

#### **CERTIFICATE RIDER**

Group Policy No.:	TS 05374421-G
Employer:	San Mateo Electrical Workers Health Care Plan Trust
Effective Date:	September 1, 2022

The Certificate is changed as shown below:

The Certificate is revised to add the following:

#### "How We Will Pay Benefits

The Beneficiary has the right to choose a lump sum payment by check or for amounts of \$5,000 or more, payment via a Total Control Account<sup>®</sup> that earns interest and provides the Beneficiary with immediate access to the full benefit amount.

If the Beneficiary does not make a choice, 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 in a lump sum payment; or
- 2. by establishing a Total Control Account®

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.



# **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 Employer and may be changed or ended without Your consent or notice to You.

Employer:	San Mateo Electrical Workers Health Care Plan Trust
Group Policy Number:	TS 05374421-G
Type of Insurance:	Basic Term Life & Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance
MetLife Toll Free Number(s): For General Information	1-800-275-4638

# THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT 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.

**For Residents of North Dakota:** If you are not satisfied with your Certificate, You may return it to Us within 20 days after You receive it, unless a claim has previously been received by Us under Your Certificate. We will refund within 30 days of our receipt of the returned Certificate any Premium that has been paid and the Certificate will then be considered to have never been issued. You should be aware that, if you elect to return the Certificate for a refund of premiums, losses which otherwise would have been covered under your Certificate will not be covered.

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: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 149091, Austin, TX 78714-9091

#### ¿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: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 149091, Austin, TX 78714-9091

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS

# LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO)

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

## 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 ALL RESIDENTS

#### 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 DEPARTMENT 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 ALL RESIDENTS

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, first contact the Employer. If, after doing so, You still have a concern, You may call the toll free telephone number shown on the Certificate Face Page.

If You are still concerned after contacting both the Employer and MetLife, You should feel free to contact:

Idaho Department of Insurance Consumer Affairs 700 West State Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor PO Box 83720 Boise, Idaho 83720-0043 1-800-721-3272 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 1-800-275-4638

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 MASSACHUSETTS

#### 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 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 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;
- 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 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"

#### LIFE INSURANCE

#### **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

If You reside in Missouri the suicide provision is as follows:

#### Suicide

If You commit suicide within 1 year from the date Life Insurance for You takes effect, We will not pay such insurance and Our liability will be limited as follows:

- any premium paid by You will be returned to the Beneficiary.
- any premium paid by the Policyholder will be returned to the Policyholder.

If You commit suicide within 1 year from the date an increase in Your Life Insurance takes effect, We will pay to the Beneficiary the amount of Insurance in effect on the day before the increase. Any premium You paid for the increase will be returned to the Beneficiary. Any premium paid by the Policyholder for the increase will be returned to the Policyholder.

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF NORTH DAKOTA

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

If You reside in North Dakota the suicide provision is as follows:

#### Suicide

**If You commit suicide** within 1 year from the date Life Insurance for You takes effect, We will not pay such insurance and Our liability will be limited as follows:

- any premium paid by You will be returned to the Beneficiary.
- any premium paid by the Policyholder will be returned to the Policyholder.

If You commit suicide within 1 year from the date an increase in Your Life Insurance takes effect, We will pay to the Beneficiary the amount of Insurance in effect on the day before the increase. Any premium You paid for the increase will be returned to the Beneficiary. Any premium paid by the Policyholder for the increase will be returned to the Policyholder.

## **Consumer Complaint Notice**

If You are a resident of New Mexico, Your coverage will be administered in accordance with the minimum applicable standards of New Mexico law. If You have concerns regarding a claim, premium, or other matters relating to this coverage, You may file a complaint with the New Mexico Office of Superintendent of Insurance (OSI) using the complaint form available on the OSI website and found at: https://www.osi.state.nm.us/ConsumerAssistance/index.aspx.

## 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 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.

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
- Health Insurance

   \$500,000 in hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits
   \$500,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
   \$500,000 in disability income insurance benefits
   \$500,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities

   \$250,000 in withdrawal and cash 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 hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits.

**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. Coverage is conditioned on residency in this state and there are substantial limitations and exclusions. For a complete description of coverage, consult Utah Code, Title 3 IA, Chapter 28.

Insurance companies and agents are prohibited by Utah law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to encourage you to purchase insurance. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between Utah law and this notice, Utah law will control.

To learn more about the above protections, as well as protections relating to group contracts or retirement plans, please visit the Association's website at www.utlifega.org or contact:

Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Assoc. 60 East South Temple, Suite 500 Salt Lake City UT 84111 (801) 320-9955 Utah Insurance Department 3110 State Office Building Salt Lake City UT 84114-6901 (801) 538-3800

A written complaint about misuse of this Notice or the improper use of the existence of the Association may be filed with the Utah Insurance Department at the above address.

