Read Your Policy Carefully

This policy was issued to the policyholder on the effective date shown on the specifications page attached to this policy. We promise to pay the benefits provided by this policy, subject to its conditions, limitations, and exceptions. We make this promise and issue this policy in consideration of the application for this policy and the payment of the premiums.

Minnesota Life Insurance Company is a subsidiary of Minnesota Mutual Companies, Inc., a mutual insurance holding company. The policyholder is a member of Minnesota Mutual Companies, Inc., which holds its annual meetings on the first Tuesday in March of each year at 3 p.m. local time. The meetings are held at 400 Robert Street North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2098.

Legal Actions

No legal action may be brought to recover on this policy within the first sixty days after written proof of loss has been given as required by this policy. No such action may be brought after three years from the time written proof of loss is required to be given.

Signed for Minnesota Life Insurance Company at St. Paul, Minnesota on the effective date.

Secretary

President

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GENERAL INFORMATION

POLICYHOLDER: Kent State University  POLICY NUMBER: 34694

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

POLICY EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 2020

POLICY ANNIVERSARY DATE: January 1 of each year beginning January 1, 2021

PREMIUM DUE DATE(S): The first day of each month

GROUP: The group is composed of all active employees of the policyholder and its associated companies working in the United States and designated expatriates as reported to Minnesota Life in the following classes:

Class 1 All active employees (excluding the President)
Class 2 The President of Kent State University

ENROLLMENT PERIOD: 31 days from the first day of eligibility for contributory insurance.

WAITING PERIOD: None

MINIMUM HOURS PER WEEK REQUIREMENT: 30 hours per week

PLAN OF INSURANCE

EMPLOYEE BENEFIT SCHEDULE

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

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<th>Eligible Class</th>
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<td>All Employees</td>
<td>An amount elected by the employee in increments of $25,000, subject to a maximum of $250,000.</td>
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GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR EMPLOYEE INSURANCE

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

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Age reductions will apply the on the policy anniversary date following an insured employee's 70th, 75th, 80th, 85th, 90th, and 95th birthdays.

RETIREMENT REDUCTIONS: All AD&D insurance terminates upon retirement.
CONTRIBUTORY/ NONCONTRIBUTORY: All AD&D insurance is contributory insurance.

INCREASES AND DECREASES: Requests for increases and decreases may be made at any time. Requests made outside of an annual enrollment shall be effective on the first day of the month following the request. Requests made during an annual enrollment shall be effective on the general effective date of the annual enrollment. All increases are subject to the actively at work requirement.

DEPENDENTS BENEFIT SCHEDULE

DEPENDENTS AD&D INSURANCE:
The amount of Dependent's AD&D insurance is based on the composition of the employee's family as follows:

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<th>Employee's Family Consists of</th>
<th>Amount of AD&amp;D Insurance</th>
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| Spouse/Domestic Partner and Eligible Children | Spouse/Domestic Partner: 40% of employee’s amount of insurance*  
Each Child: 5% of employee’s amount of insurance* |
| Spouse/Domestic Partner and No Eligible Children | Spouse/Domestic Partner: 50% of employee’s amount of insurance* |
| No Spouse/Domestic Partner but Eligible Children | Each Child: 10% of employee’s amount of insurance* |

* The maximum amount of AD&D insurance for spouse/domestic partner coverage is $125,000; the maximum amount of AD&D insurance for child coverage is $25,000.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR DEPENDENTS INSURANCE

CONTRIBUTORY/ NONCONTRIBUTORY: All dependents insurance is contributory insurance.

INCREASES AND DECREASES: Dependents insurance shall automatically increase or decrease as the employee’s amount of insurance increases or decreases.
Definitions

age
Attained age as of most recent birthday.

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 this policy.

certificate effective date
The date the certificate holder’s coverage under this policy becomes effective.

certificate holder
An insured employee.

contributory insurance
Insurance for which the employee is required to make premium contributions.

earnings
An employee’s basic rate of compensation not including commissions, overtime or premium pay, bonuses, or any other additional compensation.

