

Employee Group Term Life Certificate of Insurance

Minnesota Life Insurance Company - A Securian Company
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MINNESOTA LIFE

Effective: January 1, 2024

POLICYHOLDER: Worthington Steel, Inc.

POLICY NUMBER: 34780

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

CERTIFICATE SPECIFICATIONS PAGE

GENERAL INFORMATION

POLICYHOLDER: Worthington Steel, Inc. **POLICY NUMBER:** 34780

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

CERTIFICATE EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2024

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 employees of the policyholder.
 Class 1: Active, full-time employees of Worthington Steel, Inc.

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

WAITING PERIOD: None. Employees are eligible upon the first day of employment.

MINIMUM HOURS PER WEEK REQUIREMENT: 20 hours per week, except those working an alternative schedule shall be required to work the number of hours of their approved schedule, as determined by the Policyholder.

PLAN OF INSURANCE

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SCHEDULE

EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE INSURANCE:

Basic Life Insurance

<u>Eligible Class</u>	<u>Amount of Basic Life Insurance</u>
Class 1	One and one-half times annual earnings, multiplied first, then rounded to the next higher \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a maximum of \$750,000.

Supplemental Life Insurance

<u>Eligible Class</u>	<u>Amount of Insurance</u>
Class 1	One, two, three, four, five, six, seven or eight times annual earnings, multiplied first and then rounded to the next higher \$1,000 if not already a multiple thereof, subject to a maximum of the lesser of eight times annual earnings or \$1,000,000.

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

Basic AD&D Insurance

Eligible Class

Amount of Insurance

Class 1

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

Supplemental AD&D Insurance

Eligible Class

Amount of Supplemental AD&D Insurance

Class 1

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

EARNINGS DEFINITION:

Regular annualized pay as calculated by the employer each year on September 30 to be effective January 1 of the following year, excluding overtime pay or any other pay or fringe benefits. The term earnings include base pay, profit sharing and commissions earned from the employer during the 12 month period which ends on September 30. If the employee has worked less than 12 months with the employer, the amount of earnings will reflect a 12 month projection based upon other employees with similar base rates.

BASIC LIFE AND AD&D AGE REDUCTIONS:

The amount of basic life and AD&D insurance on an employee shall be a percentage of the amount otherwise provided by the plan of insurance Applicable to such employee in accordance with the following:

The amount of insurance on an employee age 70 or older shall be 50% of the amount otherwise provided by the plan of insurance applicable to such employee. The reduction will occur on January 1 following the employee's applicable birthday.

RETIREMENT REDUCTIONS:

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:

Guarantee 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 a 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 five times annual earnings or \$500,000 if elected within 30 days of initial eligibility.

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.

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

Coverage changes due to class changes are effective on the date of the change. Coverage changes due to salary changes are effective on the January 1 following the date of change in salary. Evidence of insurability will not be required for an increase in insurance due solely to an increase in earnings. All increases are subject to the actively at work requirement.

An employee whose amount of insurance is limited to the guaranteed amount of the lesser of five times annual earnings or \$500,000 due to failure to provide the required satisfactory evidence of insurability will not receive an increase in insurance due to salary increases until satisfactory evidence of insurability is provided.

DEPENDENTS BENEFIT SCHEDULE

DEPENDENTS TERM LIFE INSURANCE:

Spouse Life Insurance

Eligible Class

Class 1

Amount of Spouse Life Insurance

An amount chosen by the employee in \$25,000 increments, subject to a maximum of \$125,000

Child Life Insurance

Eligible Class

Class 1

Amount of Child Life Insurance

\$5,000 or \$10,000, as elected by the employee

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

CONTRIBUTORY/NONCONTRIBUTORY:

Supplemental 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 is equal to the amount of dependents insurance for which they were insured under the prior group policy.

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:

Class 1: \$50,000 if elected within 31 days of initial eligibility

For child insurance:

Class 1: All child coverage is guaranteed issue

EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY:

Evidence of insurability is required as stated in the policy and for an amount of insurance greater than the guaranteed issue amount. As an exception child life insurance will never require evidence of insurability.

