

YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

Howard County, Maryland

Full-Time Voluntary Fire Fighters residing in the United States

Basic Life Insurance

Accidental Death Insurance

Certificate Date: January 1, 2014

Howard County, Maryland
6751 Columbia Gateway Drive,
Suite 501
Columbia, MD 21046

TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

All of us appreciate the protection and security insurance provides.

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

Howard County, Maryland

MetLife®

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

CERTIFICATE RIDER

Group Policy No.: 154882-1-G
Policyholder: Howard County, Maryland
Effective Date: January 1, 2014

The Certificate is changed as shown below:

The SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS section of the Certificate is revised to add the following:

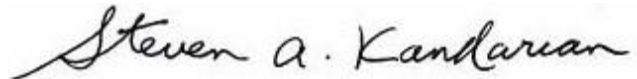
How We Will Pay Benefits

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

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

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

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



Steven A. Kandarian
Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer



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

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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

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

Policyholder: Howard County, Maryland
Group Policy Number: 154882-1-G
Type of Insurance: Term Life & Accidental Death Insurance
MetLife Toll Free Number(s):
For Claim Information FOR LIFE CLAIMS: 1-800-638-6420

THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES TERM LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE.

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

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.

For Texas Residents:

Para Residentes de Texas:

IMPORTANT NOTICE

AVISO IMPORTANTE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

You may call MetLife's toll free telephone number for information or to make a complaint at

Usted puede llamar al numero de teléfono gratis de MetLife para información o para someter una queja al

1-800-638-6420

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You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at

Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información acerca de compañías, coberturas, derechos o quejas al

1-800-252-3439

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You may write the Texas Department of Insurance

Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas

P.O. Box 149104
Austin, TX 78714-9104
Fax # (512) 475-1771

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Austin, TX 78714-9104
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Web: <http://www.tdi.state.tx.us>

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Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

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PREMIUM OR CLAIM DISPUTES: Should You have a dispute concerning Your premium or about a claim, You should contact MetLife first. If the dispute is not resolved, You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance.

DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS: Si tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con MetLife primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR CERTIFICATE:

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document.

UNA ESTE AVISO A SU CERTIFICADO:

Este aviso es solo para propósito de información y no se convierte en parte o condición del documento adjunto.

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.

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

Arkansas Insurance Department
Consumer Services Division
1200 West Third Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 371-2640 or (800) 852-5494

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR TO MAKE A COMPLAINT, CONTACT THE POLICYHOLDER OR THE METLIFE CLAIM OFFICE SHOWN ON THE EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS YOU RECEIVE AFTER FILING A CLAIM.

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 INSURANCE DEPARTMENT AT:

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
300 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90013
1 (800) 927-4357**

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 Policyholder. 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 Policyholder and MetLife, You should feel free to contact:

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

1-800-638-6420

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 MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS

CONTINUATION OF ACCIDENTAL DEATH (AD) INSURANCE

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

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

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

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MINNESOTA 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; or
- the date you become covered for life insurance under this or any other group term life insurance plan; or
- the end of 18 months following the date Your Active Work ended.

When a continuation under this section ends, You may buy an individual policy of life insurance from Us. The details of this option are described in the section 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 INSURANCE

EXCLUSIONS

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

"suicide or attempted suicide while sane"

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF 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
 - o \$500,000 in hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits
 - o \$500,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
 - o \$500,000 in disability income insurance benefits
 - o \$500,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities
 - o \$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.

CIVIL UNION NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF VERMONT

Vermont law provides that the following definitions apply to Your certificate:

- Terms that mean or refer to a marital relationship, or that may be construed to mean or refer to a marital relationship, such as "marriage," "spouse," "husband," "wife," "dependent," "next of kin," "relative," "beneficiary," "survivor," "immediate family" and any other such terms include the relationship created by a Civil Union established according to Vermont law.
- Terms that mean or refer to the inception or dissolution of a marriage, such as "date of marriage," "divorce decree," "termination of marriage" and any other such terms include the inception or dissolution of a Civil Union established according to Vermont law.
- Terms that mean or refer to family relationships arising from a marriage, such as "family," "immediate family," "dependent," "children," "next of kin," "relative," "beneficiary," "survivor" and any other such terms include family relationships created by a Civil Union established according to Vermont law.
- "Dependent" includes a spouse, a party to a Civil Union established according to Vermont law, and a child or children (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a Civil Union established according to Vermont law.
- "Child" includes a child (natural, stepchild, legally adopted or a minor or disabled child who is dependent on the insured for support and maintenance) who is born to or brought to a marriage or to a Civil Union established according to Vermont law.
- "Civil Union" means a civil union established pursuant to Act 91 of the 2000 Vermont Legislative Session, entitled "Act Relating to Civil Unions".

All references in this notice to Civil Unions are limited to Civil Unions in which the parties are residents of Vermont.

