# YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

# **ROWAN SALISBURY SCHOOLS**

All Full-Time Employees

Supplemental Life Insurance

Dependent Life Insurance

Certificate Date: September 1, 2011

Rowan Salisbury Schools 110 South Long Street East Spencer, NC 28039

#### 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.

Rowan Salisbury Schools



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 and Your Dependents 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:	Rowan Salisbury Schools
Group Policy Number:	95257-1-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 YOU 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.

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

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

#### For Texas Residents:

# 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

# Para Residentes de Texas:

# AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

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

1-800-638-6420

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

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

Web: http://www.tdi.state.tx.us

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

**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. Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas

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

Web: http://www.tdi.state.tx.us

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

### 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).

#### 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 TEXAS

# LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO)

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

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS,

# The Definition Of Child Is Modified For The Coverage Listed Below:

#### For Texas Residents (Life Insurance):

The term also includes Your grandchildren. The age limit for children and grandchildren will not be less than 25, regardless of the child's or grandchild's student status or full-time employment status. Your natural child, adopted child or stepchild under age 25 will not need to be supported by You to qualify as a Child under this insurance. In addition, grandchildren must be able to be claimed by You as a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes at the time You applied for Insurance.

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL STATES

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

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

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

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ARKANSAS

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

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 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 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 NORTH CAROLINA

Read your Certificate Carefully.

# **IMPORTANT CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

# **Please Read The Provisions Entitled**

# DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS and DATE YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ENDS

Found on Pages e/ee and e/dep

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

UNDER NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL STATUTE SECTION 58-50-40, NO PERSON, EMPLOYER, PRINCIPAL, AGENT, TRUSTEE, OR THIRD PARTY ADMINISTRATOR, WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PAYMENT OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN PREMIUMS, SHALL:

- (1) CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSONS INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT, AND
- (2) WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. THIS WRITTEN NOTICE MUST ALSO CONTAIN A NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY OF THEIR RIGHTS TO HEALTH INSURANCE CONVERSION POLICIES UNDER ARTICLE 53 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL POLICIES UNDER THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND UNDER ARTICLE 68 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

VIOLATION OF THIS LAW IS A FELONY. ANY PERSON VIOLATING THIS LAW IS ALSO SUBJECT TO A COURT ORDER REQUIRING THE PERSON TO COMPENSATE PERSONS INSURED FOR EXPENSES OR LOSSES INCURRED AS A RESULT OF THE TERMINATION OF THE INSURANCE.

## 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

  \$500,000 in death benefits
  \$200,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values

  Health Insurance

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

  Annuities
  - 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.	Utah Insurance Department
60 East South Temple, Suite 500	3110 State Office Building
Salt Lake City UT 84111	Salt Lake City UT 84114-6901
(801) 320-9955	(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 1-804-371-9691 - locally www.scc.virginia.gov - web address ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov - email

# 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 WEST VIRGINIA

#### FREE LOOK PERIOD:

If You are not satisfied with Your certificate, You may return it to Us within 10 days after You receive it, unless a claim has previously been received by Us under Your certificate. We will refund within 10 days of our receipt of the returned certificate any Premium that has been paid and the certificate will then be considered to have never been issued. You should be aware that, if You elect to return the certificate for a refund of premiums, losses which otherwise would have been covered under Your certificate will not be covered.

## 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 and Your Dependents will only be insured for the benefits:

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

The amount of Insurance that We will pay will be decreased by the amount of any contributions due and unpaid to Us for that insurance.

#### BENEFIT

#### **BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Life Insurance For You

#### **Supplemental Life Insurance**

For all Full-Time employees:

For Active Employees	An amount elected by You, which is a multiple of \$10,000 to a maximum of \$150,000, then an amount elected by You, which is a multiple of \$50,000 to a maximum of \$300,000
Minimum Supplemental Life Benefit	\$10,000
Maximum Supplemental Life Benefit	\$300,000
Non-Medical Issue Amount	\$150,000
Accelerated Benefit Option	Up to 80% of Your Supplemental Life amount not to exceed \$240,000

#### THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO RESIDENTS OF ALL STATES OTHER THAN TEXAS

If You elect Group Supplemental Life Insurance coverage, a Will Preparation Service (the "Service") will be made available to You, through a MetLife affiliate (the "Affiliate"), while Your Group Supplemental Life Insurance coverage is in effect. This Service will be made available at no cost to You. It enables You to have a will prepared for You and Your Spouse free of charge by attorneys designated by the Affiliate. If You have a will prepared by an attorney not designated by the Affiliate, You must pay for the attorney's services directly. Upon Proof of such payment, You will be reimbursed for the attorney's services in an amount equal to the lesser of the amount You paid for the attorney's services and the amount customarily reimbursed for such services by the Affiliate.

# SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)

#### THE FOLLOWING APPLIES TO RESIDENTS OF TEXAS ONLY

If You elect Group Supplemental Life Insurance coverage, a Will Preparation Service (the "Service") will be made available to You through a MetLife affiliate (the "Affiliate"), as agreed to by the Policyholder and MetLife, while Your Group Supplemental Life Insurance coverage is in effect under this Policy.

Will Preparation Service means a service covering the preparation of wills and codicils for You and Your Spouse. The creation of any testamentary trust is covered. The Will Preparation Service does not include tax planning.

This Service will be made available at no cost to You. It enables You to have a will prepared for You and Your Spouse free of charge by attorneys designated by the Affiliate. If You have a will prepared by an attorney not designated by the Affiliate, You must pay for the attorney's services directly. Upon Proof of such payment, You will be reimbursed for the attorney's services in an amount equal to the lesser of the amount You paid for the attorney's services and the amount customarily reimbursed for such services by the Affiliate.

# **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)**

# Life Insurance For Your Dependents

For all Full-Time employees:

For Your Spouse	An amount, elected by You, which is a multiple of \$10,000
Minimum Spouse Dependent Life Benefit	\$10,000
Maximum Spouse Dependent Life Benefit	The lesser of 100% of Your total Life Benefits or \$50,000
Non-Medical Issue Amount	\$20,000
Accelerated Benefit Option	Up to 80% of Your Dependent Life amount not to exceed \$40,000
For each of Your Children	
All Employees who elect:	
Option 1	\$5,000
Option 2	\$10,000
Minimum Child Dependent Life Benefit	\$5,000
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#### If You Are Age 65 Or Older

If You are age 65 or older on Your effective date of insurance, the appropriate percentage from the following table will be applied to the amount of Your Life Insurance and Your Dependent Spouse's Life Insurance on Your effective date of insurance.

If You are under age 65 on Your effective date of insurance, the amounts of Your Life Insurance and Your Dependent Spouse's Life Insurance on and after age 65 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 65th birthday:

Age of Employee	Percentage
65	65%
70	40%
75	25%

# 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.

**Basic Annual Earnings** means Your gross annual rate of pay as determined by Your Policyholder, excluding overtime and other extra pay. "Basic Annual Earnings" for You if You are a salesman includes commissions and/or bonuses which shall be averaged for the most recent 12 month period.

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

**Child** means the following: (for residents of Texas, the Child Definition is modified as explained in the notice pages of this certificate - please consult the Notice)

for Life Insurance, Your natural child, adopted child (including a child from the date of placement with the adopting parents until the legal adoption) or stepchild; and who, in each case, is:

- under age 19, unmarried and supported by You; or
- under age 26 and who is:
  - 1. unmarried;
  - 2. supported by You;
  - 3. not employed on a full-time basis; and
  - 4. a full-time student at an accredited school, college or university that is licensed in the jurisdiction where it is located. A person who, while enrolled as a full-time student:
    - a. leaves school because of a medically necessary leave of absence; and
    - b. whose absence is certified in Writing as necessary by a Physician;

will be considered to have the status of a full-time student for the lesser of: (i) 12 months or (ii) the length of the certified leave of absence.

For the purposes of determining who may become covered for insurance, the term does not include any person who:

- is on active duty in the military of any country or international authority; however, active duty for this
  purpose does not include weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States,
  including the National Guard; or
- is insured under the Group Policy as an employee.

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

Contributory Insurance includes: Supplemental Life Insurance and Dependent Life Insurance.

Dependent(s) means Your Spouse and/or Child.

# **DEFINITIONS** (continued)

**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.

Hospital means a facility which is licensed as such in the jurisdiction in which it is located and:

- provides a broad range of medical and surgical services on a 24 hour a day basis for injured and sick persons by or under the supervision of a staff of Physicians; and
- provides a broad range of nursing care on a 24 hour a day basis by or under the direction of a registered professional nurse.

#### Hospitalized means:

- admission for inpatient care in a Hospital;
- receipt of care in the following:
  - a hospice facility;
  - an intermediate care facility; or
  - a long term care facility; or
- receipt of the following treatment, wherever performed:
  - chemotherapy;
  - radiation therapy; or
  - dialysis.