EFFECT OF EMPLOYEE'S RETIREMENT:

All dependents insurance terminates upon the employee's retirement.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

SUICIDE EXCLUSION FOR LIFE INSURANCE:

Applies only to employee supplemental 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 employee insurance.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENTS:

During the policyholder's annual open enrollments, the following election change(s) can be made without providing evidence of insurability:

- An employee may elect for the first time or increase his or her existing supplemental life coverage by one salary level (an additional one times annual earnings), provided the resulting amount of insurance does not exceed the guaranteed issue limit of the lesser of five times annual earnings or \$500,000
- An employee may elect for the first time or increase his or her existing spouse life coverage by one level, provided the resulting amount of insurance does not exceed the guaranteed issue limit specific to the insured's class
- An employee may elect any child life amount

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

QUALIFIED STATUS CHANGES:

An employee who experiences a Qualified Status Change may make the following election changes without providing evidence of insurability, provided enrollment is made within 30 days of the status change:

- An employee may elect for the first time or increase his or her existing supplemental life coverage by one salary level (an additional one times annual earnings), provided the resulting amount of insurance does not exceed the guaranteed issue limit of the lesser of five times annual earnings or \$500,000
- An employee may elect for the first time or increase his or her existing spouse life coverage by one level, provided the resulting amount of insurance does not exceed the guaranteed issue limit of \$50,000.
- An employee may elect any child life amount

Coverage will be effective on the date of the election, subject to the actively at work requirement for employees and the hospitalization/confinement clause for dependents.

Qualified Status Change means:

- Marriage
- Birth or adoption of a child, or becoming the legal guardian of a child
- The death of or divorce from a spouse
- The death of or emancipation of a child
- Spouse's loss of employment which results in a loss of group insurance
- Change in employee classification from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time
- A change from one employer class to another

RIDER(S) TO THE GROUP POLICY

Accelerated Benefits

Accidental Death and Dismemberment

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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.

certificate effective date

The date your coverage under this certificate becomes effective.

contributory insurance

Insurance for which you are required to make premium contributions.

earnings

The earnings definition is shown on the specifications page under General Provisions for Employee Insurance

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.

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, in the absence of fraud, 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, you must be actively at work fully performing your customary duties for your regularly scheduled number of hours 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 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; or
- (3) the insurance for which you previously enrolled did not go into effect or was terminated because you failed to make a required premium contribution; or

- (4) during a previous period of eligibility, you failed to submit evidence of insurability or that which was submitted was not satisfactory to us; or
- (5) 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.

- (1) For an employee on a non-medical leave of absence, all coverage may be continued until the last day of the month in which the leave of absence commenced.
- (2) For an employee who is laid off due to lack of work, all coverage may be continued until the last day of the month in which the layoff commenced.
- (3) For an employee on a leave according to the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, all coverage may continue for 12 weeks (26 weeks if the employee qualifies for Family Military Leave).
- (4) For an employee on a medical leave of absence due to sickness or injury, all coverage may continue until the last day premiums have been paid up to the later of 12 months from the last day the insured employee was actively at work or the date the insured employee attains age 65.
- (5) For an employee that is eligible for Long Term Disability (LTD) benefits with an LTD start date prior to January 1, 2024, all coverage may continue while they are applying for and receiving LTD benefits until the insured employee attains age 65. Coverage will continue to the last day of the month.
- (6) For an employee that is eligible for Long Term Disability (LTD) benefits with an LTD start date of January 1, 2024, and later, all coverage may continue for the first six months they are applying for and receiving LTD benefits. Coverage will continue to the last day of the month.
- (7) For an employee on a medical leave for a work-related sickness or injury and receiving worker's

compensation benefits, all coverage may to the last day of the month that worker's compensation benefits are paid.

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 the rate guarantee; 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.

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 enrollment period, as determined by the employer, or within 30 days of a Qualified Status Change. Qualified Status Change shall be as determined by the employer.

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, if approved, are effective on the date we approve the increase. Requested decreases in the amount of your contributory insurance are effective on the first day of the month following our receipt of your request for a decrease, or if different, according to the administrative practices of the employer.

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 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 0.1% 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) 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.

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

- (1) \$10,000; and
- (2) 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 fraud or 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, in the absence of fraud, 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.

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.

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 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 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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Accidental Death and Dismemberment 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. 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 group policy 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 group policy.

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; 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:

FOR LOSS OF	AMOUNT OF BENEFIT
Life	Full Amount of AD&D Insurance
Both Hands or Both Feet ..	Full Amount of AD&D Insurance
Sight of Both Eyes	Full Amount of AD&D Insurance
Speech and Hearing	Full Amount of AD&D Insurance
One Hand and One Foot ..	Full Amount of AD&D Insurance
One Foot and Sight of One Eye	Full Amount of AD&D Insurance
One Hand and Sight of One Eye	Full Amount of AD&D Insurance
Quadriplegia	Full Amount of AD&D Insurance
Paraplegia	75% of Amount of AD&D Insurance
Triplegia	75% of Amount of AD&D Insurance
Sight of One Eye	50% of Amount of AD&D Insurance
Speech or Hearing	50% of Amount of AD&D Insurance
One Hand or One Foot	50% of Amount of AD&D Insurance
Hemiplegia	50% of Amount of AD&D Insurance

All Four Fingers
of One Hand.....50% of Amount of AD&D Insurance
Thumb and Index
Finger of One Hand.....25% of Amount of AD&D Insurance
Uniplegia25% of Amount of AD&D Insurance

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). Triplegia means total and permanent paralysis of three limbs. 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 or the loss of four fingers 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 the 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 group policy.

