

Employee Group Term Life Certificate of Insurance

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POLICYHOLDER: Hospital Sisters Health System

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Read Your Certificate Carefully

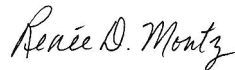
You are insured under the group policy shown on the specifications page attached to this certificate. This certificate summarizes the principal provisions of the group policy that affect you. The provisions summarized in this certificate are subject in every respect to the group policy. You may examine the group policy at the principal office of the policyholder during regular working hours.

Right to Cancel

It is important to us that you are satisfied with this certificate after it is issued. If you are not satisfied with

this certificate, you may cancel it by delivering or mailing a written notice or sending a telegram to Minnesota Life Insurance Company (Minnesota Life), 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2098 and returning the certificate before midnight of the 30th day after you received this certificate.

Notice given by mail and return of the certificate by mail are effective on being postmarked, properly addressed, and postage prepaid. If you return this certificate, you will receive, within 10 days of the date we receive a notice of cancellation, a full refund of any premiums you have paid. Upon cancellation of this certificate, it will be void as if it had never been issued.



Secretary



President

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GROUP TERM LIFE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

GENERAL INFORMATION

POLICYHOLDER: Hospital Sisters Health System **POLICY NO.:** 33825-G

ASSOCIATED COMPANIES: All subsidiaries and affiliates reported to Minnesota Life by the policyholder for inclusion in the policy.

POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2010. This specifications page represents the plan in effect as of April 1, 2023.

This certificate and/or certificate specifications page replaces any and all certificates and/or certificate specifications pages previously issued to you under the group policy. Please replace any certificate and/or certificate specifications page previously issued to you with this new certificate and/or specifications page.

ELIGIBLE GROUP: The group is composed of active employees of the policyholder and its associated companies who are regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 32 hours per bi-weekly pay period. The following are not part of the group: (a) temporary and leased employees; and (b) employees working at St. John’s Hospital who are members of Painters Local Union 90 Affiliated with Painters District Council 58.

ENROLLMENT PERIOD: The enrollment period is equal to the waiting period, except that those whose waiting period is waived shall have an enrollment period as determined by the policyholder, generally 14 calendar days.

WAITING PERIOD: The period commencing with the employee’s date of employment in an eligible group and ending with the first day of the month coinciding with or following the employee’s date of employment.

The policyholder may waive the waiting period for an employee who transfers to an HSHS entity from a non-HSHS entity specified by the policyholder for this purpose.

The policyholder will waive the eligibility waiting period for an employee of an asset purchase acquisition. The policyholder will credit prior service for an employee of a stock purchase acquisition.

If an employee terminates employment after becoming eligible for the policyholder’s Flexplan benefits and is rehired within 90 days of employment termination, the employee can participate in the Flexplan benefits on his or her rehire date without having to re-fulfill the waiting period.

MINIMUM HOURS PER WEEK REQUIRED: Employees regularly scheduled to work a minimum of 32 hours per bi-weekly pay period meet this requirement.

PLAN OF INSURANCE

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SCHEDULE

EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE INSURANCE:

Basic Life Insurance

Eligible Class

All Employees in the Eligible Group

Amount of Basic Life Insurance

One and one-half times basic annual earnings, multiplied and then rounded to the next higher \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a maximum of \$50,000.

Supplemental Life Insurance

An amount elected by the employee from the following options:

Eligible Class

All Employees in the Eligible Group

Amount of Supplemental Life Insurance

One, two, three, four, five, six, seven or eight times basic annual earnings, multiplied and then rounded to the next higher \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a maximum of \$1,000,000.

As an exception, an employee whose basic annual earnings times three exceeds \$350,000 may elect a flat amount of \$350,000, at initial eligibility or qualified status change, in accordance with the guaranteed issue rules.

EMPLOYEE ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT (AD&D) INSURANCE:

Basic AD&D Insurance

Eligible Class

All Employees in the Eligible Group

Amount of Basic AD&D Insurance

An amount equal to the amount of basic life insurance for which the employee is insured under the group policy.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

AGE REDUCTION (BASIC COVERAGE):

The amount of basic life and AD&D insurance on an employee age 70 or older shall be 65% of the amount otherwise provided by the plan of insurance applicable to such employee, rounded up to the nearest \$1,000 increment if not already a multiple thereof.

RETIREMENT:

All insurance terminates at retirement, except as provided for under the portability provision.

CONTRIBUTORY/NONCONTRIBUTORY:

Basic insurance is noncontributory insurance; supplemental insurance is contributory insurance.

GUARANTEED ISSUE AMOUNT:

Guaranteed issue is the maximum amount of insurance an employee can receive without evidence of insurability when first eligible under the plan provided enrollment is made within the enrollment period. The amounts are as follows:

For basic insurance:

All basic insurance is guaranteed issue.

For supplemental insurance:

For employees in an eligible class immediately prior to the effective date of the group policy:

An amount equal to the amount of contributory insurance for which the employee was insured under the prior carrier's group policy on the day immediately preceding the effective date of this policy.

For employees who first become eligible after the effective date of this policy:

The lesser of three times basic annual earnings rounded to the next higher \$1,000 or \$350,000

QUALIFIED STATUS CHANGE:

An employee who experiences a Qualified Status Change may elect or increase supplemental life coverage up to the guaranteed issue limit of the lesser of three times basic annual earnings or \$350,000 without providing evidence of insurability, provided enrollment is made within 30 days of the status change.

Coverage will be effective on the date of the status change, subject to the actively at work requirement.

Qualified Status Change means:

- Marriage
- Birth or adoption or otherwise acquiring a newly eligible child
- Death of a spouse
- Divorce, legal separation or annulment

EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY:

Evidence of insurability is required as stated in the certificate and for an amount of insurance greater than the guaranteed issue amount. Exceptions are noted above for Qualified Status Changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE OF INCREASES AND DECREASES DUE TO CHANGE IN EARNINGS:

For an employee already covered under the plan, changes in insurance amounts due to changes in earnings or regularly scheduled hours will not occur until the January 1st after the earnings or scheduled hour change. All increases are subject to the actively at work requirement.

DEPENDENTS BENEFIT SCHEDULE**DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE INSURANCE:**

The amount of life insurance on a dependent cannot exceed the employee's total amount of life insurance (basic and supplemental).

Spouse Life Insurance**Eligible Class**

All Employees in the Eligible Group

Amount of Spouse Life Insurance

An amount elected by the employee, in an increment of \$5,000, subject to a maximum of \$100,000.

Child Life Insurance**Eligible Class**

All Employees in the Eligible Group

Amount of Child Life Insurance

\$20,000

NOTE: An employee's first eligible newborn child will automatically be covered for \$20,000 for 30 days from live birth. If the employee does not enroll within 30 days, such coverage will terminate. Grandchildren are not eligible.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE**CONTRIBUTORY/NONCONTRIBUTORY:**

Dependents insurance is contributory insurance.

GUARANTEED ISSUE AMOUNT:

Guaranteed issue is the maximum amount of insurance an eligible dependent can receive without evidence of insurability when first eligible under the plan provided enrollment is made within the enrollment period. The amounts are as follows:

For employees with eligible dependents immediately prior to the effective date of this policy, the guaranteed issue amount for spouse coverage is equal to the amount of spouse insurance for which they were insured under the prior group policy, and all child life insurance is guaranteed issue.

