

Minnesota Benefit Association

Active Township Officers

Member Term Life Coverage



Disclosure Notice

FOR ARKANSAS RESIDENTS

Prudential's Customer Service Office:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
Prudential Group Life Claim Division
P.O. Box 8517
Philadelphia, PA 19176
1-800-524-0542

If Prudential fails to provide you with reasonable and adequate service, you may contact:

Arkansas Insurance Department
Consumer Services Division
1200 West Third Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201-1904
1-800-852-5494

FOR FLORIDA RESIDENTS

The benefits of the policy providing your coverage are governed by the law of a state other than Florida.

FOR IDAHO RESIDENTS

If you need the assistance of the governmental agency that regulates the business of insurance, you can contact the Idaho Department of Insurance by contacting:

Idaho Department of Insurance
Consumer Affairs
700 W State Street, 3rd Floor
PO Box 83720
Boise ID 83720-0043

1-800-721-3272 or 208-334-4250 or www.DOI.Idaho.gov

FOR INDIANA RESIDENTS

Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
(800) 524-0542

If you (a) need the assistance of the governmental agency that regulates insurance; or (b) have a complaint you have been unable to resolve with your insurer you may contact the Department of Insurance by mail, telephone or e-mail:

State of Indiana Department of Insurance
Consumer Services Division
311 West Washington Street, Suite 300
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Consumer Hotline: (800) 622-4461; (317) 232-2395

Complaints can be filed electronically at www.in.gov/idoi.

FOR MARYLAND RESIDENTS

The Group Insurance Contract providing coverage under this Certificate was issued in a jurisdiction other than Maryland and may not provide all of the benefits required by Maryland law.

FOR NORTH CAROLINA RESIDENTS

Notice: This Certificate of Insurance provides all of the benefits mandated by the North Carolina Insurance Code, but is issued under a group master policy located in another state and may be governed by that state's laws.

FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS

THE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED IS NOT A POLICY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR EMPLOYER TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR EMPLOYER IS A SUBSCRIBER TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM.

FOR WISCONSIN RESIDENTS

KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS

Problems with Your Insurance? - If you are having problems with your insurance company or agent, do not hesitate to contact the insurance company or agent to resolve your problem.

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**The Prudential Insurance Company of America
Prudential Group Life Claim Division
P.O. Box 8517
Philadelphia, PA 19176
1-800-524-0542**

You can also contact the **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**, a state agency which enforces Wisconsin's insurance laws, and file a complaint. You can file a complaint electronically with the **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE** at its website at <http://oci.wi.gov/>, or by contacting:

Office of the Commissioner of Insurance
Complaints Department
P.O. Box 7873
Madison, WI 53707-7873
1-800-236-8517
608-266-0103

NOTICE FOR TEXAS RESIDENTS

Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Call: Prudential Life Claim Division

Toll-free: 1-800-524-0542

Mail: P.O. Box 8517, Philadelphia, PA 19176

The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Mail: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 12030, Austin TX 78711-2030

¿Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?

Si tiene un problema con una reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en inglés) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, también debe presentar una queja a través del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja ante su compañía de seguros o HMO:

Llame a: Prudential Life Claim Division

Teléfono gratuito: 1-800-524-0542

Dirección postal: P.O. Box 8517, Philadelphia, PA 19176

El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacionada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: 1-800-252-3439

Presente u na queja en: www.tdi.texas.gov

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Dirección postal: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 12030, Austin TX 78711-2030

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Note: Any payment made under this option may be taxable. You are advised to seek the help of a professional tax advisor for assistance with any questions that you may have.

Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits: Your Group Life plan includes an option to give you flexibility in how your group life insurance benefits will be paid. If you become terminally ill, this option may allow you to have part of your life insurance benefits, which would otherwise be paid at your death, to be paid in advance to you while you are alive.

Eligibility: To be eligible to elect this option, you must furnish proof satisfactory to Prudential that your life expectancy is 6 months or less, including certification by a qualified doctor. Election of this option is also subject to the Conditions below.

Amount of Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds: The amount to be paid under this option is any amount equal to 50% of the amount in force on your life on the date Prudential receives the request for Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds, but not more than \$10,000. However, the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds may be reduced if, within 6 months after the date Prudential receives such request, a reduction on account of age would have applied to the amount of your Member Term Life Insurance. In that case, the amount of the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds may not exceed the amount of such Insurance after applying the reduction.

You may elect to have the money in one sum or 6 equal monthly payments.

Effect of Option: If you elect this option, the amount of your life insurance benefits payable to your beneficiary on your death, including any amount under an extended death benefit, will be reduced by the advanced payment. Also, if you are contributing for your life insurance benefits, the amount of your contribution will be adjusted based on the amount of insurance remaining in force.

