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Group Life Insurance Plan

**Certificate of Coverage
Summary Plan Description
Minnesota Life Insurance Company**

Effective January 1, 2010

Employee Group Term Life Certificate of Insurance

MINNESOTA LIFE

Minnesota Life Insurance Company - A Securian Company
400 Robert Street North • St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2098

POLICYHOLDER: Banner Health

POLICY NUMBER: 33697-G

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.

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.

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

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.

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Secretary

President

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GROUP TERM LIFE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

GENERAL INFORMATION

POLICYHOLDER: Banner Health **POLICY NO.:** 33697-G

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

POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2009

CERTIFICATE EFFECTIVE DATE: The date that the certificate holder becomes insured under the group policy.

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.

GROUP: The group is composed of all regular full-time and part-time employees of the policyholder and its associated companies, and Registry Travelers, as defined by the policyholder.

ENROLLMENT PERIOD: Not applicable for noncontributory insurance; 31 days from the first day of eligibility for contributory insurance.

WAITING PERIOD: The period commencing with the employee's date of eligible employment and ending with the first day of the month next following or coinciding with that date.

MINIMUM HOURS PER WEEK REQUIRED: 32 hours per pay period, except that Registry Travelers have no minimum hours per week requirement.

PLAN OF INSURANCE

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SCHEDULE

EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE INSURANCE:

Basic Life Insurance*

<u>Eligible Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Amount of Employee Basic Insurance</u>
1	Physician clinic staff in a doctor office, and physicians of Banner Medical Group in Colorado and Arizona	\$20,000, or if the buy-up is elected, one times annual earnings, rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000.
2	All non-physician employees other than those in Class 1, and all physicians other than those in Class 1 or 3	One times annual earnings, rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000.
3	All physicians of Western Region (Colorado, Nevada and Alaska)	Three times annual earnings, the result rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a minimum of \$10,000 and a maximum of \$1,000,000.

*Employees in a "Pay-In-Lieu" position elect to waive basic coverage and receive additional salary in lieu of the life insurance coverage.

Additional Life Insurance

<u>Eligible Class</u>	<u>Class Description</u>	<u>Amount of Employee Additional Insurance</u>
1	Physician clinic staff in a doctor office, and physicians of Banner Medical Group in Colorado and Arizona	One, two, or three times annual earnings, as chosen by the employee, the result rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a maximum when combined with basic insurance of \$1,000,000*.
2	All non-physician employees other than those in Class 1, and all physicians other than those in Class 1 or 3	One, two, or three times annual earnings, as chosen by the employee, the result rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a maximum when combined with basic insurance of \$1,000,000*.
3	All physician employees of Western Region (Colorado, Nevada and Alaska)	One times annual earnings, rounded to the next higher multiple of \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a maximum when combined with basic insurance of \$1,000,000*.

*The combined amount of basic and additional insurance for an employee shall not exceed \$1,000,000.

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

An employee insured for life insurance will automatically also be insured for AD&D insurance, as follows.

Basic and Additional Insurance

<u>Eligible Class</u>	<u>Amount of Employee AD&D Insurance</u>
All employees	An amount equal to the amount of basic and additional life insurance for which the employee is insured under the group policy.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

AGE REDUCTIONS:

The amount of insurance on an employee age 65 or older shall be a percentage of the amount otherwise provided by the plan of insurance applicable to such employee in accordance with the following table:

<u>Age of Employee</u>	<u>Amount of Insurance</u>
65 - 69	65%
70 - 74	45%
75 - 79	30%
80 and over	20%

Age reductions will apply the first day of the month following an insured employee's 65th, 70th, 75th and 80th birthdays.

RETIREMENT REDUCTIONS:

All insurance terminates at retirement.

CONTRIBUTORY/NONCONTRIBUTORY:

Basic insurance is noncontributory insurance except for Class 1 employees who elect the buy-up option, which is contributory insurance. All additional insurance is contributory insurance.

