# YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

# 4th District IBEW Health Fund

Basic Life Insurance

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance





## TO OUR PARTICIPANTS:

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.

4th District IBEW Health Fund

# **MetLife**<sup>®</sup>

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
One Madison Avenue, New York, New York 10010-3690

## 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:** 4th District IBEW Health Fund

**Group Policy Number:** 117888-1-G

**Type of Insurance:** Term Life & Accidental Death and Dismemberment

Insurance

MetLife Toll Free Number(s):

For Claim Information FOR LIFE CLAIMS: 1-800-638-6420

THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT 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:

## Para Residentes de Texas:

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

## **AVISO IMPORTANTE**

To obtain information or make a complaint:

Para obtener informacion o para someter una queja:

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

Usted puede llamar al numero de telefono gratis de MetLife para informacion o para someter una queja al

1-800-638-6420

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 informacion acerca de companias, 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 Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 Fax # (512) 475-1771

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

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

## ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR CERTIFICATE:

# This notice is for information only and does not

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

## **UNA ESTE AVISO A SU CERTIFICADO:**

Este aviso es solo para proposito de informacion y no se convierte en parte o condicion del documento adjunto.

## 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
Little Rock, Arkansas 722014-1904
1-800-852-5494

## 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 ILLINOIS

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

To make a complaint to MetLife You may write to:

MetLife 1 Madison Avenue New York, New York 10010

The address of the Illinois Department of Insurance is:

Illinois Department of Insurance Public Services Division Springfield, Illinois 62767

## **NOTICE FOR MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS**

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

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

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

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

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

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MINNESOTA

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

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

**Read your Certificate Carefully.** 

This Certificate Contains a Pre-existing Condition Limitation.

# **IMPORTANT CANCELLATION INFORMATION**

**Please Read The Provision Entitled** 

**DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS** 

Found on Pages e/ee

## 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, FOR WHICH PAYMENT WAGES OR OTHER FUNDS ARE WITHHELD FROM THE PERSONS INSURED, 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 EACH NAMED INSURED A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. THIS WRITTEN NOTICE MUST ALSO CONTAIN A NOTICE TO THE NAMED INSUREDS OF 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 if the insurance is, in whole or in part, paid for out of wages withheld or other funds collected from the persons insured. 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.

## CIVIL UNION NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF VERMONT

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **DISCLOSURE:**

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

## 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
1 Madison Avenue
New York, New York 10010
Attn: Corporate Customer 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:

Life and Health Division
Bureau of Insurance
P.O. Box 1157
Richmond, VA 23209
1-800-552-7945 - In-state toll-free
1-804-371-9691 - Out-of-state

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

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF 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
1 Madison Avenue
New York, NY 10010-3690
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 266-0103 in Madison.

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL STATES FRAUD WARNING

If You have applied for insurance under a policy issued in one of the following states, <u>or</u> if You reside in one of the following states, note the following applicable warning:

## For Residents of New York - only applies to Accident and Health Insurance (AD&D/Disability/Dental)

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime, and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

#### For Residents of Florida

Any person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim or an application containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

## For Residents of Kansas and Massachusetts

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, and may subject such person to criminal and civil penalties.

## For Residents of New Jersey

Any person who includes any false or misleading information on an application for an insurance policy or who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

## For Residents of Oklahoma

Any person who knowingly, and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, makes any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony.

## For Residents of Oregon

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto may be guilty of insurance fraud, and may be subject to criminal and civil penalties.

## For Residents of Virginia

Any person who, with the intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or statement of claim containing a false or deceptive statement may have violated state law.