Conditions: You cannot elect this option if your life insurance benefits are assigned unless you obtain a signed acknowledgement from the assignee of their agreement to the payment of the accelerated benefit. This option is available to you on a voluntary basis only; you are not eligible for it if (1) you are required to use it to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise or (2) you are required by a government agency to use it in order to apply for, get or keep a government benefit or entitlement. You can elect this option only once.

Premium for Accelerated Death Benefits: There is no additional charge for this benefit.

THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA

Certificate of Coverage

Prudential certifies that insurance is provided according to the Group Contract(s) for each Insured Employee. This Booklet Certificate's Schedule of Benefits shows the Contract Holder and the Group Contract Number(s).

Insured Member: You are eligible to become insured under the Group Contract if you are in the Covered Classes of this Booklet Certificate's Schedule of Benefits and meet the requirements in this Booklet Certificate's Who is Eligible section. The When You Become Insured section of this Booklet Certificate states how and when you may become insured for each Coverage. Your insurance will end when the rules in the When Your Insurance Ends section so provide. This Booklet Certificate is your Group Insurance Certificate.

This Group Insurance Certificate is part of a life insurance contract which pays accelerated death benefits at your option under conditions specified in the contract. This contract is not a long-term care contract meeting the requirements of sections 62A.46 to 62A.56 or chapter 62S of the Minnesota Insurance Code.

Beneficiary for Member Death Benefits: See the Booklet Certificate's Beneficiary Rules.

Coverages and Amounts: The available Coverages and the amounts of insurance are described in the Booklet Certificate.

If you are insured, this Booklet Certificate is your Group Insurance Certificate. It replaces any older booklets certificates issued to you for the Coverages in this Booklet Certificate's Schedule of Benefits. All Benefits are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes the Group Insurance Certificate.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
751 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

Foreword

We are pleased to present you with this Booklet Certificate. It describes the Program of benefits we have arranged for you and what you have to do to be covered for these benefits.

We believe this Program provides worthwhile protection for you and your family.

Please read this Booklet Certificate carefully. If you have any questions about the Program, we will be happy to answer them.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: *This Booklet Certificate is an important document and should be kept in a safe place. This Booklet Certificate is your Group Insurance Certificate.*

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR RESIDENTS OF CERTAIN STATES: *There are state-specific requirements that may change the provisions under the Coverage(s) described in this Group Insurance Certificate. If you live in a state that has such requirements, those requirements will apply to your Coverage(s) and are made a part of your Group Insurance Certificate. Prudential has a website that describes these state-specific requirements. You may access the website at www.prudential.com/etonline. When you access the website, you will be asked to enter your state of residence and your Access Code. **Your Access Code is 72209.***

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Schedule of Benefits

Covered Classes: The “Covered Classes” are these Members of the Contract Holder: Full-time and part-time Members who work for the township at least 20 hours per week who are at least age 18 and under age 80 on date of enrollment in the Township selected plan.

Program Date: October 1, 2024. This Booklet describes the benefits under the Group Program as of the Program Date.

- This Booklet and the Certificate of Coverage together form your Group Insurance Certificate. The Coverages in this Booklet are insured under a Group Contract issued by Prudential. All benefits are subject in every way to the entire Group Contract which includes the Group Insurance Certificate. It alone forms the agreement under which payment of insurance is made.
- The Group Contract referred to in this Booklet, or a copy of it, may be reviewed by you during regular business hours either at the office of the Contract Holder or at the Prudential Insurance Company of America’s office in Roseland, New Jersey.

BASIC MEMBER TERM LIFE COVERAGE

BENEFIT AMOUNTS:

Amount For Each Benefit Class:

Benefit Classes	Amount of Insurance*
All Members	
Bronze Plan	\$5,000
Silver Plan	\$10,000
Gold Plan	\$15,000
Platinum Plan	\$20,000

*Your coverage will terminate on the later of your retirement from the board or the group policy anniversary date on or after your 80th birthday.

Amount Limit Due to Age: When you are age 70 or more, your amount of insurance is limited. It is the Limited Percent (for that Age) of the amount for which you are insured on the day before you reach that Limiting Age. Each Age and the Limited Percent for that Age are shown below.

Age	Limited Percent
70	50
74 and more	50

The Limited Percent for an Age takes effect on the day you become insured if you are then that Age.

If your amount of insurance is reduced by this Limit, you may convert the amount of the reduction to an individual life insurance contract. The same rules and conversion period death benefit apply for

that amount as would apply if you had then ceased to be insured under the Group Contract because of your transfer out of a Covered Class.

The Delay of Effective Date section does not apply to this Amount Limit Due to Age provision.

