

YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

The University of Iowa

All Full-Time Regular Faculty, Staff, and House Staff employees of the Policyholder, excluding temporary or seasonal employees

Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits

Certificate Date: April 1, 2026

The University of Iowa
120 University Services Building
1 W. Prentiss Street
Iowa City, IA 52242

TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

All of us appreciate the protection and security insurance provides.

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

The University of Iowa



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

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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

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

Policyholder: The University of Iowa
Group Policy Number: 269678-1-G
Type of Insurance: Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits
MetLife Toll Free Number(s):
For Claim Information FOR DISABILITY INCOME CLAIMS: 1-833-622-0135

THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES DISABILITY INSURANCE.

FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS: REVIEW THIS CERTIFICATE CAREFULLY. IF YOU ARE 65 OR OLDER ON YOUR EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS CERTIFICATE, YOU MAY RETURN IT TO US WITHIN 30 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVE IT AND WE WILL REFUND ANY PREMIUM YOU PAID. IN THIS CASE, THIS CERTIFICATE WILL BE CONSIDERED TO NEVER HAVE BEEN ISSUED.

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

For Idaho Residents: TEN DAY RIGHT TO EXAMINE CERTIFICATE: You may return the certificate to Us within 10 days from the date You receive it. If You return it within the 10 day period, the certificate will be considered never to have been issued. We will refund any premium paid after We receive Your notice of cancellation.

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.

For New Hampshire Residents: 30 Day Right to Examine Certificate.

Please read this Certificate. You may return the Certificate to Us within 30 days from the date You receive it. If you return it within the 30 day period, the Certificate will be considered never to have been issued and We will refund any premium paid for insurance under this Certificate.

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.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS

Have a complaint or need help?

If you have a problem with a claim or your premium, call your insurance company or HMO first. If you can't work out the issue, the Texas Department of Insurance may be able to help.

Even if you file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance, you should also file a complaint or appeal through your insurance company or HMO. If you don't, you may lose your right to appeal.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

To get information or file a complaint with your insurance company or HMO:

Call: Corporate Consumer Relations Department at 1-800-438-6388

Toll-free: 1-800-438-6388

Email: Johnstown_Complaint_Referrals@metlife.com

Mail: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
700 Quaker Lane
2nd Floor
Warwick, RI 02886

The Texas Department of Insurance

To get help with an insurance question or file a complaint with the state:

Call with a question: 1-800-252-3439

File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Mail: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

¿Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?

Si tiene un problema con una reclamación o con su prima de seguro, llame primero a su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no puede resolver el problema, es posible que el Departamento de Seguros de Texas (Texas Department of Insurance, por su nombre en inglés) pueda ayudar.

Aun si usted presenta una queja ante el Departamento de Seguros de Texas, también debe presentar una queja a través del proceso de quejas o de apelaciones de su compañía de seguros o HMO. Si no lo hace, podría perder su derecho para apelar.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja ante su compañía de seguros o HMO:

Llame a: Departamento de Relaciones Corporativas del Consumidor al 1-800-438-6388

Teléfono gratuito: 1-800-438-6388

Correo electrónico: Johnstown_Complaint_Referrals@metlife.com

Dirección postal: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
700 Quaker Lane
2nd Floor
Warwick, RI 02886

El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

Para obtener ayuda con una pregunta relacionada con los seguros o para presentar una queja ante el estado:

Llame con sus preguntas al: 1-800-252-3439

Presente una queja en: www.tdi.texas.gov

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Dirección postal: Consumer Protection, MC: CO-CP, Texas Department of Insurance, P.O. Box 12030, Austin, TX 78711-2030

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL STATES

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

This certificate does not replace or affect any requirement for coverage by workers' compensation insurance.

MANDATORY DISABILITY INCOME BENEFIT LAWS

For Residents of California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Puerto Rico

This certificate does not affect any requirement for any government mandated temporary disability income benefits law.

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.