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 0.1% 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 an insured dies or suffers a covered dismemberment 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 \$5,000 or 5% of the insured's amount of AD&D insurance.

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

- (1) the seat in which the insured was 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 the insured 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 intoxicated, impaired, or under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

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.

Disappearance Benefit

What is the disappearance benefit?

If an insured's body has not been found after one year from the date the conveyance in which he or she was traveling disappeared, exploded, sank, became stranded, made a forced landing or was wrecked, it shall be presumed, subject to all other terms of the policy and proof satisfactory to us that the accident occurred and the insured was a passenger on the conveyance, that the insured has died as a result of an accidental injury which was unintended, unexpected and unforeseen. Such death shall be considered a covered loss under this supplement.

Exposure Benefit

What is the exposure benefit?

A loss due to exposure to the elements will be covered as if it were due to injury, provided such loss results from unavoidable exposure to the elements by reason of a covered accident.

Repatriation Benefit

What is the repatriation benefit?

If, as a result of a covered accident, an insured dies at least 75 miles from his or her principal residence, an additional accidental death benefit shall be paid for the preparation and transportation of the body to a mortuary. The additional benefit shall be the lesser of the actual cost of such preparation and transportation, 5% of the insured's amount of AD&D insurance or \$5,000. The benefit will be paid to the person who has or who will incur such cost, as evidenced to the satisfaction of us. This may or may not be the beneficiary for the rest of the accidental death proceeds. We may at our sole discretion pay benefits directly to the facility handling the preparation and/or transportation. All determinations and payments by us will be final and fully release and discharge us from any further liability under this repatriation benefit.

Seatbelt Benefit

What is the seatbelt benefit?

If an insured dies or suffers a covered dismemberment 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) \$10,000; or
- (2) 10% 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) 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:

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

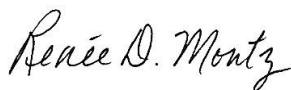
Additional Information

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. 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 who is not eligible for insurance as an employee under the group policy; and
- (2) your unmarried children. Children may include natural children, stepchildren, legally adopted children, and any other child related to you by blood or marriage or any child who lives with you in a parent-child relationship and for whom you provide 50% of the financial support and provided that you claim the child as a dependent on your most current federal income tax return Form 1040. Children are eligible from live birth (stillborn and unborn children are not eligible) up to attainment of age 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.

*Lawful spouse shall include a same sex spouse provided the couple was married in a state that recognizes same sex marriages. The state of residence shall not be used to determine eligibility.

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 child life insurance, 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; or
- (3) dependents insurance for which you previously enrolled did not go into effect or was terminated because you failed to make a required premium contribution; or
- (4) 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
- (5) 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. 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.

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.

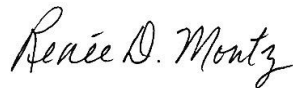
Conversion may be requested by you, an insured dependent of legal capacity, or the insured dependent's guardian, if applicable. All other conditions and provisions of the conversion right section of your certificate to which this supplement is attached will apply.

Do any Waiver of Premium, Extended Benefits, or Total and Permanent Disability supplements to your certificate apply to insured dependents?

Any Waiver of Premium, Extended Benefits, or Total and Permanent Disability supplement to your certificate will not apply to dependents covered under this supplement except as provided for herein.

If, due to your disability, your insurance is continued in force without further payment of premiums due to any Waiver of Premium, Extended Benefits, or Total and Permanent Disability 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 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?

Both contributory and non-contributory insurance may be continued under this supplement. If you elect to continue your own coverage according to the provisions of this supplement, you may also elect to continue contributory and non-contributory insurance for any other individual insured under your certificate. You may also continue coverage under all supplements to your certificate which apply to contributory and non-contributory insurance and by which you were insured immediately preceding your portability date, except the Term Life Waiver of 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 \$1,000,000 if you are an employee or \$55,000 if you are a spouse. 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 in force on your portability date subject to a maximum of \$650,000.