Effect of Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits: Your amount of insurance (as determined in the absence of this provision) will be reduced by the amount of any Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds paid under the Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits.

OTHER INFORMATION

Contract Holder: MINNESOTA BENEFIT ASSOCIATION

Group Contract No.: G-72209-MN

Cost of Insurance: The insurance in this Booklet Certificate is Non-contributory Insurance.

Prudential's Address:

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
213 Washington Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

WHEN YOU HAVE A CLAIM

Each time a claim is made, it should be made without delay. Use a claim form, and follow the instructions on the form.

If you do not have a claim form, contact your Plan Administrator.

Who is Eligible to Become Insured

FOR MEMBER INSURANCE

You are eligible to become insured for Member Insurance while:

- You are a full-time or part-time Member of Minnesota Benefit Association; and
- You are in a Covered Class.

You are full-time if you are regularly working at least the number of hours in your normal full-time work week for your class, but not less than 20 hours per week. **You are part-time** if you are regularly working at least the number of hours in your normal part-time work week for your class, but not less than 20 hours per week.

Your class is determined by the Plan Administrator. This will be done under its rules, on dates it sets. The Plan Administrator must not discriminate among persons in like situations. You cannot belong to more than one class for insurance on each basis, Contributory or Non-contributory Insurance, under a Coverage. "Class" means Covered Class, Benefit Class or anything related to work, such as position or Earnings, which affects the insurance available.

The rules for obtaining Employee Insurance are in the When You Become Insured section.

When You Become Insured

FOR MEMBER INSURANCE

Your Member Insurance under a Coverage will begin the first day on which:

- You are eligible for Member Insurance; and
- You are in a Covered Class for that insurance; and
- You have met any evidence requirement for Member Insurance; and
- Your insurance is not being delayed under the Delay of Effective Date section below; and
- That Coverage is part of the Group Contract.

At any time, the benefits for which you are insured are those for your class, unless otherwise stated.

When evidence is required: In either of these situations, you must give evidence of insurability. This requirement will be met when Prudential decides the evidence is satisfactory.

- (1) You wish to become insured for life insurance and have an individual life insurance contract which you obtained by converting your insurance under a Coverage of the Group Contract.
- (2) You have not met a previous evidence requirement to become insured under any Prudential group contract for Members of the Association.

Delay of Effective Date

FOR MEMBER INSURANCE

Your Member Insurance under a Coverage will be delayed if you do not meet the Active Work Requirement on the day your insurance would otherwise begin. Instead, it will begin on the first day you meet the Active Work Requirement and the other requirements for the insurance. The same delay rule will apply to any increase in your insurance that is subject to this section. If you do not meet the Active Work Requirement on the day that an increase would take effect, it will take effect on the day you meet that requirement.

Member Term Life Coverage

FOR YOU ONLY

A. DEATH BENEFIT WHILE A COVERED PERSON.

If you die while a Covered Person, the amount of your Member Term Life Insurance under this Coverage is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death. But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section E.

B. DEATH BENEFIT DURING CONVERSION PERIOD.

A death benefit is payable under this Section B if you die:

- (1) within 31 days after you cease to be a Covered Person; and
- (2) while entitled (under Section D) to convert your Member Term Life Insurance under this Coverage to an individual contract.

The amount of the benefit is equal to the amount of Member Term Life Insurance under this Coverage you were entitled to convert. It is payable even if you did not apply for conversion. It is payable when Prudential receives written proof of death. But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section E.

C. EXTENDED DEATH BENEFIT AND WAIVER OF PREMIUMS DURING TOTAL DISABILITY.

If you meet the conditions below, your death benefit protection will be extended while you are Totally Disabled, and from the date Prudential receives proof as described below, premiums for your Member Term Life Insurance under this Coverage will be waived while your death benefit protection is extended. The "Extended Death Benefit" is the benefit described in this Section C.

The conditions referred to above are:

- (1) You become Totally Disabled while you are a Covered Person.
- (2) You are less than age 60 when your Total Disability starts.

Total Disability: You are "Totally Disabled" when:

- (1) You are not working at any job for wage or profit; and
- (2) Due to Sickness, Injury or both, you are not able to perform for wage or profit, the material and substantial duties of any job for which you are reasonably fitted by your education, training or experience.

The extension ends one year after your Total Disability started, unless, within that year, you give Prudential written proof that:

- (1) You have met the above conditions; and

- (2) You are still Totally Disabled; and
- (3) Your Total Disability has continued for at least 6 months.

Prudential will then further extend your death benefit protection for successive one year periods. The first of these periods will start on the date Prudential receives this proof. After that first period, you must give written proof when and as required by Prudential once each year that your Total Disability continues.