Policyholders have the right to file a complaint with the Arkansas Insurance Department (AID). You may call AID to request a complaint form at (800) 852-5494 or (501) 371-2640 or write the Department at:

Arkansas Insurance Department
Consumer Services Division
1 Commerce Way, Suite 102
Little Rock, Arkansas 72202

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR TO MAKE A COMPLAINT, CONTACT THE POLICYHOLDER OR METLIFE AT:

**METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY
ATTN: CONSUMER RELATIONS DEPARTMENT
500 SCHOOLHOUSE ROAD
JOHNSTOWN, PA 15904**

1-800-438-6388

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 DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE AT:

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
CONSUMER SERVICES
300 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90013**

WEBSITE: <http://www.insurance.ca.gov/>

**1-800-927-4357 (within California)
1-213-897-8921 (outside California)**

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF CONNECTICUT

MANDATORY REHABILITATION

This certificate contains a mandatory rehabilitation provision, which may require you to participate in vocational training or physical therapy when appropriate.

NOTICE FOR PERSONS WORKING IN DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA (DC)

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The laws of the District of Columbia (DC) prohibit insurers from offsetting or reducing benefits under a short-term disability income insurance policy based on estimated or actual benefits received under the Universal Paid Leave Amendment Act of 2016 (UPL).

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF GEORGIA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The laws of the state of Georgia prohibit insurers from unfairly discriminating against any person based upon his or her status as a victim of family violence.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF IDAHO

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

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

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

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS

IMPORTANT NOTICE

This notice is to advise you that should any complaints arise regarding this insurance; you may contact Us at:

MetLife
200 Park Avenue
New York, New York 10166

You may also file a consumer complaint online at the Illinois Department of Insurance's website idoi.illinois.gov or by mail.

The Department maintains a Consumer Division in the following offices:

Illinois Department of Insurance
320 West Washington Street
Springfield, IL 62767
(217) 782-4515

Illinois Department of Insurance
115 South LaSalle Street, 13th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60603
(312) 814-2420

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF INDIANA

Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

1-800-438-6388

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

State of Indiana Department of Insurance

Consumer Services Division

311 West Washington Street, Suite 300

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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

Complaint can be filed electronically at www.in.gov/idoi

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MAINE

You have the right to designate a third party to receive notice if Your insurance is in danger of lapsing due to a default on Your part, such as for nonpayment of a contribution that is due. The intent is to allow reinstatements where the default is due to the insured person's suffering from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity. You may make this designation by completing a "Third-Party Notice Request Form" and sending it to MetLife. Once You have made a designation, You may cancel or change it by filling out a new Third-Party Notice Request Form and sending it to MetLife. The designation will be effective as of the date MetLife receives the form. Call MetLife at the toll-free telephone number shown on the face page of this certificate to obtain a Third-Party Notice Request Form. Within 90 days after cancellation of coverage for nonpayment of premium, You or any person authorized to act on Your behalf may request reinstatement of the certificate on the basis that You suffered from cognitive impairment or functional incapacity at the time of cancellation.

NOTICE FOR MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS

CONTINUATION OF DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE

1. If Your Disability Income 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 Disability Income 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 Disability Income Insurance under the CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT subsection will end before the end of continuation periods shown above if You become covered for similar benefits under another plan.

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI

FILING A DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE CLAIM

The Policyholder should have a supply of claim forms. Obtain a claim form from the Policyholder and fill it out carefully. Return the completed claim form with the required Proof to the Policyholder.

If You are unable to report for Active Work due to a Sickness or accidental injury, and You think that You may be Disabled, You should contact MetLife or Your benefits representative to initiate a claim. We recommend that You do so no later than:

- 14 days with respect to Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits; and
- 12 weeks, with respect to Disability Income Insurance: Long Term Benefits

after the first day You are unable to report for Active Work so that Your claim can be processed in a timely manner.

When a claimant files an initial claim for Disability Income Insurance benefits described in this certificate, the following should be sent to Us:

- notice of claim within 30 days of the date of loss; and
- the required Proof within 90 days after the end of the Elimination Period.

Notice of claim and Proof for Disability Income Insurance 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 30 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 end of the Elimination Period.

