous Policy prior to the Commencement Date of this Policy has not yet expired, the remaining term of the Waiting Period will apply. Where this Policy lapses during the Waiting Period and is reinstated within 90 (ninety) Days of the date of lapse, the Waiting Period will not apply and is completed will still apply.
Where the Family, and/or Parent option and/or Extended Family option has been selected after the Commencement Date of the Policy and where additional premium(s) have been paid, the Waiting Period for any Claim relating to the Spouse, Children, Parents and/or Extended Family Members will commence from the date that the Spouse, Children, Parents and/or Extended Family Members are added.
3.28 Personal Information
Means personal information as defined in the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013.
3.29 Policy
Means this legal document that together with the Policy Schedule, the terms and conditions and all the declarations made at application stage and any endorsements issued from time to time.
3.30 Policy Schedule
Means the schedule stating the Insured Lives, Benefit details and respective Premiums payable under this Policy.
3.31 Policyholder
The individual who applied for the Policy who is also responsible for payment of the monthly premium and who is the Main insured Life.
3.32 Repudiate
Is a decision to Claim, means any action by which the Insurer rejects or refuses to pay a Claim, or any part of a Claim, for any reason, and includes instances where a Claim is rejected in Claim-in respect of a loss event or risk not insured by the Policy, a loss event or risk covered by the Policy but the premium or premiums payable in respect of this Policy are not paid, and Repudiation shall have a corresponding meaning.
3.33 Spouse
Shall mean the spouse of the Policyholder either by means of a marriage or customary marriage contracted in terms of the laws of the Republic of South Africa, or in a union recognised as a marriage in accordance with the tenets of any religion, or a life partner in a permanent heterosexual or homosexual life partnership to 1 (one) nominated spouse per policy.

4. The Benefit amount
Please Refer to the Policy Schedule for the Sum Insured.

5. The payment of the Benefit
5.1.1 – 5.1.2 Refers to Funeral only)
Based on the current legislation, the Beneficiaries nominated by the Policyholder to receive the Benefit. Children aged between 0 and 5 years is limited to R20 000 However, the applicable cover amount based on the insured selected under each Policy.
5.1.2 The maximum Sum Insured payable for Children aged between 6 and 13 years is limited to R50 000 per Child per policy. The Policy will lapse if you fail to pay the monthly premium by the expiry of the Grace Period.
5.1.3 In the event of the Benefit and the Insured and subject to the Waiting Period and Exclusions being applicable, the Benefit will be paid to the Beneficiary nominated by the Policyholder. The Policyholder informs the Administrator should there be a need to amend the Beneficiary nomination. The Claimant must notify the Insurer or their appointed Administrator within 6 (six) months of the occurrence of a Claim Event, otherwise no Claim will be entertained unless there are extenuating circumstances for the late Claim notification.
5.3 The settlement of any Claim is always subject to the Insurer receiving the following documentation:
5.3.1 A certified copy of the death certificate;
5.3.2 A certified copy of the Claimant's identity document;
5.3.3 A fully completed death claim form signed by the Claimant;
5.3.4 A copy of the DHA1663 Registration of Death Form;
5.3.5 Any other evidence that the Insurer may require.
5.4 Please contact FinChoice on 0861 346 246 or send an email to info@finchoice.com to make a Claim.

6. Premiums back benefit
6.1 On the death of the Policyholder only, all premiums paid during the life of this Policy will be refunded as an additional Benefit per each policy. The refunded amount the Policyholder was covered for, provided that the premiums payable in respect of this Policy were paid in full without any missed premiums since the Initial Commencement Date of the Policy. This premium back benefit payment excludes premiums paid for Extended Family Members and Parents and are not only pay out the portion of premiums paid for the Policyholder, Spouse and Child/ren where they are a dependent as members in the Policy.
6.2 The Policyholder pays the Premium back benefit payable on a valid Claim will never exceed the regulated cap as per s.2 of Prudential Standard GOI7. In any instance where the Premiums refunded will exceed this cap, only the portion up to the cap will be refundable.

