

# **YOUR BENEFIT PLAN**

**Diocese of Columbus**

**Full-Time Employees Excluding Employees  
Residing in Vermont and Washington**

**Basic Life Insurance**

**Certificate Date: November 1, 2015**

Diocese of Columbus  
198 E Broad Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

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.

Diocese of Columbus

# MetLife

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:** Diocese of Columbus  
**Group Policy Number:** 159559-1-G  
**Type of Insurance:** Term Life Insurance  
**MetLife Toll Free Number(s):**  
**For Claim Information** FOR LIFE CLAIMS: 1-800-638-6420

### **THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES TERM LIFE INSURANCE.**

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

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

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

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

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

1-800-638-6420

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

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 490-1007

Web: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov>

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

**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.

**ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR CERTIFICATE:**

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

## AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

Usted puede llamar al numero de teléfono gratuito de MetLife para obtener información o para presentar una queja al

1-800-638-6420

Usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información sobre compañías, coberturas, derechos, o quejas:

1-800-252-3439

Usted puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas a:

P.O. Box 149104  
Austin, TX 78714-9104  
Fax: (512) 490-1007

Sitio Web: <http://www.tdi.texas.gov>

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto:ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov)

**DISPUTAS POR PRIMAS DE SEGUROS O**

**RECLAMACIONES:** Si tiene una disputa relacionada con a su prima de seguro o con una reclamación, usted, debe comunicarse con MetLife primero. Si la disputa no es resuelta, usted, puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

**ADJUNTE ESTE AVISO A SU CERTIFICADO:**

Este aviso es solamente para propósitos informativos y no se convierte en parte o en condición del documento adjunto.

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WASHINGTON**

### **LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO)**

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

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL STATES**

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

**DISCLOSURE:** The Life Insurance accelerated death 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 death benefits are complex. You are advised to consult with a qualified tax advisor about circumstances under which You could receive an accelerated death benefit excludable from income under federal law.

**DISCLOSURE:** Receipt of an accelerated death 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.

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, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor

PO Box 83720

Boise, Idaho 83720-0043

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

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

MetLife  
200 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10166

The address of the Illinois Department of Insurance is:

Illinois Department of Insurance  
Public Services Division  
Springfield, Illinois 62767

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF INDIANA**

**Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:**

**Metropolitan Life Insurance Company  
1-800-438-6388**

If you (a) need the assistance of the government agency that regulates insurance; or (b) have a complaint you have been unable to resolve with your insurer you may contact the Department of Insurance by mail, telephone or email:

State of Indiana Department of Insurance  
Consumer Services Division  
311 West Washington Street, Suite 300  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Consumer Hotline: (800) 622-4461; (317) 232-2395

Complaint can be filed electronically at [www.in.gov/idoi](http://www.in.gov/idoi)

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MINNESOTA**

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

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS**

**THE INSURANCE POLICY UNDER WHICH THIS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED IS NOT A POLICY OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION INSURANCE. YOU SHOULD CONSULT YOUR EMPLOYER TO DETERMINE WHETHER YOUR EMPLOYER IS A SUBSCRIBER TO THE WORKERS' COMPENSATION SYSTEM.**

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS**

### **LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED DEATH BENEFIT OPTION (ABO)**

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

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF UTAH

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

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

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your life, health, or annuity insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its insurance regulatory agency. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Utah law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies.

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](http://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:

The Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman  
Bureau of Insurance  
P.O. Box 1157  
Richmond, VA 23218  
1-877-310-6560 - toll-free  
1-804-371-9944 - locally  
[www.scc.virginia.gov](http://www.scc.virginia.gov) - web address  
[ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov) - email

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WISCONSIN

### **KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS**

**PROBLEMS WITH YOUR INSURANCE?** - If You are having problems with Your insurance company or agent, do not hesitate to contact the insurance company or agent to resolve Your problem.