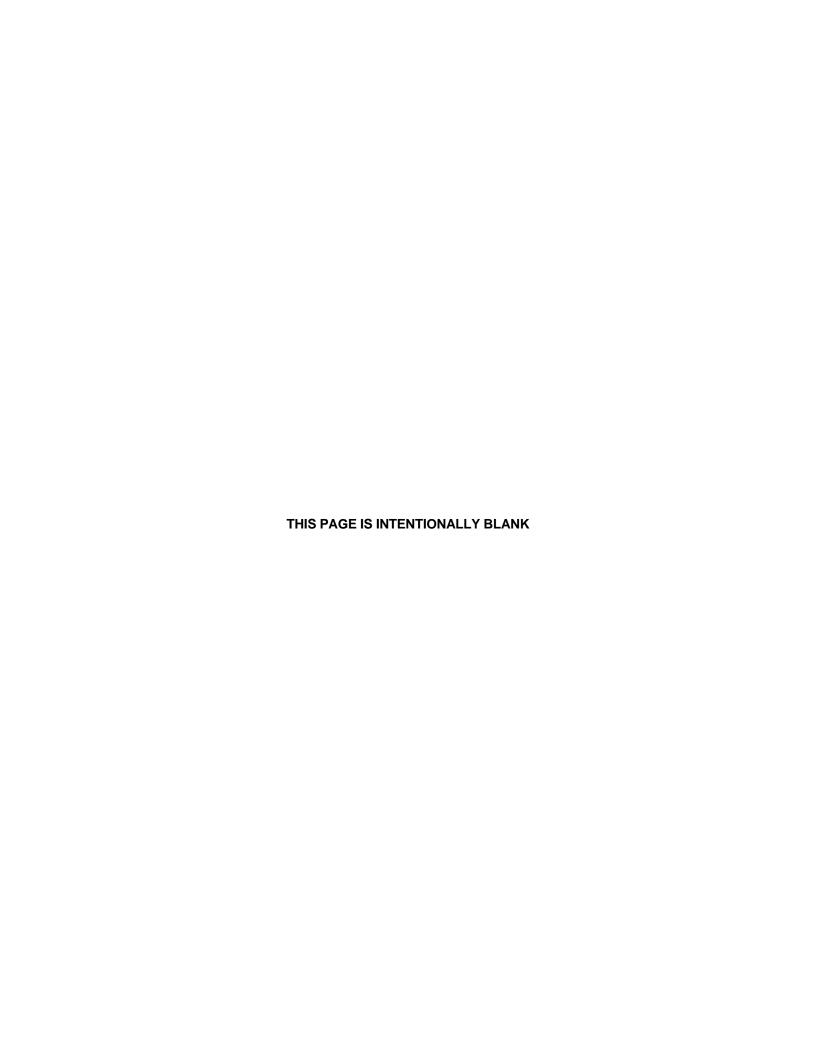
#### For Residents of All Other States

Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

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## **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS**

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

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

## **BENEFIT**

## **BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND HIGHLIGHTS**

## Life Insurance For You

For Participants	\$10,000
Accelerated Benefit Option	Up to 50% of Your Life amount not to exceed \$5,000
For Early Retirees (to age 65)	\$10,000
For COBRA Participants	\$10,000

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

## **Full Amount for AD&D**

For Active Participants	An amount equal to Your Life Insurance
Maximum Accidental Death and Dismemberment Full Amount	\$10,000
For Early Retirees	An amount equal to Your Life Insurance
Maximum Accidental Death and Dismemberment Full Amount	\$10,000
For COBRA Participants	Not eligible for this benefit.

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

#### **Additional Benefits:**

Seat Belt Benefit	Yes

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

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

## **Covered Losses**

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

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

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

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

Loss of speech and loss of hearing	100%
Loss of speech or loss of hearing	50%

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

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

Paralysis of both arms and both legs	100%
Paralysis of both legs	50%
Paralysis of the arm and leg on either side of the body	50%

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

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

## 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 and Accidental Death and Dismemberment 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 Accidental Death and Dismemberment 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 Participant	<u>Percentage</u>
65 but less than 70	65%
70 but less than 75	40%
75 or older	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.

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

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

## The term does not include:

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

**Full-Time** means Active Work on the Participating Employers regular work schedule for the eligible class of Participants to which You belong.

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

**Participating Employer** means an employer who is required to make contributions on behalf of the participant to the Policyholder.