7. Circumstances under which no Benefit will be paid out
7.1 No Benefit will be paid if the cause of death is due to suicide, or self-inflicted injuries within 12 (twelve) months from the Commencement Date of the Policy.
7.2 No Benefit will be paid if the cause of death of any Insured listed in the Policy Schedule is because of natural causes within 6 (six) months from the Commencement Date of this Policy, unless proof of prior cover under a similar policy with another insurer is provided and such alternative policy was replaced with this Policy.

8. Premiums
8.1 The premium is due in advance, if it is not received by the Insurer by the end of the period of 90 (ninety) consecutive Days (the Grace Period) will apply to the Policy. The Policyholder can pay in arrears, failing which the Benefits will cease and the Benefit will be cancelled if there is/are no outstanding premium(s) due. Claim Event date, such outstanding premium(s) will be deducted from the Benefit payable on approval of a valid Claim.
8.1.1 The premium is fixed and guaranteed for a period of 12 (twelve) months after which the Insurer may review the premium and may be adjusted with effect from date on the following factors: past and future expected economic factors (but not limited to, interest rates, tax and inflation), past and future claims and lapse experience, past and future expected mortality experience, expected future reinsurance, administrative and operational costs, future investments and any other expected future costs relating to this Policy, amendments to any regulatory and legislative laws impacting this Policy or any other factor impacting the Insurer that it deems material at the time. Any changes to the premium will be communicated to the Policyholder at least 31 (thirty-one) days prior to the premium increase.
8.2 The due date for every premium is the date you are placed. If you are placed on a weekend or on a Monday, we will raise the debit order on the following Day. If you are paid on a public holiday, we will raise the debit order on the next non-holiday Day. If you are paid on the 1st of the month, we will raise the debit order on the 1st day of the month. If during December you are paid earlier than usual, we will ensure that we may track the payment and raise the debit order at any time from the 22 of December, we will do so unless you notify us of your new payment date.
8.3 The administrator uses the non-authenticated early debit order (naedo) system and may track your bank account to determine when funds are available.
8.4 You must notify us immediately if your bank account details or your pay date changes, and we will be entitled to change your debit order details to reflect in terms of this Policy agreement.
8.5 If premiums, in whole or in part, are in arrears, and a Claim Event occurs, the Benefit amount will be reduced by the amount unpaid, provided that the Policy is not yet lapsed.
8.6 Premium payments do not accrue a value and each premium is payable solely on the risk for the month in which it is paid.
8.7 The premium and Benefit will increase on the anniversary date of the Commencement Date (annually) by inflation.

9. Cooling-Off Period
9.1 Where no Claim has been instituted in terms of this Policy or claim rights, the Policyholder may cancel this Policy within 31 (thirty-one) Days of receipt of this document, cancel your Policy by contacting FinChoice (contact details appointed by the Insurer) and inform them of the cancellation in writing.
All premiums paid during this 31 (thirty-one) Day review period shall be refunded in full.

10. Fraud
10.1 This Policy will be cancelled with immediate effect if any Claim or any connivance is used by an Insured or Claimant or by any person acting on behalf of an Insured or Claimant, at any time, if fraudulent or any means is used to obtain a Benefit. In such instances of cancellation, all premiums paid will be forfeited.

11. Reinstatement of a lapsed Policy
11.1 Where the Policy has lapsed, a request to reinstate must be made to the Insurer in writing. The Insurer reserves the right to either accept or decline reinstatement of the Policy.

12. Termination of the Policy
This Policy shall terminate on the earliest of:
12.1 The death of the Policyholder;
12.2 The written request for cancellation by the Policyholder during the Cooling-off period notice from the date of the request. Such cancellation request must be within the Initial Cooling-Off Period will not attract a cancellation penalty/fee.
12.3 The lapse of this Policy shall occur in the event of a Claim under the Terms and Conditions of this Policy after the expiry of the Grace Period).
12.4 The written cancellation of cancellation by the Insurer 31(thirty-one) Days prior to the effective date of cancellation to the last known recorded postal or email address or cell phone number of the Policyholder on our system.