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

For a change in class, insurance amounts will be adjusted on the date of the change in class. For a change in annual earnings, the insurance amount will be adjusted on the first day of the pay period next following the date of the change in earnings. All increases are subject to the actively at work requirement.

DEPENDENTS BENEFIT SCHEDULE

DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE INSURANCE:

An employee covered for employee term life insurance may elect dependents insurance as follows.

<u>Eligible Class</u>	<u>Amount of Dependent Life Insurance</u>
Spouse/Domestic Partner	\$5,000; \$10,000; \$15,000; \$20,000; \$25,000 or \$50,000, as elected by the employee. The amount of spouse/domestic partner life insurance cannot exceed 50% of the employee's amount of life insurance (basic and additional combined).
Children	\$2,500; \$5,000; \$10,000; or \$15,000, as elected by the employee. The amount of child life insurance cannot exceed 25% of the employee's amount of life insurance (basic and additional combined).

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

A dependent insured for life insurance will automatically also be insured for AD&D insurance, as follows.

<u>Eligible Class</u>	<u>Amount of Dependent AD&D Insurance</u>
All employees	An amount equal to the amount of dependent life insurance for which the dependent is insured under the group policy.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

CONTRIBUTORY/NONCONTRIBUTORY: Dependents insurance is contributory insurance.

EFFECT OF EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT: All dependents insurance terminates upon the employee's retirement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUICIDE EXCLUSION FOR LIFE INSURANCE:

Does not apply to any 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.

INITIAL OPEN ENROLLMENT:

An open enrollment was held prior to the effective date of this policy. During this one-time enrollment, an employee was allowed to enroll in or increase his or her employee and/or dependent life coverage to any amount available under the plan, for an effective date of January 1, 2009, subject to the actively at work requirement.

ELECTION CHANGES:

An employee may make changes to his or her elections only at annual open enrollment or within 31 days of a Qualified Status Change. Changes are limited to the following:

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT

At annual enrollment, an employee may make the following changes:

1. Increase his or her additional life insurance coverage by one times annual earnings, subject to the plan maximums. This includes applying for the first time at the one times annual earnings option.
2. Increase his or her spouse/domestic partner coverage by one level, including enrolling for the first time at the \$5,000 level.
3. Increase his or her child coverage by one level, including enrolling for the first time at the \$2,500 level.
4. Reduce or cancel any coverage.

QUALIFIED STATUS CHANGES

An employee may make the following changes if election is made within 31 days of a Qualified Status Change. The change in insurance must be consistent with the change in status.

1. Increase his or her additional life insurance coverage by one times annual earnings, subject to the plan maximums. This includes applying for the first time at the one times annual earnings option.
2. Enroll in or increase his or her spouse/domestic partner coverage to any of the available amounts, except only those currently covered at the \$25,000 level may elect the \$50,000 level.
3. Enroll in or increase his or her child coverage to any available amount.
4. Reduce or cancel any coverage.

Qualified Status Change means any of the following:

- **Legal marital status** – Any event that changes an employee's legal marital status, including marriage, death of a spouse, divorce, legal separation or annulment.
- **Number of dependents** – any event that changes the number of an employee's dependents, including birth, adoption, placement for adoption, divorce or death of a dependent.
- **Employment status** – any event in which employment begins or ends for an employee or for an eligible dependent; the gain or loss of eligibility due to a change in full-time to part-time status or vice-versa; or the beginning or ending of an unpaid or paid leave of absence.
- **Dependent status** – any event which causes your unmarried dependent to satisfy or cease to satisfy eligibility requirements due to age, student status, or similar circumstances under the plan.

CONVERSION ELECTION PERIOD:

Notwithstanding anything in the policy to the contrary, an insured shall have 60 days from the date group coverage ends to elect to convert to an individual policy. However, this does not extend the 31-day period after group coverage ends during which we will pay a death benefit regardless of whether a conversion application has been made; if an employee dies after 31 days from the date group coverage ends and had not elected conversion, no benefit is payable.