#### 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.

# **DEFINITIONS (continued)**

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.

For the purposes of determining who may become covered for insurance, the term does not include any person who:

- is on active duty in the military of any country or international authority; however, active duty for this
  purpose does not include weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States,
  including the National Guard; or
- is insured under the Group Policy as an employee.

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.

#### 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 September 1, 2011, You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after September 1, 2011, You will be eligible for insurance on the first day of the second calendar month 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 the required form. In addition, You must give evidence of Your Insurability satisfactory to Us at Your expense if You are required to do so under the section entitled EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY. If You enroll for Contributory Insurance, You must also give the Policyholder Written permission to deduct premiums from Your pay for such insurance. You will be notified by the Policyholder how much You will be required to contribute.

The insurance listed below is part of a flexible benefits plan established by the Policyholder. Subject to the rules of the flexible benefits plan and the Group Policy, You may enroll for:

• Life Insurance For You;

only when You are first eligible or during an annual enrollment period or if You have a Qualifying Event. You should contact the Policyholder for more information regarding the flexible benefits plan.

# ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU (continued)

#### DATE YOUR INSURANCE THAT IS PART OF THE FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN TAKES EFFECT

#### Enrollment When First Eligible

If You complete the enrollment process within 31 days of becoming eligible for insurance, such insurance will take effect as follows:

- if You are **not required** to give evidence of Your insurability, such insurance will take effect on the date You become eligible for such insurance if You are Actively at Work on that date.
- if You are **required** to give evidence of Your insurability and We determine that You are insurable, the benefit will take effect on the date We state in Writing, provided You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You do not complete the enrollment process within 31 days of becoming eligible, You will not be able to enroll for insurance until the next annual enrollment period, as determined by the Policyholder, following the date You first became eligible. At that time You will be able to enroll for insurance for which You are then eligible.

If You are not Actively at Work on the date insurance would otherwise take effect, insurance will take effect on the day You resume Active Work. In addition to having been Actively at Work on the date Your Contributory Life Insurance benefit is to take effect, You must also have been Actively at Work for at least 20 hours during the 7 calendar days preceding that date.

#### **Enrollment During An Annual Enrollment Period**

During any annual enrollment period as determined by the Policyholder, You may enroll for insurance for which You are eligible or choose a different option than the one for which You are currently enrolled. The insurance enrolled for or changes to Your insurance made during an annual enrollment period will take effect as follows:

- for any amount for which You are **not required** to give evidence of Your insurability, such insurance will take effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> following the annual enrollment period, if You are Actively at Work on that date.
- for any amount for which You are required to give evidence of Your insurability and We determine that You are insurable, such insurance will take effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> following the date We state in Writing, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You are not Actively at Work on the date an amount of insurance would otherwise take effect, that amount of insurance will take effect on the day You resume Active Work. For a Contributory Life Insurance Benefit to take effect, in addition to having been Actively at Work on the date the insurance benefit is to take effect, You must also have been Actively at Work for at least 20 hours during the 7 calendar days preceding that date.

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

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

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

#### Qualifying Event includes:

• marriage;

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- the birth, adoption or placement for adoption of a dependent child;
- divorce, legal separation or annulment;
- the death of a dependent; or
- a change in Your or Your dependent's employment status, such as beginning or ending employment, strike, lockout, taking or ending a leave of absence, changes in worksite or work schedule, if it causes You or Your dependent to gain or lose eligibility for group coverage.

If You have a Qualifying Event, You will have 31 days from the date of that change to make a request. This request must be consistent with the nature of the Qualifying Event. The insurance enrolled for, or changes to Your insurance, made as a result of a Qualifying Event will take effect as follows:

- for any amount for which You are **not required** to give evidence of Your insurability, such insurance will take effect on the first day of the month following the date of Your request, if You are Actively at Work on that date.
- for any amount for which You are **required** to give evidence of Your insurability and We determine that You are insurable, such insurance will take effect on the date We state in Writing, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You are not Actively at Work on the date an amount of insurance would otherwise take effect, that amount of insurance will take effect on the day You resume Active Work. For a Contributory Life Insurance Benefit to take effect, in addition to having been Actively at Work on the date the insurance benefit is to take effect, You must also have been Actively at Work for at least 20 hours during the 7 calendar days preceding that date.