For employees who first become eligible for dependents insurance after the effective date of this policy, the guaranteed issue amount is as follows:

For spouse insurance: \$20,000
For child insurance: All child life is guaranteed issue

QUALIFIED STATUS CHANGE:

An employee who experiences a Qualified Status Change may elect or increase spouse insurance up to the guaranteed issue amount of \$20,000, or any child life insurance amount, without providing evidence of insurability, provided enrollment is made within 30 days of the status change.

Coverage will be effective on the date of the status change, subject to the actively at work requirement.

Qualified Status Change means:

- Marriage
- Birth or adoption or otherwise acquiring a newly eligible child
- Death of a spouse
- Divorce, legal separation or annulment

EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY:

Evidence of insurability is required as stated in the certificate and for an amount of insurance greater than the guaranteed issue amount. As an exception, evidence of insurability will never be required for a dependent child.

EFFECT OF EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT:

All dependents insurance terminates upon the employee's retirement except as provided under the portability provision.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUICIDE EXCLUSION FOR LIFE INSURANCE:

Applies only to employee supplemental life and spouse life insurance under this certificate. Exclusions for AD&D insurance, including a suicide exclusion, are listed on the applicable certificate supplement.

WAIVER OF PREMIUM APPLICATION:

Applies to contributory and noncontributory employee insurance.

ACCELERATED BENEFITS FACTOR:

The accelerated benefit factor referred to in the "Payment of Accelerated Benefit" section of the Accelerated Benefits Certificate Supplement shall be 100%. This means the entire life insurance amount may be received as an accelerated benefit, subject to the maximum shown in the supplement.

ONE-TIME OPEN ENROLLMENT

The policyholder will hold a one-time open enrollment prior to January 1, 2023. During this enrollment, the following elections will not require evidence of insurability:

- An employee may increase existing supplemental life insurance by one times annual earnings, provided the resulting amount of insurance does not exceed the guaranteed issue amount of the lesser of three times annual earnings rounded to the next higher \$1,000 or \$350,000.

In addition, the following elections will not require evidence of insurability, provided the insured spouse receiving the increase has not previously been declined any insurance amount under this policy

- An employee may increase existing spouse life insurance by one increment, provided the resulting amount of insurance does not exceed the spouse life maximum of \$100,000.

Coverage will be effective on January 1, 2023, subject to the actively at work requirement for employees and the hospitalization/confinement clause for dependents.

LOSS OF ELIGIBILITY:

Notwithstanding anything in the policy to the contrary, an insured employee shall remain covered until the end of the pay period in which the employee ceases active work for the policyholder.

SUPPLEMENTS TO YOUR CERTIFICATE

Accidental Death and Dismemberment

Waiver of Premium

Dependents Term Life

Portability

Accelerated Benefits

Definitions

age

Attained age as of most recent birthday.

application

Your application for insurance under the group policy and, if required, your evidence of insurability application.

associated company

Any company which is a subsidiary or affiliate of the policyholder which is designated by the policyholder and agreed to by us to participate under the group policy.

basic annual earnings

Basic annual earnings means an employee's basic rate of compensation, including shift differential if applicable, but not including commissions, overtime or premium pay, bonuses, or any other additional compensation determined by the rate of pay and regularly scheduled hours in effect on the later of the October 1 of the preceding calendar year or the date the employee met the plan's eligibility requirements.

For Prairie Cardiovascular Consultants (PCC) physicians, CEO, and CFO, earnings shall mean the prior year W2 compensation with pre-tax Section 125 or 401(k) or 403(b) contributions added and any gross up for benefits (taxable life insurance, LTD premiums) removed. For those without a full year of employment as of December 31 of the prior year, earnings will be the individual's base rate as of the prior December 31 or date the individual enters an eligible class if later than the prior December 31st.

certificate effective date

The date your coverage under this certificate becomes effective.

contributory insurance

Insurance for which you are required to make premium contributions.

employee

An individual who is employed by the policyholder or by an associated company. A sole proprietor will be considered the employee of the proprietorship. A partner in a partnership will be considered an employee so long as the partner's principal work is the conduct of the partnership's business. The term employee does not include temporary employees, leased employees, seasonal employees nor corporate directors who are not otherwise employees.

employer

The policyholder or any designated associated companies.

evidence of insurability

Evidence satisfactory to us of the good health of the prospective insured and any other underwriting information we require.

insured

A person who is eligible for and becomes insured according to the terms of this certificate.

non-work day

A day on which you are not regularly scheduled to work, including scheduled time off for vacations, personal holidays, weekends and holidays, and approved leaves of absence for non-medical reasons.

Non-work day does not include time off for medical leave of absence, temporary layoff, employer suspension of operations in total or in part, strike, and any time off due to sickness or injury including sick days, short-term disability, or long term disability.

noncontributory insurance

Insurance for which you are not required to make premium contributions.

policyholder

The owner of the group policy as shown on the specifications page attached to this certificate.

specifications page

The outline which summarizes your coverage under the policyholder's plan of insurance.

waiting period

The period, if any, of continuous employment with the employer required prior to becoming eligible for coverage under this certificate. The waiting period is shown on the specifications page attached to this certificate.

we, our, us

Minnesota Life Insurance Company.

you, your, certificate holder

An insured employee.

General Information

What is your agreement with us?

You are insured under the group policy shown on the specifications page attached to this certificate. Your application as defined under this certificate is attached and is a part of this certificate. This certificate summarizes the principal provisions of the group policy that affect your life insurance coverage. The provisions summarized in this certificate are subject in every respect to the group policy.

Any statements made in your application as defined in this certificate will be considered representations and not warranties. Also, any statement made will not be used to void your insurance nor defend against a claim unless the statement is contained in the application attached to your certificate.

This certificate is issued in consideration of your application and the payment of the required premium.

Can this certificate be amended?

Yes. We retain the right to amend this certificate at any time without your consent. Any amendment will be without prejudice to any claim incurred for benefits prior to the date of the amendment.

Who is eligible for insurance?

You are eligible if you:

- (1) are a member of the group and of an eligible class as defined in the group policy; and
- (2) work for the employer for at least the number of hours per week shown as the minimum hours per week requirement on the specifications page attached to this certificate; and
- (3) have satisfied the waiting period as shown on the specifications page attached to this certificate; and
- (4) meet the actively at work requirement as shown in the section entitled "What is the actively at work requirement?".

Are retired employees eligible for insurance?

If the policyholder's plan of insurance, as reflected in the specifications page attached to this certificate, does not specifically provide insurance for retired employees, a retired employee shall not be eligible to become insured, nor have his or her insurance continued. If the policyholder's plan of insurance specifically provides insurance for retired employees, the minimum hours per week and actively at work requirements will not apply to such persons.

What is the actively at work requirement?

To be eligible to become insured or to receive an increase in the amount of insurance, an employee must be actively at work, fully performing his or her customary duties for his or her regularly scheduled hours at the employer's normal place of business, or at other places the employer's business requires him or her to travel.

If you are not actively at work on the date coverage would otherwise begin, or on the date an increase in your amount of insurance would otherwise be effective, you will not be eligible for the coverage or increase until you return to active work. However, if the absence is on a non-work day, coverage will not be delayed provided you were actively at work on the work day immediately preceding the non-work day.