SUPPLEMENTS TO YOUR CERTIFICATE

Accidental Death and Dismemberment, Dependents Term Life, Waiver of Premium, Accelerated Benefits

Definitions

age

Attained age as of most recent birthday.

annual earnings

The greater of the prior calendar year's gross W2 statement (including any salary deferrals) or current annualized gross salary. Gross salary includes overtime, bonuses, shift differential and call pay.

application

Your application for insurance under the group policy.

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.

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 nor corporate directors who are not otherwise employees.

employer

The policyholder or any designated associated companies.

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.

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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 and a copy has been provided to you or your beneficiary.

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, you must be actively at work performing your customary duties at the employer's normal place of business, or at other places the employer's business requires you 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.

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

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 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 15% 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. The amount of insurance for each insured dependent shall not exceed your amount of insurance.

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

You can request a change in your contributory insurance amount only during an annual open enrollment period, as determined by the employer, or within 31 days of a Qualified Status Change. Qualified Status Change is defined on the specifications page.

When will changes in your coverage amount be effective?

Requested increases are effective on the date of the request. Requested decreases are effective at the end of the period for which premiums have been paid, or if different, according to the administrative practices of the employer. The exception to these rules is requests for a change made during an annual enrollment period offered by the employer. Such annual enrollment changes will become effective on the general effective date of elections made during that enrollment (usually January 1).

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 policy.

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 you 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 your 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 (does not include a domestic partner); 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 date 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 three months 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) 31 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.

If you do not receive written notice of the conversion right under this certificate at least 15 days prior to the end of the 31-day conversion period, you will have an additional period within which to exercise such right. This additional period will expire 15 days after you are given such notice, but in no event will such additional period be extended beyond 60 days after the end of the 31-day conversion period. Nothing contained herein will be construed to continue any insurance beyond the 31-day period provided in this certificate.

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 and a copy has been provided to you or your beneficiary.

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
400 Robert Street North • St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2098

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 insured under the provisions applicable to life insurance coverage under the certificate is eligible for insurance under this supplement. In addition, any dependent insured under the Dependents Term Life Insurance Certificate Supplement attached to the certificate shall also be eligible under this supplement. All references to an insured in this supplement shall include dependents. All provisions of this supplement applicable to an "insured" shall apply to an insured dependent.

When does insurance under this supplement become effective?

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

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 all other causes, 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 or indirectly by, results

from, or where there is a contribution 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
- (8) medical or surgical treatment or diagnostic procedures or any resulting complications; or
- (9) travel in or descent from any aircraft, except as a fare-paying passenger on a regularly scheduled commercial flight on a licensed passenger aircraft carrier; 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 group policy. 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 in Both Ears	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 in Both Ears.....	50%
One Hand or One Foot.....	50%
Hemiplegia	50%
Thumb and Index Finger of One Hand	25%
Hearing in One Ear	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.

A benefit is not payable for both loss of one hand and the loss of thumb and index finger of one hand 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 an insured's 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 the 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 certificate. The benefit for other losses sustained by you will be paid to you, if living, otherwise to your estate.

A dependent's AD&D benefit 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 "What does accidental death or dismemberment by accidental injury mean?" section shall apply to these additional benefits.

Seatbelt Benefit

What is the seatbelt benefit?

If an insured dies as a result of a covered accident which occurs while he or she is driving or riding in a private passenger car, we will pay an additional AD&D benefit equal to the lesser of:

- (1) \$50,000; or
- (2) 100% of the insured's 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 the insured 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 intoxicated, impaired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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.

Termination

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

An insured's coverage ends on the earliest of:

- (1) the date you are no longer covered for life insurance under the group policy; or

- (2) for an insured dependent, the date the dependent is no longer covered for life insurance under the group policy; or
- (3) 31 days (the grace period) after the due date of any premium contribution which is not paid.

You must notify us or the employer when you no longer have any dependents eligible for coverage under this benefit so that premiums may be discontinued. All premiums paid for dependents who are no longer eligible for coverage under this benefit 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 this supplement; or
- (2) the date the group policy is terminated.


Additional Information

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.