13. Rights of the Insurer
13.1 The Insurer immediately cancel this Policy or place it on hold, refuse any Claim, suspend Benefits or take any other action we the Insurer consider necessary in order to comply with the law and prevent or stop undesirable or criminal activity.

14. Notifications
14.1 The Policyholder must notify the Administrator as soon as possible should there be a change of address, changes to bank details, change to any personal details or changes to the nominated Beneficiary.

15. Law and currency
This Policy shall be subject to the laws of the Republic of South Africa. All amounts paid to or from this Policy will be in the lawful currency of the Republic of South Africa and into a South African bank account only.

16. The correctness of statements made to the Insurer / Misrepresentation
16.1 The Insurer relies on the full and completeness and correctness of all information provided to it. Where this Policy has been paid out on the basis of information provided to the Insurer by a Claimant, and such information subsequently proves to be incorrect in any material respect, the Insurer reserves the right to take such steps as may be required to put it in the position it would have been in if the correct information had been provided in the first instance. If any Claim under this Policy is in any way Misrepresented or the circumstances or means are used by you or anyone acting on your behalf to obtain a Benefit under this Policy or if any of the Benefits insured against are occasioned by your intentional act or with your consent, then all Benefits under this Policy and all premiums paid in terms of this Policy will be forfeited and the Policy will be voidable at our option. Appropriate action will be taken as deemed necessary.

17. Surrender and assignment
This Policy acquires no surrender, paid up or loan value and it cannot be assigned. The Policy may also not be pledged as security for a loan or debt.

18. Policy Variations
The Insurer reserves the right to Vary this Policy after the first 12 (twelve) Months from the Commencement Date by giving the Policyholder 31 (thirty-one) Days prior written Email or SMS of such intention at least 31(thirty-one) Days before any premium rate adjustment and 31 (thirty-one) Days' notice before any other Variation unless unless the Variation is to increase the Benefits or to decrease the premium, in which case no prior notice will be required. Any Variations will be binding on the Insurer and the Policyholder and can be applied only after the first 12 (twelve) months from the Commencement Date to the existing terms and conditions. Any notice or communication of these changes has been sent to the Policyholder's known address as it appears in the records at that time.

19. Fees
19.1 Commission of 5% and a Binder Fee of 9% of the total monthly premium is payable to the Administrator. All fees are included in the monthly premium.

20. Unclaimed Benefits
20.1 A Benefit under this Policy is an Unclaimed Benefit, the administrator will take action to determine if the Beneficiary is alive and/or aware of the Benefit payable to them in terms of this Policy. Specifically with the 3 (three) month period after the Unclaimed Benefit arises, the Administrator may – attempt to contact the Beneficiary telephonically and electronically to notify them of the Unclaimed Benefit; or – determine the last known contact information of the Beneficiary by comparing internal and external databases, including any use of internet search engines and/or social media; or – appoint an external tracing company to locate the Beneficiary.
20.2 Where after the 3 (three) month period referred to above, the Administrator will confirm the Unclaimed Benefit and transfer the amount of the Unclaimed Benefit to an account in the name of the Insurer, and the Insurer will accept liability for the Unclaimed Benefit.

21. Processing and Protection of Personal Information
Your privacy is of utmost importance to us. We will take the reasonable steps to keep secure any and all information, including Personal Information, obtained from you in accordance with the Protection of Personal Act 4 of 2013 provided by you or which is collected from you and is processed in accordance with the provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 and the privacy policies available at https://www.finchoice.net/privacy-policy. You hereby agree to give honest, accurate and up-to-date Personal Information and to maintain and update such information when necessary. You accept that your Personal Information may be used by us in order to verify your identity and to enable us to establish and verify your identity in terms of the Applicable Laws, to enable us to fulfil its obligations in terms of this Policy, to enable us to take the necessary measures to prevent any suspicious or fraudulent activity in terms of the Applicable Laws, and any reporting to the relevant Regulatory Authority in terms of the Applicable Laws.