As an exception to the actively at work requirement, a newly eligible employee who is actively at work for all or a portion of the waiting period shall not have his or her insurance delayed due to not being actively at work on the date coverage is scheduled to be effective (at the end of the waiting period), provided that any contributory coverage must be applied for while actively at work.

Except as otherwise provided for in this certificate, you are eligible to continue to be insured only while you remain actively at work.

When will we require evidence of insurability?

Evidence of insurability will be required if:

- (1) the specifications page attached to this certificate states that evidence of insurability is required; or
- (2) the insurance is contributory and you do not enroll within the enrollment period shown on the specifications page attached to this certificate, except as noted on the specifications page for qualified status changes; or
- (3) the insurance is contributory and you elect to increase your coverage during an annual enrollment subsequent to your eligibility date; or
- (4) the insurance for which you previously enrolled did not go into effect or was terminated because you failed to make a required premium contribution except as noted on the specifications page for qualified status changes; or
- (5) during a previous period of eligibility, you failed to submit required evidence of insurability or that which was submitted was not satisfactory to us; or
- (6) you are insured by an individual policy issued under the terms of the conversion right section.

When does insurance become effective?

Insurance becomes effective on the date that all of the following conditions have been met:

- (1) you meet all eligibility requirements; and
- (2) if required, you apply for the insurance on forms which are approved by us; and
- (3) we are satisfied with your evidence of insurability, if we require evidence; and
- (4) we receive the required premium.

Can your coverage be continued during sickness, injury, leave of absence or temporary layoff?

Yes. The employer may continue your noncontributory insurance or allow you to continue your contributory insurance when you are absent from work due to sickness, injury, leave of absence, or temporary layoff. Continuation of your insurance is subject to certain time limits and conditions as stated in the group policy. If you stop active work for any reason, you should discuss with the employer what arrangements may be made to continue your insurance.

Premiums

When and how often are your premium contributions due?

Unless the policyholder and we have agreed to some other premium payment procedure, any premium contributions you are required to make for contributory insurance are to be paid by you to the policyholder on a monthly basis. We apply premiums consecutively to keep the insurance in force.

How is the premium determined?

The premium will be the premium rate multiplied by the number of \$1,000 units of insurance in force on the date premiums are due. The premium may also be computed by any other method on which the policyholder and we agree.

We may change the premium rate:

- (1) on any premium due date following the expiration of any rate guarantee period; or
- (2) anytime, if the policy terms are amended or the total amount of insurance in force changes by 50% or more or the number of insureds under the policy changes by 25% or more.

Death Benefit

What is the amount of the death benefit?

The amount of the death benefit is the amount of insurance shown on the specifications page attached to this certificate.

Can you request a change in the amount of your contributory insurance?

Yes. Changes can be made only at annual enrollment or within 30 days of a Qualified Status Change, as defined by the policyholder.

If you request an increase in the amount of your contributory insurance, we will require evidence of insurability, unless otherwise noted on the specifications page.

When will changes in your coverage amount be effective?

Requested increases in the amount of your contributory insurance that require evidence of insurability, if approved, are effective on the date we approve the increase. Requested increases that are made because of a qualified status change and that do not require evidence of insurability are effective on the date of the status change. Requested decreases in the amount of your contributory insurance are effective on the first day of the month following receipt of your request for a decrease, or if different, according to the administrative practices of the employer.

Requests for a change made during a special enrollment period offered by the employer will not become effective prior to the general effective date of elections made during that enrollment.

Increases and decreases in insurance amounts which result from a change in your eligible class or earnings will be effective as shown on the specifications page attached to this certificate.

All increases in the amount of insurance are subject to the actively at work requirement.

When will the death benefit be payable?

We will pay the death benefit upon receipt at our home office of written proof satisfactory to us that an individual died while insured under this certificate. All payments by us are payable from our home office.

The death benefit will be paid in a single sum or by any other method agreeable to us and the beneficiary. We will pay interest on the death benefit from the date of death until the date of payment. Interest will be at an annual rate determined by us, but never less than 4% per year compounded annually, or the minimum required by state law, whichever is greater.

Payment of the death benefit will extinguish our liability under the certificate for which the death benefit has been paid.

To whom will we pay the death benefit?

We will pay the death benefit to the beneficiary or beneficiaries. A beneficiary is named by you to receive the death benefit to be paid at your death. You may name one or more beneficiaries. You cannot name the policyholder or an associated company of the policyholder as a beneficiary.

You may also choose to name a beneficiary that you cannot change without the beneficiary's consent. This is called an irrevocable beneficiary.

If there is more than one beneficiary, each will receive an equal share, unless you have requested another method in writing. To receive the death benefit, a beneficiary must be living on the date of your death. In the event a beneficiary is not living on the date of your death, that beneficiary's portion of the death benefit shall be equally distributed to the remaining surviving beneficiaries. In the event of the simultaneous deaths of you and a beneficiary, the death benefit will be paid as if you survived the beneficiary.

If there is no eligible beneficiary, or if you do not name one, we will pay the death benefit to:

- (1) your lawful spouse, if living; otherwise
- (2) your natural or legally adopted child (children) in equal shares, if living; otherwise
- (3) your parents in equal shares, if living; otherwise
- (4) your siblings in equal shares, if living; otherwise
- (5) the personal representative of your estate.

Can you add or change beneficiaries?

Yes. You can add or change beneficiaries if all of the following are true:

- (1) your coverage is in force; and
- (2) we have written consent of all irrevocable beneficiaries; and
- (3) you have not assigned the ownership of your insurance.

A request to add or change a beneficiary must be made in writing. All requests are subject to our approval. A change will take effect as of the date it is signed, but will not affect any payment we make or action we take before receiving your notice.

Termination

When does your coverage terminate?

Your coverage ends on the earliest of the following:

- (1) the date the group policy ends; or
- (2) the last day of the month in which you no longer meet the eligibility requirements; or
- (3) the date the group policy is amended so you are no longer eligible; or
- (4) 31 days (the grace period) after the due date of any premium contribution which is not paid; or
- (5) the last day for which premium contributions have been paid following your written request to cease participation under this certificate.

If your coverage under the group policy terminates due to non-payment of premiums, your coverage may be reinstated if all premiums due are paid and received by us within 31 days of the date of termination and during your lifetime.

Can your insurance be reinstated after termination?

Yes. When your coverage terminates because you are no longer eligible, and you become eligible again within 30 days after the date your coverage under this certificate terminated, your coverage may be reinstated.

Provided you are not then covered by an individual policy issued under the terms of the conversion right section, your coverage under the group policy shall be reinstated automatically, without evidence of insurability or satisfaction of any waiting period. Your amount of insurance will be that which applies to the classification to which you then belong, on the date you again become eligible. If the policyholder's plan of insurance provides for contributory insurance under the group policy, your amount of contributory insurance will be limited to that for which you were insured immediately prior to the loss of coverage.

When does the group policy terminate?

The policyholder may terminate the group policy by giving us 31 days prior written notice. We reserve the right to

terminate the group policy on the earliest of the following to occur:

- (1) 31 days (the grace period) after the due date of any premiums which are not paid; or
- (2) on any subsequent policy anniversary after the date the number of employees insured is less than any minimum established by us or as required by applicable state law; or
- (3) 90 days after we provide the policyholder with notice of our intent to terminate the group policy.