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

You can also contact the **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE**, a state agency which enforces Wisconsin's insurance laws, and file a complaint. You can contact the **OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INSURANCE** by contacting:

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

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## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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

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

### BENEFIT

### BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

#### 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:

- by check;
- by establishing an account that earns interest and provides the Beneficiary with immediate access to the full benefit amount; or
- 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.

#### Life Insurance For You

Basic Life Insurance is Portability Eligible Insurance

For Active Employees .....	\$50,000
Accelerated Death Benefit Option .....	Up to 80% of Your Basic Life amount not to exceed \$40,000

#### **If You Are Age 70 Or Older (Not applicable to Continuation Eligible Insurance described in the section entitled ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED)**

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	65%
75	45%
80	30%

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

### **Portability Eligible Life Insurance**

#### **Life Insurance For You:**

#### **Portability Eligible Life Insurance For You:**

Minimum Portability Eligible Life Insurance Amount.....	\$10,000
Maximum Portability Eligible Life Insurance Amount.....	The lesser of Your total Life Insurance in effect on the date You elect to Port or \$2,000,000

If Your Portability Eligible Insurance ends due to the end of the Group Policy or the amendment of the Group Policy to end the Portability Eligible Insurance for an eligible class of which You are a member, the maximum amount of insurance that You may Port is the lesser of:

- the amount of Your Portability Eligible Insurance that ends under the Group Policy less the amount of life insurance for which You become eligible under any group policy issued to replace this Group Policy; or
- \$10,000.

## 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, 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 30 hours per week on the Policyholder's regular work schedule for the eligible class of employees to which You belong.

**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.

**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.

## **DEFINITIONS (continued)**

**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.

**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 employees of the Policyholder, excluding employees residing in Vermont and Washington.**

### **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 November 1, 2015, You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after November 1, 2015, 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.

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

### **DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS**

Your insurance will end on the earliest of:

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

Please refer to the section entitled ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED for information concerning continuation of Your Life 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.

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

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR GROUPS PREVIOUSLY COVERED UNDER OTHER GROUP LIFE INSURANCE**

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

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

**Replacement Date** means the effective date of the Life Insurance under this Group Policy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **SPECIAL RULES FOR GROUPS PREVIOUSLY COVERED UNDER OTHER GROUP LIFE INSURANCE (continued)**

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

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

### **AT YOUR OPTION: PORTABILITY**

#### **For Life Insurance**

If Your Portability Eligible Insurance ends for any of the reasons stated below, You have the option to continue that insurance under another group policy in accordance with the conditions and requirements of this section. This is referred to as Porting. Evidence of Your insurability will not be required.

For purposes of this subsection the term "Portability Eligible Insurance" refers to Your Life Insurance benefits for which the Portability Eligible Insurance is shown as available in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

#### **When Porting is an Option**

Porting may only be exercised by a request in Writing during the Request Period specified below.

If You choose not to Port, Life Insurance benefits may be converted in accordance with the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU.

1. You may choose to Port if Portability Eligible Insurance ends because:
  - You become retired from active service with the Employer; or
  - Your employment ends, due to a reason other than retirement; or
  - You cease to be in a class that is eligible for such insurance; or
  - the Policy is amended to end the Portability Eligible Insurance, unless such insurance is replaced by similar insurance under another group insurance policy issued to the Policyholder or its successor; or
  - this Policy has ended, unless such insurance is replaced by similar insurance under another group insurance policy issued to the Policyholder or its successor.
2. You may choose to Port the reduced amount of insurance if Your Portability Eligible Insurance is reduced due to:
  - Your age; or
  - an amendment to the Plan which affects the amount of insurance for Your class.

If a request is made under this subsection, We will issue a new certificate of insurance which will explain the new insurance benefits. The insurance benefits under the new certificate may not be the same as those that ended under this Policy.

A request under this subsection may be made, if on the date the Portability Eligible Insurance ended, the following requirements are met:

- the Group Policy is in effect;
- with respect to any amount of Portability Eligible Life Insurance that is to be Ported, no application has been made to convert that amount of insurance to an individual policy of life insurance as provided in the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU; and
- the person making the request resides in a jurisdiction that permits this Portability feature.