We may share your information for further processing with the following third parties, which third parties have an obligation to keep your Personal Information secure and confidential:

1. Payment processing service providers, merchants, banks and other persons that assist with the processing of your payment instructions;
2. Law enforcement and fraud prevention agencies and other persons tasked with the prevention and prosecution of crime;
3. Regulatory authorities, industry ombudsmans, governmental departments, local and international tax authorities, and other persons that the law requires in accordance with the Applicable Laws, are required to share your Personal Information with;
4. Credit Bureau;
5. Our service providers, agents and sub-contractors that we have contracted with to offer and provide products and services to any policyholder in respect of this policy; and
6. Persons to whom we cede our rights or delegate our authority to in terms of this policy.

You acknowledge that any Personal Information supplied to us in terms of this Policy is provided according to the Applicable Laws.

Unless consented to by yourself, we will not sell, exchange, transfer, rent or otherwise make available your Personal Information (such as your name, address, email address, telephone or fax number) to any other parties and you indemnify us from any claims resulting from disclosures made with your consent.

You understand that if we have utilised your Personal Information contrary to the Applicable Laws, you have the right to lodge a complaint with Guardrisk within 10 (ten) days. Should Guardrisk not resolve the complaint to your satisfaction, you have the right to escalate the complaint to the Information Regulator.

21.1 Contact details
Should the Policyholder or any Claimant have any queries, wish to change any address, change of bank details, change of Beneficiary or Complaints of any nature, they should contact FinChoice on 0861 346 246.
21.2 FinChoice (Pty) Ltd Home/Service Intermediary (FSP 48448)
FinChoice (Pty) Ltd is a private company with limited liability registered under no. 1985/002759/07 (Hereinafter referred to as "Binder Holder" or the "Provider").
21.3 Physical address: 78 Main Road Wynberg 7800
Postal address: Private Bag X150. Telephone: 0861 346 246
Email: info@finchoice.com

22. The Insurer
Guardrisk Life Limited. The MARC, Tower 2, Century Avenue, Century City, 7446
Telephone: 011 669 9000
email: info@Guardrisk.co.za
Please note that both FinChoice and Guardrisk subscribe to the treating customers fairly (TCF) outcomes:

We have created a superior solution – encompassing products, processes and service that are fit for each of our customers' requirements. We will, always, deliver a superior customer experience by simplifying and improving both our clients and their customers' lives. We will create clear, concise and understood communications and disclosures in our treatment of our clients and customers and comply with the principles and outcomes of treating customers fairly.

These are:
22.1 You are confident that your fair treatment is key to our culture.
22.2 Products and services are designed to meet your needs.
22.3 We will communicate clearly, appropriately and timely.
22.4 We provide advice which is suitable for your needs and circumstances.
22.5 Our products and services meet your expectations and perform as promised level.
22.6 There are no barriers to accessing our services or to lodge any complaints.

23. Complaints
23.1 Please notify FinChoice first, this is then escalated to the Insurer and only if both are unable to resolve your Complaint satisfactorily may you escalate to one of the Ombudsmans mentioned below.

Disclosure Notice
Long-term Insurance Policyholder Protection Rules 2017 (PPRs) Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services (FAIS) General Code of Conduct (GCC)
Your Intermediary Business Name:
Underwriter: Guardrisk Life Limited (Pty) Ltd
Registration number: 1985/002759/07
Physical address: 78 MAIN ROAD WYNBERG 7800
Postal address: Private Bag X150, Claremont, 7735
Telephone number: 0861 346 246
Website: www.finchoice.co.za
FAIS registration (FSP No): FSP 48448
Elements of the Policyholder Protection Rules
1. Long-Term Insurance subcategory A
2. Short-Term Insurance Personal Lines
3. Long-Term Insurance subcategory B1
4. Long-Term Insurance subcategory B2
5. Long-term insurance subcategory B2-A
6. Short-Term Insurance Commercial Lines
7. Short-term insurance category C
Without in any way limiting and subject to the other provisions of the Policy, HomeChoice (Pty) Ltd HomeChoice (PTY) Ltd accepts responsibility for the lawful actions of their representatives as defined in the Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services Act(s) in connection with services rendered in the course and scope of their employment. Some representatives may be employees who work under supervision and will inform you accordingly
Legal and contractual responsibility for the insurer: FinChoice is a binder holder of Guardrisk Life Limited, a licensed life insurer authorised to underwrite life insurance business.
Professional Indemnity and/or Fidelity.
The Regulator has exempted the FSP in terms of FN 123 of 2017.

