

YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

**State System of Higher Education
(Employees represented by AFSCME, PDA, PSSU,
OPEIU and SPFPA)**

Basic Life Insurance

Accidental Death Insurance

Certificate Date: January 1, 2025

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
625 Forster Street - 108 Health & Welfare Building
Harrisburg, PA 17120

TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

All of us appreciate the protection and security insurance provides.

This certificate describes the benefits that are available to you. We urge you to read it carefully.

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania



Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166

CERTIFICATE RIDER

Group Policy No.: 149649-1-G
Policyholder: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Effective Date: January 1, 2025

The Certificate is changed as shown below:

The Certificate is revised to add the following:

“How We Will Pay Benefits

Unless the Beneficiary requests payment by check, when the Certificate states that We will pay benefits in "one sum", "lump sum" or a "single sum", We may pay the full benefit amount:

1. by check;
2. by establishing an account that earns interest and provides the Beneficiary with immediate access to the full benefit amount; or
3. by any other method that provides the Beneficiary with immediate access to the full benefit amount.

Other modes of payment may be available upon request. For details, call Our toll free number shown on the Certificate Face Page.”

This rider is to be attached to and made a part of the Certificate



Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
200 Park Avenue, New York, New York 10166

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife"), a stock company, certifies that You are insured for the benefits described in this certificate, subject to the provisions of this certificate. This certificate is issued to You under the Group Policy and it includes the terms and provisions of the Group Policy that describe Your insurance. **PLEASE READ THIS CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY.**

This certificate is part of the Group Policy. The Group Policy is a contract between MetLife and the Policyholder and may be changed or ended without Your consent or notice to You.

Policyholder: Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Group Policy Number: 149649-1-G

Type of Insurance: Term Life & Accidental Death Insurance

**MetLife Toll Free Number(s):
For Claim Information** FOR LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH CLAIMS: 1-855-972-5433

THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES TERM LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE.

THE BENEFITS OF THE POLICY PROVIDING YOUR COVERAGE ARE GOVERNED PRIMARILY BY THE LAW OF A STATE OTHER THAN FLORIDA.

For Idaho Residents: TEN DAY RIGHT TO EXAMINE CERTIFICATE: You may return the certificate to Us within 10 days from the date You receive it. If You return it within the 10 day period, the certificate will be considered never to have been issued. We will refund any premium paid after We receive Your notice of cancellation.

THE GROUP INSURANCE POLICY PROVIDING COVERAGE UNDER THIS CERTIFICATE WAS ISSUED IN A JURISDICTION OTHER THAN MARYLAND AND MAY NOT PROVIDE ALL THE BENEFITS REQUIRED BY MARYLAND LAW.

WE ARE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW TO INCLUDE THE NOTICE(S) WHICH APPEAR ON THIS PAGE AND IN THE NOTICE(S) SECTION WHICH FOLLOWS THIS PAGE. PLEASE READ THE(SE) NOTICE(S) CAREFULLY.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS

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.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

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

Call: Corporate Consumer Relations Department at 1-800-438-6388

Toll-free: 1-800-438-6388

Email: Johnstown_Complaint_Referrals@metlife.com

Mail: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
700 Quaker Lane
2nd Floor
Warwick, RI 02886

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: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, 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.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

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

Llame a: Departamento de Relaciones Corporativas del Consumidor al 1-800-438-6388

Teléfono gratuito: 1-800-438-6388

Correo electrónico: Johnstown_Complaint_Referrals@metlife.com

Dirección postal: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
700 Quaker Lane
2nd Floor
Warwick, RI 02886

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 una queja en: www.tdi.texas.gov

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Dirección postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON

LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO)

The Life Insurance accelerated benefit does not and is not intended to qualify as long-term care under Washington state law. Washington state law prevents this accelerated life benefit from being marketed or sold as long-term care.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL STATES

LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS WILL BE REDUCED IF AN ACCELERATED BENEFIT IS PAID

DISCLOSURE: The Life Insurance accelerated benefit offered under this certificate is intended to qualify for favorable tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. If this benefit qualifies for such favorable tax treatment, the benefit will be excludable from Your income and not subject to federal taxation. Tax laws relating to accelerated benefits are complex. You are advised to consult with a qualified tax advisor about circumstances under which You could receive an accelerated benefit excludable from income under federal law.

DISCLOSURE: Receipt of an accelerated benefit may affect Your, Your Spouse's or Your family's eligibility for public assistance programs such as Medical Assistance (Medicaid), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplementary Social Security Income (SSI), and drug assistance programs. You are advised to consult with a qualified tax advisor and with social service agencies concerning how receipt of such payment will affect Your, Your Spouse's and Your family's eligibility for public assistance.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ARKANSAS

If You have a question concerning Your coverage or a claim, first contact the Policyholder or group account administrator. If, after doing so, You still have a concern, You may call the toll free telephone number shown on the Certificate Face Page.

Policyholders have the right to file a complaint with the Arkansas Insurance Department (AID). You may call AID to request a complaint form at (800) 852-5494 or (501) 371-2640 or write the Department at:

Arkansas Insurance Department
Consumer Services Division
1 Commerce Way, Suite 102
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR TO MAKE A COMPLAINT, CONTACT THE POLICYHOLDER OR METLIFE AT:

**METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
ATTN: CONSUMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
500 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15904**

1-800-438-6388

IF, AFTER CONTACTING THE POLICYHOLDER AND/OR METLIFE, YOU FEEL THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN REACHED, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AT:

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
CONSUMER SERVICES
300 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90013**

WEBSITE: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/>

**1-800-927-4357 (within California)
1-213-897-8921 (outside California)**

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA

If Your certificate includes an exclusion for the voluntary intake or use by any means of any drug, medication or sedative, unless it is taken or used as prescribed by a Physician (or a similar exclusion), We will adjudicate your claim as follows:

We will exclude any Covered Loss as a consequence of being under the influence of any intoxicant or controlled substance unless administered on the advice of a Physician.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF GEORGIA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The laws of the state of Georgia prohibit insurers from unfairly discriminating against any person based upon his or her status as a victim of family violence.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF IDAHO

If You have a question concerning Your coverage or a claim, You may call the toll free telephone number shown on the Certificate Face Page.