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 legally married spouse who is not eligible for insurance as an employee under the group policy; and
- (2) your common-law spouse, if you live in a state that recognizes such marriages and provide proof, who is not eligible for insurance as an employee under the group policy; and
- (3) your domestic partner who is not eligible for insurance as an employee under the group policy; and
- (4) your unmarried child(ren) up to age 25 who does not provide over one-half (1/2) of his or her own financial support and who is not claimed on another person's tax return (whether born to you or legally adopted) or child(ren) for whom you are legally responsible to provide health coverage under a qualified medical child support court order; and
- (5) your unmarried stepchildren and children for whom you or your spouse has legal custody/guardianship wherein each case such children are dependent on you for support, cannot be claimed as a tax dependent by any other person, and have not reached age 25. Children of an eligible dependent are excluded unless you or your spouse has legal custody/guardianship. You will need to provide a copy of any court decree or legal documentation; and
- (6) your unmarried children who are at least age 25 who are incapable of self-support due to a continuously disabling mental or physical handicap, does not provide over one-half (1/2) of his or her own support and who is not claimed under another person's tax return. You must provide proof of the disability within one year of the following, whichever is later:
 - (a) the child's 25th birthday; or
 - (b) the date the incapacity began if the child is over age 25.

If a child was covered under another employer's plan but loses coverage because of your divorce, death of your spouse, loss of eligibility under your spouse's employer's plan, or the employer discontinues the plan, your child may be covered under this plan as long as the child was incapable of self-support because of a mental or physical handicap incurred before the child reaches age 25 and you notify the Plan within 31 days of when the child's coverage would end.

To be eligible to enroll a domestic partner, the partnership must meet the following criteria:

- (1) both you and the domestic partner are at least 18 or older, and mentally competent to consent to a declaration of domestic partnership; and
- (2) the individual being declared as your domestic partner is under the age of 65; and
- (3) you and the domestic partner have lived together in a common household for at least six months and will continue to do so throughout the entire period of insurance coverage; and
- (4) you and the domestic partner are in a serious and committed relationship; and
- (5) you and the domestic partner are financially interdependent; and
- (6) you and the domestic partner are not related in any way that would prohibit legal marriage if they could otherwise be married under applicable law; and
- (7) you and the domestic partner are not legally married to, legally separated from or domestic partner to, any other person; and
- (8) the individual being declared as your domestic partner is not otherwise eligible for coverage under the Benner Health life plan.

Dependent children of a domestic partner are also eligible, provided they meet the eligibility requirement for dependent children outlined above.

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 any 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 insurance, meets the requirements of this provision will become insured on the date he or she so qualifies.

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 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. This does not apply to a newborn child. 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. The amount of insurance for each insured dependent shall not exceed your amount of insurance.

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 date 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 us or 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.

If the insured does not receive written notice of the conversion right under this supplement at least 15 days prior to the end of the 31-day conversion period, he or she will have an additional period within which to exercise such right. This additional period will expire 15 days after the insured is given such notice, but in no event will such additional period be extended beyond 60 days after the end of the 31-day conversion period. Nothing contained herein will be construed to continue any insurance beyond the 31-day period provided in the certificate.

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 to your certificate will apply to dependents covered under this supplement 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 any such supplement to your certificate.

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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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. 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 disabled, as defined herein. Upon approval of proof of such disability, your insurance, including all supplements applicable to you which are 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 disability.

What is total disability?

Unless you are a physician, you are considered totally disabled if you are eligible for and receiving disability income benefits under the employer's long term disability (LTD) plan. The disability for which LTD benefits are ultimately payable must commence prior to your 60th birthday and while your insurance is in force under the group policy.

If you are a physician, total disability shall mean a disability which occurs while your insurance is in force and prior to your 60th birthday, 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. The disability must have existed continuously for at least six months. 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/domestic partner, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers and sisters and their spouses.

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 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 disability?

You must furnish evidence satisfactory to us that your disability:

- (1) commenced while your insurance under the group policy was in force; and
- (2) meets the definition of total disability.