#### 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
- the date Your employment ends; Your employment will end if You cease to be Actively at Work in any eligible class, except as stated in the section entitled CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT; or
- 5. the date You retire in accordance with the Policyholder's retirement plan.

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.

# ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

#### ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES) FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE

All Full-Time employees of the Policyholder.

#### DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE

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

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

- 1. September 1, 2011; and
- 2. the first day of the second calendar month following the date You enter a class eligible for insurance; and
- 3. the date You obtain a Dependent.

No person may be insured as a Dependent of more than one employee.

#### **ENROLLMENT PROCESS**

In order to enroll for Life Insurance for Your Dependents, You must either (a) already be enrolled for Supplemental Life Insurance for You or (b) enroll at the same time for Supplemental Life Insurance for You.

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

The insurance listed below is part of a flexible benefits plan established by the Policyholder. Subject to the rules of the flexible benefits plan and the Group Policy, You may enroll for:

• Dependent Life Insurance;

only when You are first eligible or during an annual enrollment period or if You have a Qualifying Event. You should contact the Policyholder for more information regarding the flexible benefits plan.

When You become eligible under the flexible benefits plan, You may choose an option for Dependent Life Insurance.

# DATE INSURANCE THAT IS PART OF THE FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLAN TAKES EFFECT FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

#### Enrollment When First Eligible

If You complete the enrollment process for Dependent insurance within 31 days of becoming eligible for insurance, such insurance will take effect for each enrolled Dependent as follows:

# ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS (continued)

- if the Dependent is **not required** to give evidence of insurability, such insurance will take effect on the date You become eligible for such insurance if You are Actively at Work on that date and the Dependent satisfies the Additional Requirement stated below.
- if the Dependent is **required** to give evidence of insurability and We determine that the Dependent is insurable, such insurance will take effect on the date We state in Writing, if You are Actively at Work on that date and the Dependent satisfies the Additional Requirement stated below.

If You do not complete the enrollment process for any Dependent within 31 days of becoming eligible, You will not be able to enroll for Dependent insurance until the next annual enrollment period, as determined by the Policyholder, in accordance with the rules of the flexible benefits plan. At that time You will be able to enroll for Dependent insurance:

- for which You are then eligible; and
- for Your Dependents who are then eligible.

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

#### **Enrollment During An Annual Enrollment Period**

During any annual enrollment period, You may enroll for Dependent insurance for which You are eligible or change the amount of Your Dependent insurance. The insurance enrolled for or changes to Your insurance made during the annual enrollment period will take effect for each enrolled Dependent as follows:

- if the Dependent is **not required** to give evidence of insurability, such insurance will take effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> following the annual enrollment period, if You are Actively at Work on that date and the Dependent satisfies the Additional Requirement stated below.
- if the Dependent is required to give evidence of insurability and We determine that the Dependent is
  insurable, such insurance will take effect on September 1<sup>st</sup> following the date We state in Writing, if
  You are Actively at Work on that date and the Dependent satisfies the Additional Requirement stated
  below.

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

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

Under the rules of the flexible benefit plan, You may enroll for Dependent insurance for which You are eligible or change the amount of Your Dependent insurance between annual enrollment periods only if You have a Qualifying Event.

#### Qualifying Event includes:

- marriage;
- the birth, adoption or placement for adoption of a dependent child;
- divorce, legal separation or annulment;
- the death of a dependent; or
- a change in Your or Your dependent's employment status, such as beginning or ending employment, strike, lockout, taking or ending a leave of absence, changes in worksite or work schedule, if it causes You or Your dependent to gain or lose eligibility for group coverage.

If You have a Qualifying Event, You will have 31 days from the date of that change to make a request. This request must be consistent with the nature of the Qualifying Event. The insurance enrolled for or

# ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS (continued)

changes to Your insurance made as a result of a Qualifying Event will take effect for each enrolled Dependent as follows:

- if the Dependent is **not required** to give evidence of insurability, such insurance will take effect on the first day of the month following the date of Your request, if You are Actively at Work on that date and the Dependent satisfies the Additional Requirement stated below.
- if the Dependent is **required** to give evidence of insurability and We determine that the Dependent is insurable, such insurance will take effect on the date We state in Writing, if You are Actively at Work on that date and the Dependent satisfies the Additional Requirement stated below.

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

#### **Additional Requirement**

On the date Dependent insurance is scheduled to take effect, the Dependent must not be:

- confined at home under a Physician's care;
- receiving or applying to receive disability benefits from any source; or
- Hospitalized.