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF VIRGINIA

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE

In the event You need to contact someone about this insurance for any reason please contact Your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this insurance, or if You have additional questions You may contact the insurance company issuing this insurance at the following address and telephone number:

#### MetLife 200 Park Avenue New York, New York 10166 Attn: Corporate Consumer Relations Department

To phone in a claim related question, You may call Claims Customer Service at: 1-800-275-4638

If You have been unable to contact or obtain satisfaction from the company or the agent, You may contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance at:

Bureau of Insurance Life and Health Division P.O. Box 1157 Richmond, VA 23218-1157 1-804-371-9691 - phone 1-877-310-6560 - toll-free 1-804-371-9944 – fax www.scc.virginia.gov - web address BureauOfInsurance@scc.virginia.gov - email

Written correspondence is preferable so that a record of Your inquiry is maintained. When contacting Your agent, company or the Bureau of Insurance, have Your policy number available.

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON

## LIFE INSURANCE

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

The suicide provision is not applicable to residents of Washington.

# 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, NY 10166-0188 1-800-638-5433

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, and
- which You elect, if subject to election; and
- which are in effect.

## BENEFIT

# BENEFIT AMOUNT AND HIGHLIGHTS

## Life Insurance For You

## Basic Life Insurance

For all eligible Participants	\$100,000
Non-Medical Issue Amount	\$100,000
Accelerated Benefit Option	Up to 80% of Your Basic Life amount not to exceed \$500,000.

#### If You Are Age 70 Or Older

If You are age 70 or older on Your effective date of insurance, the appropriate percentage from the following table will be applied to the amount of Your Basic Life Insurance on Your effective date of insurance.

If You are under age 70 on Your effective date of insurance, the amounts of Your Basic Life Insurance on and after age 70 will be determined by applying the appropriate percentage from the following table to the amount of Your insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday.

70 or older

65%

Percentage

## Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance (AD&D) for You

## Full Amount for AD&D

For all eligible Participants ...... An amount equal to Your

Life Insurance

## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)**

#### If You Are Age 70 Or Older

If You are age 70 or older on Your effective date of insurance, the appropriate percentage from the following table will be applied to the amount of Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance on Your effective date of insurance.

If You are under age 70 on Your effective date of insurance, the amounts of Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance on and after age 70 will be determined by applying the appropriate percentage from the following table to the amount of Your insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday.

Age of Participant	Percentage
70 or older	65%
For all eligible Participants	
Additional Benefits:	
Air Bag Benefit	Yes
Seat Belt Benefit	Yes
Child Care Benefit	Yes
Common Carrier Benefit	Yes, an amount equal to the Basic AD&D Full Amount

#### Schedule of Covered Losses for Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

All amounts listed are stated as percentages of the Full Amount.

#### **Covered Losses**

Loss of life	100%
Loss of an arm permanently severed at or above the elbow	75%
Loss of a leg permanently severed at or above the knee	75%
Loss of a hand permanently severed at or above the wrist but	
below the elbow	50%
Loss of a foot permanently severed at or above the ankle but	
below the knee	50%
Loss of sight in one eye	50%

**Loss of sight** means permanent and uncorrectable loss of sight in the eye. Visual acuity must be 20/200 or worse in the eye or the field of vision must be less than 20 degrees.

Loss of any combination of hand, foot, or sight of one eye, as	
defined above	100%
Loss of the thumb and index finger of same hand	25%

## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)**

Loss of thumb and index finger of same hand means that the thumb and index finger are permanently severed through or above the third joint from the tip of the index finger and the second joint from the tip of the thumb.

Loss of speech and loss of hearing	100%
Loss of speech <b>or</b> loss of hearing	50%

**Loss of speech** means the entire and irrecoverable loss of speech that continues for **6** consecutive months following the accidental injury.

Loss of hearing means the entire and irrecoverable loss of hearing in both ears that continues for 6 consecutive months following the accidental injury.

Paralysis of both arms and both legs	100%
Paralysis of both legs	<b>50%</b>
Paralysis of the arm and leg on either side of the	
body	<b>50%</b>
Paralysis of one arm or leg	25%

**Paralysis** means loss of use of a limb, without severance. A Physician must determine the paralysis to be permanent, complete and irreversible.

**Brain Damage** means permanent and irreversible physical damage to the brain causing the complete inability to perform all the substantial and material functions and activities normal to everyday life. Such damage must manifest itself within 30 days of the accidental injury, require a hospitalization of at least 5 days and persists for 12 consecutive months after the date of the accidental injury.