If You are still concerned after contacting MetLife, You should feel free to contact:

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

1-800-721-3272 (for calls placed within Idaho) or 208-334-4250 or www.DOI.Idaho.gov

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To make a complaint to MetLife, You may write to:

MetLife
200 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10166

The address of the Illinois Department of Insurance is:

Illinois Department of Insurance
Public Services Division
Springfield, Illinois 62767

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF INDIANA

Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

1-800-438-6388

If you (a) need the assistance of the government 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 email:

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

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MAINE

You have the right to designate a third party to receive notice if Your insurance is in danger of lapsing due to a default on Your part, such as for nonpayment of a contribution that is due. The intent is to allow reinstatements where the default is due to the insured person's suffering from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity. You may make this designation by completing a "Third-Party Notice Request Form" and sending it to MetLife. Once You have made a designation, You may cancel or change it by filling out a new Third-Party Notice Request Form and sending it to MetLife. The designation will be effective as of the date MetLife receives the form. Call MetLife at the toll-free telephone number shown on the face page of this certificate to obtain a Third-Party Notice Request Form. Within 90 days after cancellation of coverage for nonpayment of premium, You or any person authorized to act on Your behalf may request reinstatement of the certificate on the basis that You suffered from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time of cancellation.

NOTICE FOR MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS

CONTINUATION OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT (AD&D) INSURANCE

1. If Your AD&D Insurance ends due to a Plant Closing or Covered Partial Closing, such insurance will be continued for 90 days after the date it ends.
2. If Your AD&D Insurance ends because:
 - You cease to be in an Eligible Class; or
 - Your employment terminates;

for any reason other than a Plant Closing or Covered Partial Closing, such insurance will continue for 31 days after the date it ends.

Continuation of Your AD&D Insurance under the CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT subsection will end before the end of continuation periods shown above if You become covered for similar benefits under another plan.

Plant Closing and **Covered Partial Closing** have the meaning set forth in Massachusetts Annotated Laws, Chapter 151A, Section 71A.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MINNESOTA

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MINNESOTA CONTINUATION OF BASIC LIFE INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT

If Your Life Insurance ends due to termination of Your employment for any reason other than gross misconduct, You may continue such insurance for You.

If You are eligible for continuation of Life insurance, Your employer will notify You of:

- Your right to elect to continue Life Insurance for You;
- the amount You must pay each month to Your employer to keep such insurance in force;
- instructions for payment; and
- the time that payments are due.

The amount of the premium You will be required to pay for continuation of Life Insurance will not exceed 102 percent of the amount of premium required to be paid for active employees in Your class for such insurance (this includes any premium amounts paid by the employer as well as the employee).

You will have 60 days within which to elect to continue Life Insurance under this section. The 60 day period begins to run on the date Life Insurance would otherwise end or on the date upon which notice of the right to continue Life Insurance is received, whichever is later. If You die during the 60 day election period, we will consider You to have elected to continue Life Insurance under this section.

If Your employer fails to notify You of Your right to continue insurance under this section, or fails to forward a required premium to Us that You have paid, causing insurance for You to end, then Your employer will become liable for these benefits to the same extent as, and in place of, us.

If You continue Life Insurance under this section, any reductions in Life Insurance that would have applied if You were Actively at Work apply to the continued insurance.

Continuation of Life Insurance under this section will end on the earliest of:

- the date the group policy ends for all employees or for the class of employees to which you belonged when Your Active Work ceased;
- the date you fail to make a required premium payment when due;
- the date you become covered for life insurance under this or any other group term life insurance plan; or
- the end of 18 months following the date Your Active Work ended.

When a continuation under this section ends, You may buy an individual policy of life insurance from Us. The details of this option are described in the section LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU. For the purpose of that section, the end of this continuation will be considered the end of your employment.

Effect of Previous Conversion

If You converted Life Insurance to an individual policy, We will only pay Life Insurance under this section if such individual policy is returned to Us. If it is returned to Us, We will refund to Your estate the premiums paid for such policy without interest, less any debt incurred under such policy.

If such individual policy is not returned to Us, We will pay the life insurance in effect under the individual policy.

We will not pay insurance under both the Group Policy and the individual policy.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MISSOURI

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

EXCLUSIONS

If You reside in Missouri the exclusion for "suicide or attempted suicide" is as follows:

"suicide or attempted suicide while sane"

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS

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.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS

LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO)

The laws of the state of Texas mandate that the terms “Terminally Ill” and “Terminal Illness” when used in the LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO) FOR YOU provision means that due to injury or sickness, You are expected to die within 24 months of the date You request payment of an Accelerated Benefit.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF UTAH

Notice of Protection Provided by Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association

This notice provides a **brief summary** of the Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (“the Association”) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Utah law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your life, health, or annuity insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its insurance regulatory agency. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Utah law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies. (For the purposes of this notice, the terms “insurance company” and “insurer” include health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and limited health plans.)

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
 - o \$500,000 in death benefits
 - o \$200,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values
- Accident and Health Insurance
 - o \$500,000 for health benefit plans
 - o \$500,000 in disability income insurance benefits
 - o \$500,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
 - o \$500,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities
 - o \$250,000 in the present value of annuity benefits in aggregate, including any net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$500,000. Special rules may apply with regard to health benefit plans.

Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements and other limitations under Utah law.

Benefits provided by a long-term care rider to a life insurance or annuity contract shall be considered the same type of benefit as the base life insurance policy or annuity contract to which it relates.