If the Dependent does not meet this requirement on such date, insurance for the Dependent will take effect on the date that Dependent is no longer:

- confined;
- · receiving or applying to receive disability benefits from any source; or
- Hospitalized.

#### **Increase in Insurance for Your Dependents**

An increase in insurance for Your Dependents due to a change in Your employee class, an increase in Your earnings, or a requested increase in insurance for Your Dependents will take effect as follows:

- if Your Dependents are **required** to give evidence of insurability for the entire increase and We approve the evidence of insurability, the increase will take effect on the date We state in Writing. If We do not approve the evidence of insurability, or You do not submit evidence of insurability for Your Dependent, the increase in insurance for Your Dependents will not take effect.
- if Your Dependents are **required** to give evidence of insurability for a portion of the increase in insurance:
  - The portion of the increase in insurance that is not subject to evidence of insurability will take effect on the date of Your request or the date of the increase in Your earnings.
  - if We approve the evidence of insurability, the portion of the increase in benefit that is subject to evidence of insurability will take effect on the date We state in writing. If We do not approve the evidence of insurability or You do not submit evidence of insurability for Your Dependent, the increase in insurance for Your Dependents will not take effect.
- If Your Dependents are not required to give evidence of insurability, the increase will take effect on the date of Your request or the date of the increase in Your earnings.

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

# ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS (continued)

#### **Decrease in Insurance for Your Dependents**

A decrease in insurance for Your Dependents due to a change in Your employee class will take effect on the date of change.

If You make a Written request to decrease insurance for Your Dependents, that decrease will take effect as of the date of Your Written request.

#### DATE YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ENDS

A Dependent's insurance will end on the earliest of:

- 1. for Dependent Life Insurance, the date all of the Life Insurance under the Group Policy ends; or
- 2. the date You die; or
- 3. the date the Group Policy ends; or
- 4. the date Your Employee Life Insurance under the Group Policy ends; or
- 5. the date Insurance for Your Dependents ends under the Group Policy; or
- 6. the date Insurance for Your Dependents ends for Your class; or
- 7. the date the person ceases to be a Dependent; or
- the date 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
- 9. for Dependent Life Insurance, the date You retire in accordance with the Policyholder's retirement plan; or
- 10. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for the Dependent.

Please refer to the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS for information concerning the option to convert to an individual policy of life insurance if Life Insurance for a Dependent 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 MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Insurance for a Dependent Child may be continued past the age limit if the child is incapable of selfsustaining employment because of a mental or physical handicap as defined by applicable law. Proof of such handicap must be sent to Us within 31 days after the date the Child attains the age limit and at reasonable intervals after such date, but not more frequently than annually.

Subject to the DATE YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ENDS subsection of the section entitled ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS, insurance will continue while such Child:

- remains incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical handicap; and
- continues to qualify as a Child, except for the age limit.

#### 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 purposes of this subsection the term "Portability Eligible Insurance" refers to Supplemental Life Insurance. If insurance for Your Dependents is in effect, the term "Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance" refers to Life Insurance For Your Dependents.

- 1. You may request in Writing during the Request Period specified below to continue Portability Eligible Insurance and Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance under another group policy if such insurance ends because:
  - Your employment ends; or
  - You cease to be in a class that is eligible for such insurance.
- 2. Your Dependent Spouse may request in Writing during the Request Period specified below to continue Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance on their life under another group policy if such insurance ends because Your marriage ends in divorce or annulment.
- 3. Your Dependent Spouse may request in Writing during the Request Period specified below to continue Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance on their life and Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance on the life of their Child(ren) under another group policy if such insurance ends because You die.

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 the Group Policy.

A request under this subsection may be made if, on the date of the request, the following requirements are met:

- the Group Policy is in effect;
- We have not received notice from the Policyholder of its intent to end the Group Policy;
- no application has been made to convert the insurance that is to be continued to an individual policy
  of life insurance as provided in the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR
  YOU or the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS;
  and
- the person making the request resides in a jurisdiction that permits portability.

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

## **Request Period**

To continue Portability Eligible Insurance and/or Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance under a different group policy, We must receive a completed request form within the Request Period described below.

If written notice of the option to continue Portability Eligible Insurance and/or Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance 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 such date.

If written notice of the option to continue Portability Eligible Insurance and/or Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance is given more than 15 days after but within 90 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 continue Portability Eligible Insurance and/or Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance is not given within 90 days after the date such insurance ends, the Request Period begins on the date the insurance ends and expires at the end of such 90 day period.