If dependent insurance for a spouse and/or child is not provided under Your certificate, such insurance is not added by virtue of this notice.

For purposes of dependent insurance, any person who meets the definition of "dependent" as set forth in this notice is required to meet all other applicable requirements in order to qualify for such insurance.

This notice does not limit any definitions or terms included in Your certificate. It broadens definitions and terms only to the extent required by Vermont law.

DISCLOSURE:

Vermont law grants parties to a Civil Union the same benefits, protections and responsibilities that flow from marriage under state law. However, some or all of the benefits, protections and responsibilities related to life and health insurance that are available to married persons under federal law may not be available to parties to a Civil Union. For example, a federal law, the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 known as "ERISA", controls the employer/employee relationship with regard to determining eligibility for enrollment in private employer benefit plans. Because of ERISA, Act 91 does not state requirements pertaining to a private employer's enrollment of a party to a Civil Union in an ERISA employee benefit plan. However, governmental employers (not federal government) are required to provide life and health benefits to the dependents of a party to a Civil Union if the public employer provides such benefits to dependents of married persons. Federal law also controls group health insurance continuation rights under "COBRA" for employers with 20 or more employees as well as the Internal Revenue Code treatment of insurance premiums. As a result, parties to a Civil Union and their families may or may not have access to certain benefits under this notice and the certificate to which it is attached that derive from federal law. You are advised to seek expert advice to determine Your rights under this notice and the certificate to which it is attached.

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:

The Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman
Bureau of Insurance
P.O. Box 1157
Henrico, VA 23218
1-877-310-6560 - toll-free
1-804-371-9691 - locally
www.scc.virginia.gov - web address
ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov – email
MCHIP@vdh.virginia.gov

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Washington law provides that the following apply to Your certificate:

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

Domestic Partner means each of two people, one of whom is an Employee of the Policyholder, who have registered as each other's domestic partner, civil union partner or reciprocal beneficiary with a government agency where such registration is available.

Wherever the term "step-child" appears in this certificate it shall be read to include the children of Your Domestic Partner.

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

BENEFIT

BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Basic Life Insurance For You

For Active Employees \$10,000

Accidental Death Insurance (AD) For You

Full Amount for AD

For Active Employees \$50,000

Schedule of Covered Losses for Accidental Death Insurance

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

Covered Losses

Loss of life 100%

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:

<u>Age of Employee</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
70 but less than 75	65%
75 and older	45%

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 on a Full-Time basis. This must be done at:

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

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

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

Full-Time means Active Work of at least 35 hours per week on the Policyholder's regular work schedule for the eligible class of employees to which You belong.

Job-Related Injury means any injury:

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

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

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 he performs the service and must act within the scope of that license. He 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.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

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

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

Proof must be provided at the claimant's expense.

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

Spouse means Your lawful spouse.

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

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

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

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU

ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)

All Full-Time Volunteer Fire Fighter employees of the Policyholder residing in the United States.

DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE

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

If You are in an eligible class on January 1, 2014, You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after January 1, 2014, You will be eligible for insurance on the first day of the month coincident with or next following the date You enter that class.

Previous Employment With The Policyholder

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

- any individual policy of life insurance to which You converted when Your employment ended; and
- any certificate of insurance continued as ported insurance when such employment ended.

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

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

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

DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT

Rules for Noncontributory Insurance

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

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

DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS

Your insurance will end on the earliest of:

for all coverages

1. the date the Group Policy ends; or
2. the date insurance ends for Your class; or
3. the end of the period for which the last contribution toward premium was paid by You; or

for Basic Life Insurance

4. 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

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU (continued)

5. the last day of the calendar month in which You retire in accordance with the Policyholder's retirement plan; or

for Accidental Death Insurance

6. 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
7. the last day of the calendar month in which You retire in accordance with the Policyholder's retirement plan.

The ending of Your insurance will not prejudice a loss which occurred or a Disability which began while Your insurance was in effect.

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

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

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

FOR FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

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

AT THE POLICYHOLDER'S OPTION

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

1. if You cease Active Work due to injury or sickness, for a period in accordance with the Policyholder's general practice for an employee in Your job class;
2. if You cease Active Work due to part-time work, for a period in accordance with the Policyholder's general practice for an employee in Your job class;
3. if You cease Active Work due to strike, for a period in accordance with the Policyholder's general practice for an employee in Your job class;
4. if You cease Active Work due to layoff, for a period in accordance with the Policyholder's general practice for an employee in Your job class;
5. if You cease Active Work due to any other Policyholder approved leave of absence, for a period in accordance with the Policyholder's general practice for an employee in Your job class.

The Policyholder's general practice for employees in a job class determines which employees with the above types of absences are to be considered as still insured and for how long among persons in like situations.

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

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

EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY

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

LIFE INSURANCE: FOR YOU

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

LIFE INSURANCE: 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;
 - Your employment ends;
 - 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;
 - 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.

