Math for Financial Literacy © 2013 Chapter 12: Insurance—Glossary

beneficiary. In insurance terms, the person who will receive the value of a life insurance policy in the event the insured dies.

cash value. Money a policyholder gets back when a qualifying life insurance policy is cancelled.

coinsurance. Sharing of expenses with the insurance company.

copayment. Specified amount the insured pays for a doctor visit, also called a copay.

disability insurance. Type of insurance that helps replace income when a person cannot work due to illness or injury.

group health insurance. Health insurance provided by an employer or group.

health insurance. Type of insurance that helps pay medical bills.

insurance policy. Name of the product purchased when an individual buys insurance.

insured. Person whose life is being insured by life insurance.

life insurance. Insurance policy that pays a specified person money in the event of the death of an individual.

permanent life insurance. Life insurance policy that does not expire.

professional liability insurance. Type of insurance that covers issues that may arise from a person's quality of work.

term life insurance. Simple insurance policy that pays a certain amount to a beneficiary when the insured dies.

travel insurance. Type of insurance that covers losses that result from issues related to travel.

umbrella policy. Insurance policy that raises the total amount of liability insurance a person has.

universal life insurance. Life insurance policy that gives the policyholder flexibility to adjust the amount of the premiums as well as the amount of the death benefit.

variable life insurance. Life insurance policy with a fixed premium payment and a death benefit that varies.

whole life insurance. Type of permanent life insurance that has unchanging premium and death-benefit amounts.