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, seasonal employees nor corporate directors who are not otherwise employees.

employer
The policyholder or any designated associated company.

insured
A person who is eligible for and becomes insured under the terms of this policy.

licensed physician
An individual who is licensed to practice medicine or treat illness in the state in which treatment is received. The physician cannot be the certificate holder or the certificate holder’s spouse, children, parents, grandparents, grandchildren, brothers or sisters, or the spouse of any such individuals.

non-work day
A day on which the employee is 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 the employee is not required to make premium contributions.

policy anniversary
The policy anniversary date shown on the specifications page attached to this policy.

policy effective date
The date this policy was issued as shown on the specifications page attached to this policy.

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

specifications page
The outline which summarizes the policyholder’s plan of insurance.

waiting period
The period, if any, of continuous employment with the employer that the employee must satisfy prior to becoming eligible for coverage under this policy. The waiting period is shown on the specifications page attached to this policy.

we, our, us
Minnesota Life Insurance Company.

you, your
The policyholder named on the specifications page attached to this policy.

General Information

What is your agreement with us?
This policy and your attached signed application contain the entire contract between you and us.
Any statements you make will, in the absence of fraud, be considered representations and not warranties. Also, any statement that you make will not be used to void this policy, nor will it be used in our defense if we refuse to pay a claim, unless the statement is contained in your application a copy of which has been furnished to you.

No change or waiver of any provision of this policy, or any certificate issued under it, will be valid unless made in writing by us and signed by our president, a vice-president, our secretary, or an assistant secretary. No agent or other person has the authority to change or waive any provision of this policy, nor of any certificate issued under it.

In making any benefits determination under this policy, we shall have the discretionary authority both to determine an individual's eligibility for benefits and to construe the terms of this policy.

**Are employees of associated companies eligible for insurance under this policy?**

Yes. Employees of associated companies may be eligible for insurance under this policy. Associated companies are shown on the specifications page attached to this policy. You represent any associated company in all transactions pertaining to this policy. Your acts or omissions and every notice given by us to you shall be binding on every associated company. When an associated company ceases its participation under the policy, the policy shall be considered to be terminated for all employees of the associated company. All provisions related to the policy terminating will apply to such employees.

**Can this policy be amended?**

Yes. The certificate holder's consent is not required to amend this policy or any certificates issued under it. Any amendment will be without prejudice to any claim for benefits incurred prior to the effective date of the amendment.

**Who is eligible for insurance?**

An employee is eligible if he or she:

1. is a member of the eligible group and of an eligible class as shown on the specifications page attached to this policy; and
2. works 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 policy; and
3. has satisfied the waiting period as shown on the specifications page attached to this policy; and
4. meets the actively at work requirement described in the "What is the actively at work requirement?" provision of this section.

**Are retired employees eligible for insurance?**

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

**What is the actively at work requirement?**

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

Employees not working due to illness or injury do not meet the actively at work requirement nor do employees receiving sick pay, short-term disability benefits or long-term disability benefits.

If the employee is not actively at work on the date coverage would otherwise begin, or on the date an increase in his or her amount of insurance would otherwise be effective, he or she will not be eligible for the coverage or increase until he or she returns to active work. However, if the absence is on a non-work day, coverage will not be delayed provided the employee was actively at work on the work day immediately preceding the non-work day.

Except as otherwise provided for in this policy, an employee is eligible to continue to be insured only while he or she remains actively at work.

**When does a certificate holder's insurance become effective?**

A certificate holder's insurance becomes effective on the date that all of the following conditions have been met:

1. the certificate holder meets all eligibility requirements; and
2. if required, the certificate holder applies for the insurance on forms which are approved by us; and
3. we receive the required premium.