Coma	1% monthly, beginning on the 7 <sup>th</sup> day of the
	Coma and for the duration of the Coma to a maximum of 60 months

**Coma** means a state of deep and total unconsciousness from which the comatose person cannot be aroused. Such state must begin within 30 days of the accidental injury and continue for 7 consecutive days.

## 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 You are performing all of the usual and customary duties of Your job. This must be done at:

- the Employer's place of business;
- an alternate place approved by the Employer; or
- a location to which the Employer's business requires You to travel.

You will be deemed to be Actively at Work during weekends or Employer-approved vacations, holidays or business closures if You were Actively at Work on the last scheduled work day preceding such time off.

Association or San Mateo NECA means the National Electrical Contractors Association, Inc., San Mateo County Chapter, and any successor thereto.

**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.

**Contributory Insurance** means insurance for which the Employer requires You to pay any part of the premium.

**Domestic Partner** means each of two people, of the same or opposite sex, one of whom is a Participant of the Policyholder, who represent themselves publicly as each other's domestic partner and have:

- registered as domestic partners, with a government agency or office where such registration is available; or
- submitted a domestic partner declaration to the Employer.

The domestic partner declaration must establish that:

- each person is 18 years of age or older;
- neither person is married;
- neither person has had another domestic partner within 6 months prior to the date they enrolled for insurance for the Domestic Partner under the Group Policy;
- they have shared the same residence for at least 6 months prior to the date they enrolled for insurance for the Domestic Partner under the Group Policy;
- they are not related by blood in a manner that would bar their marriage in the jurisdiction in which they reside;
- they have an exclusive mutual commitment to share the responsibility for each other's welfare and financial obligations which commitment existed for at least 6 months prior to the date they enrolled for insurance for the Domestic Partner under the Group Policy, and such commitment is expected to last indefinitely; and
- 2 or more of the following exist as evidence of joint responsibility for basic financial obligations:
  - a joint mortgage or lease;
  - designation of the Domestic Partner as beneficiary for life insurance or retirement benefits;
  - joint wills or designation of the Domestic Partner as executor and/or primary beneficiary;
  - designation of the Domestic Partner as durable power of attorney or health care proxy;
  - ownership of a joint bank account, joint credit cards or other evidence of joint financial responsibility; or
  - other evidence of economic interdependence.

# **DEFINITIONS** (continued)

The Employer will review the declaration and determine whether to accept the request to insure the Domestic Partner.

The Employer will inform the Participant of its decision.

**Employer** means any business entity, individual, partnership, corporation or other entity, including a selfemployed person or owner-operator which is represented by San Mateo NECA, and which provides for employer contributions to the various benefit trust funds established by IBEW Local 617 and San Mateo NECA, or is an employer who has entered into a participation, subscription or other agreement with the Fund which provides for contributions to the Fund. The term Employer may include the Union, the Trust Fund Office, Association or other employer or association approved by the Board of Trustees, so long as the inclusion of any such entity or employer does not jeopardize the tax-exempt status of the plan or trust and is otherwise allowed under applicable law. The Board of Trustees has the full and absolute discretion to determine which employers and employees participate in the plans.

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

**Participant** means a person who is or was in covered employment or who may become eligible for benefits under any plan established hereunder, HMO or insurance policy.

#### 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.

Sickness means illness, disease or pregnancy, including complications of pregnancy.

**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. The term also includes Your Domestic Partner.

# **DEFINITIONS (continued)**

The term does not include any person who:

- is in the military of any country or subdivision of any country; or
- is insured under the Group Policy as a Participant.

**Trust Fund or Fund** means the Trust Fund established by the San Mateo Electrical Workers Health Care Plan Trust Agreement ("Trust Agreement"), as amended, and any future contributions and earnings thereto, and shall include the entire trust estate (including the funds and other assets held) which is created and established pursuant to the Trust Agreement.

Union or IBEW Local 617 means the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 617, and any successor.

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 a Participant who is insured under the Group Policy for the insurance described in this certificate.

## ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU

#### ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)

#### All eligible Participants

#### DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE

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

#### **All eligible Participants**

#### **Basic Life Insurance**

If You are in an eligible class on Septemberr 01, 2022, You will be eligible for insurance on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after September 01, 2022, You will be eligible for insurance on the first day of the second month following the date You enter that class, provided You have worked 600 hours.

#### **Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance**

If You are in an eligible class on September 01, 2022, You will be eligible for insurance on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after September 01, 2022, You will be eligible for insurance on the first day of the second month following the date You enter that class, provided You have worked 600 hours.

A Participant must work 600 hours to become insured. Eligibility is based on a skip month eligibility system and the Participant must work 120 hours per month to maintain their coverage.