Conversion Right

What is the conversion right?

You may convert this insurance to a new individual life insurance policy if all or part of your life insurance under the group policy terminates.

You may convert up to the full amount of terminated insurance if termination occurs because you move from one existing eligible class to another, or you are no longer in an eligible class.

What is the limited conversion right?

Limited conversion is available if, after you have been insured for at least five years, insurance is terminated because:

- (1) the group policy is terminated; or
- (2) the group policy is changed to reduce or terminate your insurance.

You may convert up to the full amount of terminated insurance, but not more than the maximum. The maximum is the lesser of:

- (a) \$10,000; and
- (b) the amount of life insurance which terminated minus any amount of group life insurance for which you become eligible under any group policy issued or reinstated by us or any other carrier within 31 days of the date the insurance terminated under the group policy.

Neither the conversion right nor the limited conversion right is available if your coverage under the group policy terminates due to failure to make, when due, required premium contributions.

Under both the conversion right and the limited conversion right, you may convert your insurance to any type of individual policy of life insurance then customarily issued by us for purposes of conversion, except term insurance. The individual policy will not include any supplemental benefits, including, but not limited to, any disability benefits, accidental death and dismemberment benefits, or accelerated benefits.

How do you convert your insurance?

You convert your insurance by applying for an individual policy and paying the first premium within 31 days after your group insurance terminates. No evidence of insurability will be required.

How is the premium for the individual policy determined?

We base the premium for the individual policy on the plan of insurance, your age, and the class of risk to which you belong on the date of the conversion.

When is the individual policy effective?

The individual policy takes effect 31 days after the group insurance provided under the group policy terminates.

What happens if you die during the 31-day period allowed for conversion?

If you die during the 31-day period allowed for conversion, we will pay a death benefit regardless of whether or not an application for coverage under an individual policy has been submitted. The death benefit will be the amount of insurance you would have been eligible to convert under the terms of the conversion right section.

We will return any premium you paid for an individual policy to your beneficiary named under the group policy. In no event will we be liable under both the group policy and the individual policy.

Additional Information

What if your age has been misstated?

If your age has been misstated, the death benefit payable will be that amount to which you are entitled based on your correct age. A premium adjustment will be made so that the actual premium required at your correct age is paid.

Is there a suicide exclusion?

The specifications page attached to this certificate indicates what insurance, if any, is subject to the suicide exclusion outlined below.

When applicable, this suicide exclusion limits our liability to an amount equal to the premiums paid if you, whether sane or insane, die by suicide within two years of the effective date of your insurance.

If there has been an increase in your amount of insurance for which you were required to apply or for which we required evidence of insurability, and if you die by suicide within two years of the effective date of the increase, our liability with respect to that increase will be limited to the premiums paid and attributable to such increase.

When does your insurance become incontestable?

Except for the non-payment of premiums, after your insurance has been in force during your lifetime for two years from the effective date of your coverage, we cannot contest your coverage. However, if there has been an increase in the amount of insurance for which you were required to apply or for which we required evidence of insurability, then, to the extent of the increase, any loss which occurs within two years of the effective date of the increase will be contestable.

Any statements you make in your application as defined under this certificate will be considered representations and not warranties. Also, any statement you make will not be used to void your insurance, nor defend against a claim, unless the statement is contained in the application attached to your certificate.

Can your insurance be assigned?

Yes. However, we will not be bound by an assignment of the certificate or of any interest in it unless it is made as a written instrument, and you file the original instrument or a certified copy with us at our home office, and we send you an acknowledged copy.

We are not responsible for the validity of any assignment. You are responsible for ensuring that the assignment is legal in your state and that it accomplishes your intended goals. If a claim is based on an assignment, we may require proof of interest of the claimant. A valid assignment will take precedence over any claim of a beneficiary.

Is the policyholder required to maintain records?

Yes. The policyholder is required to maintain adequate records of any information necessary for us to administer this certificate. We own the records relating to the insurance provided by this certificate, and can obtain them from the policyholder at any reasonable time.

If a clerical error is made in keeping records on the insurance under the group policy, it will not affect otherwise valid insurance. A clerical error does not continue insurance which is otherwise stopped. If an error causes a change in premium payment, we will make a fair adjustment.

Will the provisions of this certificate conform with state law?

Yes. If any provision in this certificate, or in the provisions of the group policy, is in conflict with the laws of the state governing the certificates or the group policy, the provision will be deemed to be amended to conform to such laws.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Certificate Supplement

MINNESOTA LIFE

Minnesota Life Insurance Company, a Securian Financial Group affiliate
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General Information

This certificate supplement is issued in consideration of the required premium and is subject to every term, condition, exclusion, limitation, and provision of your certificate unless otherwise expressly provided for herein. Coverage under this supplement will not be included in any insurance issued under the conversion right section of your certificate

What does this supplement provide?

This supplement provides accidental death and dismemberment coverage subject to all terms, conditions, and exclusions herein.

Who is eligible for insurance under this supplement?

An employee who is eligible under the provisions applicable to life insurance coverage under the certificate is eligible for insurance under this supplement.

When does insurance under this supplement become effective?

Insurance becomes effective on the date that the employee becomes insured for life insurance under the certificate.

Accidental Death and Dismemberment (AD&D) Benefit

What does accidental death or dismemberment by accidental injury mean?

Accidental death or dismemberment by accidental injury as used in this supplement means that the insured's death or dismemberment results, directly and independently of disease or bodily infirmity, from an accidental bodily injury which is unintended, unexpected, and unforeseen. The bodily injury must be evidenced by a visible contusion or wound, except in the case of accidental drowning. The bodily injury must be the sole cause of death or dismemberment.

The injury must occur while the insured's coverage under this supplement is in force. The insured's death or dismemberment must occur within 365 days after the date of the injury and while his or her coverage under this supplement is in force.

In no event will we pay the accidental death or dismemberment benefit where the insured's death or dismemberment is caused directly by, or results from, any of the following:

- (1) self-inflicted injury or self destruction, whether sane or insane; or

- (2) suicide or attempted suicide, whether sane or insane; or
- (3) the insured's participation in or attempt to commit a crime, assault, felony, or any illegal activity, regardless of any legal proceedings, or the absence of any legal proceedings, thereto; or
- (4) bodily or mental infirmity, illness or disease; or
- (5) the use of alcohol, drugs, medications, poisons, gases, fumes or other substances taken, absorbed, inhaled, ingested or injected, unless taken upon the advice of a licensed physician in the verifiable prescribed manner and dosage; or
- (6) motor vehicle collision or accident where the insured is the operator of the motor vehicle and this insured's blood alcohol level meets or exceeds the level at which intoxication is defined in the state where the collision or accident occurred, regardless of any legal proceedings, or the absence of any legal proceedings, thereto; or
- (7) infection, other than infection occurring simultaneously with, and as a direct result of, the accidental injury or the accidental ingestion of a poisonous food or substance; or
- (8) medical or surgical treatment or diagnostic procedures or any resulting complications; or
- (9) travel in or descent from any aircraft, except (a) as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial flight on a licensed passenger aircraft or (b) as a pilot, crew member or passenger in an aerial ambulance while performing duties for the employer; or
- (10) war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared; or
- (11) service in the military of any nation.

What is the amount of the accidental death and dismemberment benefit?