**Can an insured's coverage be continued during the employee's sickness, injury, leave of absence or temporary layoff?**

Yes. Insurance may be continued on an insured employee who is not actively at work due to sickness, injury, leave of absence or temporary layoff,
subject to the employer’s practices and procedures, including the employer’s limits on the length of continuation allowed for the type of absence. Continuation is contingent upon continued premium payment and is subject to the following maximum time frames:

(1) for an employee on non-medical leave of absence, sabbatical or temporary layoff, insurance cannot be continued beyond 12 months from the last day the insured employee was actively at work.
(2) for an employee on a medical leave of absence, insurance cannot be continued beyond the later of 12 months from the last day the insured employee was actively at work or the date the employee attains age 65.

Continuation of insurance must be in accordance with practices and procedures that preclude individual selection. Coverage during a leave of absence and upon return from a leave of absence shall meet all state and federal requirements. The above limits will be expanded if necessary in order to meet such requirements.

**Premiums**

**When and how often are premiums due?**

Unless we have agreed to some other premium payment procedure, premiums for this policy are remitted to us monthly. Premiums are due on the premium due date as shown on the specifications page attached to this policy. We apply premiums consecutively to keep the insurance in force.

You may pay premiums before they are due for any period up to the next policy anniversary. Premiums paid in advance should be calculated at the rate of the monthly premium currently due.

Premium contributions for contributory insurance are to be paid to you unless we have agreed to some other premium payment procedure. The premium contributions by employees for contributory insurance should be remitted to us as due along with the premiums payable for noncontributory insurance.

**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 you and we agree.

We may change the premium rate:

(1) on any premium due date following the expiration of any rate guarantee; or following the date that the amount of insurance in force for any one coverage changes by more than 20% from that which was used to determine the current rates (active employee coverage and retiree coverage are considered separate coverages, as are, spouse AD&D and child AD&D)
(2) Anytime, if the policy terms are amended or the total amount of insurance in force changes by 20% or more from the volume that was used to determine the current rates.

**Can a premium be paid after the date it is due?**

Yes. This policy has a 31-day grace period. If a premium is not received by us on or before the date it is due, that premium may be paid during the 31-day grace period following the due date. The insurance under this policy will remain in effect during the 31-day grace period. This grace period does not apply to the first premium payment.

**Can the premium be adjusted?**

Yes. We will adjust the premium on each due date for insurance which was effective or terminated before the most recent due date, but not reflected in prior premium payments. We will charge you for any additional premium, and will refund any overpayment, excluding any overpayment made more than 12 months before the adjustment.

**Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefit**

**What does accidental death or dismemberment by accidental injury mean?**

Accidental death or dismemberment by accidental injury means that an insured’s death or dismemberment results, directly and independently of all other causes, from an accidental injury which is unintended, unexpected, and unforeseen.

The injury must occur while the insured’s coverage is in force. The insured’s death or dismemberment must occur within 365 days after the date of the injury.

**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 this policy. The percentage is determined by the type of loss as shown in the following table:

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<th>TYPE OF LOSS</th>
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<td>Both Hands or Both Feet</td>
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<td>Sight of Both Eyes</td>
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<td>Speech and Hearing</td>
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<td>Paraplegia</td>
<td>75%</td>
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<td>Sight of One Eye</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>Speech or Hearing</td>
<td>50%</td>
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When will the accidental death or dismemberment benefit be payable?

We will pay the accidental death or dismemberment benefit upon receipt at our home office of written proof satisfactory to us that a certificate holder died or suffered a covered dismemberment as a result of a covered 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 certificate holder’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 or the minimum required by state law, whichever is greater.

To whom will we pay the accidental death or dismemberment benefit?

In the case of a certificate holder’s accidental death, we will pay the accidental death benefit to the beneficiary or beneficiaries. All other benefits will be payable to the certificate holder’s estate.

A beneficiary is named by a certificate holder to receive the accidental death benefit to be paid at the certificate holder’s accidental death. The certificate holder may name one or more beneficiaries. The certificate holder cannot name you or an associated company as a beneficiary.