QUALIFYING MONTH	BENEFIT COVERAGE MONTH
September	November
October	December
November	January
December	February
January	March
February	April
March	May
April	June
May	July
June	August
July	September
August	October

# ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU (continued)

#### **Reserve Hour Bank**

The Participant may accumulate a maximum of 1,440 hours in their Reserve Hour Bank. On the months the Participant works less than 120 hours, hours from their reserve bank can be used to maintain their coverage.

### ENROLLMENT PROCESS

If You are eligible for insurance, You may enroll for such insurance by completing the required form. In addition, You must give evidence of Your insurability satisfactory to Us at Your expense if You are required to do so under the section entitled EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY. If you enroll for Contributory Insurance, You must also give the Employer written permission to deduct premiums from Your pay for such insurance. You will be notified by the Employer how much You will be required to contribute.

If Your Employer establishes an annual enrollment period for Life Insurance, You may enroll for Life Insurance **only** when You are first eligible or during an annual enrollment period or If You have a Qualifying Event. You should contact the Employer for more information regarding the annual enrollment period.

### DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT

#### **Rules for Noncontributory Insurance**

When You complete the enrollment process for Noncontributory Insurance, such insurance will take effect as follows:

- if You are **not required** to give evidence of Your insurability, such insurance will take effect on the date You become eligible, provided You are Actively at Work on that date; or
- if You are **required** to give evidence of Your insurability and We determine that You are insurable, such insurance will take effect on the date We state in Writing, provided You are Actively at Work on that date. Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance does not require evidence of Your insurability but such insurance will not take effect until the day Your Basic Life Insurance takes effect.

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

#### **Rules for Contributory Insurance**

If You request Contributory Insurance **before** the date You become eligible for such insurance, such insurance will take effect as follows:

- if You are **not required** to give evidence of Your insurability, such insurance will take effect on the date You become eligible, provided You are Actively at Work on that date. Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance does not require evidence of Your insurability but such insurance will not take effect until the day Your Basic Life Insurance takes effect.
- if You are **required** to give evidence of Your insurability and We determine that You are insurable, such insurance will take effect on the date We state in Writing, provided You are Actively at Work on that date. Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance does not require evidence of Your insurability but such insurance will not take effect until the day Your Basic Life Insurance takes effect.

If You request Contributory Insurance within 12 months of the date You become eligible for such insurance, or during the Employer's next annual enrollment period, whichever occurs first, such insurance will take effect as follows:

- if You are **not required** to give evidence of Your insurability, such insurance will take effect on the later of:
  - the date You become eligible for such insurance; and
  - the date You enroll provided You are Actively at Work on that date. Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance does not require evidence of Your insurability but such insurance will not take effect until the day Your Basic Life Insurance takes effect.

# **ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU (continued)**

- if You are **required** to give evidence of Your insurability and We determine that You are insurable, such insurance will take effect on the date We state in Writing, provided You are Actively at Work on that date. Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance does not require evidence of Your insurability but such insurance will not take effect until the day Your Basic Life Insurance takes effect.
- If You request Contributory Insurance more than 12 months after the date You become eligible for such insurance or after the first annual enrollment period for which You may enroll, whichever occurs first, You must give such evidence at Your expense. If We determine that You are insurable, such insurance will take effect on the date We state in Writing, if You are Actively at Work on that date. Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance does not require evidence of Your insurability but such insurance will not take effect until the day Your Basic Life Insurance takes effect.

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.

See the DEFINITIONS section of this certificate for a complete list of Contributory Insurance benefits.

#### **Enrollment Due to a Qualifying Event**

You may enroll for insurance for which You are eligible or change the amount of Your insurance between annual enrollment periods only if You have a Qualifying Event.

If You have a Qualifying Event, You will have 12 months from the date of that change or the Employer's next annual enrollment period following the date of that change to make a request, whichever occurs first.

This request must be consistent with the nature of the Qualifying Event. The insurance enrolled for or changes to Your insurance made as a result of a Qualifying Event will take effect on the first day of the month coincident with or next following the date of Your request, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

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.

#### Qualifying Event includes:

- marriage; or
- the birth, adoption or placement for adoption of a dependent child; or
- divorce, legal separation or annulment; or
- the death of a dependent; or
- You previously did not enroll for life coverage for You or Your dependent because You had other group coverage, but that coverage has ceased due to loss of eligibility for the other group coverage; or
- Your dependent's ceasing to qualify as a dependent under this insurance or under other group coverage.

#### DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS

Your insurance will end on the earliest of:

- 1. the date the Group Policy ends;
- 2. the date insurance ends for Your class;
- 3. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for You; or
- the last day of the calendar month in which Your employment ends; Your employment will end if You
  cease to be Actively at Work in any eligible class, except as stated in the section entitled
  CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT; or
- 5. the last day of the calendar month in which You retire in accordance with the Employer's retirement plan.

# ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU (continued)

Please refer to the section entitled ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED for information concerning continuation of Your Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance if insurance ends while You are Totally Disabled. 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.

# 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 Employer.

**Prior Plan** means the group life and AD&D insurance underwritten by another insurer and provided to You by the Employer 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:

- 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 Participant Coverage. The amount of the Active Participant 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 Participant 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 Participant 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 <u>NOT</u> Covered Under the Prior Plan on the Day Before the Replacement Date:

- 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
- 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 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 Employer for information regarding such legally mandated leave of absence laws.

#### AT THE EMPLOYER'S OPTION

The Employer has elected to continue insurance by paying premiums for Participants who cease Active Work in an eligible class for any of the reasons specified below. You will be notified by the Employer how much You will be required to contribute.

Insurance will continue for the following periods:

- 1. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to injury or Sickness, up to 9 months;
- 2. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to part-time work, layoff or strike, up to 2 months;
- 3. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to any other Employer approved leave of absence, up to 2 months.
- 4. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to any Employer approved leave of absence because of a call-up to active military service, up to 24 months.

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.

#### **Option to Convert**

In addition to the Continuation of Insurance options described above, You may have the right to convert to a policy of individual life insurance. We urge You to read the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU.

### **EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY**

We require evidence of insurability satisfactory to Us as follows:

1. In the case of transferred business, if You did not elect coverage under the prior plan for which You were eligible.

If You do not give Us evidence of insurability or the evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, You will not be covered for Life Insurance.

The evidence of insurability is to be given at Your expense.

## 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 DEATH 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 Death Benefit Option is shown as available in the Schedule of Benefits.

If You become Terminally III, 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 death benefit. The request must be made while ABO Eligible Life Insurance is in effect.

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

#### **Requirements For Payment of an Accelerated Death Benefit**

Subject to the conditions and requirements of this section, We will pay an accelerated death 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 III.

#### **Proof of Your Terminal Illness**

We will require the following Proof of Your Terminal Illness:

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

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

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

#### Accelerated Death Benefit Amount

We will pay an accelerated death 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 Death Benefit Amount.** The maximum amount We will pay for each ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit is shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

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

If You request an accelerated death benefit amount less than the maximum accelerated death benefit amount, You may later request the remaining amount available for acceleration while You remain insured for this benefit and Terminally III.

**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 death benefit, We will calculate the accelerated death 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 ABO Eligible Life Insurance Benefit.** If an ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit is scheduled to end due to your age within 12 months after the date You or Your legal representative request an accelerated death benefit, We will not pay an accelerated death benefit for such ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit.

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

**Previous conversion of an ABO Eligible Life Insurance Benefit.** We will not pay an accelerated death 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 death benefit in one sum unless You or Your legal representative select another payment mode. You may use the accelerated death benefits in any manner.

#### Effect of Payment of an Accelerated Death Benefit

**On Premium For Your Insurance.** After We pay the accelerated death benefit, any future premium will be waived for Your Life Insurance, Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, Life Insurance for Your Dependents, and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance for Your Dependents.

**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 death 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 death benefit paid by Us.

**On Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance.** Payment of an accelerated death benefit will not affect Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance.

#### Date Your Option to Accelerated Death Benefits Ends

The accelerated death benefit option will end on the earliest of:

- the date 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.

The following provisions are required by state law:

#### **Agent Changes**

No agent has the authority to change the contract or to waive any of its provisions.

#### Reinstatement

If the group policy lapses and is later reinstated, ABO Eligible Life Insurance will be reinstated and subject to the same rights and provisions as described herein.

#### Notice of Claim

If You choose to make a claim for ABO, You or Your legal representative should contact [the Policyholder] to obtain a claim form and information regarding the accelerated death benefit. There is no need to give Us advance Written notice.

#### **Claim Forms**

You should complete the claim form and send it and Proof of Your Terminal Illness to Us as described in the section entitled Proof of Your Terminal Illness. If a claim form is not furnished to You within 15 days upon Your request, You shall be deemed to have complied with the requirements of this policy as to Proof of Loss, upon submitting Written Proof, covering the occurrence, the character and the extent of the loss for which the claim is made. Proof may be sent using any form sufficient to provide Us with the required Proof.

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

### **Proof of Loss**

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.