The amount of the benefit shall be a percentage of the amount of insurance shown on the specifications page attached to the certificate. The percentage is determined by the type of loss as shown in the following table:

TYPE OF LOSS	PERCENT OF AMOUNT OF INSURANCE
Life	100%
Both Hands or Both Feet	100%
Sight of Both Eyes	100%
Speech and Hearing	100%
One Hand and One Foot	100%
One Foot and Sight of One Eye	100%
One Hand and Sight of One Eye	100%
Quadriplegia	100%
Paraplegia	75%
Sight of One Eye	50%
Speech or Hearing	50%
One Hand or One Foot	50%

Hemiplegia	50%
Thumb and Index Finger of One Hand	25%
Uniplegia	25%

Loss of hands or feet means complete severance at or above the wrist or ankle joints. Loss of sight, speech, or hearing means the entire and irrecoverable loss of sight, speech, or hearing which cannot be corrected by medical or surgical treatment or by artificial means. Loss of thumb or finger means complete severance at or above the metacarpophalangeal joints (the joints closest to the palm of the hand).

Quadriplegia means total and permanent paralysis of both upper limbs (from the shoulder down including total paralysis of both hands) and both lower limbs (from the waist down including total paralysis of both feet). Paraplegia means total and permanent paralysis of both lower limbs (from the waist down including total paralysis of both feet). Hemiplegia means total and permanent paralysis of both the upper limb (from the shoulder down including total paralysis of the hand) and lower limb (from the waist down including total paralysis of the foot) on one side of the body. Uniplegia means total and permanent paralysis of one limb (from the shoulder down including total paralysis of the hand if claiming an upper limb and from the waist down including total paralysis of the foot if claiming a lower limb).

A benefit is not payable for both loss of one hand and the loss of thumb and index finger of one hand for injury to the same hand as a result of any one accident. Under no circumstance will more than one payment be made for the loss or paralysis of the same limb, eye, finger, thumb, hand, foot, sight, speech, or hearing if one payment has already been made for that loss.

Benefits may be paid for more than one accidental loss but the total amount of AD&D insurance payable under this supplement for all of your losses due to any one accident, not including any amount paid according to the terms of the Additional Benefits section of this supplement, will never exceed your full amount of AD&D insurance shown on the specifications page attached to the certificate.

When will the accidental death and dismemberment benefit be payable?

We will pay the AD&D benefit upon receipt at our home office of written proof satisfactory to us that the insured died or suffered dismemberment as a result of an accidental injury. All payments by us are payable from our home office.

The benefit will be paid in a single sum. We will pay interest on the benefit from the date of the insured's death or dismemberment until the date of payment. Interest will be at an annual rate determined by us, but never less than 3% per year compounded annually or the minimum required by state law, whichever is greater.

To whom do we pay the benefit?

In the case of your accidental death, we will pay the accidental death benefit to the person or persons entitled to receive your death benefit under the terms of the group policy. The benefit for other losses sustained by you will be paid to you, if living, otherwise to your estate.

Additional Benefits

Unless stated otherwise, additional benefits are payable to the same person or persons who receive the AD&D benefits. Additional benefits are paid in addition to any AD&D benefits described in the Accidental Death and Dismemberment section, unless otherwise stated. All provisions of this supplement, including but not limited to the exclusions listed under the "What does accidental death or dismemberment by accidental injury mean?" section, shall apply to these additional benefits.

Air Bag Benefit

What is the air bag benefit?

If you die as a result of a covered accident which occurs while you are driving or riding in a private passenger car, we will pay an additional AD&D benefit equal to 5% of your amount of AD&D insurance.

In order to be eligible for this benefit, the following must apply:

- (1) the seat in which you were seated was equipped with a properly installed airbag at the time of the accident; and
- (2) the private passenger car is equipped with seatbelts; and
- (3) a seatbelt was in proper use by you at the time of the accident as certified in the official accident report or by the investigating officer; and
- (4) at the time of the accident, the driver of the private passenger car was a licensed driver and was not impaired under the influence of alcohol or drugs or intoxicated as defined by the laws of the jurisdiction where the accident occurred.

Airbag means a passive restraint device in a vehicle which inflates upon collision to protect an individual from injury or death.

Seatbelt means a properly installed seatbelt (or child restraint if the insured is a child), lap and shoulder restraint, or other restraint approved by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration or any successor governmental agency. A private passenger car means a validly registered four-wheeled private passenger car or policyholder-owned car, jeep, pickup truck or van, including a sport utility vehicle (SUV), that is not licensed commercially or being used for racing, or acrobatic or stunt driving.

Seatbelt Benefit

What is the seatbelt benefit?

If you die as a result of a covered accident which occurs while you are driving or riding in a private passenger car, we will pay an additional AD&D benefit to 10% of your amount of AD&D insurance.

In order to be eligible for this benefit, the following must apply:

- (1) the private passenger car was equipped with seatbelts; and
- (2) a seatbelt was in proper use by you at the time of the accident as certified in the official accident report or by the investigating officer; and
- (3) at the time of the accident, the driver of the private passenger car was a licensed driver and was not impaired, under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or intoxicated as defined by the laws of the jurisdiction where the accident occurred.

Termination

When does your coverage under this supplement terminate?

Your coverage ends on the earlier of:

- (1) the date you are no longer covered for life insurance under the group policy; or
- (2) 31 days (the grace period) after the due date of any premium contribution which is not paid.

When does this supplement terminate?

This supplement will terminate on the earlier of:

- (1) the date we receive a written request from the policyholder to cancel this supplement; or
- (2) the date the group policy is terminated.

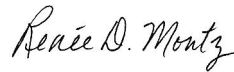
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Do we have the right to obtain independent medical verification?

Yes. We retain the right to have an insured medically examined at our expense when and so often as we may reasonably require whenever a claim is pending and, where not forbidden by law, we reserve the right to have an autopsy performed in case of death.

Can insurance under this supplement be converted to a policy of individual insurance upon termination?

No. Coverage under this supplement will not be included in any insurance issued under the conversion right section of the group policy.



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Dependents Term Life Insurance Certificate Supplement

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General Information

This certificate supplement is issued in consideration of the required premium and is subject to every term, condition, exclusion, limitation, and provision of your certificate unless otherwise expressly provided for herein. Any Accidental Death and Dismemberment coverage provided by a certificate supplement to your certificate will not apply to dependents coverage provided by this certificate supplement.

What does this supplement provide?

This supplement provides insurance on the lives of your eligible dependents.

What members of your family are eligible for insurance under this supplement?

The following members of your family are eligible for insurance under this supplement:

- (1) your lawful spouse who is not legally separated from you and is not eligible for insurance as an employee under the group policy; and
- (2) your children, stepchildren, legally adopted children, and grandchildren for whom you and/or spouse have been appointed legal guardians by a court of law. Children are eligible from live birth (unborn and stillborn children are not eligible) until they end of your pay period in which the child attains the age of 26. Children age 26 or older are also eligible if they are physically or mentally incapable of self-support, were incapable of self-support prior to age 26 and are financially dependent on you for more than one-half of their support and maintenance.

If both parents of a child qualify as eligible employees under the group policy, the child shall be considered a dependent of only one parent for purposes of this supplement. If a child qualifies as an eligible employee under the group policy, he or she is not eligible to be insured as a dependent child.