Will the amount of insurance continued under this supplement change?

Yes. When an insured attains age 65, the amount of insurance on an insured's 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. 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.

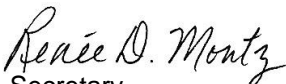
Any insurance continued under the terms of this supplement will remain in force until terminated by the provisions of the section entitled "When will insurance continued under this supplement terminate?".

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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Term Life Waiver of Premium Certificate Supplement

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General Information

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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 60. 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 60th 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 60th 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 your 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 or retirement, such reductions shall apply to your insurance.

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

However, if you are an employee and your certificate provides for termination of insurance at retirement, insurance provided under this supplement will terminate when you retire, including normal or early retirement. Your retirement date shall be the earlier of:

- (1) the date you actually retire; or
- (2) your presumed normal retirement date as established by the employer's applicable retirement plan. If no such date has been established, your presumed retirement date shall be age 65.

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.

Reese D. Montz
Secretary

Stephen M. Allen
President

Important Notice

Minnesota Life Insurance Company - a Securian Financial company
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NOTICE CONCERNING COVERAGE LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS UNDER THE OHIO LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT

Residents of Ohio who purchase life insurance, annuities or health insurance should know that the insurance companies licensed in this state to write these types of insurance are members of the Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association. The purpose of this association is to assure that policyholders will be protected, within limits, in the unlikely event that a member insurer becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the guaranty association will assess its other member insurance companies for the money to pay the claims of insured persons who live in this state, and in some cases, to keep coverage in force. The valuable extra protection provided by these insurers through the guaranty association is not unlimited, however. And, as noted in the box below, this protection is not a substitute for consumers' care in selecting companies that are well-managed and financially stable.

The Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association may not provide coverage for this policy. If coverage is provided, it may be subject to substantial limitations or exclusions, and require continued residency in Ohio. You should not rely on coverage by the Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association in selecting an insurance company or in selecting an insurance policy.

Coverage is NOT provided for your policy or any portion of it that is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which you have assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus. You should check with your insurance company representative to determine if you are only covered in part or not covered at all.

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this notice. However, insurance companies and their agents are prohibited by law from using the existence of the guaranty association to induce you to purchase any kind of insurance policy.

The Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
5005 Horizons Drive, Suite 200
Columbus, Ohio 43220

Ohio Department of Insurance
50 West Town Street
Third Floor, Suite 300
Columbus, Ohio 43215

The state law that provides for this safety-net coverage is called the Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act. On the back of this page is a brief summary of this law's coverages, exclusions and limits. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law; nor does it in any way change anyone's rights or obligations under the act or the rights or obligations of the guaranty association.

COVERAGE

Generally, individuals will be protected by the life and health insurance guaranty association if they live in Ohio and hold a life or health insurance contract, annuity contract, unallocated annuity contract, or if they are insured under a group insurance contract, issued by a member insurer. The beneficiaries, payees or assignees of insured persons are protected as well, even if they live in another state.

EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE

However, persons holding such policies are not protected by this association if:

- they are eligible for protection under the laws of another state (this may occur when the insolvent insurer was incorporated in another state whose guaranty association protects insureds who live outside that state);
- the insurer was not authorized to do business in that state;
- their policy was issued by a medical, health or dental care corporation, an HMO, a fraternal benefit society, a mutual protective association or similar plan in which the policyholder is subject to future assessments, or by an insurance exchange.

The association also does not provide coverage for:

- any policy or portion of a policy which is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus;
- any policy of reinsurance (unless an assumption certificate was issued);
- interest rate yields that exceed an average rate;
- dividends;
- credits given in connection with the administration of a policy by a group contractholder;
- employers' plans to the extent they are self-funded (that is, not insured by an insurance company, even if an insurance company administers them).

LIMITS ON AMOUNT OF COVERAGE

The act also limits the amount the association is obligated to pay out: The association cannot pay more than what the insurance company would owe under a policy or contract. Also, for any one insured life, the association will pay a maximum of \$300,000, except as specified below, no matter how many policies and contracts there were with the same company, even if they provided different types of coverages. The association will not pay more than \$100,000 in cash surrender values, \$500,000 in major medical insurance benefits, \$300,000 in disability or long-term care insurance benefits, \$100,000 in other health insurance benefits, \$250,000 in present value of annuities, or \$300,000 in life insurance death benefits. Again, no matter how many policies and contracts there were with the same company, and no matter how many different types of coverages, the association will pay a maximum of \$300,000, except for coverage involving major medical insurance benefits, for which the maximum of all coverages is \$500,000.