## 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.

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## **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.

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** means a participant who is insured under the Group Policy for the insurance described in this certificate.

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## **ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU**

## **ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)**

- 1. All Full-Time Participants of a Participating Employer covered by a collective bargaining agreement in effect between the Participating Employer and the union, including early retirees who are not eligible for Medicare benefits.
- 2. All officers and Participants of the union who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, but who the union has elected to make contributions to the Policyholder, including early retirees who are not eligible for Medicare benefits.
- 3. All Participants of a Participating Employer who are not covered by a collective bargaining agreement, but who the Participating Employer has elected to make contributions to the Policyholder, including early retirees who are not eligible for Medicare benefits.

## DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE

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

You will be eligible for insurance described in this certificate:

- 1. April 1, 2005; and
- 2. You are an participant who has a benefits bank, maintained by the Policyholder, containing adequate funding for coverage

**Eligibility Determination Date** means the first day of the month in which Your benefits bank is adequately funded, as determined by the Trust. Your Insurance will take effect the first day of the Benefit Month per the table below.

Eligibility Determination Date	Benefit Month
January 1	February
February 1	March
March 1	April
April 1	May
May 1	June
June 1	July
July 1	August
August 1	September
September 1	
October 1	November
November 1	December
December 1	January

## **Previous Employment With The Participating Employers**

If You were employed by the Participating Employers 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 rehired by the Participating Employers within 2 years after such employment ended, unless You surrender any individual policy of life insurance to which You converted when Your employment ended.

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

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

## DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT

## **Rules for Noncontributory Insurance**

Noncontributory Insurance will take effect on the date You become eligible

## **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. for Basic Life Insurance, the date Your employment ends; except as stated in the section entitled CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT; or
- 5. for Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, the date Your employment ends; except as stated in the section entitled CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT.

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.

Please refer to the section entitled CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT for information concerning Continuation For Family and Medical Leave.

## CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT

## FOR FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Certain leaves of absence may qualify under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA) for continuation of insurance. Please contact the Policyholder for information regarding the FMLA.

## AT THE POLICYHOLDER'S OPTION

The Policyholder has elected to allow Participants to continue insurance by paying premiums 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. if You cease Active Work due to strike contact the Policyholder to determine if Your insurance can be continued and for how long;
- 3. if You cease Active Work due to layoff contact the Policyholder to determine if Your insurance can be continued and for how long;
- 4. if You cease Active Work due to any other Policyholder approved leave of absence discuss with the Policyholder at the time You receive approval to take the leave of absence whether Your insurance can be continued and for how long.

# **EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY**

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

## LIFE INSURANCE: FOR YOU

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

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

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

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

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

If You become Terminally 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 24 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 \$10,000;
   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.

**Interest and expense charge.** We will decrease the amount of the accelerated benefit We will pay by a discount for the mortality and interest for the actuarially determined life span which includes an administrative charge. This discount is referred to as the Interest and Expense Charge.

The maximum interest rate We will use will be the then current maximum adjustable policy loan interest rate based on Moody's Corporate Bond Yield Averages - Monthly Corporate Averages, published by Moody's Investors Service, Inc. or its successor for the calendar month ending 2 months before the date that You or Your legal representative request an accelerated benefit.

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

Scheduled Reduction of an ABO Eligible Life Insurance Benefit. If an ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit is scheduled to reduce within the 24 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 24 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.

**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; and
- the Interest and Expense Charge.

**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; and
- the Interest and Expense Charge.

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

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

The accelerated benefit option will end on the earliest of:

- the date that is 2 years prior to your normal date of retirement.
- 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 for any of the reasons stated below, You have the option to buy an individual policy of life insurance ("new policy") from Us during the Application Period in accordance with the conditions and requirements of this section. This is referred to as the "option to convert". Evidence of Your insurability will not be required.