Cover:
FinChoice, a division of HomeChoice (Pty) Ltd has a Professional Indemnity Cover and a Fidelity Guarantee Cover in place.
Intermediary Guarantee Facility
FinChoice, a division of HomeChoice (Pty) Ltd has a Intermediary Guarantee Facility in place.

Claims Process:
The process that a Claim will follow:
- Claim received from Customer via Telephone, email or fax channels.
- Capturing of Claim by Company's claims department on the internal system.
- Communication to Policyholder/s receipt of Claim sent to Claimant when the Claim is lodged
- Claim notification sent to Insurer (where needed (see full working Day)
- Any outstanding or additional information and documentation requested by claims handler from Claimant or relevant party.
- Assessment of Claim, decision making and finalisation of Claim within the stipulated investigation period.
- Insurer response to client with claim outcome
- Claim outcome communicated to Policyholder (within 1 full working Day of decision)
- Escalation Process where applicable time lines are exceeded to management and the Insurer or Claimant is dissatisfied with the outcome.

Compliance Officer:
FinChoice's Compliance officer is Moonstone Compliance and their contact number is 021 883 8000

Conflict of Interest:
Finchoice, a division of HomeChoice (Pty) Ltd has a conflict of interest management policy in place and is available to clients on the website.

Your Insurer
Business Name: Guardrisk Life Limited Registration number: 1999/013922/06
Physical address: The MARC, Tower 2, 129 Rivonia Road,Sandton, 2196
Postal address: PO Box 786055, Sandton, 2146
Telephone number: +27-11-669-9000
Website: www.guardrisk.co.za
FAIS registration: 76
In terms of the FSP license, Guardrisk Life Limited is authorised to give advice and render financial services for products under:
CATEGORY I
- Long-term Insurance : Category A
- Long-term Insurance : Category B1
- Long-term Insurance : Category B2
- Long-term Insurance : Category C

Professional Indemnity and/or Fidelity Cover:
Guardrisk has a Professional Indemnity Cover and a Fidelity Guarantee Cover in place.

Compliance Details
Telephone: +27-11-669-9104
Fax number: +27-11-535-3826
Email: compliance@guardrisk.co.za

Complaints Details
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Email: complaints@guardrisk.co.za
Website: www.guardrisk.co.za

Conflict of Interest
Guardrisk Life Limited has a conflict of interest management policy in place and is available to clients on the website.

Policy Wording
A copy of the Policy wording can be obtained from https://www.finchoice.co.za/tcs/

Premiums
Manner of payment of premium:
Due date and Policy year (e.g. of frequency annually/ quarterly / monthly): Premiums are to be paid monthly in advance on the due date. Premium amount is as detailed on the application form.
The period (if any) allowed for payment of the premium: 31 (thirty-one) Days commencing from the due date.

Consequence of non-payment:
If the premiums are not paid by the expiry of the Grace Period, the Policy will lapse, and all Benefits will automatically cease. The Policy will be accepted if the Claim Event date occurs after the date of lapse.
The initial premium shall be guaranteed for a period of 12 months with effect from which the premium will be reviewed annually. Any changes to the premium will be communicated to the Policyholder at least 31 (thirty-one) Days prior to the change taking place.
The premium shall automatically increase by an equivalent substantial financial interest in the Insurer. During the period that no Claim has been received more than 30% of total remuneration, including commissions from the Insurer. Where applicable, the fact that the Underwriting Manager – does not hold more than 10% of the relevant product supplier's shares, or has any equivalent substantial financial interest in the Insurer. During the preceding 12 month period no commission in excess of the above cancellation notice will be refunded to the Policyholder.