## **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT (continued)**

### **Request Period**

If written notice of the option to Port is given within 15 days before or after the date such insurance ends, the Request Period:

- begins on the date the insurance ends, and
- expires 31 days after the date.

If written notice of the option to Port is given more than 15 days after but within 91 days of the date such insurance ends, the Request Period:

- begins on the date the insurance ends, and
- expires 45 days after the date of the notice.

If written notice of the option to Port is not given within 91 days of the date such insurance ends, the Request Period:

- begins on the date the insurance ends, and
- expires at the end of such 91 day period.

### **Amount of the New Certificate**

The amount of Ported Insurance for You that may be continued is shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS. However, at the time of Porting You may change the amount of Portability Eligible Insurance in the following circumstances:

#### **Your Decrease in Amount**

If We receive a request to decrease an amount of insurance, any such decrease will take place on the date We state in Writing.

### **Premiums for the New Certificate**

All premium payments must be made directly to Us. When We issue the new certificate, We will also provide a schedule of premiums and payment instructions.

You are not required to provide evidence of insurability to Port Your existing amount of Portability Eligible Life Insurance. However, to qualify for a lower premium rate, You may give us, at Your expense, evidence of Your insurability satisfactory to Us. If We determine that the evidence satisfies Us, We will notify You that the lower premium rates will apply to You.

### **Right to Convert Life Insurance Amounts Not Ported**

Any amount of Life Insurance not Ported under this subsection may be converted under the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU.

### **If You Die Within 31 Days of the Date Portability Eligible Life Insurance Ends**

If You die within 31 days of the date Portability Eligible Life Insurance ends and an application to Port is not received by Us during such period, We will determine whether Your life insurance qualifies for payment. This determination will be made in accordance with the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU.

## **CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT (continued)**

### **If You are Totally Disabled on the Date Your Employment Ends**

If You are Totally Disabled on the date Your employment ends and You elect to Port as provided in this subsection, You may at a later date become approved for the continuation of insurance under the section entitled ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED. If You are so approved, all Ported insurance continued under this Portability subsection will end, including Life Insurance.

### **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. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to injury or sickness, up to 1 year;
2. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to any other Policyholder approved leave of absence, up to 1 year.

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

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

## **EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY**

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



## **LIFE INSURANCE: FOR YOU**

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

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

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

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

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

### Requirements For Payment of an Accelerated 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 Ill.

We will only pay an accelerated death benefit for each ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit once. We will promptly pay a claim for an accelerated death benefit when We receive Proof of Your Terminal Illness.

### 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 Ill; and
- an examination by a Physician of Our choice, at Our expense, if We request it.

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

Upon Our receipt of Your request to accelerate death benefits, 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 benefits 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.

**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 an 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.

### **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.

**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.

### **Date Your Option to Accelerate Death Benefits Ends**

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

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

## **LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU**

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

### **When You Will Have the Option to Convert**

You will have the option to convert when:

A. Your life insurance ends because:

- You cease to be in an eligible class;
- Your employment ends;
- this Group Policy ends, provided You have been insured for life insurance for at least 5 continuous years; or
- this Group Policy is amended to end all life insurance for an eligible class of which You are a member, provided You have been insured for at least 5 continuous years; or

B. Your life insurance is reduced:

- on or after the date You attain age 60;
- because You change from one eligible class to another; or
- due to an amendment of this Group Policy.

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

A reduction in the amount of Your life insurance as a result of the payment of an accelerated 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 60 days after such date.

