



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

Policyholder: School Employer Trust

Group Policy Number: TS 05610330-G

Participating Employer Number: TS 05610209-G

Participating Employer: Auglaize County Educational Service Center

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

MetLife Toll Free Number(s):
For General Information 1-800-275-4638

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.

THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES LIFE AND ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE. THE INSURANCE DESCRIBED DOES NOT PROVIDE BENEFITS FOR LOSS CAUSED BY SICKNESS.

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

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

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 ALL STATES FRAUD WARNING

If You have applied for insurance under a policy issued in one of the following states, or 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)

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

BENEFIT	BENEFIT AMOUNT AND HIGHLIGHTS
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Life Insurance For You

Basic Life Insurance

For All Active Full-Time Employees.....	\$30,000
Non-Medical Issue Amount.....	\$30,000
Accelerated Benefit Option.....	Up to 50% of Your Basic Life amount not to exceed \$250,000.

If You Are Age 70 Or Older

If You are over age 70 but under age 75 on Your effective date of insurance, the amount of Your Basic Life Insurance will be limited to 42% of such amount. On and after Your 75th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 28% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the effective date of Your insurance. If You are age 75 or older on the effective date of Your insurance, the amounts of Your Basic Life Insurance on Your effective date of insurance will be limited to 28% of such amount.

If You are over age 80 but under age 85 on Your effective date of insurance, the amount of Your Basic Life Insurance will be limited to 19% of such amount. On and after Your 85th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 13% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the effective date of Your insurance. If You are age 85 or older on the effective date of Your insurance, the amounts of Your Basic Life Insurance on Your effective date of insurance will be limited to 13% of such amount.

If You are under age 70 on the effective date of Your insurance, the amounts of Your Basic Life Insurance on and after age 70 will be 42% of such insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday. On and after Your 75th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 28% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday.

On and after Your 80th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 19% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday.

On and after Your 85th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 13% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday.

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

Full Amount for AD&D

For All Active Full-Time Employees	An amount equal to Your Life Insurance
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If You Are Age 70 Or Older

If You are over age 70 but under age 75 on Your effective date of insurance, the amount of Your Basic Life Insurance will be limited to 42% of such amount. On and after Your 75th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 28% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the effective date of Your insurance. If You are age 75 or older on the effective date of Your insurance, the amounts of Your Basic Life Insurance on Your effective date of insurance will be limited to 28% of such amount.

If You are over age 80 but under age 85 on Your effective date of insurance, the amount of Your Basic Life Insurance will be limited to 19% of such amount. On and after Your 85th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 13% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the effective date of Your insurance. If You are age 85 or older on the effective date of Your insurance, the amounts of Your Basic Life Insurance on Your effective date of insurance will be limited to 13% of such amount.

If You are under age 70 on the effective date of Your insurance, the amounts of Your Basic Life Insurance on and after age 70 will be 42% of such insurance in effect on the day before Your 65th birthday. On and after Your 75th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 28% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday.

On and after Your 80th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 19% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday.

On and after Your 85th birthday, the amount of such insurance will be 13% of the amount of such insurance in effect on the day before Your 70th birthday.

For All Active Full-Time Employees

Additional Benefits:

Air Bag Benefit.....	Yes
Seat Belt Benefit.....	Yes
Child Care Benefit.....	Yes
Common Carrier Benefit.....	Yes, an amount equal to the Basic AD&D Full Amount

Schedule of Covered Losses for Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

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

Covered Losses

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

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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 of one arm or leg..... 25%

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

Brain Damage..... 100%

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

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

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

DEFINITIONS

As used in this certificate, the terms listed below will have the meanings set forth below. When defined terms are used in this certificate, they will appear with initial capitalization. The plural use of a term defined in the singular will share the same meaning.

Actively at Work or Active Work means that You are performing all of the usual and customary duties of Your job on a Full-Time basis. This must be done at:

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

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

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

Common Carrier means a government regulated entity that is in the business of transporting fare paying passengers. **The term does not include:**

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

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

Contributory Insurance includes: None.