To learn more about the above protections, please visit the Association's website at www.ulhiga.org or contact:

Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Assoc.
466 South 500 East, Suite 100
Salt Lake City UT 84102
(801) 320-9955

Utah Insurance Department
4315 S. 2700 W., Suite 2300
Taylorsville, UT 84129
(801) 957-9200

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON

This non-insurance benefit does not constitute an insurance funded prearrangement contract, pursuant to RCW 18.39.255.

Employees who become insured for MetLife non-contributory Basic Life Insurance under the Group Policy are eligible to receive discounts of up to 10% off the service provider's standard price for certain funeral services including funeral, cremation and cemetery products and services provided by a third party national network of funeral and funeral planning providers while such insurance remains in effect. Employees who become insured for MetLife non-contributory Basic Life Insurance will also have access to funeral planning resources including funeral planning tools and concierge services provided by the same national network of providers. MetLife has arranged for these services and discounts to be provided to Employees and their spouses for no additional premium. MetLife is not responsible for providing or failing to provide these services nor is it liable for any negligence in the provision of such services by the third party service provider.

The discounts and planning services are not available in all jurisdictions and are subject to regulatory approval.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WISCONSIN

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.

MetLife
Attn: Corporate Consumer Relations Department
200 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10166
1-800-438-6388

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 contact the **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE** by contacting:

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

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

This schedule shows the benefits that are available under the Group Policy. You will only be insured for the benefits:

- for which You become and remain eligible;
- which You elect, if subject to election; and
- which are in effect.

BENEFIT

BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Life Insurance For You

For Active Union Employees	An amount equal to one times (1x) Your Basic Annual Earnings, rounded to the nearest \$1,000.
Maximum Life Benefit	\$40,000
Accelerated Benefit Option	Up to 80% of Your Basic Life amount not to exceed \$32,000

Accidental Death Insurance For You

Full Amount for AD&D

For Active Union Employees	\$25,000
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Covered Losses

Loss of life	100%
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If You Are Age 70 Or Older

If You are age 70 or older on the effective date of Your insurance, the amount of Your Basic Life and Accidental Death Insurance on Your effective date of insurance will be limited to 50% of such insurance.

If You are under age 70 on the effective date of Your insurance, the amount of Your Basic Life and Accidental Death Insurance on and after age 70 will be 50% of such insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday.

DEFINITIONS

As used in this certificate, the terms listed below will have the meanings set forth below. When defined terms are used in this certificate, they will appear with initial capitalization. The plural use of a term defined in the singular will share the same meaning.

Actively at Work or Active Work means that a permanent employee who is hired with the expectation of being an active pay status for more than 12 consecutive months, or who is hired with the expectation of being in an active pay status from 9 to 12 consecutive months inclusive and with the expectation of working on an annually recurring basis.

Basic Annual Earnings means Your gross annual rate of pay as determined by Your Policyholder, excluding overtime and other extra pay.

Beneficiary means the person(s) to whom We will pay insurance as determined in accordance with the GENERAL PROVISIONS section.

Common Carrier means a government regulated entity that is in the business of transporting fare paying passengers.

The term does not include:

- chartered or other privately arranged transportation;
- taxis; or
- limousines.

Domestic Partner means each of two people, one of whom is an employee of the Policyholder, who:

- have registered as each other's domestic partner, civil union partner or reciprocal beneficiary with a government agency where such registration is available; or
- are of the same or opposite sex and have a mutually dependent relationship so that each has an insurable interest in the life of the other. Each person must be:
 1. 18 years of age or older;
 2. unmarried;
 3. the sole domestic partner of the other person and have been so for the immediately preceding 6 months;
 4. sharing a primary residence with the other person and have been so sharing for the immediately preceding 6 months; and
 5. not related to the other in a manner that would bar their marriage in the jurisdiction in which they reside.

A Domestic Partner declaration attesting to the existence of an insurable interest in one another's lives must be completed and Signed by the employee.

Full-Time means Active Work of at least 37.5 hours per week on the Policyholder's regular work schedule for the eligible class of employees to which You belong.

Job-Related Injury means any injury:

- for which You are entitled to benefits under a workers' compensation or similar law, or any arrangement that provides for similar compensation; or
- arising out of employment for wage or profit.

Noncontributory Insurance means insurance for which the Policyholder does not require You to pay any part of the premium.

Part-Time means Active Work of less than 100 percent of full-time hours per week on the Policyholder's regular work schedule for the eligible class of employees to which You belong.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

Physician means:

- a person licensed to practice medicine in the jurisdiction where such services are performed; or
- any other person whose services, according to applicable law, must be treated as Physician's services for purposes of the Group Policy. Each such person must be licensed in the jurisdiction where the service is performed and must act within the scope of that license. Such person must also be certified and/or registered if required by such jurisdiction.

The term does not include:

- You;
- Your Spouse; or
- any member of Your immediate family including Your and/or Your Spouse's:
 - parents;
 - children (natural, step or adopted);
 - siblings;
 - grandparents; or
 - grandchildren.

Proof means Written evidence satisfactory to Us that a person has satisfied the conditions and requirements for any benefit described in this certificate. When a claim is made for any benefit described in this certificate, Proof must establish:

- the nature and extent of the loss or condition;
- Our obligation to pay the claim; and
- the claimant's right to receive payment.

Proof must be provided at the claimant's expense.

Signed means any symbol or method executed or adopted by a person with the present intention to authenticate a record, which is on or transmitted by paper or electronic media which is acceptable to Us and consistent with applicable law.

Spouse means Your lawful spouse. Wherever the term "Spouse" appears in the certificate it shall, unless otherwise specified, be read to include Your Domestic Partner.

Total Disability or **Totally Disabled** means, that due to an injury or sickness:

- You are expected never again to do Your job; and
- You are expected never again to be able to do any work at all for wage or profit.

We, Us and **Our** mean MetLife.

Written or **Writing** means a record which is on or transmitted by paper or electronic media which is acceptable to Us and consistent with applicable law.