#### Amount of the New Certificate

The maximum amount of Supplemental Life Insurance that may be continued is the lesser of:

- the total amount of all such insurance in effect immediately prior to the date it ends; and
- \$1,000,000.

The minimum amount of Supplemental Life Insurance that may be continued is \$20,000.

The maximum amount of Life Insurance for Your Dependents that may be continued is:

- if You are making the request to continue such insurance, the lesser of:
  - the amount of such insurance in effect immediately prior to the date it ends; and
  - the amount of such Portability Eligible Insurance which is being continued on Your life.
- if Your Dependent is making the request to continue such insurance, the amount of such insurance in effect immediately prior to the date it ends.

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

When a request to continue Portability Eligible Insurance and/or Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance is made under this subsection, the first premium must be paid during the Request Period. 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.

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

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

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

If You die within 31 days of the date Portability Eligible Insurance ends and an application for a new certificate is not received by Us during such period, We will determine whether to pay insurance in accordance with the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU. If an application for a new certificate was received by Us during such period, We will only pay benefits for the Portability Eligible Insurance applied for in accordance with this subsection.

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

## If a Dependent Dies Within 31 Days of the Date Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance Ends

If a Dependent dies within 31 days of the date Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance ends and an application for a new certificate is not received by Us during such period, We will determine whether to pay insurance in accordance with the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS. If an application for a new certificate was received by Us during such period, We will only pay benefits for the Portability Eligible Dependent Insurance applied for in accordance with this subsection.

## 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, contact the Policyholder to determine if Your insurance can be continued and for how long;
- 2. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to layoff, up to 2 months.
- 3. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to any other Policyholder approved leave of absence, up to 2 months.

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

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

If Your insurance ends, Your Dependents' insurance will also end in accordance with the DATE YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ENDS subsection of the section entitled ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS.

# **EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY**

We require evidence of insurability satisfactory to Us as follows:

1. in order to become covered for an amount of Supplemental Life Insurance greater than the Non-Medical Issue Amount as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

If You do not give Us evidence of Your insurability, or if such evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, the amount of Your Supplemental Life Insurance will be limited to the Non-Medical Issue Amount.

 if You make a request within 31 days of a Qualifying Event to increase the amount of Your Supplemental Life Insurance to an option which is more than one level above Your current amount of Supplemental Life Insurance.

If You do not give Us evidence of insurability or the evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, the amount of Your Supplemental Life Insurance will not be increased.

3. if You make a request within **31 days of a Qualifying Event** to increase the amount of Your Supplemental Life Insurance which is **below** the Non-Medical Issue Amount to an option one level higher which is **above** the Non-Medical Issue Amount.

If You do not give Us evidence of insurability or the evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, the amount of Your Supplemental Life Insurance will not be increased.

The Non-Medical Issue Limit is shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

4. if You make a request during an annual enrollment period to increase the amount of Your Supplemental Life Insurance.

If You do not give Us evidence of insurability or the evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, the amount of Your Supplemental Life Insurance will not be increased.

5. if You make a late request for Supplemental Life Insurance. A late request is one made more than 31 days after You become eligible.

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

6. in order to become covered for an amount of Life Insurance for Your Dependent Spouse greater than the Non-Medical Issue Amount for Your Dependent Spouse as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

If You do not give Us evidence of the insurability of Your Dependent Spouse, or if such evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, the amount of Life Insurance for Your Dependent Spouse will be limited to the Non-Medical Issue Amount for Your Dependent Spouse.

7. if You make a request during an annual enrollment period to increase the amount of Life Insurance for Your Dependent Spouse.

If You do not give Us evidence of the insurability of Your Dependent Spouse, or if such evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, the amount of Life Insurance for Your Dependent Spouse will not be increased.

8. if You make a request within **31 days of a Qualifying Event** to increase the amount of Life Insurance for Your Dependent Spouse.

If You do not give Us evidence of the insurability of Your Dependent Spouse, or if such evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, the amount of Life Insurance for Your Dependent Spouse will not be increased.

9. if You make a late request for Life Insurance for Your Dependents. A late request is one made more than 31 days after Your Dependent becomes eligible.

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

# **EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY (continued)**

10. if Your Dependent Spouse was Hospitalized within 90 days preceding the date You enroll Your Dependent Spouse for Life Insurance.

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

11. if Your Dependent Spouse was Hospitalized within 90 days preceding the date You request an increase in Life Insurance for Your Dependent Spouse.