Full-Time means Active Work on the Participating Employer's regular work schedule for the class of employees to which You belong. The work schedule must be at least 32 hours a week.

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

Participating Employer means an employer engaged in the field of education who has elected to participate in the School Employer Trust.

Physician means:

- a person licensed to practice medicine in the jurisdiction where such services are performed; or
- any other person whose services, according to applicable law, must be treated as Physician's services for purposes of the Group Policy. Each such person must be licensed in the jurisdiction where the service is performed and must act within the scope of that license. He must also be certified and/or registered if required by such jurisdiction.

The term does not include:

- You, or
- 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:

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

Proof must be provided at the claimant's expense.

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

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 Active Full-Time Employees

DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE

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

All Active Full-Time Employees

Basic Life Insurance

If You are in an eligible class on October 01, 2003, You will be eligible for insurance on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after October 01, 2003, You will be eligible for insurance on the date You enter that class.

Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

If You are in an eligible class on October 01, 2003, You will be eligible for insurance on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after October 01, 2003, You will be eligible for insurance on the date You enter that class.

Waiting Period means the period of continuous membership in an eligible class that You must wait before You become eligible for insurance. This period begins on the date You enter an eligible class and ends on the date You complete the period(s) specified.

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 Participating Employer written permission to deduct premiums from Your pay for such insurance. You will be notified by the Participating Employer how much You will be required to contribute.

DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT

Rules for Noncontributory Insurance

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

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

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

Rules for Contributory Insurance

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

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

If You request Contributory Insurance **within 31 days of** the date You become eligible for such insurance, such insurance will take effect as follows:

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

If You request Contributory Life Insurance **more than 31 days after** the date You become eligible for such insurance, You must give evidence of Your insurability satisfactory to us. You must give such evidence at Your expense. If We determine that You are insurable, such insurance will take effect on the date We state in Writing, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You complete the enrollment process for Contributory Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance **more than 31 days after** the date You become eligible for such insurance, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance does not require evidence of Your insurability, but will not take effect until the day Your Life Insurance takes effect.

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

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

DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS

Your insurance will end on the earliest of:

1. the date the Group Policy ends;
2. the date insurance ends for Your class;
3. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for You; or
4. for Basic Life Insurance, 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. for Basic Life Insurance, the date You retire in accordance with the Participating Employer's retirement plan.
6. for Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, 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
7. for Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance, the date You retire in accordance with the Participating Employer's retirement plan; or

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU

8. the date the Participating Employer ceases to participate in the School Employer Trust.

Please refer to the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: ELIGIBILITY FOR CONTINUATION IF LIFE INSURANCE ENDS WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED for information concerning continuation of Your Life Insurance if insurance ends while You are Totally Disabled. Please refer to the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU for information concerning the option to convert to an individual policy of life insurance if Your Life Insurance ends.

Please refer to the section entitled CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT for information concerning Continuation For Family and Medical Leave or Continuation of the Insurance at the Participating Employer's Option.

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 Participating Employer for information regarding the FMLA.

AT THE PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER'S OPTION

The Participating Employer 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.

Insurance will continue for the following periods:

1. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to injury or Sickness, up to 9 months;
2. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to part-time work, layoff or strike, up to 2 months;
3. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to any other Participating Employer 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.

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

EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY

We require evidence of insurability satisfactory to Us as follows:

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

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

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

LIFE INSURANCE: FOR YOU

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

PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

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

Terminally Ill or Terminal Illness means that due to injury or sickness, You are expected to die within 6 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 Ill.

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

You or Your legal representative should contact the Participating Employer 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 6 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 ABO Eligible Life Insurance Benefit. If an ABO Eligible Life Insurance benefit is scheduled to end within 6 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.

LIFE INSURANCE: ACCELERATED BENEFIT OPTION (ABO) 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.

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

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 32nd day after the date Your Life Insurance ends; this will be the case regardless of the duration of the Application Period.

LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU

Maximum Amount of the New Policy

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

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

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

If You Die Within 31 Days After Your Life Insurance Ends

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.

Effect of Previous Conversion

If You obtained a new policy through this conversion option and Your Life Insurance is later continued under the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: ELIGIBILITY FOR LIMITED CONTINUATION IF LIFE INSURANCE ENDS WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED, We will only pay Your Life Insurance under such section if the new policy is returned to Us. If the new policy is returned to us, We will refund to Your estate the premium paid for such policy without interest, less any debt incurred under such policy. If the new policy is not returned to Us, We will only pay the life insurance in effect under such new policy.

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

LIFE INSURANCE: ELIGIBILITY FOR LIMITED CONTINUATION IF LIFE INSURANCE ENDS WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED

If Your Life Insurance ends while You are Totally Disabled, You may at a later date become eligible to continue certain Life Insurance under this section during the period You are Totally Disabled, up to a maximum of 60 months. Premium payment will not be required. We will determine Your eligibility for this continuation after We receive Proof that You have satisfied the conditions and requirements of this section.

For the purpose of this section, the Life Insurance that You may become eligible to continue ("Continuation Eligible Life Insurance") refers to Your Basic Life Insurance to the extent that such insurance was in effect for You on the date Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance ended.

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

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

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

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

TOTAL DISABILITY AND PROOF REQUIREMENTS

You will become eligible for this continuation if Your Total Disability continues without interruption from the date You become Totally Disabled through the end of the Continuation Waiting Period.

Continuation Waiting Period means the period which begins on the date You become Totally Disabled and which expires 9 consecutive months after such date.

Please refer to the Important Notice that appears at the end of this section for information on insurance during the Continuation Waiting Period.

If You were disabled when Your insurance ended, You should contact Us as soon as reasonably possible to advise Us that You were disabled on the date such insurance ended. After the Continuation Waiting Period expires, You must send Us Proof that You were Totally Disabled when Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance ended and that such Total Disability has continued without interruption through the expiration of the Continuation Waiting Period. You must do this within 3 months following the expiration of the Continuation Waiting Period.

As part of such Proof, We may choose a Physician to examine You to verify that You are eligible for this continuation. If We do so, We will pay for such exam. After We receive and review Your Proof, We will determine if You are approved for this continuation. We will send You Written notice advising whether You are approved.

To verify that You continue to be Totally Disabled without interruption after Our initial approval, We may periodically request that You send Us Proof that You continue to be Totally Disabled. We will not ask for such Proof more than once each year.

LIFE INSURANCE: ELIGIBILITY FOR LIMITED CONTINUATION IF LIFE INSURANCE ENDS WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED

DATE CONTINUATION ENDS

The Continuation Eligible Life Insurance continued under this section may be reduced on account of Your age or as otherwise described in this certificate and will end at the earliest of:

1. the date You die;
2. the date Your Total Disability ends;
3. the date You do not give Us Proof of Total Disability, as required;
4. the date You refuse to be examined by Our Physician, as required; or
5. the end of the maximum benefit period of 60 months.

OPTION TO CONVERT YOUR CONTINUATION ELIGIBLE LIFE INSURANCE

When a continuation under this section ends, You may buy an individual policy of life insurance from Us. The details of this option are described in the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU. For the purpose of that section, the end of this continuation will be considered the end of Your employment. You may not use the conversion option described in such section if:

- before the end of the Application Period for conversion You return to Active Work in an eligible class and become insured under the Group Policy; or
- You have already converted all of Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance under such section.

IF YOU DIE DURING CONTINUATION

If You die while Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance is being continued under this section, Proof of Your death must be sent to Us within one year of Your death. Proof includes supporting documentation that Total Disability continued with no interruption from the date Your Life Insurance ended until the date of Your death.

When we receive such Proof with the claim, We will review the claim and if We approve it, will pay the Beneficiary the Continuation Eligible Life Insurance continued under this section.