You and **Your** mean an employee who is insured under the Group Policy for the insurance described in this certificate.

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU

ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)

All Full-Time and Part-Time State System of Higher Education Active Union Employees of the Policyholder.

DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE

You may only become eligible for the insurance available for Your eligible class as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on the later of:

1. January 1, 2025; and
2. the day after the date You complete the Waiting Period of 90 days.

Waiting Period means the period of continuous membership in an eligible class that You must wait before You become eligible for insurance. This period begins on the date You enter an eligible class and ends on the date You complete the period(s) specified.

The Waiting Period for a nonpermanent employee who becomes a permanent employee, without a break in employment, will be reduced by the length of time this employee has been in an active pay status as a nonpermanent employee immediately prior to becoming a permanent employee.

Previous Employment With The Policyholder

If You were employed by the Policyholder and insured by Us under a policy of group life insurance when Your employment ended, You will not be eligible for life insurance under this Group Policy if You are re-hired by the Policyholder within 2 years after such employment ended, unless You surrender any individual policy of life insurance to which You converted when Your employment ended.

The cash value, if any, of such surrendered insurance will be paid to You.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

If You are eligible for insurance, You may enroll for such insurance by completing an enrollment form.

DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT

Rules for Noncontributory Insurance

When You complete the enrollment process for Noncontributory Insurance, such insurance will take effect on the date You become eligible, provided You are Actively at Work.

If You are not Actively at Work on the date the Noncontributory Insurance would otherwise take effect, insurance will take effect on the day You resume Active Work.

For Basic Life Insurance

Increase in Insurance

An increase in insurance due to an increase in Your earnings will take effect on the January 1st following the date of the increase in Your earnings.

If You are not Actively at Work on the date insurance would otherwise take effect, insurance will take effect on the day You resume Active Work.

Decrease in Insurance

A decrease in insurance due to a decrease in Your earnings will take effect on the January 1st following the date of the decrease in Your earnings.

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU (continued)

DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS

Your insurance will end on the earliest of:

1. the last day of the month employment ends; or
2. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for You.

Please refer to the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU for information concerning the option to convert to an individual policy of life insurance if Your Life Insurance ends.

In certain cases insurance may be continued as stated in the section entitled CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT.

SPECIAL RULES FOR GROUPS PREVIOUSLY COVERED UNDER OTHER GROUP LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE

The following rules will apply if the Life and AD&D Insurance under this Group Policy replaces other group Life and AD&D insurance provided to You by the Policyholder.

Prior Plan means the group life and AD&D insurance underwritten by another insurer and provided to You by the Policyholder on the day before the Replacement Date.

Replacement Date means the effective date of the Life and AD&D Insurance under this Group Policy.

Rules if You were Covered Under the Prior Plan on the Day Before the Replacement Date:

1. **Actively at Work on the Replacement Date** - If You were covered under the Prior Plan on the day before the Replacement Date and You are Actively at Work in an eligible class on the Replacement Date, You will be insured under this Group Policy for an amount of Life and AD&D Insurance referred to as Active Employee Coverage. The amount of the Active Employee Coverage on the Replacement Date will be the amount of Life Insurance described in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.
2. **Not Actively at Work on the Replacement Date** - If You were covered under the Prior Plan on the day before the Replacement Date and You are not Actively at Work on the Replacement Date, but You would otherwise be a member of an eligible class if You were Actively at Work on the Replacement Date, You will be insured under this Group Policy for an amount of Life and AD&D Insurance referred to as Transition Coverage. The amount of the Transition Coverage on the Replacement Date will be the lesser of:
 - the amount of group life and AD&D insurance in effect under the Prior Plan, and
 - the amount of Life and AD&D Insurance available under this Group Policy for the eligible class to which You belong.

While Transition Coverage is in effect, the amount of coverage will continue to be determined in accordance with the provisions of the plan used to determine the amount of Transition Coverage on the Replacement Date.

If You are not Actively at Work on the Replacement Date due to a disability, Transition Coverage will remain in effect on and after the Replacement Date until the earliest of:

- the date You return to Active Work as a member of an eligible class, at which time Active Employee Coverage will supersede the Transition Coverage;
- the date Life and AD&D Insurance would otherwise end in accordance with the terms and conditions of this certificate;
- the date on which Your life and AD&D insurance under the Prior Plan would have ended for any reason other than the Prior Plan ending;
- the date You are approved for extension of life and AD&D insurance without premium payment under the terms of Prior Plan; and
- if the Prior Plan provided for extension of life and AD&D insurance without premium payment during a period of disability, the last day of the 12-month period following the Replacement Date.

SPECIAL RULES FOR GROUPS PREVIOUSLY COVERED UNDER OTHER GROUP LIFE AND AD&D INSURANCE (continued)

In any other case where You are not Actively at Work on the Replacement Date, Transition Coverage will remain in effect on and after the Replacement Date until the earliest of:

- the date You return to Active Work as a member of an eligible class, at which time Active Employee Coverage will supersede the Transition Coverage; and
- the date Life and AD&D Insurance would otherwise end in accordance with the terms and conditions of this certificate.

Rules if You were NOT Covered Under the Prior Plan on the Day Before the Replacement Date:

1. You will be eligible for the Life and AD&D Insurance under this Group Policy when You meet the eligibility requirements for such insurance as described in ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU; and
2. We will credit any time accumulated toward any eligibility waiting period under the Prior Plan to the satisfaction of any eligibility Waiting Period required to be met under this Life and AD&D Insurance.

CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT (For MN Residents see Minnesota Notice Page)

FOR FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Certain leaves of absence may qualify for continuation of insurance under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), or other legally mandated leave of absence or similar laws. Please contact the Policyholder for information regarding such legally mandated leave of absence laws.

AT THE POLICYHOLDER'S OPTION

The Policyholder has elected to continue insurance by paying premiums for employees who cease Active Work in an eligible class for any of the reasons specified below.