If you die while your death benefit protection is being extended, the Extended Death Benefit is payable when Prudential receives written proof that:

- (1) Your Total Disability continued until your death; and
- (2) All of the above conditions have been met.

But, all or part of the death benefit is not payable if it is excluded under Section E.

If you die within one year after your Total Disability started and before you give Prudential proof of Total Disability, written notice of your death must be given to Prudential within one year after your death.

Your extension protection ends if and when:

- (1) Your Total Disability ends; or
- (2) You reach age 65; or
- (3) You fail to furnish any required proof that your Total Disability continues; or
- (4) You fail to submit to a medical exam by Doctors named by Prudential when and as often as Prudential requires. After two full years of this protection, Prudential will not require an exam more than once a year.

But, your extension protection will not end solely because the Group Contract ends.

If your extension protection ends after you have given the first proof of continued Total Disability, you have the same rights and benefits under Sections B and D as if you ceased to be a member of the Covered Classes for the insurance. But this does not apply if you become a Covered Person within 31 days after this protection ends.

Amount of Extended Death Benefit: This amount is determined as if you had remained a Covered Person until death. But it is reduced by any amount payable under Sections A or B above or any Prudential group life insurance that replaces this Coverage for a class of Employees.

Effect of Conversion: An individual contract issued under Section D will be in place of all rights under this Section C. But if you have met all the requirements of this Section C, you can obtain these rights in exchange for all benefits of the individual contract. Premiums paid under the individual contract will be refunded. Your choice of Beneficiary in the individual contract, if different than for this Coverage, will be considered notice of change of Beneficiary for any claim under this Section C.

D. CONVERSION PRIVILEGE.

If you cease to be insured for the Member Term Life Insurance of the Group Contract for one of the reasons stated below, you may convert all or part of your insurance under this Coverage, which then

ends, to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. The reasons are:

- (1) Your employment or membership ends or you transfer out of a Covered Class.
- (2) All term life insurance of the Group Contract for your class ends by amendment or end of the Group Contract.

Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section D.

Availability: You must apply for the individual contract and pay the first premium within 31 days after you cease to be insured for the Member Term Life Insurance.

Individual Contract Rules: The individual contract must conform to the following:

Amount: Not more than your Member Term Life Insurance under this Coverage when your insurance ends.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

- (1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and
- (2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for.

This does not include term insurance or a contract with disability or supplementary benefits.

Premium: Based on Prudential's rate as it applies to the form and amount, and to your class of risk and age at the time.

Effective Date: The end of the 31 day period during which you may apply for it.

E. SUICIDE EXCLUSION.

If your death results from or is caused by suicide, while sane or insane:

- (1) A death benefit is not payable if you die within two years of the date you became a Covered Person. But, Prudential will refund any premiums paid for your Member Term Life Insurance under this Coverage.
- (2) The amount of any increase in your death benefit is not payable if you die within two years of the date of the increase. But, Prudential will refund any premiums paid for that increase.

Any death benefit provided under a section of this Coverage is payable according to that section and the Beneficiary and Mode of Settlement Rules.

Option to Accelerate Payment of Death Benefits

Note:

- (1) If you elect this option, the amount of your Member Term Life Insurance is reduced by any payment made under this option.
- (2) Any payment made under this option may be taxable. You are advised to seek the help of a professional tax advisor for assistance with any questions that you may have.
- (3) If you elect this option, your eligibility for Medicaid or other government programs may be affected. You are advised to seek the help of a professional legal advisor for assistance with any questions that you may have.
- (4) Receipt of an accelerated death benefit will not affect the amount of any applicable accidental death benefit.

The following is added to the Member Term Life Coverage provision:

Definitions

- Terminally Ill Member: A Member whose life expectancy is 6 months as certified by a Doctor.
- Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds: The amount of Member Term Life Insurance that you may elect to place under this option. The Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds are equal to 50% of the amount in force on your life on the date Prudential receives the request for Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds, but not more than \$10,000. However, the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds may be reduced if, within 6 months after the date Prudential receives such proof, a reduction on account of age would have applied to the amount of your Member Term Life Insurance. In that case, the amount of the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds may not exceed the amount of such Insurance after applying the reduction.

Option: If you become Terminally Ill while insured under the Member Term Life Insurance provision or while your death benefit protection is being extended under the Extended Death Benefit and Waiver of Premiums During Total Disability provision of the Member Term Life Insurance, you may elect to have the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds placed under this option. During your lifetime, you may elect to have Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds placed under this option provided the total Proceeds placed under this option due to Terminal Illness does not exceed 50% of the amount in force on your life on the date Prudential approves the request for Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds due to Terminal Illness but not more than \$10,000. That election is subject to the conditions set forth below.