Any dependent child who, subsequent to the effective date of your dependent child coverage, meets the requirements of this provision will become insured on the date he or she so qualifies.

When will we require evidence of insurability?

Evidence of insurability will be required if:

- (1) the specifications page attached to your certificate states that evidence of insurability is required; or

- (2) the insurance is contributory and you do not enroll for coverage under this supplement within the enrollment period shown on the specifications page attached to your certificate except as noted on the specifications page for qualified status changes and child life insurance; or
- (3) the insurance is contributory and you elect to increase your spouse coverage during an annual enrollment subsequent to your eligibility date; or
- (4) dependents insurance for which you previously enrolled did not go into effect or was terminated because you failed to make a required premium contribution except as noted on the specifications page for qualified status changes; or
- (5) during a previous period of eligibility, you failed to submit evidence of insurability that was required for a dependent or that which was submitted was not satisfactory to us; or
- (6) the dependent is insured by an individual policy issued under the terms of the conversion right of this supplement.

When does insurance on a dependent become effective?

Insurance on a dependent becomes effective on the date when all of the following conditions have been met:

- (1) the dependent meets all eligibility requirements; and
- (2) if required, you apply for dependents coverage on forms which are approved by us; and
- (3) we are satisfied with the dependent's evidence of insurability, if we require evidence; and
- (4) we receive the required premium.

If a dependent is hospitalized or confined because of illness or disease on the date his or her insurance would otherwise become effective, his or her effective date shall be delayed until he or she is released from such hospitalization or confinement. However, in no event will insurance on a dependent be effective before your insurance is effective.

Death Benefit

What is the amount of life insurance on each insured dependent?

The amount of life insurance on each insured dependent is shown on the specifications page attached to your certificate.

To whom will we pay the death benefit?

The death benefit payable under this supplement will be paid to you if living, otherwise to your estate.

Termination

When does an insured dependent's coverage under this supplement terminate?

An insured dependent's coverage ends on the earliest of the following:

- (1) the last day of the month in which the dependent no longer meets the eligibility requirements; or
- (2) 31 days (the grace period) after the due date of any premium contribution which is not paid; or
- (3) the last day for which premium contributions have been made following your written request that insurance on your eligible dependents be terminated; or
- (4) the date you are no longer covered under the group policy.

You must notify your employer when a dependent is no longer eligible for coverage under this supplement so that premiums may be discontinued. All premiums paid for dependents who are no longer eligible for coverage under this supplement will be refunded without any payment of claim.

When does this supplement terminate?

This supplement will terminate on the earlier of:

- (1) the date we receive a written request from the policyholder to cancel the Dependents Term Life Insurance Policy Rider; or
- (2) the date the group policy is terminated.

Additional Information

What is the conversion right under this supplement?

If an insured dependent's coverage under this supplement terminates because he or she is no longer eligible, or because of your death, or because of termination or amendment of this supplement, the insurance may be converted to a policy of individual insurance with Minnesota Life.

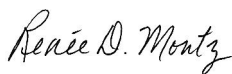
Conversion may be requested by you, an insured dependent of legal capacity, or the insured dependent's guardian, if applicable. All other conditions and provisions of the conversion right section of your certificate to which this supplement is attached will apply.

Does the Waiver of Premium supplement to your certificate apply to insured dependents?

The Waiver of Premium supplement will apply to dependents covered under this rider as follows:

If, due to your disability, your insurance is continued in force without further payment of premiums due to the Waiver of Premium supplement to your certificate, any dependents insurance provided by this supplement shall also continue in force without further payment of premiums until the dependent's eligibility terminates or until your insurance is no longer continued in force due to the Waiver of Premium supplement.

This provision is not applicable if the dependent's insurance has been converted under the conversion right section of this supplement, unless the converted policy is surrendered without claim except for refund of premiums.



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Term Life Waiver of Premium Certificate Supplement

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This certificate supplement is issued in consideration of the required premium and is subject to every term, condition, exclusion, limitation, and provision of your certificate unless otherwise expressly provided for herein. The specifications page attached to your certificate indicates whether this supplement applies to contributory insurance or noncontributory insurance. Coverage under this supplement will not be included in any insurance issued under the conversion right section of your certificate.

What does this supplement provide?

This supplement provides for waiver of premium if you become totally and permanently disabled, as defined herein, while under age 65. Upon approval of proof of such disability, your insurance, including all supplements to your certificate which were in force on the date of the onset of your disability, will be continued in force without payment of premiums during the uninterrupted continuance of the total and permanent disability.

What is total disability?

Total disability is a disability which occurs while your insurance is in force and which results from an accidental injury or an illness that continuously prevents you from engaging in any occupation for which you are reasonably suited by education, training, or experience. You must be under the care of a licensed physician. The licensed physician cannot be you or a member of your immediate family. For purposes of this supplement, your immediate family consists of your spouse, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers and sisters and their spouses.

What is permanent disability?

Permanent disability is a total disability which has existed continuously for at least six months.

Are there any limitations?

Yes. Insurance will not be continued if your disability results from intentionally self-inflicted injury, participation in or any attempt to commit a felony, or war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared.

Do premiums have to be paid after you become disabled?

Yes. Premiums have to be paid after you become disabled, but only until we approve your total and permanent disability claim. Continued payment prevents

the possible loss of your coverage and eligibility if your claim is not approved.

What if you convert your group life insurance to a policy of individual insurance prior to the approval of your disability claim?

If your coverage has been converted in accordance with the conversion right section of your certificate, benefits under this supplement will apply only if the converted policy is surrendered without claim, except for refund of premiums.

What will be considered due proof of total and permanent disability?

You must furnish evidence satisfactory to us that your disability:

- (1) commenced while your insurance under your certificate was in force; and
- (2) meets the definition of total disability; and
- (3) commenced before your 65th birthday; and
- (4) was continuous for six months or more.

We will, from time to time, also require additional proof satisfactory to us that you continue to be totally and permanently disabled. We may also require that you submit to one or more medical examinations at our expense.

If you die within one year of the date of onset of your disability, your beneficiary may claim benefits under this supplement even if your premium payments were discontinued and you had not submitted due proof satisfactory to us of your total disability or you were continuously disabled for less than six months. Your beneficiary must submit due proof satisfactory to us that your total disability, which began before premium payments on your behalf were discontinued and before your 65th birthday, continued without interruption until your death.

When must we be notified of your disability or death?

We must receive written notice at our home office of your total disability within one year of the date of onset of such disability. However, failure to give notice within the time provided will not invalidate the claim if it is shown that notice was given as soon as reasonably possible.

We must receive written notice at our home office within one year of death that you died during the period of continuance provided by this supplement. Proof must be furnished that you continued to be totally disabled during the entire period of continuance until death. If such notice and proof are not provided within the required time frame,

there shall be no liability for any payment under this supplement.

What is the amount of insurance to be continued without payment of premium under this supplement?

The amount of insurance continued without payment of premium shall be the amount of insurance that was in force on the date of onset of total disability.

If the group policy provides for reductions in amounts of insurance based on age or retirement, such reductions shall apply to the insurance of the disabled certificate holder.

How long will insurance be continued without payment of premium?

If you become totally and permanently disabled, insurance will be continued, without payment of premium, until the earliest of:

- (1) your 70th birthday; or
- (2) the date you retire; or
- (3) the date you recover so that you are no longer totally and permanently disabled; or
- (4) the date you fail to furnish proof of continued disability when requested or you refuse to submit to a required medical examination.