1. If You separate employment and, within 12 months of separation, You provide satisfactory proof that You are Totally Disabled and that Your Total Disability started while You were insured, coverage will be continued at the expense of the Policyholder. Your insurance will continue for successive one year periods, as long as You provide satisfactory proof of Your continued Totally Disability when requested by MetLife. Continued insurance amounts will be subject to reductions as described in the **If You Are Age 70 Or Older** section of this certificate;
2. If You cease Active Work due to any other Policyholder approved leave of absence, for a period in accordance with the Policyholder's general practice for an employee in Your job class.

The Policyholder's general practice for employees in a job class determines:

1. which employees with the above types of absences are to be considered as still insured;
2. for how long among persons in like situations; and
3. whether or not You would required to pay any or all of the premium for the continued insurance.

At the end of any of the continuation periods listed above, Your insurance will be affected as follows:

- if You resume Active Work in an eligible class at this time, You will continue to be insured under the Group Policy;
- if You do not resume Active Work in an eligible class at this time, Your employment will be considered to end and Your insurance will end in accordance with the DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS subsection of the section entitled ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU.

EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY

No evidence of insurability is required for the insurance described in this certificate.

LIFE INSURANCE: FOR YOU

If You die, Proof of Your death must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof with the claim, We will review the claim and, if We approve it, will pay the Beneficiary the Life Insurance in effect on the date of Your death.

PAYMENT OPTIONS

We will pay the Life Insurance in one sum. Other modes of payment may be available upon request. For details, call Our toll free number shown on the Certificate Face Page.

LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO) FOR YOU

For purposes of this section, the term “ABO Eligible Life Insurance” refers to each of Your Life Insurance benefits for which the Accelerated Benefit Option is shown as available in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

If You become Terminally Ill, You or Your legal representative have the option to request Us to pay ABO Eligible Life Insurance before Your death. This is called an accelerated benefit. The request must be made while ABO Eligible Life Insurance is in effect.

Terminally Ill or **Terminal Illness** means that due to injury or sickness, You are expected to die within 12 months.

Requirements For Payment of an Accelerated Benefit

Subject to the conditions and requirements of this section, We will pay an accelerated benefit to You or Your legal representative if:

- the amount of each ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit to be accelerated equals or exceeds \$20,000; and
- the ABO Eligible Life Insurance to be accelerated has not been assigned; and
- We have received Proof that You are Terminally Ill.

We will only pay an accelerated benefit for each ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit once.

Proof of Your Terminal Illness

We will require the following Proof of Your Terminal Illness:

- a completed accelerated benefit claim form;
- a signed Physician’s certification that You are Terminally Ill; and
- an examination by a Physician of Our choice, at Our expense, if We request it.

You or Your legal representative should contact Us to obtain a claim form and information regarding the accelerated benefit.

Upon Our receipt of Your request to accelerate benefits, We will send You a letter with information about the accelerated benefit payment You requested. Our letter will describe the amount of the accelerated benefits We will pay and the amount of Life Insurance remaining after the accelerated benefit is paid.

Accelerated Benefit Amount

We will pay an accelerated benefit up to the percentage shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS for each ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit in effect for You, subject to the following:

Maximum Accelerated Benefit Amount. The maximum amount We will pay for each ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit is shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

Minimum Accelerated Benefit Amount. The minimum amount We will pay for each ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit is shown in the Schedule of Benefits.

Scheduled Reduction of an ABO Eligible Life Insurance Benefit. If an ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit is scheduled to reduce within the 12 month period after the date You or Your legal representative request an accelerated benefit, We will calculate the accelerated benefit using the amount of such ABO Eligible Life Insurance that will be in effect immediately after the reduction(s) scheduled for such period.

Scheduled End of an ABO Eligible Life Insurance Benefit. If an ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit is scheduled to end within 12 months after the date You or Your legal representative request an accelerated benefit, We will not pay an accelerated benefit for such ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit.

LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO) FOR YOU (continued)

Previous Conversion of an ABO Eligible Life Insurance Benefit. We will not pay an accelerated benefit for any amount of ABO Eligible Life Insurance which You previously converted under the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU.

We will pay the accelerated benefit in one sum unless You or Your legal representative select another payment mode.

Effect of Payment of an Accelerated Benefit

On Contribution for Your Life Insurance. After We pay the accelerated benefit, any future contributions for Life Insurance You are required to pay will be waived.

On Your Life Insurance at Your death. The amount of Life Insurance that We will pay at Your death will be decreased by the amount of the accelerated benefit paid by Us.

On Your Life Insurance at conversion. The amount to which You are entitled to convert under the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU will be decreased by the amount of the accelerated benefit paid by Us.

On Your Accidental Death Insurance. Payment of an accelerated benefit will not affect Your Accidental Death Insurance.

Date Your Option to Accelerate Benefits Ends

The accelerated benefit option will end on the earliest of:

- the date the ABO Eligible Life Insurance ends;
- the date You or Your legal representative assign all ABO Eligible Life Insurance; or
- the date You or Your legal representative have accelerated all ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefits.

LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU

If Your life insurance ends or is reduced for any of the reasons stated below, You have the option to buy an individual policy of life insurance (“new policy”) from Us during the Application Period in accordance with the conditions and requirements of this section. This is referred to as the “option to convert”. Evidence of Your insurability will not be required.

When You Will Have the Option to Convert

You will have the option to convert when:

- A. Your life insurance ends because:
- You cease to be in an eligible class;
 - Your employment ends;
 - this Group Policy ends, provided You have been insured for life insurance for at least 5 continuous years; or
 - this Group Policy is amended to end all life insurance for an eligible class of which You are a member, provided You have been insured for at least 5 continuous years; or
- B. Your life insurance is reduced:
- on or after the date You attain age 60;
 - because You change from one eligible class to another; or
 - due to an amendment of this Group Policy.

If You opt not to convert a reduction in the amount of Your life insurance as described above, You will not have the option to convert that amount at a later date.