Payment of Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds: If you elect this option, Prudential will pay the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds you place under this option in one sum when Prudential approves your claim for Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds.

If you do not want the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds in one sum, you may elect to have them paid in 6 equal monthly installments. The first monthly payment will be due the first of the month following the month in which Prudential approves your claim for Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds. The other payments will be processed on the first day of each subsequent month.

To Whom Payable: The Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds are payable to you.

Amount Due But Unpaid at Your Death: If you elect monthly installments and you die before all payments have been made, Prudential will pay your Beneficiary or Beneficiaries determined under the Beneficiary Rules in one sum. That sum will be the total of the payments that remain.

Conditions: Your right to be paid under this option is subject to these terms:

- (1) You must choose this option in writing in a form that satisfies Prudential.
- (2) You are not eligible to convert your group life insurance coverage to an individual life insurance policy.
- (3) You must furnish proof to Prudential that you are a Terminally Ill Member, including certification by a Doctor
- (4) You obtain a signed acknowledgement from the assignee of their agreement to the payment of the accelerated benefit if your Member Term Life Insurance has been assigned.
- (5) Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds will be made available to you on a voluntary basis only. Therefore:
 - (a) If you are required by law to use this option to meet the claims of creditors, whether in bankruptcy or otherwise, you are not eligible for this benefit.
 - (b) If you are required by a government agency to use this option in order to apply for, get or keep a government benefit or entitlement, you are not eligible for this benefit.

Effect on Insurance: The Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds is in lieu of the benefits that would have been paid on your death. When you elect this option, the total amount of Member Term Life Insurance otherwise payable on your death, including any amount under the Extended Death Benefit and Waiver of Premiums During Total Disability, will be reduced by the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds. Also, any amount you could otherwise have converted to an individual contract will be reduced by the Accelerated Life Insurance Proceeds. However, any such reduction in the total amount of Member Term Life Insurance will not affect or apply to any accidental death benefit.

General Information

BENEFICIARY RULES

The rules in this section apply to insurance payable on account of your death, when the Coverage states that they do. But these rules are modified by any burial expenses rule in the Schedule of Benefits and, if there is an assignment, by the following sections: Limits on Assignments; and Effect of Gift Assignment of Rights of Group Life Insurance Under Another Group Contract.

"Beneficiary" means a person chosen, on a form approved by Prudential, to receive the insurance benefits.

You have the right to choose a Beneficiary for each Coverage under this Prudential Group Contract.

If there is a Beneficiary for the insurance under a Coverage, it is payable to that Beneficiary. Any amount of insurance under a Coverage for which there is no Beneficiary at your death will be payable to the first of the following: your (a) surviving spouse; (b) surviving child(ren) in equal shares; (c) surviving parents in equal shares; (d) surviving siblings in equal shares; (e) estate. This order will apply unless otherwise provided in the Limits on Assignments.

You may change the Beneficiary at any time without the consent of the present Beneficiary. The Beneficiary change form must be filed through the Plan Administrator. The change will take effect on the date the form is signed. But it will not apply to any amount paid by Prudential before it receives the form.

If there is more than one Beneficiary but the Beneficiary form does not specify their shares, they will share equally. If a Beneficiary dies before you, that Beneficiary's interest will end. It will be shared equally by any remaining Beneficiaries, unless the Beneficiary form states otherwise.

If you and a Beneficiary die in the same event and it cannot be determined who died first, the insurance will be payable as if that Beneficiary died before you.

MODE OF SETTLEMENT RULES

The rules in this section apply to Life Insurance payable on account of a Covered Person's death. But these rules are subject to the Limits on Assignments section.

Life Insurance is normally paid to the Beneficiary in one sum. Subject to applicable law, when the amount of the benefit is \$15,000 or more, payment in one sum will be made by establishing a retained asset account in the Beneficiary's name, unless the Beneficiary elects another settlement or payment option available, and the benefit distribution will be deemed complete when the account is established. The retained asset account is an interest-bearing draft account backed by the financial strength of Prudential. Funds are held in Prudential's general account or elsewhere as Prudential may direct and an account in the Beneficiary's name is credited interest at a rate set by Prudential's discretion, subject to a minimum rate that will change no more than once every 90 days on advance notice to the Beneficiary. The Beneficiary is provided a draftbook and has immediate access to the entire amount by writing drafts for any amount up to the account balance. The retained asset account is not a bank account and is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation; it is a contractual undertaking between Prudential and the Beneficiary. Further information about the account is provided at the time of claim. Prudential may at its discretion provide other forms of payment in one sum. But another mode of settlement may be arranged with Prudential for all or part

of the insurance, as stated below. Other Modes of Settlement include a life income option and an income option for fixed amounts or fixed time periods.

