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To the Honorable Commissioner

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attached original documents or copy thereof.

1. Name of conveying party(ies):

Guidant Abstainers Insurance Company

- Individual(s)
- General Partnership
- Corporation-State of Iowa
- Other _____

- Association
- Limited Partnership

Additional name(s) of conveying party(ies) attached? Yes No

3. Nature of conveyance:

- Assignment
- Security Agreement
- Other _____
- Merger
- Change of Name

Execution Date: January 2, 1998

2. Name and address of receiving party(ies)

Name: : Guidant Elite Insurance Company

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 1111 Ashworth Road

City West Des Moines State: IA Zip: 50265-3538

- Individual(s) citizenship _____
- Association _____
- General Partnership _____
- Limited Partnership _____
- Corporation-State of Iowa
- Other _____

If assignee is not domiciled in the United States, a domestic representative designation is attached: Yes No
(Designations must be a separate document form Assignment
Additional name(s) & address(es) attached? Yes No

4. Application number(s) or registration number(s):

A. Trademark Application No.(s)

B. Trademark Registration No.(s)

1,642,986

Additional numbers attached? Yes No

5. Name and address of party to whom correspondence concerning document should be mailed:

Name: Edmund J. Sease

Internal Address: _____

Street Address: 801 Grand Avenue, Suite 3200

City: Des Moines State: IA Zip: 50309

6. Total number of applications and registrations involved:

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7. Total fee (37 CFR 3.41).....\$ 40.00

- Enclosed [Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account #26-0084]
- Authorized to be charged to deposit account

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9. Statement and signature.

To the best of my knowledge and belief, the foregoing information is true and correct and any attached copy is a true copy of the original document.

Edmund J. Sease

Name of Person Signing

Signature

July 6, 2000

Date

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**AMENDMENT TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF GUIDANT ABSTAINERS INSURANCE COMPANY**

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF THE SHAREHOLDERS

A Special Meeting of the Shareholders of Guidant Abstainers Insurance Company, was held at 8:00 a.m., Friday, January 2, 1998 at 1111 Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, Iowa. All shareholders were represented at said meeting and all notice requirements were waived by assent of shareholders. The following Amendment was adopted by a unanimous vote of members present or represented:

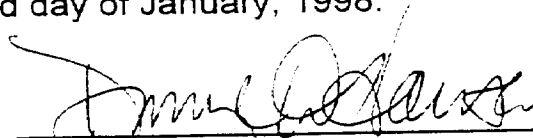
RESOLVED:

That Article I of the Articles of Incorporation of Guidant Abstainers Insurance Company, be amended as follows:

ARTICLE I


The name of the corporation shall be Guidant Elite Insurance Company.

WHEREFORE, pursuant to the foregoing action of the Special Meeting of said corporation, I, as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of said corporation have executed this instrument and do hereby sign and acknowledge the same for and on behalf of the said corporation this 2nd day of January, 1998.



CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF DIRECTORS
GUIDANT FOUNDATION, INC.

ATTEST:


SECRETARY

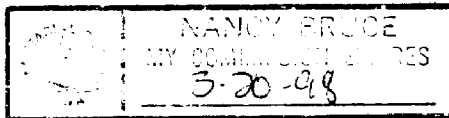
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BE IT REMEMBERED that on this 2nd day of January, 1998, before me, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, personally appeared Darryl D. Hansen, who being duly sworn did say that he is the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Preferred Abstainers Insurance Company, West Des Moines, Iowa, and that the foregoing instrument was signed on behalf of said corporation by authority of its members and that he acknowledged said instrument to be the voluntary act and deed of said corporation by them voluntarily executed.

Nancy Bruce
NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF IOWA



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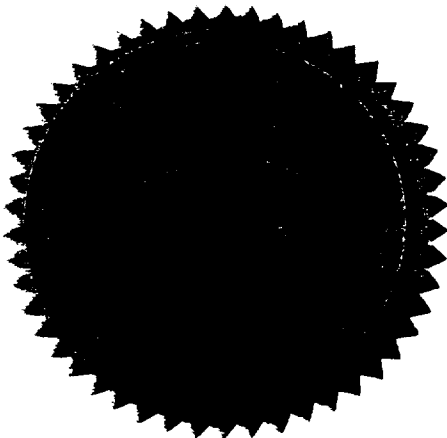
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Articles of Amendment

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ARTICLES OF CORRECTION TO THE AMENDMENT TO
THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF
GUIDANT ELITE INSURANCE COMPANY

NOW, on this 28th of January, 1998, pursuant to Section 490.124 of the IOWA CODE (1997), the undersigned corporation adopts the following Articles of Correction:

1. The name of the corporation is Guidant Elite Insurance Company, formerly known as Guidant Abstainers Insurance Company.
2. The document to be corrected is the Articles of Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation of Guidant Abstainers Insurance Company.
3. The document to be corrected was filed with the Iowa Secretary of State, Corporation Division, on or about January 6, 1998.
4. The document was defective in that it failed to include the required certificates of approval from the Iowa Attorney General and Iowa Insurance Division for amendments to articles of Iowa domiciled insurance companies.
5. Attached hereto and made a part hereof by this reference is a newly-filed amendment containing the necessary approvals as described in paragraph 4 of these Articles of Correction.

GUIDANT ELITE INSURANCE COMPANY



THOMAS C. FARR, SECRETARY

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**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
ATTORNEY GENERAL**

Pursuant to provisions of the Iowa Code, the undersigned approves the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation (adopted Friday January 2, 1998) for Guidant Abstainers Insurance Company and finds them in conformance with the laws of the United States and with the laws and Constitution of the State of Iowa.

THOMAS J. MILLER
Attorney General of Iowa

1-27-98
Date

By: *Scott M. Galenbeck*
SCOTT M. GALENBECK
Assistant Attorney General

**CERTIFICATE OF APPROVAL
COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Iowa Code, the undersigned approves the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation (adopted Friday January 2, 1998) for Guidant Abstainers Insurance Company

THERESE M. VAUGHAN
Commissioner of Insurance

1.27.98
Date

By: *Robert L. Howe*
ROBERT L. HOWE
Deputy Commissioner of Insurance

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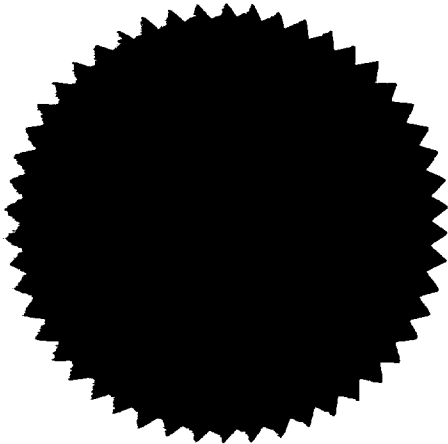
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