Application Period

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

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

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

Option Conditions

The option to convert is subject to 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;

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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 benefit, a continuation benefit, an accelerated benefit option, a waiver of premium benefit or any other rider or additional benefit; and
5. the new policy will take effect on the 32nd day after the date Your Life Insurance ends or is reduced; this will be the case regardless of the duration of the Application Period.

Maximum Amount of the New Policy

If Your Life Insurance ends due to the end of 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
- \$2,000.

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

If You Die Within 31 Days After Your Life Insurance Ends

If You die within 31 days after Your Life Insurance ends, 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.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE

If You sustain an accidental injury that is the Direct and Sole Cause of a Covered Loss described in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, Proof of the accidental injury and Covered Loss must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof We will review the claim. If We approve the claim We will pay the insurance in effect on the date of the injury within 30 days of Our receipt of such Proof.

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.

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 the diagnosis or treatment of such illness;
2. infection, other than infection occurring in an external wound or an infection which results from a crime unless the crime was a felony which You committed or attempted to commit;
3. suicide or attempted suicide;
4. self-inflicted injury by an insane person;
5. service in the armed forces of any country or international authority. However, service in reserve forces does not constitute service in the armed forces, unless in connection with such reserve service an individual is on active military duty as determined by the applicable military authority other than weekend or summer training. For purposes of this provision reserve forces are defined as reserve forces of any branch of the military of the United States or of any other country or international authority, including but not limited to the National Guard of the United States or the national guard of any other country;
6. travel in an aircraft as a pilot, crew member, flight student or while acting in any capacity other than as a passenger;
7. travel in an aircraft for the purpose of parachuting or otherwise exiting from such aircraft while it is in flight;
8. parachuting or otherwise exiting from an aircraft while such aircraft is in flight, except for self-preservation;
9. travel in an aircraft or device used:
 - for testing or experimental purposes;
 - by or for any military authority; or
 - for travel or designed for travel beyond the earth's atmosphere;
10. Your committing or attempting to commit a felony;
11. Your being under the influence of any narcotic;
12. war, whether declared or undeclared; or act of war.
13. a non Job-Related Injury.

Exclusion for Intoxication

We will not pay benefits under this section for any loss resulting from Your intoxication.

Intoxicated means that Your 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.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH INSURANCE (continued)

BENEFIT PAYMENT

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

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

We will pay this benefit if the accidental injury occurred while this insurance was in effect even if the covered loss occurs after the insurance ends and the loss occurs within 90 days after the accident.

FILING A CLAIM

CLAIMS FOR LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

When there has been the death of an insured person, notify the Policyholder. This notice should be given to the Policyholder as soon as is reasonably possible after the death. The claim form will be sent to the beneficiary or beneficiaries of record.

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

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

FILING A CLAIM

CLAIMS FOR ACCIDENTAL DEATH BENEFITS

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

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

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

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

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

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Assignment

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

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

We are not responsible for the validity of an assignment.

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

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

Beneficiary

You may designate a Beneficiary in Your application or enrollment form. You may change Your Beneficiary at any time. To do so, You must send a Signed and dated, Written request to the Policyholder using a form satisfactory to Us. Your Written request to change the Beneficiary must be sent to the Policyholder 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 Beneficiary at Your death, We will determine the Beneficiary according to the following order:

1. Your Spouse, if alive;
2. Your child(ren), if there is no surviving Spouse ;
3. Your parent(s), if there is no surviving child;
4. Your sibling(s), if there is no surviving parent; or
5. Your estate, if there is no surviving sibling.

Any payment made in good faith will discharge our liability to the extent of such payment.

If a Beneficiary or a payee is a minor or incompetent to receive payment, We will pay that person's guardian.

GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)

Entire Contract

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

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

A change in the policy will not be valid:

1. until approved by an executive officer of MetLife; and
2. unless the approval is endorsed on the policy or attached to the policy.

Contestability: Statements Made by You

In the absence of fraud, any statement made by You will be considered a representation and not a warranty. We will not use such statement to avoid Accidental Death 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 contest insurance, except for non-payment of premium, after it has been in force for 2 years from the date of issue. A statement made by You while covered relating to the insurability may not be used in contesting the validity of the insurance with respect to which the statement was made after the insurance has been in force before the contest for a period of 2 years during Your life.

Contestability: Statements Made by the Policyholder

In the absence of fraud, any statement made by the Policyholder will be considered a representation and not a warranty. We will not use such statement to avoid insurance, reduce benefits or defend a claim, except for non-payment of premium, unless:

1. it is contained in a Written application signed by the Policyholder; and
2. a copy of the application is given to the Policyholder.

We will not contest insurance after it has been in force for 2 years from its effective date, except for non-payment of premium.

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.

GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)

Physical Exams

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

Autopsy

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