Note to benefit plan trustees or other holders of unallocated annuities (GICs, DACs, etc.) covered by the act: for unallocated annuities that fund governmental retirement plans under §§401(k), 403(b) or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, the limit is \$250,000 in present value of annuity benefits including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal per participating individual. In no event shall the association be liable to spend more than \$300,000 in the aggregate per individual; for covered unallocated annuities that fund other plans, a special limit of \$1,000,000 applies to each contractholder, regardless of the number of contracts held with the same company or number of persons covered. In all cases, of course, the contract limits also apply.

For more information about the Ohio Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association, visit our website at: www.olhiga.org.

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	Worthington Steel Inc.'s Group Life Insurance Program
Plan Sponsor	Name: Worthington Steel, Inc. Address: 200 Old Wilson Bridge Road, Columbus, OH 43085
Employer ID	Employer Identification Number (EIN): 92-2632000
Plan Number	Plan Number: 501
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, herein known as the "Insurer", 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, MN 55101. Generally, the Plan Administrator oversees the operation and records of a plan.
Plan Administrator	Name: Worthington Steel, Inc. Address: 200 Old Wilson Bridge Road, Columbus, OH 43085
Agent for Service of Legal Process	Name: Address:
Plan Year	January 1 – December 31
Plan Funding	The Plan has an insurance policy(ies) with the Insurer. The premiums for the policy(ies) are paid by contributions from the employer and employees.
Trustee Information	
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 by contacting the Insurer.

Contact the plan administrator if you have any questions or to initiate a claim. You may also contact the Insurer directly to initiate a claim. Upon the receipt of notification of a claim the Insurer will provide claim forms. Read the instructions on those forms carefully, and be sure all the questions are answered and that you include any required attachments. Completed forms must be sent to Claims, PO Box 64114, St. Paul, MN 55164-0114. After your claim has been processed by the Insurer, you will be notified in writing if any benefits are denied in whole or in part, or if any additional information is required.

B. Claims Denial Procedure

If all or part of your claim for benefits is denied, the Insurer 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 explain the circumstances requiring the extension and indicate the date by which the plan expects to render the benefit determination. For disability claims, the review period may be extended up to an additional 30 days provided the written notice described above is sent to the claimant before the expiration of the first 30-day extension period.

For disability claims, the notice of extension will also include a description of the standards on which entitlement to a benefit is based, the unresolved issues that prevent a decision on the claim, the information needed to resolve those issues, and the claimant will be given at least 45 days to provide the information. Where the timeframe to process a disability claim is extended because the claim was incomplete, the time for the claim 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 Insurer within 45 days of the date on the notice, the Insurer may deny the claim.

Notification of Claim Denial

Any denial of a claim for benefits will be provided by the Insurer and will include the content required by law.

C. Appealing the Denial of a Claim

You may appeal any denial of a claim for benefits by filing a written request for a full and fair review to the Insurer at Claims, PO Box 64114, St. Paul, MN, 55164-0114. In connection with such a request, documents relevant to the appeal 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, if you submit written proof of the representation to the Insurer. An appeal must be filed by 60 days (180 days for disability claims) after receipt of the written notice of denial of a claim. Before the Insurer can deny a claim on appeal, the Insurer shall provide the claimant with any new evidence considered, relied upon, or generated during the appeal, as well as any new rationale for the decision. Any new evidence or rationale will be provided to the claimant free of charge, as soon as possible before the date by which the appeal is to be decided, so that the claimant may respond to the evidence or rationale before that date. The full and fair review will be held and notification of a decision rendered by the Insurer will be provided no later than 60 days (45 days for disability claims) after receipt of the request for review.

If special circumstances beyond the control of the Insurer 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 explain the circumstances requiring the extension and indicate the date by which the Insurer expects to render the benefit determination.

The notice of extension will include a description of any missing information and shall specify a timeframe, no less than 180 days in which the necessary information must be provided. Where the timeframe to process an appeal is extended because additional information to render an appeal decision is needed, 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 Insurer within the 180 days of the date on the notice, the Insurer may close the appeal and no further consideration will take place.

During all steps of the claims appeal procedure, you can write or call the Insurer and ask to see all documents relevant to your claim. In addition, you may have an attorney or other representative write letters or otherwise act on your behalf, but you may need to provide written proof of designation of the representative.

Notification of Appeal Decision

Written notification of the Insurer's decision on an appeal shall be provided to the claimant and will include the information required by law.

D. Legal Action Following Appeals

After completing the claims and appeal procedures, you have the right to dispute the determination 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 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 exhaust these claims procedures, unless exhaustion is not required.

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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