The certificate holder may also choose to name a beneficiary that the certificate holder 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 the certificate holder has requested another method in writing. To receive the accidental death benefit, a beneficiary must be living at the time of the certificate holder’s accidental death. In the event a beneficiary is not living at the time of the certificate holder’s accidental death, that beneficiary’s portion of the accidental death benefit shall be equally distributed to the remaining surviving beneficiaries. In the event of the simultaneous deaths of the certificate holder and a beneficiary, the accidental death benefit will be paid as if the certificate holder survived the beneficiary.

If there is no eligible beneficiary, or if the certificate holder does not name one, we will pay the accidental death benefit to:

1. the certificate holder’s lawful spouse, if living, otherwise;
2. the certificate holder’s natural or legally adopted child (children) in equal shares, if living, otherwise;
3. the certificate holder’s parents in equal shares, if living, otherwise;
4. the certificate holder’s natural or legally adopted siblings in equal shares, if living, otherwise;

What are the notice of claim and proof of loss requirements?

Written notice of injury on which a claim may be based must be given to us within 30 days after the accident. Proof of loss must be furnished to us within 90 days after the date of loss. However, failure to give such notice and proof within the time provided will not invalidate the claim if it is shown that notice and proof were given as soon as reasonably possible.

When we receive written notice of claim, we will send the claimant our claim forms if he or she needs them. If the claimant does not receive the forms within 15 days, we will accept his or her written description as proof of loss.
Can a certificate holder add or change beneficiaries?

Yes. A certificate holder can add or change beneficiaries if all of the following are true:

1. the certificate holder's coverage is in force; and
2. we have written consent of all irrevocable beneficiaries; and
3. the certificate holder has not assigned the ownership of his or her insurance.

A request to add or change a beneficiary must be made in writing or by any other method made available under the plan. 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 a certificate holder's request.

Exclusions

What are the exclusions under this policy?

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

1. suicide or attempted suicide, whether sane or insane; or
2. intentionally self-inflicted injury or any attempt at self-inflicted injury, whether sane or insane; or
3. the insured's participation in or attempt to commit a crime, assault or felony; or
4. bodily or mental infirmity, illness or disease; or
5. medical or surgical treatment including diagnostic procedures; or
6. alcohol, drugs, poisons, gases or fumes, voluntarily taken, administered, absorbed, inhaled, ingested or injected; or
7. bacterial infection, other than infection occurring simultaneously with, and as a result of, the accidental injury; or
8. travel or flight in or on any vehicle used for aerial navigation including getting in, out, on, or off such vehicle, if the insured is:
   a. riding as a passenger in any aircraft not intended or licensed for the transportation of passengers; or
   b. acting as a pilot or a crew member of any aircraft, unless riding as a passenger; or
   c. riding as a passenger in a non-chartered aircraft which is owned, leased, operated, or controlled by the eligible employee's employer; or
   d. a student taking a flying lesson, unless riding as a passenger; or
   e. hang gliding; or
   f. parachuting, except when the insured has to make a parachute jump for self-preservation; or
9. war or any act of war, whether declared or undeclared; or
10. riot or civil insurrection; or
11. service in the military of any nation.

Additional Benefits

Unless stated otherwise, additional benefits are payable to the same person or persons who receive the accidental death and dismemberment benefits.

Additional benefits are paid in addition to any accidental death and dismemberment benefits described in the Accidental Death and Dismemberment section, unless otherwise stated. All provisions of the policy, including but not limited to the Exclusions section, shall apply to these additional benefits.

Air Bag Benefit

What is the air bag benefit?

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

1. $5,000; or
2. 100% of the insured's amount of 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, 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 policy.

Exposure Benefit

What is the exposure benefit?

If an insured is unavoidably exposed to the elements by reason of a covered accident and suffers a loss that is included in the list of covered losses as a result of such exposure, such loss will be covered under the terms of this policy.

Public Transportation Benefit

What is the public transportation benefit?

If an insured dies or suffers a covered dismemberment as a result of a covered accident which occurs while the insured is a fare-paying passenger on a public transportation vehicle, we will pay an additional benefit equal to the lesser of:

1. the insured’s full amount of insurance; or
2. $200,000.