A reduction in the amount of Your life insurance as a result of the payment of an accelerated benefit will not give rise to a right to convert under this section.

Application Period

If You opt to convert Your life insurance for any of the reasons stated above, We must receive a completed conversion application form from You within the Application Period described below.

If You are given Written notice of the option to convert within 15 days before or after the date Your life insurance ends or is reduced, the Application Period begins on the date that such life insurance ends or is reduced and expires 31 days after such date.

If You are given Written notice of the option to convert more than 15 days after the date Your life insurance ends or is reduced, the Application Period begins on the date such life insurance ends or is reduced and expires 15 days from the date of such notice. In no event will the Application Period exceed 91 days from the date Your life insurance ends or is reduced.

Option Conditions

The option to convert is subject to the following:

- A. Our receipt within the Application Period of:
- Your Written application for the new policy; and
 - the premium due for such new policy;
- B. the premium rates for the new policy will be based on:
- Our rates then in use;
 - the form and amount of insurance for which you apply;
 - Your class of risk; and
 - Your age;

LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU (continued)

- C. the new policy may be on any form then customarily offered by Us excluding term insurance;
- D. the new policy will be issued without an accidental death and dismemberment benefit, an accelerated benefit option, a waiver of premium benefit or any other rider or additional benefit; and
- E. the new policy will take effect on the 32nd day after the date Your life insurance ends or is reduced; this will be the case regardless of the duration of the Application Period.

Maximum Amount of the New Policy

If Your Life Insurance ends due to the end of this Group Policy or the amendment of this Group Policy to end all life insurance for an eligible class of which You are a member, the maximum amount of insurance that You may elect for the new policy is the lesser of:

- the amount of Your life insurance that ends under this Group Policy less the amount of life insurance for which You become eligible under any group policy within 31 days after the date insurance ends under this Group Policy; or
- \$10,000.

If Your life insurance ends or is reduced due to the Policyholder's organizational restructuring, the maximum amount of insurance that You may elect for the new policy is the amount of Your life insurance that ends under this Group Policy less the amount of life insurance for which You become eligible under any other group policy within 31 days after the date insurance ends under this Group Policy.

If Your life insurance ends or is reduced for any other reason, the maximum amount of insurance that You may elect for the new policy is the amount of Your life insurance which ends under this Group Policy.

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS IF YOU DIE

If You Die Within 31 Days After Your Life Insurance Ends Or Is Reduced

If You die within 31 days after Your life insurance ends or is reduced by an amount You are entitled to convert, Proof of Your death must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof with the claim, We will review the claim and if We approve it will pay the Beneficiary. The amount We will pay is the amount You were entitled to convert.

The amount You were entitled to convert will not be paid as insurance under both a new individual conversion policy and the Group Policy.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE

If You sustain an accidental injury that is the Direct and Sole Cause of a Covered Loss described in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, Proof of the accidental injury and Covered Loss must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof We will review the claim and, if We approve it, will pay the insurance in effect on the date of the injury.

Direct and Sole Cause means that the Covered Loss was a direct result of the accidental injury, independent of other causes.

We will deem a loss to be the direct result of an accidental injury if it results from unavoidable exposure to the elements and such exposure was a direct result of an accident.

PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

You will be presumed to have died as a result of an accidental injury if:

- the aircraft or other vehicle in which You were traveling disappears, sinks, or is wrecked; and
- the body of the person who has disappeared is not found within 1 year of:
 - the date the aircraft or other vehicle was scheduled to have arrived at its destination, if traveling in an aircraft or other vehicle operated by a Common Carrier; or
 - the date the person is reported missing to the authorities, if traveling in any other aircraft or other vehicle.

EXCLUSIONS (See notice page for residents of Missouri)

We will not pay benefits under this section for any loss caused or contributed to by:

1. sickness, whether the loss results directly or indirectly from the sickness;
2. medical or surgical treatment of sickness, whether the loss results directly or indirectly from the treatment;
3. any infection. However, this does not include: a) a pyogenic infection resulting from an accidental cut or wound, or b) a bacterial infection resulting from accidental ingestion of a contaminated substance;
4. suicide or attempted suicide, while sane or insane;
5. intentionally self-inflicted injuries, or any attempt to inflict such injuries;
9. service in the armed forces of any country or international authority. However, service in reserve forces does not constitute service in the armed forces, unless in connection with such reserve service an individual is on active military duty as determined by the applicable military authority other than weekend or summer training. For purposes of this provision reserve forces are defined as reserve forces of any branch of the military of the United States or of any other country or international authority, including but not limited to the National Guard of the United States or the national guard of any other country;
7. participating in these hazardous sports, except where required by your job duties: scuba diving, bungee jumping; skydiving; parachuting; hang gliding; or ballooning;
8. committing or attempting to commit a felony;
9. the voluntary intake or use by any means of:
 - any drug, medication or sedative, unless it is:
 - taken or used as prescribed by a Physician; or
 - an "over the counter" drug, medication or sedative taken as directed;
 - alcohol in combination with any drug, medication, or sedative; or
 - poison, gas, or fumes; or
10. war, whether declared or undeclared; or act of war, insurrection, or rebellion;
11. a non Job-Related Injury.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE (continued)

Exclusion for Intoxication

We will not pay benefits under this section for any loss if the injured party is intoxicated at the time of the incident and is the operator of a vehicle or other device involved in the incident.

Intoxicated means that the injured person's blood alcohol level met or exceeded the level that creates a legal presumption of intoxication under the laws of the jurisdiction in which the incident occurred.

BENEFIT PAYMENT

For loss of Your life, We will pay benefits to Your Beneficiary.

We will pay benefits in one sum. Other modes of payment may be available upon request. For details call Our toll free number shown on the Certificate Face Page.

FILING A CLAIM

CLAIMS FOR LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

When there has been the death of an insured person, notify Us by calling 1-855-972-5433. This notice should be given to Us as soon as is reasonably possible after the death. The claim form will be sent to the beneficiary or beneficiaries of record.