If You do not give Us evidence of the insurability of Your Dependent Spouse, or if such evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, the amount of Life Insurance for Your Dependent Spouse will not be increased.

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

# LIFE INSURANCE: FOR YOU

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

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

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

# LIFE INSURANCE: FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

If a Dependent dies, Proof of the Dependent's 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 life of such Dependent on the date of death.

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **Proof of Your Terminal Illness**

We will require the following Proof of Your Terminal Illness:

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

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

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

## **Accelerated Benefit Amount**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### Effect of Payment of an Accelerated Benefit

**On premium for Your Life Insurance.** After We pay the accelerated benefit, any premium You are required to pay will be based upon the amount of Your Life Insurance remaining after the accelerated benefit is paid.

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

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

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

The accelerated benefit option will end on the earliest of:

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

# LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO) FOR YOUR SPOUSE

If Your Spouse becomes Terminally III, You or Your legal representative have the option to request Us to pay Life Insurance for Your Spouse before their death. This is called an accelerated benefit. The request must be made while Life Insurance for Your Spouse is in effect.

**Terminally III or Terminal Illness** means that due to injury or sickness, Your Spouse is expected to die within 12 months.

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

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

- the amount of Life Insurance for the Terminally III Spouse equals or exceeds \$20,000; and
- the ABO Eligible Life Insurance to be accelerated has not been assigned; and
- We have received Proof that Your Spouse is Terminally III.

We will only pay an accelerated benefit for Life Insurance for Your Spouse once.

## **Proof of Your Spouse's Terminal Illness**

We will require the following Proof of Your Spouse's Terminal Illness:

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

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

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

## **Accelerated Benefit Amount**

We will pay an accelerated benefit up to the percentage shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS for the amount of Life Insurance in effect for a Terminally III Spouse, subject to the following:

**Maximum Accelerated Benefit Amount.** The maximum amount We will pay is shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

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

**Scheduled end of Life Insurance for a Terminally III Spouse**. If the Life Insurance in effect for a Terminally III Spouse is scheduled to end within 12 months after the date You or Your legal representative request an accelerated benefit, We will not pay an accelerated benefit.

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

## Effect of Payment of an Accelerated Benefit

# LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO) FOR YOUR SPOUSE (continued)

**On Premium for Life Insurance.** Any premium You are required to pay for Life Insurance for Your Spouse for whom We paid an accelerated benefit will be based upon the amount of Life Insurance for Your Spouse remaining after payment of the accelerated benefit.

**On Payment of Life Insurance at a Dependent's death.** The amount of Life Insurance that We will pay at death of Your Spouse for whom We paid an accelerated benefit will be decreased by the amount of the accelerated benefit paid by Us for such Dependent.

**On Life Insurance at conversion.** The amount to which Your Spouse for whom We paid an accelerated benefit is entitled to convert under the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS provision will be decreased by the amount of the accelerated benefit paid by Us for Your Spouse.

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

The accelerated benefit option for Your Spouse will end on the earliest of:

- the date Life Insurance for Your Spouse ends;
- the date Your rights in Life Insurance for Your Spouse are assigned; or
- the date You or Your legal representative have accelerated all Dependent Life Insurance benefits.

# LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU

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

## When You Will Have the Option to Convert

You will have the option to convert when:

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

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

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

#### **Application Period**

If You opt to convert Your Life Insurance for any of the reasons stated above, We must receive a completed conversion application form from You within 31 days after the date Your Life Insurance ends or is reduced.

#### **Option Conditions**

The option to convert is subject to the following:

- A. Our receipt within the Application Period of:
- Your Written application for the new policy; and
- the premium due for such new policy;
- B. the premium rates for the new policy will be based on:
  - Our rates then in use;
  - the form and amount of insurance for which you apply;
  - Your class of risk; and
  - Your age;
- C. the new policy may be on any form then customarily offered by Us excluding term insurance;
- D. the new policy will be issued without an accidental death and dismemberment benefit, an accelerated benefit option, a waiver of premium benefit or any other rider or additional benefit; and
- E. the new policy will take effect on the 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.

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# LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU (continued)

## 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.

## 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.

# LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

If life insurance for a Dependent ends or is reduced for any of the reasons stated below, You or that Dependent will have the option to buy from Us an individual policy of life insurance on the life of the Dependent ("new policy") 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 the Dependent's insurability will not be required.

