

CIRCULAR CONCERNING THE INTEGRATED PENSION PLANS (2021/17)

Objective and Scope

ARTICLE 1 – (1) The purpose of this Circular is to determine the the procedures and principles concerning the preparation and sale of the pension plans in which the products in the life and health insurance lines could be offered as an integrated assurance package together with the personal pension products which are offered by the pension companies (“Company”) which are established within the scope of Law on Private Pension Savings and Investment Systems, No. 4632.

Integrated Pension Plan

Article 2 – (1) The Company can arrange the pension plans of the insurance policies which are presented with the pension contract or certificate for the insurance coverages to be provided by the company in the scope of at least one of the subjects which take part in the Appendix-1, by means of inserting the expression “integrated” in its title, on the condition of obtaining the required licenses on the related insurance lines.

(2) The expression of “integrated” could be used in the title of the pension plans which are arranged in the scope of this Circular only.

(3) The information, operation and sale processes concerning the insurance products is performed in compliance with the requirements of the insurance regulation. Following the request of the participant or the suggestion of the company, the existing participants in the system are included by means of the pension plan change and the new participants are included by means of the direct plan preference in the “integrated pension plan”.

(4) In case of cancellation of the insurance policy or policies which are purchased within the scope of the integrated pension plan of the participant or in case of expiration of the insurance policy, the company shall notify the mentioned participant by means of the electronic means of communication on the matter that the plan could be changed within one month period of time beginning from the date of cancellation or expiration of the insurance policy within not later than five business days following the cancellation of the insurance policy or until five business days to the expiration of the insurance policy. The participant who does not have any new insurance policy or policies in the coverage of the integrated pension plan at the end of the above-mentioned one-month period of time shall be automatically included in a pension plan other than the integrated pension plan. The new plan to be automatically involved shall be specified in the related pension contract by the company. To the extent that the methods, procedures and principles to be applied in case of termination/expiration of the insurance policies shall be specified in compliance with the related provisions of this clause and then shall be notified to the participant in an easily understandable and readable manner in the related pension contract/certificate and in the information documents concerning the pension contract.

(5) The participant and the insured person should be the same person under the scope of the integrated pension plan.

(6) The certificates which are established based on the second article of the law and the payment of which is performed through the employer are not included in the pension plan.

However, those the payments of which are started to be made by the employee directly following the workplace change could be included in the integrated pension plans.

(7) In the integrated pension plans which shall be established based on participation and which shall include the participation expression in the title, the insurance policies to be offered in the scope of the plan should be subject to the related provisions of the Regulation concerning the Insurance and Private Pension Activities within the Frame of the Participation Principles and should contain the approval opinion of the relevant Consultancy Committee.

(8) The integrated pension income plans could be formed.

Additional Benefit

Article 3 – (1) At least one of the additional benefits which take part in the Appendix-2 shall be defined in the pension plans which are arranged in the coverage of the second article of this Circular. The Company could offer other additional benefits in addition to the additional benefits which take part in the Appendix-2 as well.

Collection

Article 4 – (1) Without prejudice to the related provisions of the second clause, the collections of the premium amounts and the contribution concerning the insurance coverages to be offered in the coverage of the integrated pension plan shall be performed separately. In this framework, no collection could be made by means of deducting the insurance premium amounts from the contribution collected.

(2) The insurance policy premiums could be deducted from the cash amounts which are payable to the participant in the coverage of the integrated pension income plans and then could be used in the collection of the premiums concerning the insurance policies.

Effective Date

Article 5 – (1) This Circular comes into force on the date of publication.

LIST OF ANNEXES:

- Annex-1** : Subject Matters of Insurance
- Annex-2** : Additional Benefits

ANNEX-1**SUBJECT MATTER OF INSURANCE**

No	Subject
1	Private Health Insurance
2	Complementary Health Insurance
3	Personal Accident Insurance
4	Life Group Insurances and additional coverages (Except for those containing accumulation premiums)
5	Travel Health Insurance

ANNEX-2**ADDITIONAL BENEFITS**

No	Additional Benefit
1	Discounted check-up service*
2	Discounted ophthalmologic examination*
3	Discounted dental x-ray*
4	Discounted commodity and service presentation *
5	Free insurance product **
6	Free ambulance service
7	Free emergency service
8	Free medical/other consultancy services
9	Benefit provided to the pension account

* The discount rates to be defined should not be less than 30%.

** The insurance products could be presented as additional benefits, including those which are included in the Appendix-1.