The beneficiary or beneficiaries should complete the claim form and send it and Proof of the death to Us as instructed on the claim form.

When We receive the claim form and Proof, We will review the claim and, if We approve it, We will pay benefits subject to the terms and provisions of this certificate and the Group Policy.

FILING A CLAIM

CLAIMS FOR ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFITS

When there has been a Covered Loss, notify Us by calling 1-855-972-5433. This notice should be given to Us as soon as is reasonably possible but in any case within 20 days of the Covered Loss. The claim form will be sent to You or the beneficiary or beneficiaries of record.

The claim form should be completed and sent along with Proof of the Covered Loss to Us as instructed on the claim form. If You or the beneficiary have not received a claim form within 15 days of giving notice of the claim, Proof may be sent using any form sufficient to provide Us with the required Proof.

The claimant must give us Proof no later than 90 days after the date of the Covered Loss.

If notice of claim or Proof is not given within the time limits described in this section, the delay will not cause a claim to be denied or reduced if such notice or Proof are given as soon as is reasonably possible.

When We receive the claim form and Proof, We will review the claim and, if We approve it, We will pay benefits subject to the terms and provisions of this certificate and the Group Policy.

Time Limit on Legal Actions. A legal action on a claim may only be brought against Us during a certain period. This period begins 60 days after the date Proof is filed and ends 3 years after the date such Proof is required.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Assignment

You may assign Your Life Insurance rights and benefits under the Group Policy as a gift or as a viatical assignment. You may also assign Your Accidental Death Insurance rights and benefits under the Group Policy as a gift. We will recognize the assignee(s) under such assignment as owner(s) of Your right, title and interest in the Group Policy if:

1. a Written form satisfactory to Us, affirming this assignment, has been completed;
2. the Written form has been Signed by You and the assignee(s);
3. the Policyholder acknowledges that Your Life Insurance and Accidental Death Insurance being assigned is in force on the life of the assignor; and
4. the Written form is delivered to Us for recording.

We are not responsible for the validity of an assignment.

You may have made an irrevocable assignment under a group policy that the Group Policy replaces. In this case, We will recognize the assignee(s) under such assignment as owners of Your right, title and interest under the Group Policy if:

1. a Written form satisfactory to Us, affirming this assignment, has been completed;
2. the Written form has been Signed by You, the assignee(s) and the Policyholder; and
3. the Written form is delivered to Us for recording.

Beneficiary

You may designate a Beneficiary in Your application or enrollment form. You may change Your Beneficiary at any time. To do so, You must send a Signed and dated, Written request to Us using a form satisfactory to Us. Your Written request to change the Beneficiary must be sent to Us within 30 days of the date You Sign such request.

You do not need the Beneficiary's consent to make a change. When We receive the change, it will take effect as of the date You Signed it. The change will not apply to any payment made in good faith by Us before the change request was recorded.

If two or more Beneficiaries are designated and their shares are not specified, they will share the insurance equally.

If there is no Beneficiary designated or no surviving designated Beneficiary at Your death, We may determine the Beneficiary to be one or more of the following who survive You:

- Your Spouse or Domestic Partner;
- Your child(ren);
- Your parent(s); or
- Your sibling(s).

Instead of making payment to any of the above, We may pay Your estate. Any payment made in good faith will discharge our liability to the extent of such payment. If a Beneficiary or a payee is a minor or incompetent to receive payment, We will pay that person's guardian.

GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)

Entire Contract

Your insurance is provided under a contract of group insurance with the Policyholder. The entire contract with the Policyholder is made up of the following:

1. the Group Policy and its Exhibits, which include the certificate(s);
2. the Policyholder's application; and
3. any amendments and/or endorsements to the Group Policy.

Incontestability: Statements Made by You

Any statement made by You will be considered a representation and not a warranty. We will not use such statement to avoid insurance, reduce benefits or defend a claim unless the following requirements are met:

1. the statement is in a Written application or enrollment form;
2. You have Signed the application or enrollment form; and
3. a copy of the application or enrollment form has been given to You or Your Beneficiary.

For Life Insurance

We will not use Your statements which relate to insurability to contest life insurance after it has been in force for 2 years during Your life. In addition, We will not use such statements to contest an increase or benefit addition to such insurance after the increase or benefit has been in force for 2 years during Your life.

For Accidental Death Insurance

We will not use Your statements which relate to insurability to contest Accidental Death Insurance after it has been in force for 2 years during Your life, unless the statement is fraudulent. In addition, We will not use such statements to contest an increase or benefit addition to such insurance after the increase or benefit has been in force for 2 years during Your life, unless the statement is fraudulent.

Misstatement of Age

If Your age is misstated, the correct age will be used to determine if insurance is in effect and, as appropriate, We will adjust the benefits and/or premiums.

Conformity with Law

If the terms and provisions of this certificate do not conform to any applicable law, this certificate shall be interpreted to so conform.

Physical Exams

If a claim is submitted for insurance benefits other than life insurance benefits, We have the right to ask the insured to be examined by a Physician(s) of Our choice as often as is reasonably necessary to process the claim. We will pay the cost of such exam.

Autopsy

We have the right to make a reasonable request for an autopsy where permitted by law. Any such request will set forth the reasons We are requesting the autopsy.

**THE PRECEDING PAGE IS THE END OF THE CERTIFICATE.
THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**



Delaware American Life Insurance Company
MetLife Health Plans, Inc.
MetLife Legal Plans, Inc.
MetLife Legal Plans of Florida, Inc.
Metropolitan General Insurance Company

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
Metropolitan Tower Life Insurance Company
SafeGuard Health Plans, Inc.
SafeHealth Life Insurance Company

Our Privacy Notice

We know that you buy our products and services because you trust us. This notice explains how we protect your privacy and treat your personal information. It applies to current and former customers. "Personal information" as used here means anything we know about you personally.