## When You Will Have the Option to Convert

You will have the option to convert when:

- Your Life Insurance ends because:
  - You cease to be in an eligible class;
  - · Your employment ends;
  - the Group Policy ends, provided You have been insured for Life Insurance for at least 5 years; or
  - the Group Policy is amended to end Life Insurance for an eligible class of which You are a member, provided You have been insured for Life Insurance for at least 5 years.

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.

## **Option Conditions**

The option to convert is subject to these conditions:

- 1. Our receipt within the Application Period of:
  - Your Written application for the new policy; and
  - the premium due for such new policy;
- 2. the premium rates for the new policy will be based on:
  - Our rates then in use;
  - the form and amount of insurance;
  - · Your class of risk; and
  - Your attained age when Your Life Insurance ends;
- 3. the new policy may be on any form then customarily offered by Us excluding term insurance;
- 4. the new policy will be issued without an accidental death and dismemberment benefit, a continuation benefit, an accelerated benefit option, a waiver of premium benefit or any other rider or additional benefit; and
- 5. the new policy will take effect on the 32<sup>nd</sup> day after the date Your Life Insurance ends; this will be the case regardless of the duration of the Application Period.

## **Maximum Amount of the New Policy**

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

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

- the amount of Your Life Insurance that ends under the Group Policy less the amount of life insurance for which You become eligible under any group policy within 31 days after the date insurance ends under the Group Policy; or
- \$2,000.

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

## If You Die Within 31 Days After Your Life Insurance Ends

If You die within 31 days after Your Life Insurance ends, Proof of Your death must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof with the claim, We will review the claim and if We approve it will pay the Beneficiary the amount of Life Insurance You were entitled to convert.

## ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

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

**Direct and Sole Cause** means that the Covered Loss occurs within 12 months of the date of the accidental injury and was a direct result of the accidental injury, independent of other causes.

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

## PRESUMPTION OF DEATH

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

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

#### PERSONAL ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT EXCLUSIONS

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

- 1. physical or mental illness or infirmity, or the diagnosis or treatment of such illness or infirmity;
- 2. infection, other than infection occurring in an external accidental wound;
- 3. suicide or attempted suicide;
- intentionally self-inflicted injury;
- 5. service in the armed forces of any country or international authority, except the United States National Guard;
- 6. any incident related to:
  - travel in an aircraft as a pilot, crew member, flight student or while acting in any capacity other than as a passenger;
  - travel in an aircraft for the purpose of parachuting or otherwise exiting from such aircraft while it is in flight;
  - parachuting or otherwise exiting from an aircraft while such aircraft is in flight, except for selfpreservation;
  - travel in an aircraft or device used:
    - for testing or experimental purposes;
    - by or for any military authority; or
    - for travel or designed for travel beyond the earth's atmosphere;
- 7. committing or attempting to commit a felony;
- 8. the voluntary intake or use by any means of:
  - any drug, medication or sedative, unless it is:
    - taken or used as prescribed by a Physician, or
    - an "over the counter" drug, medication or sedative taken as directed;

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

#### **Exclusion for Intoxication**

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

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

## **BENEFIT PAYMENT**

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

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

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

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

#### **APPLICABILITY OF PROVISIONS**

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

## **ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE (continued)**

## ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: SEAT BELT USE

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

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

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

**Passenger Car** means any validly registered four-wheel private passenger car, four-wheel drive vehicle, sports-utility vehicle, pick-up truck or mini-van. It does not include any commercially licensed car, any private car being used for commercial purposes, or any vehicle used for recreational or professional racing.

Seat Belt means any restraint device that:

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

The term includes any child restraint device that meets the requirements of state law.

## **BENEFIT AMOUNT**

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

## **BENEFIT PAYMENT**

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

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

## **Assignment**

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

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

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 determine the Beneficiary to be one or more of the following who survive You:

- 1. Your Spouse;
- 2. Your child(ren);
- 3. Your parent(s); or
- 4. Your 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.

## **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);

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)**

- 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 contest 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 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.