Effect of Previous Conversion

If You converted Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance to an individual policy, We will only pay the Continuation Eligible Life Insurance under this section if such individual policy is returned to Us. If it is returned to Us, We will refund to Your estate the premiums paid for such policy without interest, less any debt incurred under such policy.

If You do not return such individual policy to Us, We will pay the life insurance in effect under the individual policy.

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE

On the date Your insurance ends, We will not know whether You will be able to satisfy the Total Disability and Proof Requirements specified above. For this reason, We urge You to consider taking the following steps:

Step 1. When Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance ends, ask the Participating Employer if such insurance will be continued with premium payment. If the answer is yes, ask if such continuation will be for at least 12 months. If the answer is yes, file a claim for continuation of insurance under this section at the end of the Continuation Waiting Period.

If the Participating Employer will not continue Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance as described in Step 1, proceed to Step 2.

LIFE INSURANCE: ELIGIBILITY FOR LIMITED CONTINUATION IF LIFE INSURANCE ENDS WHILE YOU ARE TOTALLY DISABLED

Step 2. Read the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU. You have the option to convert Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance to an individual policy of insurance with premium payment.

If the Participating Employer will not continue Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance as described in Step 1 and You do not convert to an individual policy as described in Step 2:

- You will not be insured should You die during the Continuation Waiting Period; and
- You may not be eligible to convert Your Continuation Eligible Life Insurance at the end of the Continuation Waiting Period if We do not approve You for the continuation under this section.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

Applicable to Basic Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

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

Direct and Sole Cause means that the Covered Loss occurs within 3 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.

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;
4. intentionally self-inflicted injury;
5. committing or attempting to commit a felony;
6. the voluntary intake or use by any means of:
 - any drug, medication or sedative, unless it is:
 - taken or used as prescribed by a Physician, or
 - an "over the counter" drug, medication or sedative taken as directed; or
 - alcohol in combination with any drug, medication, or sedative; or
 - poison, gas, or fumes; or
7. war, whether declared or undeclared; or act of war, insurrection, rebellion, riot, or terrorist act.

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.

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE

We will pay benefits in one sum. Other modes of payment may be available upon request. For details call Our toll free number 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 -

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: AIR BAG USE

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

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

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

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

Seat Belt means any restraint device that:

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

Air Bag means an inflatable restraint device that:

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

BENEFIT AMOUNT

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

BENEFIT PAYMENT

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

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE -

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: SEAT BELT USE

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

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

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

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

Seat Belt means any restraint device that:

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

BENEFIT AMOUNT

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

BENEFIT PAYMENT

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

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE -

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: CHILD CARE

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

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

Child Care Center means a facility that:

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

BENEFIT AMOUNT

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

- an annual maximum of \$5,000; and
- an overall maximum of 10% of the Full Amount shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

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

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

BENEFIT PAYMENT

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

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

ACCIDENTAL DEATH AND DISMEMBERMENT INSURANCE -

ADDITIONAL BENEFIT: COMMON CARRIER

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

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

BENEFIT AMOUNT

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

BENEFIT PAYMENT

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

FILING A CLAIM

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

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

CLAIMS FOR LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

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

CLAIMS FOR OTHER INSURANCE BENEFITS

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

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

Step 1

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

Step 2

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

Step 3

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

Step 4

The claimant must give Us Proof not later than 90 days after the date of the loss.

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

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Assignment

You may assign Your Life Insurance rights and benefits under the Group Policy as a gift or as a viatical assignment. You may also assign Your Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance rights and benefits under the Group Policy as a gift.

We will recognize the assignee(s) under such assignment as owner(s) of Your right, title and interest in the Group Policy if:

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

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

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

Beneficiary

You may designate a Beneficiary in Your application or enrollment form. You may change Your Beneficiary at any time. To do so, You must send a Signed and dated, Written request to the Participating Employer using a form satisfactory to Us. Your Written request to change the Beneficiary must be sent to the Participating Employer within 30 days of the date You Sign such request.

You do not need the Beneficiary's consent to make a change. When We receive the change, it will take effect as of the date You Signed it. The change will not apply to any payment made in good faith by Us before the change request was recorded.

