

Standard Insurance Company Life Benefits Department 800.628.8600 Fax 888.414.0389 PO Box 2800 Portland OR 97208 New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority Life Insurance Benefits Application Instructions

### **Please Read Carefully**

The application for life insurance benefits consists of the forms included in this packet, as well as the additional information noted under item 1 below. Please fill out every space on the Proof of Death form to avoid delays in our examination of your application for benefits. If a section does not apply, or information is not available, please write "NONE" in the space, so that we know you did not overlook the particular question. If an incomplete form is received, it may be returned for completion.

Note: original documents will not be returned.

- 1. Include the following information with the Proof of Death form.
  - Beneficiary Statement(s).

    (See attached. If there is more than one beneficiary, please make a copy of the front and back of the statement.)
  - Photocopy of the death certificate.
  - Copies of all enrollment forms and change of beneficiary cards.
- 2. Please have the beneficiary(ies) carefully read and complete the Beneficiary Statement which contains information about taxes and the Standard Secure Access account.

Beneficiaries may receive their funds via Standard Secure Access (SSA) in accordance with the terms of the group policy. SSA is a convenient, interest-bearing checking account in which life insurance proceeds are deposited. With SSA, the beneficiary is able to earn interest on the life insurance proceeds while taking the time to weigh important financial decisions that often follow the death of a loved one.

The beneficiary will be mailed a checkbook once the claim is approved. In addition, all SSA accountholders have access to 24-hour customer service via a voice response unit (VRU) and a dedicated customer service team.

Please make sure all required forms are completed and returned to our office. Our examination of the claim will begin when all completed forms are received. Should you have questions, our office is available to assist you. Please call (800) 628-8600.

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Proof of Death Claim Form

Please type or print. Forms may be returned for unanswered questions.

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Social Security No.:					Date of Membership/Employment:					
Date of Death:  Date of Birth:				Date Member was last actively at work:						
CLAIM TYPE:	☐ Spouse	☐ Child			Had Member's employment terminated prior to death?					
					☐ Yes ☐ No If Yes, Date:					
Name of Member:					Reason Member ceased working:					
					☐ Death ☐ Illness ☐ Other (explain)					
School Name and District No:										
Group Policy No.:		Insurance (	Class: (see Grou	p Policy)	Premiums paid through month of death?					
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Occupation.					Current base annual salary:  Date of last salary increase:					
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In addition to this form, p	lease subn	nit the follo	wing items to	o avoid claim o	delays: (Note: origin	al documents	will not be	returned)		
Beneficiary Statement.		For Accidental Death claims, if reports are not available when a claim								
<ul> <li>Photocopies of enrollmer</li> </ul>	nt forms and	any subse	quent beneficia	ary changes.	is submitted, The Standard will attempt to order reports directly. Please					
If no beneficiary information on file, please note in remarks box.								n. This form can be		
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Acknowledgement I hereby certify that the answers I have made to the foregoing questions are both complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that I have read the fraud notice on page 3 of this form.										
Signature of Benefit Administrator Date					Name of Employer or Association					
Benefit Administrator's Name (Please print)					Street Address					
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Phone No.										
					City	Stat	e	Zip Code		

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Some states require us to provide the following information to you:

#### ALABAMA, MARYLAND AND RHODE ISLAND RESIDENTS

Any person who knowingly or willfully presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or who knowingly or willfully presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in prison.

#### **CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS**

For your protection, California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

#### COLORADO RESIDENTS

It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of insurance, and civil damages. Any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to the policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with regard to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds shall be reported to the Colorado division of insurance within the department of regulatory agencies.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA RESIDENTS

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#### FLORIDA RESIDENTS

Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive an insurance company, files a statement of claim or an application containing false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

#### **NEW JERSEY RESIDENTS**

Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

#### **NEW YORK RESIDENTS**

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim, containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

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#### ALL OTHER RESIDENTS

Some states require us to inform you that any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive an insurance company, or other person, files a statement containing false or misleading information concerning any fact material hereto commits a fraudulent insurance act which is subject to civil and/or criminal penalties, depending upon the state. Such actions may be deemed a felony and substantial fines may be imposed.