Arrangements for Mode of Settlement: You may arrange a mode of settlement by proper written request to Prudential.

If, at a Covered Person's death, no mode of settlement has been arranged for an amount of the person's Life Insurance, the Beneficiary and Prudential may then mutually agree on a mode of settlement for that amount.

Conditions for Mode of Settlement: The Beneficiary must be a natural person taking in the Beneficiary's own right. A mode of settlement will apply to secondary Beneficiaries only if Prudential agrees in writing. Each installment to a person must not be less than \$20.00. A change of Beneficiary will void any mode of settlement arranged before the change.

Choice by Beneficiary: A Beneficiary being paid under a mode of settlement may, if Prudential agrees, choose (or change the Beneficiary's choice of) a payee or payees to receive, in one sum, any amount which would otherwise be payable to the Beneficiary's estate.

Prudential has prepared information about the modes of settlement available. Ask the Plan Administrator for this.

INCONTESTABILITY OF LIFE INSURANCE

This limits Prudential's use of a person's statements in contesting an amount of Life Insurance for which the person is insured. These are statements made to persuade Prudential to accept the person for insurance. They will be considered to be made to the best of the person's knowledge and belief. These rules apply to each statement:

- (1) It will not be used in the contest unless:
 - (a) It is in a written instrument signed by the person and
 - (b) A copy of that instrument is or has been furnished to the person or to the person's Beneficiary.
- (2) If it relates to the person's insurability, it will not be used to contest the validity of insurance which has been in force, before the contest, for at least two years during the person's lifetime.

LIMITS ON ASSIGNMENTS

You may assign your insurance under a Coverage. Unless the Schedule of Benefits states otherwise, insurance under any Coverage providing death benefits or periodic benefits on account of disability may be assigned only as a gift assignment. Any rights, benefits or privileges that you have as a Member may be assigned. This includes any right you have to choose a Beneficiary or to convert to another contract of insurance. Prudential will not decide if an assignment does what it is intended to do. Prudential will not be held to know that one has been made unless it or a copy is filed with Prudential through the Plan Administrator.

This paragraph applies only to insurance for which you have the right to choose a Beneficiary, when that right has been assigned. If an assigned amount of insurance becomes payable on account of your death and, on the date of that death, there is no Beneficiary chosen by the assignee, it will be payable to:

- (1) the assignee, if living; or
- (2) the estate of the assignee, if the assignee is not living.

It will not be payable as stated in the Beneficiary Rules.

EFFECT OF GIFT ASSIGNMENT OF RIGHTS OF GROUP LIFE INSURANCE UNDER ANOTHER GROUP CONTRACT

This Section applies to all Coverages providing Member death benefits.

If you are eligible for insurance under the Group Contract on the Group Contract's effective date you will have no rights, benefits or privileges under any such Coverage if, on the day before that date, all the following were true:

- (1) You were insured for group life insurance under another group contract. That contract was issued by Prudential or another insurance carrier to cover Members of the Association.
- (2) Your group life insurance under the other group contract ended.
- (3) An irrevocable and absolute gift assignment made by you was in effect. It was made before the other contract ended. That assignment was of all your rights, benefits and privileges of the group life insurance under the other group contract. Those rights were owned by the assignee or the assignee's successor.

The owner of those rights of the group life insurance under the other group contract on the day before this Group Contract's effective date will be the owner of the rights, benefits, and privileges you would have had under a Coverage if this section did not apply. This includes, but is not limited to, any right of assignment you would have had under the Limits on Assignments section above. The term "assignee" as used in that section includes such an owner.

The term "group life insurance", as used above, means only group life insurance provided under a group contract in effect on the day before the date the Contract Holder became included under the Group Contract.

DEFINITIONS

Active Work Requirement: A requirement that you be actively at work on a full time or part time basis at the Employer's place of business or at any other place that the Employer's business requires

you to go. You are considered actively at work during a normal vacation if you were actively at work on your last regularly scheduled workday.

Calendar Year: A year starting January 1.

Contributory Insurance, Non-contributory Insurance: Contributory Insurance is insurance for which the Contract Holder has the right to and may require your direct contribution to the cost of coverage. Non-contributory Insurance premiums are paid by the Contract Holder, usually without direct contribution from you. The rate for Non-contributory insurance may be determined, or in some cases, reduced, in part, based on your contributions for contributory insurance or other benefits offered to you under the Contract Holder benefit plan.

Coverage: A part of the Booklet Certificate consisting of:

- (1) A benefit page labeled as a Coverage in its title.
- (2) Any page or pages that continue the same kind of benefits.
- (3) A Schedule of Benefits entry and other benefit pages or forms that by their terms apply to that kind of benefits.