## **Physical Exams**

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

## **Autopsy**

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

THIS IS THE END OF THE CERTIFICATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

#### **ERISA INFORMATION**

## NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER AND PLAN ADMINISTRATOR

4th District IBEW Health Fund c/o American Benefit Corporation 401 Eleventh Street Suite 500 Huntington, WV 25701 304-525-0331

**EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 316068797** 

PLAN NUMBER COVERAGE PLAN NAME

501 All Coverages 4th District IBEW Health Fund

#### TYPE OF ADMINISTRATION

The above listed benefits are insured by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife").

## AGENT FOR SERVICE OF LEGAL PROCESS

For disputes arising under the Plan, service of legal process may be made upon the Plan administrator at the above address. For disputes arising under those portions of the Plan insured by MetLife, service of legal process may be made upon MetLife at one of its local offices, or upon the supervisory official of the Insurance Department in the state in which you reside.

## **ELIGIBILITY FOR INSURANCE; DESCRIPTION OR SUMMARY OF BENEFITS**

Your MetLife certificate describes the eligibility requirements for insurance provided by MetLife under the Plan. It also includes a detailed description of the insurance provided by MetLife under the Plan.

## **PLAN TERMINATION OR CHANGES**

The group policy sets forth those situations in which the Employer and/or MetLife have the rights to end the policy.

The Employer reserves the right to change or terminate the plan at any time. Therefore, there is no guarantee that you will be eligible for the insurance described herein for the duration of your employment. Any such action will be taken only after careful consideration.

Your consent or the consent of your beneficiary is not required to terminate, modify, amend, or change the Plan.

In the event Your insurance ends in accord with the "Date Your Insurance Ends" subsection of Your certificate, you may still be eligible to receive benefits. The circumstances under which benefits are available are described in Your MetLife certificate.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS**

No contribution is required for Basic Life Insurance and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance.

The total premium rate for insurance provided under the Plan by MetLife is set by MetLife.

## **PLAN YEAR**

The Plan's fiscal records are kept on a Plan year basis beginning each October 1st and ending on the following September 30th.

## Qualified Domestic Relations Orders/Qualified Medical Child Support Orders

You and your beneficiaries can obtain, without charge, from the Plan Administrator a copy of any procedures governing Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDRO) and Qualified Medical Child Support Orders (QMCSO).

## **CLAIMS INFORMATION**

## Procedures for Presenting Claims for Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits

All claim forms needed to file for benefits under the group insurance program can be obtained from the Employer who will also be ready to answer questions about the insurance benefits and to assist you or, if applicable, the claimant in filing claims. The instructions on the claim form should be followed carefully. This will expedite the processing of the claim. Be sure all questions are answered fully.

#### **Routine Questions**

If there is any question about a claim payment, an explanation may be requested from the employer who is usually able to provide the necessary information.

#### **CLAIM SUBMISSION**

In submitting claims for life and accidental death and dismemberment benefits ("Benefits"), the claimant must complete the appropriate claim form and submit the required proof as described in the certificate.

Claim forms must be submitted in accordance with the instructions on the claim form.

#### **Initial Determination**

After MetLife receives your claim for Benefits, MetLife will review your claim and notify you of its decision to approve or deny your claim.

Such notification will be provided to you within a reasonable period, not to exceed 90 days from the date we received your claim, unless MetLife notifies you within that period that there are special circumstances requiring an extension of time of up to 90 additional days.

If MetLife denies your claim in whole or in part, the notification of the claims decision will state the reason why your claim was denied and reference the specific Plan provision(s) on which the denial is based. If the claim is denied because MetLife did not receive sufficient information, the claims decision will describe the additional information needed and explain why such information is needed. The notification will also include a description of the Plan review procedures and time limits, including a statement of your right to bring a civil action if your claim is denied after an appeal.

## **Appealing the Initial Determination**

In the event a claim has been denied in whole or in part, you or, if applicable, your beneficiary can request a review of your claim by MetLife. This request for review should be sent in writing to Group Insurance Claims Review at the address of MetLife's office which processed the claim within 60 days after you or, if applicable, your beneficiary received notice of denial of the claim. When requesting a review, please state the reason you or, if applicable, your beneficiary believe the claim was improperly denied and submit in writing any written comments, documents, records or other information you or, if applicable, your beneficiary deem appropriate. Upon your written request, MetLife will provide you free of charge with copies of relevant documents, records and other information.