What happens to your insurance when the waiver of premium benefit ends?

When the benefits under this supplement end according to the provisions of the section entitled "How long will insurance be continued without payment of premium?," the following will apply:

- (1) If you are then eligible for coverage under your certificate, your insurance may be continued under your certificate provided that premiums are paid. The first such premium payment must be made within 31 days of the date the waiver of premium benefit ends.
- (2) If you are no longer eligible for coverage under your certificate, you may convert coverage to an individual policy, as provided for under the conversion right section of your certificate.

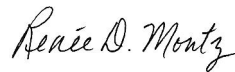
Your insurance will end unless, within 31 days of the date benefits under this supplement end, premium payments on your behalf are resumed or you apply to convert your coverage.

When does this supplement terminate?

This supplement will terminate on the earlier of:

- (1) the date we receive a written request from the policyholder to terminate the Term Life Waiver of Premium Policy Rider; or
- (2) the date the group policy is terminated.

Insurance being continued without further payment of premiums in accordance with the provisions of this supplement will not end due solely to the termination of the Term Life Waiver of Premium Policy Rider or of the group policy.



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Term Life Insurance Portability Certificate Supplement

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General Information

This certificate supplement is issued in consideration of the required premium and is subject to every term, condition, exclusion, limitation and provision of your certificate unless otherwise expressly provided for herein.

What does this supplement provide?

This supplement provides for continuation of your group life insurance if you no longer meet the eligibility requirements of your certificate, except as provided for herein.

To continue coverage under the provisions of this supplement, you must make a written request and make the first premium contribution within 31 days after insurance provided by the group policy would otherwise terminate. Evidence of insurability will not be required. Coverage provided by this supplement will then be deemed effective retroactive to the beginning of the 31-day period. This date is considered to be your portability date and you are then considered to have portability status.

Who is eligible to continue insurance under this supplement?

You are eligible to continue your group life insurance under the terms of this supplement if you, except as provided by this supplement, no longer meet the eligibility requirements of your certificate due to any of the following:

- (1) you terminate employment, including retirement; or
- (2) you are no longer in a class eligible for insurance or you are on a leave or layoff; or
- (3) a class or group of employees insured under the policy is no longer considered eligible and there is no successor plan for that class or group.
Successor plan means an insurance policy or policies provided by us or another insurer that replaces insurance provided under this policy.

You will not be eligible to request coverage under this supplement if you:

- (1) have attained the age of 70; or
- (2) have converted your insurance to an individual life policy under the terms of your certificate's conversion right section; or
- (3) were not actively at work due to sickness or injury on the date immediately preceding your portability date; or
- (4) lose eligibility due to termination of the group policy.

What insurance can be continued under this supplement?

Basic and Supplemental Life insurance may be continued under this supplement. If you elect to continue your own life insurance according to the provisions of this supplement, you may also elect to continue any dependents life insurance in force on your portability date. All supplements to your certificate shall continue except for the Accidental Death and Dismemberment Certificate Supplement and the Term Life Waiver or Premium Certificate Supplement, which shall terminate upon porting.

The amount of insurance continued under this supplement for any individual will be subject to any applicable state law or regulation relating to allowable amounts of insurance.

What is the minimum amount of insurance that can be continued under this supplement?

The minimum amount of insurance that can be continued on your life under this supplement is \$10,000. This minimum does not apply to any other insureds covered under this supplement.

What is the maximum amount of insurance that can be continued under this supplement?

The maximum amount of insurance that can be continued under this supplement is the amount of insurance that was in force on your portability date, but not more than \$500,000 for an employee. However, if you are age 65 or older on your portability date, the amount will not be more than 65% of the amount of insurance on force on your portability date, to a maximum of \$325,000.

Will the amount of insurance continued under this supplement change?

Yes. When you attain age 65, the amount of insurance on your life continued under this supplement will reduce to 65% of the amount of insurance in force on the day prior to your attainment of age 65. Your insurance terminates at age 70.

Can you request a change in your amount of insurance continued under this supplement?

Yes. You may elect to reduce the amount of insurance on your life. Your remaining amount of insurance must be at least \$10,000.

The amount of insurance continued under this supplement will never increase.

How will premium contributions be paid?

Premium contributions will be paid directly to us on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual basis and will be subject to an administrative charge per billing period. We may adjust the amount of the charge, but not more often than once per year.

Can the premium rate change?

Yes. The premium rate may increase on the portability date. The premium rate may also increase in the future but will not change more often than once per year.

Can insurance continued under this supplement be converted to a policy of individual insurance?

Yes. At any time after insurance has been continued under the provisions of this supplement, it may be converted to a policy of individual insurance with Minnesota Life. All other conditions and provisions of the conversion right section of your certificate to which this supplement is attached will apply.

What happens if you again become eligible under your certificate?

If you are continuing coverage under the terms of this supplement, and again meet the eligibility requirements of your certificate, not including the terms of this supplement, you shall no longer be considered to have portability status. Insurance may be continued only under the terms of your certificate, not including this supplement unless and until you no longer meet the eligibility requirements of your certificate and again return to portability status as provided for herein.

What happens to insurance provided under this supplement when the group policy terminates?

Anything in the group policy notwithstanding, termination of the group policy by the policyholder or us will not terminate life insurance then in force for any person under the terms of this supplement. The group policy will be deemed to remain in force solely for the purpose of continuing such insurance, but without further obligation of the policyholder.

Any insurance continued under the terms of this supplement will remain in force until terminated by the provisions of the section entitled "When will insurance continued under this supplement terminate?".

No individual may elect coverage under this supplement on or after the date of termination of the group policy.

When will insurance continued under this supplement terminate?

Insurance being continued under this supplement will terminate on the earliest of the following:

- (1) your 70th birthday; or
- (2) the date you again meet the eligibility requirements of your certificate, not including the terms of this supplement; or
- (3) in the case of a dependent child or a spouse who is insured by a supplement to your certificate, the date your coverage is no longer being continued under this supplement or the date the spouse or child ceases to be eligible as defined under the terms of your certificate; or
- (4) 31 days after the due date of any premium contribution which is not made.

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Accelerated Benefits Certificate Supplement

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Benefits received under this Accelerated Benefits Certificate Supplement may be taxable. You should seek assistance from a personal tax advisor prior to requesting an accelerated payment of death benefits.

General Information

This certificate supplement is subject to every term, condition, exclusion, limitation, and provision of your certificate unless otherwise expressly provided for herein.

What does this supplement provide?

This supplement provides for the accelerated payment of either the full or a partial amount of an insured's death benefit provided under your certificate. If an insured has a terminal condition as defined in this supplement, you may request an accelerated payment of the applicable death benefit.

Definitions

accelerated benefit

The amount of the death benefit we will pay if the insured is eligible under this supplement.

death benefit

The amount of the insured's life insurance as shown on the specifications page attached to your certificate.

immediate family

Your spouse, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, and their spouses.

insured

For purposes of this supplement, an insured employee, an insured spouse, or an insured dependent child.

licensed physician

An individual who is licensed to practice medicine or treat illness in the state in which treatment is received. This does not include you or a member of your immediate family.

Terminal Condition

What is a terminal condition?

A terminal condition is a condition caused by sickness or accident which directly results in a life expectancy of twenty-four months or less.