## When You or a Dependent Will Have the Option to Convert

You will have the option to convert life insurance for a Dependent when:

- A. life insurance for the Dependent 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 the Dependent for at least 5 continuous years; or
  - this Group Policy is amended to end all life insurance for Dependents for an eligible class of which You are a member, provided You have been insured for life insurance for the Dependent for at least 5 continuous years; or
- B. life insurance for the Dependent 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.

A Dependent will have the option to convert when:

- life insurance for such Dependent ends because that Dependent ceases to qualify as a Dependent as defined in this certificate, or
- You die.

If You opt not to convert a reduction in the amount of life insurance for a Dependent, You will not have the option to convert that amount at a later date.

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

You must notify Us in the event that a Dependent ceases to qualify as a Dependent as defined in this certificate.

#### **Application Period**

If You or a Dependent opt to convert as stated above, We must receive a completed conversion application form within 31 days of the date Life Insurance for the Dependent ends or is reduced.

## **Option Conditions**

The option to convert is subject to the following:

- A. Our receipt within the Application Period of:
  - a Written application for the new policy for the Dependent; and
  - the premium due for such new policy;
- B. the premium rates for the new policy will be based on:
  - Our rates then in use;

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- the form and amount of insurance which is applied for;
- the Dependent's class of risk; and
- the Dependent's 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 benefit option, 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 Life Insurance for the Dependent ends or is reduced; this will be the case regardless of the duration of the Application Period.

## Maximum Amount of the New Policy

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

- the amount of Life Insurance for the Dependent that ends under this Group Policy less the amount of life insurance for Dependents 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 life insurance for a Dependent ends or is reduced due to the Policyholder's organizational restructuring, the maximum amount of insurance that may be elected for the new policy is the amount of life insurance for the Dependent that ends under this Group Policy less the amount of life insurance for dependents 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 for a Dependent 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 for a Dependent that ends under this Group Policy.

## If a Dependent Dies Within the 31 Days After Life Insurance for a Dependent Ends Or Is Reduced

If a Dependent dies within 31 days after the date life insurance for the Dependent ends or is reduced by an amount eligible for convert, Proof of the Dependent's 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 that could have been converted.

The amount that could have been converted will not be paid as insurance under both a new individual conversion policy and the Group Policy.

# FILING A CLAIM

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

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

## CLAIMS FOR LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

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

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## Assignment

The rights and benefits under the Group Policy are not assignable prior to a claim for benefits, except as required by law. We are not responsible for the validity of an assignment.

#### 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 designated Beneficiary at Your death, We may determine the Beneficiary to be one or more of the following who survive You:

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

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

For Your Life Insurance for Your Dependents, We may pay You as the Beneficiary if alive. If you are not alive, We may determine the Beneficiary to be one or more of the following who survive You:

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

Instead of making payment to any of the above, We may pay Your estate. Any payment made in good faith will discharge our liability to the extent of such payment.

If You and any Dependent die within a 24 hour period, We will pay the Dependent's Life Insurance to the Beneficiary receiving payment of your Life Insurance or We may pay Your estate. If a Beneficiary or a payee is a minor or incompetent to receive payment, We will pay that person's guardian.

#### Suicide

**If You commit suicide** within 2 years from the date Life Insurance for You takes effect, We will not pay such insurance and Our liability will be limited as follows:

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

If You commit suicide within 2 years from the date an increase in Your Life Insurance takes effect, We will pay to the Beneficiary the amount of Insurance in effect on the day before the increase. Any premium You GCERT2000 50 50 gp10/04

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paid for the increase will be returned to the Beneficiary. Any premium paid by the Policyholder for the increase will be returned to the Policyholder.

#### For Dependent Life

**If a Dependent commits suicide** within 2 years from the date Life Insurance for such Dependent takes effect, We will not pay such insurance and Our liability will be limited as follows:

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

**If a Dependent commits suicide** within 2 years from the date an increase in Life Insurance for such Dependent takes effect, We will pay to the Beneficiary the amount of Insurance in effect on the day before the increase. Any premium You paid for the increase will be returned to the Beneficiary. Any premium paid by the Policyholder for the increase will be returned to the Policyholder.

#### **Entire Contract**

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

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

#### Incontestability: Statements Made by You

Any statement made by You will be considered a representation and not a warranty. We will not use such statement to avoid 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 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 or Your Dependent's 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.

## 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.

For information about the Will Preparation Service, you may contact the provider, Hyatt Legal Plans, Inc. by phone.

Phone: 1-800-821-6400