SECTION 1: Plan Sponsors and Group Insurance Contract Holders

This privacy notice is for individuals who apply for or obtain our products and services under an employee benefit plan, group insurance or annuity contract, as an executive benefit, or as otherwise made available at your work or through an association to which you belong. In this notice "you" refers to these individuals.

SECTION 2: Protecting Your Information

We take important steps to protect your personal information. We treat it as confidential. We tell our employees to take care in handling it. We limit access to those who need it to perform their jobs. Our outside service providers must also protect it, and use it only to meet our business needs. We also take steps to protect our systems from unauthorized access. We comply with all laws that apply to us.

SECTION 3: Collecting Your Information

We typically collect your name, address, age, and other relevant information. We may also collect information about any business you have with us, our affiliates, or other companies. Our affiliates include life insurers, a legal plans company and a securities broker-dealer. In the future, we may also have affiliates in other businesses.

SECTION 4: How We Get Your Information

We get your personal information mostly from you. We may also use outside sources to help ensure our records are correct and complete. These sources may include consumer reporting agencies, employers, other financial institutions, adult relatives, and others. These sources may give us reports or share what they know with others. We don't control the accuracy of information outside sources give us. If you want to make any changes to information we receive from others about you, you must contact those sources.

We may ask for medical information. The Authorization that you sign when you request insurance permits these sources to tell us about you. We may also, at our expense:

- Ask for a medical exam
- Ask for blood and urine tests
- Ask health care providers to give us health data, including information about alcohol or drug abuse

We may also ask a consumer reporting agency for a "consumer report" about you (or anyone else to be insured). Consumer reports may tell us about a lot of things, including information about:

- Reputation
- Driving record
- Finances
- Work and work history
- Hobbies and dangerous activities

The information may be kept by the consumer reporting agency and later given to others as permitted by law. The agency will give you a copy of the report it provides to us, if you ask the agency and can provide adequate identification. If you write to us and we have asked for a consumer report about you, we will tell you so and give you the name, address and phone number of the consumer reporting agency.

Another source of information is MIB, LLC ("MIB"). It is a not-for-profit membership organization of insurance companies which operates an information exchange on behalf of its Members. We, or our reinsurers, may make a brief report to MIB. If you apply to another MIB Member company for life or health insurance coverage, or a claim for benefits is submitted, MIB, upon request, will supply such company with the information in its file. Upon receipt of a request from you MIB will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in your file. Please contact MIB at 866-692-6901. If you question the accuracy of information in MIB's

file, you may contact MIB and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. You may do so by writing to MIB, LLC, 50 Braintree Hill, Suite 400, Braintree, MA 02184-8734 or go to MIB website at www.mib.com.

SECTION 5: Using Your Information

We collect your personal information to help us decide if you're eligible for our products or services. We may also need it to verify identities to help deter fraud, money laundering, or other crimes. How we use this information depends on what products and services you have or want from us. It also depends on what laws apply to those products and services. For example, we may also use your information to:

- administer your products and services
 - perform business research
 - market new products to you
 - comply with applicable laws
 - process claims and other transactions
 - confirm or correct your information
 - help us run our business
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SECTION 6: Sharing Your Information With Others

We may share your personal information with others with your consent, by agreement, or as permitted or required by law. We may share your personal information without your consent if permitted or required by law. For example, we may share your information with businesses hired to carry out services for us. We may also share it with our affiliated or unaffiliated business partners through joint marketing agreements. In those situations, we share your information to jointly offer you products and services or have others offer you products and services we endorse or sponsor. Before sharing your information with any affiliate or joint marketing partner for their own marketing purposes, however, we will first notify you and give you an opportunity to opt out.

Other reasons we may share your information include:

- doing what a court, law enforcement, or government agency requires us to do (for example, complying with search warrants or subpoenas)
 - telling another company what we know about you if we are selling or merging any part of our business
 - giving information to a governmental agency so it can decide if you are eligible for public benefits
 - giving your information to someone with a legal interest in your assets (for example, a creditor with a lien on your account)
 - giving your information to your health care provider
 - having a peer review organization evaluate your information, if you have health coverage with us
 - those listed in our "Using Your Information" section above
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SECTION 7: HIPAA

We will not share your health information with any other company – even one of our affiliates – for their own marketing purposes. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") protects your information if you request or purchase dental, vision, long-term care and/or medical insurance from us. HIPAA limits our ability to use and disclose the information that we obtain as a result of your request or purchase of insurance. Information about your rights under HIPAA will be provided to you with any dental, vision, long-term care or medical coverage issued to you.

You may obtain a copy of our HIPAA Privacy Notice by visiting our website at www.MetLife.com. For additional information about your rights under HIPAA; or to have a HIPAA Privacy Notice mailed to you, contact us at HIPAAprivacyAmericasUS@metlife.com, or call us at telephone number (212) 578-0299.

SECTION 8: Accessing and Correcting Your Information

You may ask us for a copy of the personal information we have about you. We will provide it as long as it is reasonably locatable and retrievable. You must make your request in writing listing the account or policy numbers with the information you want to access. For legal reasons, we may not show you privileged information relating to a claim or lawsuit, unless required by law.

If you tell us that what we know about you is incorrect, we will review it. If we agree, we will update our records. Otherwise, you may dispute our findings in writing, and we will include your statement whenever we give your disputed information to anyone outside MetLife.

SECTION 9: Questions

We want you to understand how we protect your privacy. If you have any questions or want more information about this notice, please contact us. A detailed notice shall be furnished to you upon request. When you write, include your name, address, and policy or account number.

Send privacy questions to: MetLife Privacy Office
P. O. Box 489
Warwick, RI 02887-9954
privacy@metlife.com

We may revise this privacy notice. If we make any material changes, we will notify you as required by law. We provide this privacy notice to you on behalf of the MetLife companies listed at the top of the first page.