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## New Mexico Public Schools Insurance Authority Life Insurance Benefits Beneficiary Statement

#### AGREEMENT

I am claiming my share of the proceeds available under the Standard Insurance Company policy or policies. I agree that this Beneficiary Statement, a photocopy of the insured's death certificate and all other documents required by Standard Insurance Company in regard to my claim shall serve as proof of death of the insured. I also agree that, by providing this form, Standard Insurance Company does not waive any of its rights or defenses in regard to the payment of my claim.

#### IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION

**Taxpayer Identification Number** — The Federal government requires us to report interest we pay you. Therefore, we are required to obtain your Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number, which you must certify under penalties of perjury. If you fail to supply us with an identification number, the Federal government requires us to withhold a portion of your interest as a deposit against the taxes that may be due.

#### Certification — Under Penalties Of Perjury, I Certify That:

- 1. My Social Security Number or Employer Identification Number shown on this form is my correct Taxpayer Identification Number; and
- 2. I am not subject to backup withholding because: (a) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (b) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding; and
- 3. I am a U.S. person (includes a U.S. resident alien); and
- 4. I am exempt from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting.

service via a voice response unit (VRU) and a dedicated customer service team.

<u>Certification Instructions</u> — <u>You must</u> check this box if the IRS has notified you that you are subject to backup withholding. □

If you are not a U.S. citizen, U.S. resident alien or other U.S. person, you must submit the applicable Form W-8 to certify your foreign status and, if applicable, claim treaty benefits.

We may contact you for more information if there are any questions about your Taxpayer Identification Number or backup withholding status, or if you are a non-resident alien or foreign entity.

The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.

#### METHOD OF PAYMENT

☐ 1. Payment by Check
Funds under \$25,000, and for policies issued in and for residents of California, Florida, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland and Rhode Island, payment will be made in a lump sum, by check to the beneficiary unless requested otherwise.
☐ 2. Payment by SSA
☐ 3. Lump Sum Check
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If you decide to assign a portion of your benefits to a funeral home, please include a notarized assignment form (*supplied by the funeral home*) and an itemized copy of the funeral bill. A separate check for the amount of the assignment will be delivered directly to the funeral home.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SIGNATURE

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## **Standard Secure Access (SSA) Account:**

The SSA Account is a money market checking account. Checks drawn on the SSA Account are payable through The Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois. Checks for \$250 or more may be written against the account balance using special checks provided. There is no limit on the number of checks that can be written against the balance of the account. A check for the full balance may be written at any time. If at any time the account balance falls below \$500, the account automatically will be closed at the end of that month. The final account balance, including interest credited, will be provided by mail.

The SSA Account funds begin earning interest the day they are deposited, with interest compounded daily and added to the account on the last day of the month. The account accrues interest based on the 13-week U.S. Treasury Bill auction rate. Principal and any interest earned are fully guaranteed by The Standard. The interest earned on the SSA Account may be taxable. A personal tax and/or legal advisor should be consulted with questions related to tax issues, and a financial advisor should be consulted for information about other investment opportunities.

An SSA Account statement showing the beginning balance, any withdrawals, interest credited, special service charges if any and the current interest rate that the account is earning is provided monthly by mail.

The SSA Account has no monthly service fees, no per check charges and no charge for additional checks. However, there may be special fees for some services. The current special fees are: \$25.00 for each check returned by the bank as unpaid, such as a check written for more than the account balance; and \$25.00 per check for each Stop Payment order. These fees will be deducted from the account balance and will appear on the monthly statement. The fees are applicable from the date of this disclosure and may change in the future.