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

### **Option Conditions**

The option to convert is subject to the following:

A. Our receipt within the Application Period of:

- Your Written application for the new policy; and
- the premium due for such new policy;

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

- B. the premium rates for the new policy will be based on:
- Our rates then in use;
  - the form and amount of insurance for which you apply;
  - Your class of risk; and
  - Your age;
- C. the new policy may be on any form then customarily offered by Us excluding term insurance;
- D. the new policy will be issued without an accidental death and dismemberment benefit, an accelerated death benefit option, a waiver of premium benefit or any other rider or additional benefit; and
- E. 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 this Group Policy or the amendment of this Group Policy to end all life insurance for an eligible class of which You are a member, the maximum amount of insurance that You may elect for the new policy is the lesser of:

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

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

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

### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS IF YOU DIE OR BECOME DISABLED UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS**

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

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

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

#### **If You Become Eligible To Have Insurance Continued Due To Your Total Disability**

If You obtain a new individual conversion policy because Your life insurance ends or is reduced and You later become eligible to have insurance continued under the section entitled ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN INSURANCE WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED, We will only continue Your life insurance under such section if the conversion policy is returned to Us.

If the conversion policy is returned to Us, We will refund the premium paid for such policy without interest, less any debt incurred under such policy.

We will not pay a benefit for insurance under both the Group Policy and the new individual conversion 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 70 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, except as follows. If You return to Active Work after completing part or all of the Continuation Waiting Period and later cease Active Work due to the same or a related Total Disability while Your Continuation Eligible Insurance is still in effect, You will be given credit for the prior partial or total completion of the Continuation Waiting Period and it will be considered a continuation of the original Total Disability. For example, if You complete the Continuation Waiting Period in the original period of Total Disability, You will not need to complete another Continuation Waiting Period. You must notify Us of the later period of Total Disability within 12 months of when that period began. The amount of insurance being continued will be the same as during the original period of Total Disability, subject to any reductions in coverage amount due to age. However, if (a) You increase Your Continuation Eligible Insurance after returning to Active Work and as part of the process provide evidence of insurability which satisfies Us, or (b) the amount of Continuation Eligible Insurance increases due to a change in Your earnings, that increase will be taken into account in determining the amount of insurance being continued.

### **DEFINITIONS**

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

- 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 6 consecutive months later.

**Total Disability** or **Totally Disabled** means, for purposes of this section, that due to an injury or sickness:

- You are unable to perform the material duties of Your regular job; and
- You are unable to perform any other job for which You are fit by education, training or experience.

### **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 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.

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

To verify that You continue to be Totally Disabled, 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 DURING CONTINUATION**

If You die 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 from the date We informed You that the continuation was approved until the date of the death.

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.

### **EFFECT OF PREVIOUS ELECTION TO PORT COVERAGE**

If You ported any portion of Your Continuation Eligible Insurance to a certificate under another policy, We will only pay insurance under this section if the other policy's certificate is surrendered to Us. If it is returned to Us, We will refund to Your estate the premiums paid under such policy without interest.

If that certificate is not returned to Us, We will pay any insurance which applies under the other policy's certificate.

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

### **DATE CONTINUATION ENDS**

The Continuation Eligible Insurance continued under this section may be continued in a reduced amount on account of 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; or
5. the date You attain age 70.

### **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.

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

### **Option To Port Your Continuation Eligible Insurance**

When a continuation under this section ends, You may elect to port to a different policy the insurance which has been continued under this section. The details of this option are described in the At Your Option: Portability subsection of the CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT section. For the purpose of that section, the end of this continuation will be considered the end of Your employment. You may not use the portability option described in that section if before the end of the Portability Request Period, You return to Active Work in an eligible class and become insured under the Group Policy. You will not be able to port any of Your Continuation Eligible Insurance which You have already converted to an individual policy.



## **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.

When a claimant files a claim to continue Life Insurance on account of Total Disability, notice and Proof should be sent to Us as soon as reasonably possible, but in any event must be received by Us within 12 months of the date the claimant became Totally Disabled, except in the case of legal incapacity of the claimant.

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Assignment**

You may assign Your Life Insurance rights and benefits under the Group Policy as a gift or as a viatical assignment. 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 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 may pay your estate.

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

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

### **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.