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MN Life to Offer Group Dental Plans Through Securian Dental

Bundled offering will create unique marketplace presence

EAGAN, MINN (Oct. 4, 2006) — Two of the nation’s fastest-growing benefit providers -- Minnesota Life’s Group Insurance and DeCare Dental – are pairing up to offer large employers unique employee benefits packages of life and dental insurance.

The two companies already have strong ties under the Securian brand. Minnesota Life is the parent of Securian Life, which partnered with DeCare Dental to offer Securian Dental products. The Minnesota Life Group Insurance-Securian Dental partnership provides large employers a convenient, single source for two important employee benefits.

“Both of our companies are known for great service and competitive pricing,” said Jim Johnson, executive vice president, Minnesota Life Group Insurance. “Together we can offer Fortune 1000 employers products and services that will serve their employees and their companies well.”

Minnesota Life pioneered web-based administration of group life insurance benefits and continues to lead the industry in providing convenient, customized benefits technology to large employers. Likewise, Securian Dental plans can be tailored to meet the unique needs of each employer group. Whether employers choose to self-fund or fully insure their dental plan they have access to Securian’s extensive national dentist network.

“Securian Dental offers the flexibility and scalability to handle groups of any size,” said Gary White, chief sales officer. “We focus exclusively on dental benefits and, like Minnesota Life, we hear from clients that our service sets us apart from the competition.”

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About Minnesota Life

With \$420 billion of life insurance in force, Minnesota Life Group Insurance is one of the fastest-growing group life insurers in the US, rising from sixteenth largest in 1997 to sixth in 2004 according to A.M. Best. Respondents to customer surveys are 100 per cent satisfied with the service they receive from Minnesota Life, giving the company the exceptional Net Promoter[®] Score of 87 percent. For more information about web-based services offered by Minnesota Life Group Insurance, visit www.lifebenefits.com.

About Securian Dental Plans

Securian Dental plans (www.securiandental.com), available in 46 states, are underwritten by Securian Life Insurance Company and administered by DeCare Dental Health International LLC. In California, Securian Dental is underwritten by Securian Life Insurance Company, offered through DeCare Dental Insurance Services, LLC and administered by DDHI Administrators LLC.

With a 35-year track record of success, the DeCare Dental family of companies is a leading dental benefits management group that oversees almost \$1 billion in managed revenues, serving 3.7 million individuals in more than 18,000 employer groups, including Fortune 500 corporations, small businesses, non-profits and government entities in the United States and Europe.

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