MetLife will re-evaluate all the information, will conduct a full and fair review of the claim, and you or, if applicable, your beneficiary will be notified of the decision. Such notification will be provided within a reasonable period not to exceed 60 days from the date we received your request for review, unless MetLife notifies you within that period that there are special circumstances requiring an extension of time of up to 60 additional days.

If MetLife denies the claim on appeal, MetLife will send you a final written decision that states the reason(s) why the claim you appealed is being denied, references any specific Plan provision(s) on which the denial is based, any voluntary appeal procedures offered by the Plan, and a statement of your right to bring a civil action if your claim is denied after an appeal. Upon written request, MetLife will provide you free of charge with copies of documents, records and other information relevant to your claim.

# Discretionary Authority of Plan Administrator and Other Plan Fiduciaries

In carrying out their respective responsibilities under the Plan, the Plan administrator and other Plan fiduciaries shall have discretionary authority to interpret the terms of the Plan and to determine eligibility for and entitlement to Plan benefits in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Any interpretation or determination made pursuant to such discretionary authority shall be given full force and effect, unless it can be shown that the interpretation or determination was arbitrary and capricious.

## STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

The following statement is required by federal law and regulation.

As a participant in the Plan, you are entitled to certain rights and protections under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA). ERISA provides that all participants shall be entitled to:

## **Receive Information About Your Plan and Benefits**

Examine, without charge, at the Plan administrator's office and at other specified locations, all Plan documents, including insurance contracts and a copy of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) filed by the Plan with the U.S. Department of Labor and available at the Public Disclosure Room of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

Obtain, upon written request to the Plan Administrator, copies of documents governing the operation of the Plan, including insurance contracts and copies of the latest annual report (Form 5500 Series) and updated summary plan descriptions. The administrator may make a reasonable charge for the copies.

Receive a summary of the Plan's annual financial report. The Plan Administrator is required by law to furnish each participant with a copy of this summary annual report.

## **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

In addition to creating rights for Plan participants, ERISA imposes duties upon the people who are responsible for the operation of the employee benefit plan. The people who operate your Plan, called "fiduciaries" of the Plan, have a duty to do so prudently and in the interest of you and other Plan participants and beneficiaries.

No one, including your employer or any other person, may fire you or otherwise discriminate against you in any way to prevent you from obtaining a welfare benefit or exercising your rights under ERISA.

## **Enforce Your Rights**

If your claim for a welfare benefit is denied or ignored in whole or in part, you have a right to know why this was done, to obtain copies of documents relating to the decision without charge, and to appeal any denial, all within certain time schedules.

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court.

In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in a Federal court.

If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court.

The court will decide who should pay court costs and legal fees. If you are successful, the court may order the person you have sued to pay these costs and fees.

If you lose, the court may order you to pay these costs and fees; for example, if it finds your claim is frivolous.

#### **Assistance with Your Questions**

If you have any questions about your Plan, you should contact the Plan administrator. If you have any questions about this statement or about your rights under ERISA, or if you need assistance in obtaining documents from the Plan administrator, you should contact the nearest office of the Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, listed in your telephone directory of the Division of Technical Assistance and Inquiries, Employee Benefits Security Administration, U.S. Department of Labor, 200 Constitution Avenue N.W., Washington, D.C 20210. You may also obtain certain publications about your rights and responsibilities under ERISA by calling the publications hotline of the Employee Benefits Security Administration.

#### **FUTURE OF THE PLAN**

It is hoped that the Plan will be continued indefinitely, but 4th District IBEW Health Fund reserves the right to change or terminate the Plan in the future. Any such action would be taken only after careful consideration.

The Board of Trustees of 4th District IBEW Health Fund shall be empowered to amend or terminate the Plan or any benefit under the Plan at any time.

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