#### **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.

## 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:

- Your Life Insurance ends because:
  - You cease to be in an eligible class; or
  - Your employment ends; or
  - the Group Policy ends provided You have been insured for Life Insurance for at least 5 years; or
  - the Group Policy is amended to end Life Insurance for an eligible class of which You are a member, provided You have been insured for Life Insurance for at least 5 years; or
- Your Life Insurance is reduced:
  - on or after the date You attain age 60 in any increment or series of increments aggregating 20% or more of the amount of Your Life Insurance in effect before the first reduction due to Your age;
  - because You change from one eligible class to another; or
  - due to an amendment of the 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 death 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 25 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 these conditions:

- 1. Our receipt within the Application Period of:
  - Your Written application for the new policy; and
  - the premium due for such new policy;
- 2. The premium rates for the new policy will be based on:
  - Our rates then in use;
  - the form and amount of insurance;
  - Your class of risk; and
  - Your attained age when Your Life Insurance ends or is reduced;

## LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU (continued)

- 3. the new policy may be on any form then customarily offered by Us excluding term insurance;
- 4. the new policy will be issued without an accidental death and dismemberment benefit, a continuation benefit, a waiver of premium benefit or any other rider or additional benefit; but at Your request, We will include an accelerated death benefit option; and
- the new policy will take effect on the 32<sup>nd</sup> 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 the Group Policy or the amendment of the Group Policy to end 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 the 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 the Group Policy; or
- \$10,000

If Your Life Insurance ends for any other reason, the maximum amount of insurance that You may elect for the new policy is the amount of Your Life Insurance that ends under the Group Policy.

#### 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 of Life Insurance You were entitled to convert.

#### **Effect of Previous Conversion**

If You obtained a new policy through this conversion option and Your Life Insurance is later continued under the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION IF LIFE INSURANCE ENDS WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED. We will only pay Your Life Insurance under such section if the new policy is returned to Us.

If the new policy is returned to us, We will refund to Your estate the premium paid for such policy without interest, less any debt incurred under such policy.

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

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

## ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED

If You become Totally Disabled while You are insured for Continuation Eligible Insurance under this policy, You may qualify to continue certain insurance under this section. If continued, premium payment will not be required. We will determine if You qualify for this continuation after We receive Proof that You have satisfied the conditions of this section.

Total Disability must start before You attain age 60 and while You are insured for Continuation Eligible Insurance.

Your Total Disability must continue without interruption from the date You became Totally Disabled through the end of the Continuation Waiting Period.

#### DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this section, "Continuation Eligible Insurance" means Your

- Basic Life Insurance;
- Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance if You continue Basic Life Insurance;

to the extent that such insurance was in effect for You on the date Your Total Disability began.

Continuation Eligible Insurance does not include Life Insurance amounts accelerated under the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION FOR YOU.

**Continuation Waiting Period** means the period which starts on the date You become Totally Disabled and ends 9 consecutive months later.

Total Disability or Totally Disabled means, for purposes of this section:

- during the first 24 months of total disability, You are unable to perform with reasonable continuity the substantial and material duties of Your job due to sickness or bodily injury; and
- after the first 24 months of total disability, due to sickness or bodily injury, You are unable to engage with reasonable continuity in any other job in which You could reasonably be expected to perform satisfactorily in light of Your age, education, training, experience, station in life, or physical and mental capacity.

#### TOTAL DISABILITY AND PROOF REQUIREMENTS

If You become disabled You should contact Us as soon as reasonably possible. After the Continuation Waiting Period ends, You must send Us Proof that You were Totally Disabled with no interruption throughout the Continuation Waiting Period. You must do this within the time frame specified in the section entitled FILING A CLAIM.

As part of such Proof, We may choose a Physician to examine You to verify that You are Totally Disabled. We will pay for the exam.

After We receive and review Your Proof, We will determine if You qualify. We will notify You in writing of Our decision.

To verify that You continue to be Totally Disabled without interruption, We may require from time to time that You send Us Proof that You continue to be Totally Disabled. We will not ask for Proof more than once each year.

## IF YOU DIE OR SUSTAIN A LOSS COVERED BY THE CONTINUED INSURANCE DURING CONTINUATION

If You die or sustain a loss for which you believe benefits may be payable during the continuation, Proof of the death must be sent to Us. In addition to the Proof which is otherwise required for the insurance, the Proof must show that Your Total Disability continued with no interruption from the date We informed You that the continuation was approved until the date of the death or the date of loss.

# ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED (continued)

When We receive such Proof with the claim, We will review the claim and if We approve it, will pay any benefit payable under the insurance continued under this section.

#### EFFECT OF PREVIOUS CONVERSION

If You converted any portion of Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance to an individual policy, We will only pay the life insurance under this section if the 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.