Depositing the total proceeds in an SSA Account fully discharges The Standard's obligation under the group life insurance policy. Additional deposits cannot be made to an SSA Account.

The Beneficiary will be mailed a checkbook once the claim is approved. In addition, all SSA accountholders have access to 24-hour customer service via voice response unit (VRU) and a dedicated customer service team.

The account is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). The National Association of Insurance Commissioners (NAIC) advises that you can contact the National Organization of Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Associations at <a href="https://www.nolhga.com">www.nolhga.com</a> for information about coverage and limitations for retained asset accounts by State Guaranty Associations.

While accountholders may choose not to withdraw any portion of these proceeds from their account, they must keep the account active. We will contact accountholders periodically to confirm that they wish to maintain their account. If we do not receive a response, the account may become dormant and presumed abandoned, after which the proceeds may be transferred to the accountholder's state treasurer's office, and the accountholder will need to file a claim with the state to get the proceeds back.

If there are questions, please contact The Standard Life Benefits Department, PO Box 2800, Portland, OR 97208-9929, or call 800.628.8600.

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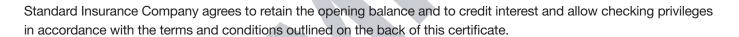
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# Standard Secure Access Confirmation Certificate



Checks drawn on the Standard Secure Access account are payable through The Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois, or any successor bank appointed by The Standard.



If you have any questions, please call:

800.343.2551

Or write to us at:

Standard Secure Access Account PO Box 92987 Chicago IL 60675-2987

## **Standard Insurance Company**

## Standard Secure Access

## Terms and Conditions

## **Ownership Rights**

You are the owner of this account. The owner alone has the right to write checks against the account balance and to exercise all the rights and privileges provided by this account or allowed by Standard Insurance Company ("The Standard").

#### **Effective Date**

The effective date is the date the account was established.

#### Interest

Interest is earned on your account from the effective date at a rate based on the 13-week Treasury Bill auction rate but not to exceed 5% and as shown on your monthly statement. Interest is compounded daily and is credited to your account on the last day of the month. Principal and any interest earned in the Standard Secure Access account are fully guaranteed by The Standard.

#### Minimum Balance Requirements

If at any time the account balance falls below \$500, the account automatically will be closed at the end of that month. The final account balance, including interest credited, will be mailed to you.

#### **Minimum Check Amount**

You may write checks for \$250 or more against your account balance using the special checks provided to you. There is no limit on the number of checks you can write against the balance of your account.

#### **Statements**

Each month you will receive a statement of your account by mail showing your beginning balance, any withdrawals, interest credited, special service charges if any (see Special Fees section) and the interest rate that your account is earning. Canceled checks are not returned with your account statement but are available at no cost.

### **Special Fees**

Basic Services on your account are provided to you at no cost. There are no monthly services fees, no per check charges and no charge for additional checks. There are special fees for special services you may incur. The current special fees are:

- \$25.00 for each check returned by the bank as unpaid, such as a check written for more than your account balance
- \$25.00 per check for each Stop Payment order

## Rules and Regulations of the Bank

Checks drawn on Standard Secure Access accounts are payable as drafts through The Northern Trust Company, Chicago, IL. Your Standard Secure Access account is also subject to applicable banking laws and regulations.

## **Deposits**

Additional deposits cannot be made into this account.

## **Assignments**

No assignment of the Standard Secure Access account will be permitted. Any attempted assignment will not be binding on The Standard, its third party administrator or any successor administrator.

## **Changes in Terms and Conditions**

The Standard reserves the right to terminate this program, make changes to the terms and conditions and change the commercial bank being used as a clearing facility. If termination occurs or such changes are made, The Standard will notify you of the changes. All agreements made by The Standard are signed by an officer of The Standard. No other person can change or waive any of the conditions of this certificate or make any agreement that will be binding upon The Standard.

Standard Insurance Company

Greg Ness, President and CEO