Covered Person under a Coverage: A Member who is insured for Member Insurance under that Coverage.

Doctor: A licensed practitioner of the healing arts acting within the scope of the license.

Injury: Injury to the body of a Covered Person.

Member: A person who is an active dues paying member in good standing of Minnesota Benefit Association. The term also applies to that person for any rights after insurance ends.

Member Insurance: Insurance on the person of a Member.

Prudential: The Prudential Insurance Company of America.

Sickness: Any disorder of the body or mind of a Covered Person, but not an Injury; pregnancy of a Covered Person, including abortion, miscarriage or childbirth.

You: A Member.

When Your Insurance Ends

MEMBER INSURANCE

Your Member Insurance under a Coverage will end when the first of these occurs:

- Your membership in the Covered Classes for the insurance ends because your employment ends (see below) or for any other reason.
- The part of the Group Contract providing the insurance ends.
- You make a written request to the Contract Holder to end your Member Insurance under a Coverage.

Notice to Covered Persons: If Prudential ends all or part of the Group Contract for any reason, Prudential will make a good faith effort to so notify all Covered Persons at least 30 days before the date the Group Contract, or any part of it, ends. At the time of application, the Plan Administrator will give Prudential a list, by coverage, of the names and home addresses of all Covered Persons. On each Contract Anniversary, the Plan Administrator will give Prudential any updates to this list.

If the Plan Administrator replaces all or part of the Group Contract with a substantially similar plan, Prudential will not provide the notices described in this section.

End of Employment: For insurance purposes, your employment will end when you are no longer a full-time or part-time Member actively at work for the Association. But, under the terms of the Group Contract, the Contract Holder may consider you as still employed in the Covered Classes during certain types of absences from full-time or part-time work. This is subject to any time limits or other conditions stated in the Group Contract.

If you stop active full-time or part-time work for any reason, you should contact the Plan Administrator at once to determine what arrangements, if any, have been made to continue any of your insurance.

CONTINUED EMPLOYEE TERM LIFE INSURANCE AT YOUR OPTION

These provisions apply to the life Coverages of the Group Contract. They describe who has the right to continue insurance under the Member Term Life Insurance and how it may be continued beyond the date it would otherwise have ended above.

Right to Continue Insurance: A right under this part is subject to the rest of these provisions:

You have the right to continue your Member Term Life Insurance under the life Coverages of the Group Contract if your insurance would have ended because: (1) your employment ended; or (2) your work hours were reduced.

Continuation: The Contract Holder will give a written notice of the right to elect to continue the insurance. Such notice will state the amount of the payments, if any, required for the continued insurance and the manner in which any payments must be made. The amount of the contributions required to keep the insurance in force may be different from the amount you have been contributing. But, in no event will the amount exceed 102% of the cost for other Members in like circumstances whose employment is not ending or whose work hours have not been reduced. Thereafter, Prudential reserves the right to increase premium rates.

If you want to continue the insurance, the election notice must be completed and returned to the Contract Holder, along with any required first payment, within 60 days of the later of: (1) the date the insurance would otherwise have ended; or (2) the date you receive the notice informing you of the right to continue. If this is done, the insurance will be continued from the date it would have ended until the first of these occurs:

- (1) The day 18 months from the date employment ended or work hours were reduced.
- (2) If you fail to make any payment required by the Contract Holder for the continued insurance, the end of the period for which you have made required payments.
- (3) The day you become covered under any other group life plan.
- (4) The part of the Group Contract providing the insurance ends.

If you die during the 60 day election period but prior to making an election to continue or reject continuation of the insurance, a death benefit is payable. The amount of the death benefit is equal to the amount you were entitled to continue, less any unpaid premium contributions owed on the date of death.

While Member Term Life Insurance is continued under this part, all other terms of the Group Contract will apply, except that the For Member Insurance part of the Delay of Effective Date section will not apply.

When continued insurance under this provision ends, you may elect to convert your coverage. See the Conversion section below.

CONVERSION AFTER CONTINUATION FOR LIFE INSURANCE COVERAGE

At the expiration of the Continuation coverage, you may convert all or part of your insurance under this Coverage, which then ends, to an individual life insurance contract. Evidence of insurability is not required. Any such conversion is subject to the rest of this Section.

Availability: You must apply for the individual contract and pay the first premium within 31 days after the expiration of your continued coverage.

Individual Contract Rules: The individual contract must conform to the following:

Amount: Not more than your Member Term Life Insurance under this Coverage when your continued coverage ends.

Form: Any form of a life insurance contract that:

- (1) conforms to Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, having no distinction based on sex; and
- (2) is one that Prudential usually issues at the age and amount applied for; and
- (3) provides the same or substantially similar benefits.