#### DATE CONTINUATION ENDS

The Continuation Eligible Insurance continued under this section may be continued in a reduced amount on account of Your age or the payment of accelerated benefits and will end at the earliest of:

- 1. the date You die;
- 2. the date Your Total Disability ends;
- 3. the date You do not give Us Proof of Total Disability, as required;
- 4. the date You refuse to be examined by Our Physician, as required;
- 5. if You become Totally Disabled before age 60, the date You reach age 65.

#### **Option To Convert Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance**

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 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. You may not use the conversion option described in those sections if before the end of the Application Period for conversion You return to Active Work in an eligible class and become insured under the Group Policy. You will not be able to convert any of Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance which You have already converted to an individual policy.

#### Applicable to Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment 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, We will pay the insurance in effect on the date of the injury.

**Direct and Sole Cause** means that the Covered Loss occurs within 12 months of the date of the accidental injury and 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 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. physical or mental illness or infirmity, or the diagnosis or treatment of such illness or infirmity;
- 2. infection, other than infection occurring in an external accidental wound;
- 3. suicide or attempted suicide;
- 4. intentionally self-inflicted injury;
- 5. service in the armed forces of any country or international authority, except the United States National Guard;
- 6. any incident related to:
  - travel in an aircraft as a pilot, crew member, flight student or while acting in any capacity other than as a passenger; or
  - travel in an aircraft for the purpose of parachuting or otherwise exiting from such aircraft while it is in flight;
  - parachuting or otherwise exiting from an aircraft while such aircraft is in flight except for selfpreservation;
  - travel in an aircraft or device used:
    - for testing or experimental purposes; or
    - by or for any military authority; or
    - for travel or designed for travel beyond the earth's atmosphere;
- 7. committing or attempting to commit a felony;

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- 8. 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; or
  - alcohol in combination with any drug, medication, or sedative; or
  - poison, gas, or fumes; or
- 9. war, whether declared or undeclared; or act of war, insurrection, rebellion, or riot.

#### **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.

For any other loss sustained by You We will pay benefits to You.

If You sustain more than one Covered Loss due to an accidental injury, the amount We will pay, on behalf of any such injured person, will not exceed the Full Amount.

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.

#### **APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS**

The provisions set forth in this ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE section apply to all Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance – Additional Benefit sections included in this certificate except as may otherwise be provided in such Additional Benefit sections.

## ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: AIR BAG USE

If You die as a result of an accidental injury, We will pay this additional benefit if:

- 1. We pay a benefit for loss of life under the ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE section;
- 2. this benefit is in effect on the date of the injury; and
- 3. We receive Proof that the deceased person:
  - was in an accident while driving or riding as a passenger in a Passenger Car equipped with an Air Bag(s);
  - was riding in a seat protected by an Air Bag;
  - was wearing a Seat Belt which was properly fastened at the time of the accident; and
  - died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

A police officer investigating the accident must certify that the Seat Belt was properly fastened and that the Passenger Car in which the deceased was traveling was equipped with Air Bags. A copy of such certification must be submitted to Us with the claim for benefits.

**Passenger Car** means any validly registered four-wheel private passenger car. It does not include any commercially licensed car or any private car being used for commercial purposes.

Seat Belt means any restraint device that:

- meets published United States government safety standards;
- is properly installed by the car manufacturer; and
- is not altered after the installation.

Air Bag means an inflatable restraint device that:

- meets published United States government safety standards;
- is properly installed by the car manufacturer; and
- is not altered after the installation.

#### **BENEFIT AMOUNT**

The Air Bag Use Benefit is an additional benefit equal to 5% of the Full Amount shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS. However, the amount We will pay for this benefit will not be less than \$100 or more than \$10,000.

#### **BENEFIT PAYMENT**

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

## ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: SEAT BELT USE

If You die as a result of an accidental injury, We will pay this additional Seat Belt Use benefit if:

- 1. We pay a benefit for loss of life under the ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE section;
- 2. this benefit is in effect on the date of the injury; and
- 3. We receive Proof that the deceased person:
  - was in an accident while driving or riding as a passenger in a Passenger Car;
  - was wearing a Seat Belt which was properly fastened at the time of the accident; and
  - died as a result of injuries sustained in the accident.

A police officer investigating the accident must certify that the Seat Belt was properly fastened. A copy of such certification must be submitted to Us with the claim for benefits.

**Passenger Car** means any validly registered four-wheel private passenger car. It does not include any commercially licensed car or any private car being used for commercial purposes.

Seat Belt means any restraint device that:

- meets published United States Government safety standards;
- is properly installed by the car manufacturer; and
- is not altered after the installation.

#### **BENEFIT AMOUNT**

The Seat Belt Use benefit is an additional benefit equal to **10%** of the Full Amount shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS. However, the amount We will pay for this benefit will not be less than **\$1,000** or more than **\$25,000**.