We will, from time to time, also require additional proof satisfactory to us that you continue to be totally 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. Your beneficiary must submit due proof satisfactory to us that your total disability, which began before your premium payments were discontinued, 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 your certificate provides for reductions in amounts of insurance based on age, such reductions shall apply to your insurance while disabled.

How long will insurance be continued without payment of premium?

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

- (1) the date you recover so that you are no longer totally disabled; or
- (2) the date you fail to furnish proof of continued disability when requested or refuse to submit to a required medical examination; or
- (3) if you are not a physician, on the date you are no longer receiving LTD benefits; or
- (4) if you are a physician, on your 65th birthday.

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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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/domestic partner, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers and sisters, and their spouses.

insured

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

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 twelve 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 twelve months or less. That evidence must include certification by a 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/domestic partner 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 full 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 your covered spouse/domestic partner 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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Your Rights Under ERISA

The following section contains information provided to you by the Plan Administrator of your Plan to meet the requirements of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). It does not constitute a part of the insurance policy issued in connection with the Plan. All inquiries relating to the following material should be referred directly to your Plan Administrator. This information should be attached to your certificate of insurance. Together they comprise your Summary Plan Description (SPD).

Summary Plan Description

General Information

Name of Plan	Banner Group Life Insurance Plan
Plan Sponsor	Name: Banner Health Address: 1441 N. 12 th Street Phoenix, AZ 85006
Identification Numbers	Employer Identification Number (EIN): 45-0233470 Plan Number: 500
Type of Plan	Welfare Plan providing life insurance and associated benefits for employees.
Administration of Plan	The Plan is administered by the Plan Administrator through an insurance policy(ies) purchased from Minnesota Life Insurance Company, 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101. Generally, the Plan Administrator oversees the operation and records of a plan.
Plan Administrator	Name: Banner Plan Administration Address: 525 West Brown Road Mesa, AZ 85201
Agent for Service of Legal Process	Name: Banner Health, Operations Compliance Address: 525 West Brown Road Mesa, AZ 85201
Plan Year	January 1 – December 31
Plan Funding	The Plan has an insurance policy(ies) with Minnesota Life Insurance Company. The premiums for the policy(ies) are paid by employer and employee contributions.
Interpretation, Amendment and Termination	The plan sponsor reserves the right to interpret, change or terminate the Plan's operation in the future. In the event of termination, benefits would be discontinued as described in the certificate.

Claim Procedures

Under Department of Labor (DOL) regulations, claimants are entitled to full and fair review of any claims made under the Plan. The procedures described in this section are intended to comply with DOL regulations by providing reasonable procedures governing the filing of benefit claims, notification of benefit decisions, and appeal of adverse benefit decisions.

A. Presenting Claims for Benefits

Claim forms may be obtained from the Employer.

Contact your Plan Administrator if you have any questions or need claim forms. Read the instructions on those forms carefully, and be sure all the questions are answered and that you include any required attachments when the completed forms are returned. After your claim has been processed by Minnesota Life, you will be notified in writing if any benefits are denied in whole or in part, or if any additional information is required.

During all steps of the claims appeal procedure, you can write or call the appropriate Plan Administrator and ask to see all plan documents affecting your claim. In addition you may have an attorney or other representative write letters or otherwise act on your behalf, but the Plan Administrator reserves the right to require written authorization from you.

B. Claims Denial Procedure

If all or part of your claim for benefits is denied, Minnesota Life will notify you in writing within 90 days (45 days for any disability claims) of receiving your claim. If special circumstances require more time, the review period may be extended up to an additional 90 days (30 days for disability claims). You will be notified in writing of this extension within the original review period.

The notice of extension will include a description of the standards on which entitlement to a benefit is based, the unresolved issues that prevent a decision on the claim and the information needed to resolve those issues, and it shall specify a timeframe, no less than 45 days, in which the necessary information must be provided. Where the timeframe to process a claim is extended because the claim was incomplete, the extension time is calculated from the date the extension notice is sent to the claimant to the date the person responds to the request for additional information. If the person does not provide needed information to the Plan within 45 days of the date on the notice the Plan may close the claim and no further consideration will take place.