Premium: Based on Prudential's rate as it applies to the form and amount, and to your class of risk and age at the time.

Effective Date: The end of the 31 day period during which you may apply for it.

**The Claims and Appeals section
is not part of the
Group Insurance Certificate.**

CLAIMS AND APPEALS

Plan Benefits Provided by

The Prudential Insurance Company of America
751 Broad Street
Newark, New Jersey 07102

This Group Contract underwritten by The Prudential Insurance Company of America provides insured benefits. For all purposes of this Group Contract, the Employer/Policyholder acts on its own behalf or as an agent of its employees. Under no circumstances will the Employer/Policyholder be deemed the agent of The Prudential Insurance Company of America, absent a written authorization of such status executed between the Employer/Policyholder and The Prudential Insurance Company of America. Nothing in these documents shall, of themselves, be deemed to be such written execution.

Claim Procedures

1. Determination of Benefits

Prudential shall notify you of the claim determination within 45 days of the receipt of your claim. This period may be extended by 30 days if such an extension is necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide your claim, shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. This period may be extended for an additional 30 days beyond the original 30-day extension if necessary due to matters beyond the control of the plan. A written notice of the additional extension, the reason for the additional extension and the date by which the plan expects to decide on your claim, shall be furnished to you within the first 30-day extension period if an additional extension of time is needed. However, if a period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the claim, the period for making the benefit determination by Prudential will be tolled (i.e., suspended) from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If your claim for benefits is denied, in whole or in part, you or your authorized representative will receive a written notice from Prudential of your denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by you and shall include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the denial,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the benefit determination was based,
- (c) a description of any additional material or information necessary for you to perfect a claim and an explanation of why such information is necessary,
- (d) a description of Prudential's appeals procedures and applicable time limits, and
- (e) if an adverse benefit determination is based on a medical necessity or experimental treatment or similar exclusion or limit, an explanation of the scientific or clinical judgment for the determination will be provided free of charge upon request.

2. Appeals of Adverse Determination

If your claim for benefits is denied or if you do not receive a response to your claim within

the appropriate time frame (in which case the claim for benefits is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may appeal your denied claim in writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

A full review of the information in the claim file and any new information submitted to support the appeal will be conducted by Prudential, utilizing individuals not involved in the initial benefit determination. This review will not afford any deference to the initial benefit determination.

Prudential shall make a determination on your claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to an additional 45 days if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date that Prudential expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled (i.e., suspended) from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include:

- (a) the specific reason(s) for the adverse determination,
- (b) references to the specific plan provisions on which the determination was based,
- (c) a statement that you are entitled to receive upon request and free of charge reasonable access to, and make copies of, all records, documents and other information relevant to your benefit claim upon request,
- (d) a description of Prudential's review procedures and applicable time limits,
- (e) a statement that you have the right to obtain upon request and free of charge, a copy of internal rules or guidelines relied upon in making this determination, and
- (f) a statement describing any appeals procedures offered by the plan.

If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

If the appeal of your benefit claim is denied or if you do not receive a response to your appeal within the appropriate time frame (in which case the appeal is deemed to have been denied), you or your representative may make a second, voluntary appeal of your denial in writing to Prudential within 180 days of the receipt of the written notice of denial or 180 days from the date such claim is deemed denied. You may submit with your second appeal any written comments, documents, records and any other information relating to your claim. Upon your request, you will also have access to, and the right to obtain copies of, all documents, records and information relevant to your claim free of charge.

Prudential shall make a determination on your second claim appeal within 45 days of the receipt of your appeal request. This period may be extended by up to an additional 45 days

if Prudential determines that special circumstances require an extension of time. A written notice of the extension, the reason for the extension and the date by which Prudential expects to render a decision shall be furnished to you within the initial 45-day period. However, if the period of time is extended due to your failure to submit information necessary to decide the appeal, the period for making the benefit determination will be tolled from the date on which the notification of the extension is sent to you until the date on which you respond to the request for additional information.

Your decision to submit a benefit dispute to this voluntary second level of appeal has no effect on your right to any other benefits under this plan. If you elect to initiate a lawsuit without submitting to a second level of appeal, the plan waives any right to assert that you failed to exhaust administrative remedies. If you elect to submit the dispute to the second level of appeal, the plan agrees that any statute of limitations or other defense based on timeliness is tolled during the time that the appeal is pending.

If the claim on appeal is denied in whole or in part for a second time, you will receive a written notification from Prudential of the denial. The notice will be written in a manner calculated to be understood by the applicant and shall include the same information that was included in the first adverse determination letter. If a decision on appeal is not furnished to you within the time frames mentioned above, the claim shall be deemed denied on appeal.