If two or more Beneficiaries are designated and their shares are not specified, they will share the insurance equally.

If there is no Beneficiary designated or no surviving designated Beneficiary at Your death, We may determine the Beneficiary to be one or more of the following who survive You:

1. Your Spouse;
2. Your Child(ren);
3. Your parent(s); or
4. Your siblings(s)

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

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

Entire Contract

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

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

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Incontestability: Statements Made by You

Any statement made by You will be considered a representation and not a warranty. We will not use such statement to avoid insurance, reduce benefits or defend a claim unless the following requirements are met:

1. the statement is in a Written application or enrollment form;
2. You have Signed the application or enrollment form; and
3. a copy of the application or enrollment form has been given to You or Your Beneficiary.

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

Misstatement of Age

If Your age is misstated, the correct age will be used to determine if insurance is in effect and, as appropriate, We will adjust the benefits and/or premiums.

Conformity with Law

If the terms and provisions of this certificate do not conform to any applicable law, this certificate shall be interpreted to so conform.

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.

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ERISA INFORMATION

NAME OF THE PLAN

Auglaize County Educational Service Center Welfare Benefit Plan ("Plan")

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER

Auglaize County Educational Service Center
1045 Dearbaugh Avenue
Wapokoneta, OH 45895
(800) 282-3920

PARTICIPATING EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 341326142 AND PLAN NUMBERS

<u>PLAN NUMBER</u>	<u>COVERAGE</u>	<u>PLAN NAME</u>
501	All Coverages	Auglaize County Educational Service Center Welfare Benefit Plan

TYPE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

PLAN ADMINISTRATOR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

Auglaize County Educational Service Center
1045 Dearbaugh Avenue
Wapokoneta, OH 45895
(800) 282-3920

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 PARTICIPATION; 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

Written notice of termination must be given to the Participating Employer at least 31 days prior to the date such insurance will be terminated.

Premiums are due and payable on the first day of each month for which insurance coverage is to be provided. If a payment is not received within 31 days after the due date, coverage will terminate as follows:

- with respect to coverages other than Life Insurance and Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance - on the earlier of the 31st day following the due date and the date requested in writing by the Participating Employer, provided such request is made before such 31st day; and
- with respect to Life Insurance and Accidental Death or Dismemberment Insurance -- on the later of the 31st day following the due date and the date MetLife's written notice of termination is received by the Participating Employer.

The Participating Employer is liable to MetLife for payment of the pro-rata premium which accrues while any coverage remains in force.

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

The Participating 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 benefits 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 coverage ends in accord with the Date Your Insurance Ends provision 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

There are benefits insured under the group insurance coverages or the group insurance policy or policies which are combined for experience. This means that the costs of these coverages are determined on a combined basis, and the costs are accumulated from year to year. As a result, favorable experience under one or more coverages in a particular year may offset unfavorable experience on other coverages in the same year, or offset unfavorable experience of coverage in prior years.

Favorable experience under this insurance coverage for one or more years may be held in reserve and used to offset unfavorable experience in other years for the optional life insurance benefit only. If experience is favorable or unfavorable for sustained periods, upon the advice of our actuaries, employee contributions may be reduced or increased. In some years, the Plan Administrator may make a contribution to the Plan to offset unfavorable experience, but is not obligated to do so.

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

PLAN YEAR

The Plan's fiscal records are kept on a Plan year basis beginning each October 01 and ending on the following September 30.

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 Benefits

All claim forms needed to file for benefits under the group insurance program can be obtained from the Participating 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.

Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Benefits Claims

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.

Claims Involving Disability Determinations in connection with Life and Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance

Claim Submission

For any claim which requires a determination of disability in connection with life insurance or accidental death and dismemberment insurance, the claimant must complete the appropriate claim form and submit the required proof as described in the certificate. For example, if your Plan provides that you are not required to continue paying for your life insurance coverage after you are found to be disabled, or if your plan provides that a portion of your life insurance benefits are payable to you after you are found to be disabled, your request for such determination is treated as a claim involving a disability determination.