The previously stated maximum of one and one-half times a certificate holder’s amount of insurance does not apply to this benefit.

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 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 Minnesota Life. This may or may not be the beneficiary for the rest of the accidental death proceeds. Minnesota Life may at its sole discretion pay benefits directly to the facility handling the preparation and/or transportation. All determinations and payments by Minnesota Life will be final and fully release and discharge Minnesota Life from any further liability under this repatriation benefit.

Seatbelt Benefit

What is the seatbelt benefit?

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

1. $10,000; or
2. 100% of the amount payable due to the death or dismemberment.

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 a certificate holder’s insurance end?

A certificate holder’s insurance ends on the earliest of the following:

1. the date this policy ends; or
2. the date the certificate holder no longer meets the eligibility requirements; or
3. the date this policy is amended so the certificate holder is no longer eligible; or
4. 31 days (the grace period) after the due date of any unpaid premium if the premium remains unpaid at that time; or
5. the last day for which premium contributions have been paid following a certificate holder’s written request to cease participation under this policy.

If a certificate holder’s insurance under this policy terminates due to non-payment of premiums,
his or her coverage may be reinstated if all premiums due are paid and received by us within 31 days of the date of termination and during the certificate holder’s lifetime.

Can a certificate holder’s coverage be reinstated after termination?

Yes. When a certificate holder’s coverage terminates because he or she is no longer eligible, and the certificate holder subsequently becomes eligible again, the employer may reinstate such coverage under this policy, according to its own rules and time frames, without the need to satisfy any waiting period.

When does this policy terminate?

You may terminate this policy by giving us 31 days prior written notice. We reserve the right to terminate this 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 you with notice of our intent to terminate this policy.

Can this policy be reinstated?

No. We will not reinstate this policy after it terminates. You must submit a new application for a new policy after this policy has terminated.

Family Coverage

If a certificate holder has dependents, he or she may elect AD&D coverage for his or her eligible dependents as described below. All provisions of the policy applicable to an “insured,” including but not limited to references in the Exclusions and Additional Benefits sections, shall apply to a dependent insured hereunder.

What members of the insured employee’s family are eligible for this benefit?

The following members of the insured employee’s family are eligible for this benefit:

1. the insured employee’s lawful spouse who is not legally separated from the employee or the employee’s domestic partner, and who are not eligible for insurance as an employee under this policy; and
2. the insured employee’s or insured employee’s spouse/domestic partner’s children, stepchildren, and legally adopted children, who are less than 26 years old. Eligibility begins at live birth (stillborn and un-born children are not eligible).

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

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, the insured employee applies for dependents coverage on forms which are approved by us; and
3. we receive the required premium.

Any dependent who, subsequent to the effective date of the insured employee’s dependents accidental death and dismemberment insurance, meets the requirements of this provision will become insured on the date he or she so qualifies unless additional premium is required. If additional premium is required, the insurance of such later-acquired dependent shall be effective under the same conditions which apply if the employee was then first becoming eligible for dependents insurance under this policy.

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 the insured employee’s insurance under this policy is effective.

What is the amount of the accidental death and dismemberment benefit for each insured dependent?

The amount of insurance for a dependent is shown on the specifications page. The Accidental Death and Dismemberment section found earlier in this policy describes the amount of benefits, which are based on the insured’s amount of insurance.

When will the accidental death or dismemberment benefit be payable?

We will pay the accidental death or dismemberment benefit upon receipt at our home office of written proof satisfactory to us that an insured dependent 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 dependent’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 or the minimum required by state law, whichever is greater.
To whom will we pay a dependents accidental death or dismemberment benefit?

A dependents accidental death or dismemberment benefit will be paid to the certificate holder, if living, otherwise to his or her estate.