What evidence do we require of the insured's terminal condition?

We must be given evidence that satisfies us that the insured's life expectancy, because of sickness or accident, is twenty-four months or less. That evidence must include certification by a licensed physician.

Do we have the right to obtain independent medical verification?

Yes. We retain the right to have the insured medically examined at our own expense to verify the insured's medical condition. We may do this as often as reasonably required while accelerated benefits are being considered or paid.

Payment of Accelerated Benefit

How do we calculate the accelerated benefit?

We will multiply the death benefit by the accelerated benefit factor to determine the accelerated benefit available.

How do we calculate the accelerated benefit factor?

The accelerated benefit factor will be stated as a percentage of the insured's death benefit. When we calculate this factor, we will consider the insured's age and gender.

We will also base our calculation on certain assumptions, which we may change from time to time, including but not limited to assumptions about:

- (1) expected future premiums; and
- (2) the insured's life expectancy.

What are the conditions for the payment of an accelerated benefit?

We will consider the payment of an accelerated benefit, subject to all of the following conditions:

- (1) coverage must be in force and all premiums due must be fully paid; and
- (2) application must be made in writing and in a form which is satisfactory to us. We will tell you what form is required; and
- (3) you must be the sole owner of the certificate; and
- (4) the insured's insurance must not have an irrevocable beneficiary.

Who may request an accelerated payment of the death benefit?

You may request an accelerated payment of the insurance on your life or on the life of a spouse or dependent child insured under your certificate.

Is the request for an accelerated benefit voluntary?

Yes. An accelerated benefit will be made available on a voluntary basis only. An accelerated benefit under this supplement is not intended to cause an involuntary reduction of the death benefit ultimately payable to the named beneficiary. Therefore, payment of the death benefit cannot be accelerated under this supplement if the insured:

- (1) is required by law to use this option to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise; or
- (2) is required by a government agency to use this option in order to apply for, obtain, or keep a government benefit or entitlement.

Is there a minimum or maximum death benefit eligible for an accelerated benefit?

Yes. The minimum death benefit to be eligible for an accelerated benefit under this supplement is \$10,000. The maximum death benefit to be eligible for an accelerated benefit is \$1,000,000.

Do you have to take the entire accelerated benefit?

No. You may choose to receive a partial accelerated benefit. If you do so, the insured's remaining coverage will stay in force.

If you elect to receive only a partial accelerated benefit amount available under this supplement, the insured's remaining death benefit under the certificate must be at least \$25,000.

You may reapply for the payment of the remaining amount of insurance at any time. However, we may ask for further satisfactory evidence that the insured meets all requirements for the accelerated benefit.

What is the effect on the insured's coverage of the receipt of an accelerated benefit?

If you elect to accelerate the entire amount of an insured's death benefit, the insured's coverage and all other benefits under the certificate and any certificate supplements for that insured will end. If such termination causes a certificate holder's covered spouse or dependent children to lose coverage, each of them will be allowed to convert any such insurance to a policy of individual life insurance according to the conversion right section of the certificate to which this supplement is attached.

If a partial accelerated benefit is chosen, coverage will remain in force and premiums will be reduced accordingly. The remaining amount of insurance under your certificate will be the full amount of insurance minus the amount of insurance that was accelerated.

How will we pay the accelerated benefit?

We will pay the accelerated benefit in one lump sum or in any other mutually agreeable manner.

To whom will we pay accelerated benefits?

All accelerated benefits will be paid to you unless you validly assign them otherwise. If you die before all payments have been made, we will pay the remainder to the beneficiary named under this certificate. Payment will be made in one lump sum which will be the present value of the payments that remain, using the interest rate we use to determine the payments.

Termination

When does an insured's coverage under this supplement terminate?

An insured's coverage ends on the date the insured is no longer covered for life insurance under the group policy.

When does this supplement terminate?

This supplement will terminate on the earlier of:

- (1) the date we receive a written request from the policyholder to cancel the Accelerated Benefits Policy Rider; or
- (2) the date the group policy is terminated.

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Notice

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This notice is required by the Illinois Religious Freedom Protection and Civil Union Act (“the Act”). Effective June 1, 2011 Minnesota Life Insurance Company is required to comply with the Act. We have implemented policies and procedures to comply with the Act.

You should be aware that the Act:

- Creates a legal relationship between two persons of the same or opposite sex who form a civil union. According to the Act, parties to a civil union are entitled to the same legal obligations, responsibilities, protections and benefits that are afforded or recognized by laws of Illinois to spouses.
- Provides that a party to a civil union shall be included in any definition or use of the terms “spouse,” “family,” “immediate family,” “dependent,” “next of kin,” and other terms descriptive of spousal relationships as those terms are used throughout Illinois law. This includes the terms “marriage” or “married” or variations thereon.
- Requires recognition of civil unions or same sex civil unions or marriages legally entered into in other jurisdictions.
- Does not alter any current federal law.

For more information about existing Illinois law and the Act, please refer to the Consumer Fact Sheet available at the Illinois Department of Insurance website at www.insurance.illinois.gov.

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This notice is to advise you that should any complaints arise regarding this Insurance, you may contact the following:

Minnesota Life Insurance Company
400 Robert Street North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2098
TEL: 651-665-3500

OR

Part 919 of the Rules of the Illinois Department of Insurance requires that our company advise you that, if you wish to take this matter up with the Illinois Department of Insurance, it maintains a Consumer Division in Chicago at 122 S. Michigan Ave., 19th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60603 and in Springfield at 320 West Washington Street, Springfield, Illinois 62767.

You may also contact the Illinois Department of Insurance at <http://insurance.illinois.gov/> 312-814-2420 or 217-782-4515.

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NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY ILLINOIS LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION

This Notice provides a **brief summary** description of the Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (“the Association”) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Illinois law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your member life, annuity, health maintenance organization, or health insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its Insurance Department. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage, pay claims, or otherwise provide protection in accordance with Illinois law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies and health maintenance organizations.

The basic protections provided by the Association per insolvency are:

Life Insurance

- \$300,000 for death benefits
- \$100,000 for cash surrender or withdrawal values

Health Insurance

- \$500,000 for health benefit plan benefits*
- \$300,000 for disability insurance benefits
- \$300,000 for long-term care insurance benefits
- \$100,000 for other types of health insurance benefits

Annuities

- \$250,000 for withdrawal and cash values

*The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$300,000, except special rules apply with regard to health benefit plan benefits for which the maximum amount of protection is \$500,000.

NOTE: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also residency requirements and other limitations under Illinois law.

To learn more about the above protections, as well as protections relating to group contracts or retirement plans, please visit the Association’s website at www.ilhiga.org, or contact:

Illinois Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
901 Warrenville Road, Suite 400
Lisle, Illinois 60532-4324

Illinois Department of Insurance
4th Floor
320 West Washington Street
Springfield, Illinois 62767

Insurance companies, health maintenance organizations and agents are not allowed by Illinois law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to encourage you to purchase any form of insurance. When selecting an insurance company or health maintenance organization, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and Illinois law, then Illinois law will control.

The Association is not an insurance company or health maintenance organization. If you wish to contact your insurance company or health maintenance organization, please use the phone number found in your policy or contact the Illinois Department of Insurance at DOI.InfoDesk@Illinois.gov.

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