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

Please note that for some plans such claims involving disability determination are decided by employers. If that is the case for your plan, your Participating employer rather than MetLife may administer the procedure below.

Initial Determination

After MetLife receives your claim involving a disability determination, 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 45 days from the date we received your claim; except for situations requiring an extension of time because of matters beyond the control of the Plan, in which case MetLife may have up to two (2) additional extensions of 30 days each to provide you such notification. If MetLife needs an extension, it will notify you prior to the expiration of the initial 45 day period (or prior to the expiration of the first 30 day extension period if a second 30 day extension period is needed), state the reason why the extension is needed, and state when it will make its determination. If an extension is needed because you did not provide sufficient information or filed an incomplete claim, the time from the date of MetLife's notice requesting further information and an extension until MetLife receives the requested information does not count toward the time period MetLife is allowed to notify you as to its claim decision. You will have 45 days to provide the requested information from the date you receive the extension notice requesting further information from MetLife.

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. Further, if an internal rule, protocol, guideline or other criterion was relied upon in making the denial, the claims decision will state the rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria was relied upon and that you may request a copy free of charge. 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

If MetLife denies your claim, you may appeal the decision. Upon your written request, MetLife will provide you free of charge with copies of documents, records and other information relevant to your claim. You must submit your appeal to MetLife at the address indicated on the claim form within 180 days of receiving MetLife's decision. Appeals must be in writing and must include at least the following information:

- Name of Employee
- Name of the Plan
- Reference to the initial decision
- An explanation why you are appealing the initial determination

As part of your appeal, you may submit any written comments, documents, records, or other information relating to your claim.

After MetLife receives your written request appealing the initial determination, MetLife will conduct a full and fair review of your claim. Deference will not be given to the initial denial, and MetLife's review will look at the claim anew. The review on appeal will take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information that you submit relating to your claim without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial determination. The person who will review your appeal will not be the same person as the person who made the initial decision to deny your claim. In addition, the person who is reviewing the appeal will not be a subordinate of the person who made the initial decision to deny your claim. If the initial denial is based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, MetLife will consult with a health care professional with appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment. This health care professional will not have consulted on the initial determination, and will not be a subordinate of any person who was consulted on the initial determination.

MetLife will notify you in writing of its final decision within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 45 days after MetLife's receipt of your written request for review, except that under special circumstances MetLife may have up to an additional 45 days to provide written notification of the final decision. If such an extension is required, MetLife will notify you prior to the expiration of the initial 45-day period, state the reason(s) why such an extension is needed, and state when it will make its determination. If an extension is needed because you did not provide sufficient information, the time period from MetLife's notice to you of the need for an extension to when MetLife receives the requested information does not count toward the time MetLife is allowed to notify you of its final decision. You will have 45 days to provide the requested information from the date you receive the notice from MetLife.

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. If an internal rule, protocol, guideline or other criterion was relied upon in denying the claim on appeal, the final written decision will state the rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria was relied upon and that you may request a copy free of charge. Upon written request, MetLife will provide you free of charge with copies of documents, records and other information relevant to your claim.

Routine Questions

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

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 governing the Plan, 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 description. 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 Participating Employer's 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 the Participating 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 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 the Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan 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 Federal court.

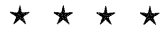
If it should happen that Plan fiduciaries misuse the Plan's money, or if you are discriminated against for asserting your rights, you may seek assistance from the U.S. Department of Labor, or you may file suit in a Federal court.

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 or 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 This Plan will be continued indefinitely, but Auglaize County Educational Service Center reserves the right to change or terminate the Plan in the future. Any such action would be taken only after careful consideration.

Privacy Notice To Our Customers

THIS PRIVACY NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU ON BEHALF OF METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY.