**Family Coverage Additional Benefits**

The following benefits apply to those certificate holders who are insured for dependents insurance. Unless stated otherwise, additional benefits are payable to the same person or persons who receive the accidental death and dismemberment benefits. Additional benefits are paid in addition to any accidental death and dismemberment benefits described in the Accidental Death and Dismemberment section, unless otherwise stated. All provisions of this policy, including but not limited to the Exclusions section, shall apply to these additional benefits.

**Child Care Benefit**

What is the child care benefit?

If a certificate holder dies as a result of a covered accident and he or she is survived by his or her dependent spouse and one or more dependent children, we will pay additional benefits to reimburse the surviving spouse for child care expenses for the certificate holder's dependent children.

The benefit for each child per year will be the lesser of:

(1) 25% of the certificate holder’s amount of insurance; or
(2) $5,000; or
(3) incurred child care expenses.

Child care expenses are those expenses which are for a service or supply furnished by a licensed child care provider or facility for a dependent child’s care. No payment will be made for expenses incurred more than four years after the date of the certificate holder’s death. Proof of incurred child care expenses shall be required before any benefit payment is made. The child care benefit will be paid to the surviving parent. The maximum child care benefit payable under this benefit shall be $50,000 regardless of the number of children who qualify.

**Dependents Benefit Termination**

When does an insured dependent’s coverage terminate?

An insured dependent’s coverage terminates 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 unpaid premium if the premium remains unpaid at that time; or
(3) the last day for which premium contributions have been made following an insured employee’s written request that insurance on his or her dependents be terminated; or
(4) the date the employee is no longer covered under the group policy; or

The insured employee must notify us or the employer when he or she no longer has a dependent eligible for coverage under this benefit so that premiums may be discontinued. All premiums paid for dependents who are no longer eligible for coverage under this benefit will be refunded without any payment of claim.

**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 whenever a claim is pending and, where not forbidden by law, we reserve the right to have an autopsy performed in the case of death.

**What if an insured’s age has been misstated?**

If an insured’s age has been misstated, the accidental death or dismemberment benefit payable will be that amount to which the insured is entitled based on his or her correct age.

A premium adjustment will be made to the premium you pay for the insured's noncontributory insurance and to the premium an insured pays for contributory insurance, if any, so that the actual premium required at the insured's correct age is paid.

**When does an insured’s insurance become incontestable?**

Except for fraud or the non-payment of premiums, after the insured's insurance has been in force during his or her lifetime for two years from the effective date of his or her coverage, we cannot contest the insured's coverage. However, if there has been an increase in the amount of insurance for which the insured was required to apply, 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 the insured makes in his or her application will, in the absence of fraud, be considered representations and not warranties. Also, any statement an insured makes will not be used to void his or her insurance, or defend against a claim, unless the statement is contained in the application attached to the insured’s certificate.

**Can a certificate holder’s 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,
the certificate holder files the original instrument or a certified copy with us at our home office, and we send the certificate holder an acknowledged copy.

We are not responsible for the validity of any assignment. A certificate holder is responsible for ensuring that the assignment is legal in his or her state and that it accomplishes his or her 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.

**Are you required to maintain records?**

Yes. You are required to maintain adequate records of any information necessary for us to administer this policy. We can obtain them from you at any reasonable time.

If a clerical error is made in keeping records on the insurance under this policy, it will not affect otherwise valid insurance. A clerical error does not continue insurance which is otherwise stopped, nor put into effect insurance to which an insured is not otherwise entitled.

If an error causes a change in premium payment, we will make a fair adjustment.

**Will a certificate of insurance be provided for each certificate holder?**

Yes. We will provide you with a certificate of insurance for delivery to each certificate holder. The certificate will include information regarding the principal provisions of his or her coverage.

**Will this policy receive experience credits?**

Each year we will determine if this policy will receive an experience credit.

**Are you our agent?**

No. For all purposes of this policy, neither you, an associated company, nor any administrator you appoint is our agent. We will not be liable for any of your acts or omissions or those of an associated company or administrator.

**Will the provisions of this policy conform with state law?**

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