#### **BENEFIT PAYMENT**

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

## ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: CHILD CARE

If You die as a result of an accidental injury, We will pay this additional Child Care benefit if:

- 1. We pay a benefit for loss of life under the ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE section;
- 2. This benefit is in effect on the date of the injury; and
- 3. We receive Proof that:
  - on the date of Your death a Child was enrolled in a Child Care Center; or
  - within 12 months after the date of Your death a Child was enrolled in a Child Care Center.

#### Child Care Center means a facility that:

- is operated and licensed according to the law of the jurisdiction where it is located; and
- provides care and supervision for children in a group setting on a regularly scheduled and daily basis.

#### **BENEFIT AMOUNT**

For each Child who qualifies for this benefit, We will pay an amount equal to the Child Care Center charges incurred for a period of up to 4 consecutive years, not to exceed:

- an annual maximum of \$5,000; and
- an overall maximum of 12% of the Full Amount shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

We will not pay for Child Care Center charges incurred after the date a Child attains age 12.

We may require Proof of the Child's continued enrollment in a Child Care Center during the period for which a benefit is claimed.

#### **BENEFIT PAYMENT**

We will pay this benefit quarterly when We receive Proof that Child Care Center charges have been paid. Payment will be made to the person who pays such charges on behalf of the Child.

If this benefit is in effect on the date You die and there is no Child who could qualify for it, We will pay \$1,000 to Your Beneficiary in one sum.

## ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: COMMON CARRIER

If You die as a result of an accidental injury, We will pay this additional benefit if:

- 1. We pay a benefit for loss of life under the ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE section;
- 2. this benefit is in effect on the date of the injury; and
- 3. We receive Proof that the injury resulting in the deceased's death occurred while traveling in a Common Carrier.

#### **BENEFIT AMOUNT**

The Common Carrier Benefit is shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

#### **BENEFIT PAYMENT**

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

## FILING A CLAIM

The Employer should have a supply of claim forms. Obtain a claim form from the Employer and fill it out carefully. Return the completed claim form with the required Proof to the Employer. The Employer will certify Your insurance under the Group Policy and send the certified claim form and Proof to Us.

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.

#### CLAIMS FOR LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

When a claimant files a claim for Life Insurance benefits, Proof should be sent to Us as soon as is reasonably possible after the death of an insured.

#### **CLAIMS FOR INSURANCE BENEFITS**

When a claimant files a claim for insurance benefits described in this certificate, both the notice of claim and the required Proof should be sent to us within 90 days of the date of a loss.

Notice of claim and Proof may also be given to Us by following the steps set forth below:

#### Step 1

A claimant may give Us notice by calling Us at the toll free number shown in the Certificate Face Page within 20 days of the date of a loss.

#### Step 2

We will send a claim form to the claimant and explain how to complete it. The claimant should receive the claim form within 15 days of giving Us notice of claim.

#### Step 3

When the claimant receives the claim form, the claimant should fill it out as instructed and return it with the required Proof described in the claim form. If the claimant does not receive a claim form within 15 days after giving Us notice of claim, Proof may be sent using any form sufficient to provide Us with the required Proof.

#### Step 4

The claimant must give Us Proof not later than 90 days after the date of the 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 and Proof are given as soon as is reasonably possible but, in no event, other than for lack of legal capacity, may Proof be given later than one year after the date it is otherwise required.

**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 and Dismemberment 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 Employer acknowledges that the Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance being assigned is in force on the life of the assignor; and
- 4. the Written form is delivered to Us for recording.

Viatical assignments may only be made after Your Life Insurance has been in effect under this certificate for 2 years. However, you may make a viatical assignment before the end of the 2 year period if you are Terminally III.

**Terminally III** means that You are expected to die within 6 months. As Proof of Your Terminal Illness You or Your legal representative must send Us a signed Physician's certification that You are Terminally III. We may also request an exam by a Physician of Our choice, at Our expense.

#### 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 the Employer using a form satisfactory to Us. Your Written request to change the Beneficiary must be sent to the Employer 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:

- 1. Your Spouse;
- 2. Your child(ren);
- 3. Your parent(s); or
- 4. Your siblings(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 payee is a minor or incompetent to receive payment, We will pay that person's guardian.

#### 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.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)**

#### 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.

We will not use Your statements which relate to insurability to contest 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.

#### **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, 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.

THIS 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, or as an executive benefit. 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
- 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.

Finances

Another source of information is MIB, Inc. ("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, Inc., 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:

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- administer your products and services
- process claims and other transactions confirm or correct your information

help us run our business

- perform business research
- market new products to you
- comply with applicable laws

## **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

#### **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, longterm 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.