TO PLAN SPONSORS AND GROUP INSURANCE CERTIFICATE HOLDERS: This notice explains how we treat information we receive about anyone who applies for or obtains our products and services under employee benefit plans that we insure or group insurance contracts that we issue. Please note that we refer to these individuals in this notice by using the term "you", as if this notice were being addressed to these individuals.

Why We Need to Know About You: We need to know about you so that we can provide you with the insurance and other products and services you've asked for. We may also need information from you and others to help us verify your identity in order to prevent money laundering and terrorism.

What we need to know about you includes your address, age and other basic information. But we may have to know more about you, including your finances, employment, health, hobbies or business you conduct with us, with other MetLife companies (our "**affiliates**") or with other companies.

How We Learn about You: What we know about you we get mostly from you. But we may also have to find out more about you from other sources in order to make sure that what we know about you is correct and complete. Those sources may include your adult relatives, employers, consumer reporting agencies, health care providers and others. Some of our sources may give us reports, and they may disclose what they know about you to others.

How We Protect What We Know About You: We treat what we know about you confidentially. Our employees are told to take care in handling your information. They may get information about you only when there is a good reason to do so. We take steps to make our computer data bases secure and to safeguard the information we have about you.

How We Use and Disclose What We Know About You: We may use anything we know about you to help us serve you better. We may use it, and disclose it to our affiliates and others, for any purpose allowed by law. For instance, we may use your information, and disclose it to others, in order to:

- Help us evaluate your request for a MetLife product or service
- Help us process claims and other transactions
- Confirm or correct what we know about you
- Help us prevent fraud, money laundering, terrorism and other crimes by verifying what we know about you
- Help us run our business
- Process data for us
- Perform research for us
- Audit our business
- Help us comply with the law

Other reasons we may disclose what we know about you include:

- Doing what a court or government agency requires us to do; for example, complying with a search warrant or subpoena
- Telling another company what we know about you, if we are or may be selling all or any part of our business or merging with another company
- Telling a group customer about its members' claims or cooperating in a group customer's audit of our service
- Giving information to the government so that it can decide whether you may get benefits that it will have to pay for
- Telling your health care provider about a medical problem that you have but may not be aware of
- Giving your information to a peer review organization if you have health insurance with us
- Giving your information to someone who has a legal interest in your insurance, such as someone who lent you money and holds a lien on your insurance or benefits

Generally, we will disclose only the information we consider reasonably necessary to disclose.

We may use what we know about you in order to offer you our other products and services. We may disclose this information (other than consumer reports and health information) to our affiliates so that they can offer their products and services, or ours, to you. By law, we don't have to let you prevent these disclosures. Our affiliates include life, car and home insurers, securities firms, broker-dealers, a bank, a legal plans company and financial advisors. In the future, we may have affiliates in other businesses.

We may also provide information to others outside of the MetLife companies, such as marketing companies, to help us offer our products and services to you. If we have joint marketing agreements with other financial services companies, we may give them information about you so that they can offer their products and services to you; however, we cannot do this if the state law that applies to you does not allow it. Except for joint marketing arrangements, we do not make any other disclosures of your information to other companies who want to sell their products or services to you. For example, we will not sell your name to a catalog company. And we will not disclose any consumer report or health information to other companies so that they can offer their products and services, or ours, to you.

How You Can See and Correct Your Information: Generally, we will let you review what we know about you if you ask us in writing. Medical information will generally be disclosed through the licensed physician you choose or as otherwise required by law. (Because of its legal sensitivity, we will not show you anything that we learned in connection with a claim or lawsuit.) If you tell us that what we know about you is incorrect, we will review it. If we agree with you, we will correct our records. If we do not agree with you, you may tell us in writing, and we will include your statement when we give your information to anyone outside MetLife.

How You Can Get Other Material from Us: In addition to any other privacy notice we may give you, we must give you a summary of our privacy policy once each year. You may have other rights under the law. If you want to know more about our privacy policy, please contact us at our website, www.metlife.com, or write to your MetLife insurance company, c/o MetLife Privacy Office, P.O. Box 2006, Aurora, Illinois 60507-2006.