Fees
Commission fee: 5%
Binder fee: 9%
Where applicable, the fact that the Intermediary – Each of these entities does not hold a share of the underwriter – for the first you have to say you do not hold, directly or indirectly any interest in any insurer. For the 30 percent you need to state: We declare that we do not hold, directly or indirectly any interest in any insurer. For the second bullet point: Guardrisk. FinChoice does not hold more than 10% of the relevant product supplier's shares, or has any equivalent substantial financial interest in the insurer.
- both of these must be added here and below at the underwriter – for the first you have to say you do not hold, directly or indirectly any interest in any insurer. For the 30 percent you need to state: We declare that we do not hold, directly or indirectly any interest in any insurer. For the second bullet point: Guardrisk. FinChoice does not hold more than 10% of the relevant product supplier's shares, or has any equivalent substantial financial interest in the insurer.

During the preceding 12 month period we received more than 30% of total remuneration, including commission from the insurer.

Particulars of the Financial Sector Conduct Authority (FSCA)
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Email address: info@fsca.co.za
Particulars of Financial Advisory and Intermediary Services (FAIS) Ombudsman
(For product/advice related matters)
Postal Address: PO Box 74571, Lynnwood Ridge, 0040
Telephone: +27- 12- 470-9000
Fax number: +27- 12- 348- 3447
Email address: info@faisombud.co.za

Particulars of Information Regulator (For complaints relating to the use of Personal Information)
Postal address: PO Box 31533 Braamfontein Johannesburg 2017
Telephone: +27-10-023-5200
Email: complaints.IR@justice.gov.za

Other matters of importance
You will be informed of any material changes to the information about the intermediary, Insurer and or underwriter provided above.

If we fail to resolve your complaint satisfactorily, you may submit your complaint to the Ombudsman of Long-Term Insurance. You will always be given a reason for the repudiation of your claim.
If the Insurer wishes to cancel your Policy, the Insurer will give you 31 (thirty-one) Days written notice, to your last known address.

You will always be entitled to a copy of your Policy at no extra charge.

Warning
Do not sign any blank or partially completed application form.
Complete all forms in ink.
Keep notes of what is said to you and all documents handed to you.
Where applicable, call recordings will be made available to you within Twenty (20) days of request.
Don't be pressurised to buy the product.
Failure to provide us with all the relevant information may influence an Insurer on any claims arising from your contract of insurance.

Waiver of Rights
No Insurer and/or underwriting manager and/or intermediary may request or induce in any manner a client to waive any right or benefit conferred on the client by/or in terms of any provisions of the The general code of conduct under the FAIS act or recognise, accept or act on any such waiver by a client, be it verbally, in writing or in print.
All information obtained or acquired from or about you shall remain confidential and may not, without written consent, or unless HomeChoice is required by law to disclose such information.

Complaints Procedures:
Complaints can be submitted telephonically or in writing to the below:

Fax number:
0860 103 238
+27-21-674-0951
Email address:
complaints@finchoice.co.za
Telephone: 0861 346 246
Email: insurance.complaints@homechoice.co.za
Postal Address: Private Bag X150, Claremont, Cape Town 7735, South Africa
The complaint must contain the following information:
- Name, surname and identity number of the customer;
- Name, surname and contact details of the complainant, including a mandate to act on behalf of the customer;
- Specific details of the complaint, including dates, examples, supporting documentation;

Particulars of the Long Term Insurance Ombud

Postal address: Private bag X45 Claremont
Cape Town, 7700
Telephone: +27 – 21 – 657 – 5000
0860 103 236

1. Non-underwritten value-added benefits
An additional R2,000 Cash Benefit will be paid out with the benefit amount in the event of a successful Claim and is only available on the Family Funeral option.