Any denial of a claim for benefits will be provided by Minnesota Life and consist of a written explanation which will include (i) the specific reasons for the denial, (ii) reference to the pertinent Plan provisions upon which the denial is based, (iii) a description of any additional information you might be required to provide and explanation of why it is needed, and (iv) an explanation of the Plan's claim review procedure.

Disability Claims Only – The following will also be included:

- A statement disclosing any internal rule, guidelines, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse decision.
- Explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment applying the terms of the Plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, if applicable.

C. Appealing the Denial of a Claim

You, your beneficiary (when an appropriate claimant), or a duly authorized representative may appeal any denial of a claim for benefits by filing a written request for a full and fair review to Minnesota Life. In connection with such a request, documents pertinent to the administration of the Plan may be reviewed, and comments and issues outlining the basis of the appeal may be submitted in writing. You may have representation throughout the review procedure. A request for a review must be filed by 60 days (180 days for any disability claims) after receipt of the written notice of denial of a claim. The full and fair review will be held and a decision rendered by Minnesota Life, no later than 60 days (45 days for disability claims) after receipt of the request for review.

If special circumstances require more time, the review period may be extended up to an additional 60 days (45 days for disability claims). You will be notified in writing of this extension within the original appeal period.

The notice of extension will include a description of the missing information and shall specify a timeframe, no less than 60 days (180 days for disability claims), in which the necessary information must be provided. Where the timeframe to process an appeal is extended because the claim was incomplete, the time for the benefit determination is put on hold from the date the extension notice is sent to the claimant until the date the person responds to the request for additional information. If the person does not provide needed information to the Plan within the 60 days (180 days for disability claims) of the date on the notice the Plan will close the appeal and no further consideration will take place.

A decision on appeal is adverse if it is a denial, reduction or termination of a benefit, or a failure to provide or make payment, in whole or part, for a benefit. It also includes any such denial, reduction, termination or failure to provide or make payment that is based on a determination that the claimant is no longer eligible to participate in a plan.

Written notification of the Plan's decision on a disability or non-disability appeal shall be provided to the claimant and will include the following:

- Explanation of the specific reasons for the denial
- A specific reference to pertinent Plan provisions on which the denial was based
- A statement regarding your right, upon request and free of charge, to reasonable access to review or copy pertinent documents
- A statement of the right to sue in federal court.

Disability Claims Only

- A statement disclosing any internal rule, guidelines, protocol or similar criterion relied on in making the adverse decision
- Explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment applying the terms of the Plan to the claimant's medical circumstances, if applicable.

D. Legal Action Following Appeals

After completing all mandatory appeal procedures, you have the right to further appeal adverse benefit determinations by bringing a civil action under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA). Please refer to the Statement of ERISA Rights section for more details. No such action may be filed against the Plan after two years from the date the Plan gives you a final determination on your appeal. Also, no legal action may be brought if you do not file a claim for a benefit and seek timely review of a denial of that claim.

Statement of ERISA Rights

The Statement of ERISA rights is required by federal law and regulation.

As a participant in the Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA).

ERISA provides that all Plan participants shall be entitled to:

- Examine, without charge, at the Plan Administrator's office and at other specified locations, such as worksites and union halls, all Plan documents, including the insurance contract, collective bargaining agreements and copies of all documents filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor, such as detailed annual reports and Plan descriptions.
- Obtain copies of all Plan documents and other Plan information upon written request to the Plan Administrator. The Plan Administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.
- Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the Employee benefit Plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficiaries.

No one, including your Employer, your union, or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied in whole or in part, you must receive a written explanation of the reason for the denial. You have the right to have the Plan review and reconsider your claim.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request materials for the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file a suit in federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or federal court. If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a federal court. The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful the court may order the person you have sued to pay the cost and fees. If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees, for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan Administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan Administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration (EBSA), U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory or the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, EBSA, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C. 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the EBSA.

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