If notice of claim or Proof is not given within the time limits described in this section, the delay will not cause a claim to be denied or reduced if such notice or Proof are given as soon as is reasonably possible; and, in no event, except in the absence of legal capacity, later than 1 year after the date Proof is otherwise required.

Subject to due Written Proof of loss, all accrued benefits for loss for which this certificate provides periodic payment will be paid as follows:

- Weekly, with respect to Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits;
- Monthly, with respect to Disability Income Insurance: Long Term Benefits.

Any balance remaining unpaid upon the termination of liability will be paid within thirty (30) days after receipt of due Written Proof.

Any benefit due and not paid within 30 days of our receipt of Proof will accrue interest at the rate of three percent (3%) per month on the amount due, until the claim is finally settled or adjudicated.

Subject to the Time Limit on Legal Actions provision, if We do not pay benefits when due and payable You may bring an action to recover such benefits, any interest which has accrued with respect to such benefits, and any other damages which may be allowed by law. If it is determined in such action that We acted in bad faith as evidenced by a repeated or deliberate pattern of failing to pay benefits and/or claims when due, You

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MISSISSIPPI (continued)

or the health care provider shall be entitled to recover damages in an amount up to three (3) times the amount of the benefits that remain unpaid until the claim is finally settled or adjudicated.

Items to be Submitted for a Disability Income Insurance Claim

When submitting Proof on an initial or continuing claim for Disability Income insurance, the following items may be required:

- documentation which must include, but is not limited to, the following information:
 1. the date Your Disability started;
 2. the cause of Your Disability;
 3. the prognosis of Your Disability;
 4. the continuity of Your Disability; and
- Your application for:
 - Other Benefit Sources;
 - Federal Social Security disability benefits; and
 - Workers compensation benefits or benefits under a similar law.
- Written authorization for Us to obtain and release medical, employment and financial information and any other items We may reasonably require to document Your Disability or to determine Your receipt of or eligibility for Other Benefit Sources;
- any and all medical information, including but not limited to:
 1. x-ray films; and
 2. photocopies of medical records, including:
 - a) histories,
 - b) physical, mental or diagnostic examinations; and
 - c) treatment notes; and
- the names and addresses of all:
 1. physicians and medical practitioners who have provided You with diagnosis, treatment or consultation;
 2. hospitals or other medical facilities which have provided You with diagnosis, treatment or consultation;
 3. pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years; and
- additional proof elements as required and described within the additional plan provisions for which you are filing a claim for benefits.

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.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO

If you are a resident of New Mexico on the effective date of Your insurance:

Please read the following notice paragraphs carefully. These notice paragraphs explain how the provisions of the certificate are modified for residents of New Mexico.

Schedule of Benefits

- The Elimination Period for Disability Income Insurance: Long Term Benefits will not be longer than:
 - 30 days if Your certificate's Maximum Benefit Period is one year or less;
 - 60 days if Your certificate's Maximum Benefit Period is greater than one year and no more than two years;
 - 90 days if Your certificate's Maximum Benefit Period is greater than two years and no more than three years;
 - 180 days if Your certificate's Maximum Benefit Period is greater than three years and no more than five years; or
 - 365 days in all other cases.
- The Maximum Benefit Period for Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits will not be less than 13 weeks.

Continuation with Premium Payment

- If Your certificate includes Portability for Disability Income Insurance: Long Term Benefits, this provision will not apply to You.
- If Your certificate includes Portability for Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits, the maximum length for the ported coverage will not exceed 9 months.
- If Your certificate provides for continuation of insurance At the Policyholders Option, the continuation will be the lesser of the period shown in the certificate or 9 months.

Additional Benefits

If Your certificate includes either of the following additional benefits, they will not apply to You:

- ADDITIONAL LONG TERM BENEFIT: MONTHLY PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF YOUR DEATH; or
- ADDITIONAL LONG TERM BENEFIT: SINGLE SUM PAYMENT IN THE EVENT OF YOUR DEATH.

Income Which Will Reduce Your Disability Benefit

If Your certificate includes a benefit reduction of other income sources that Your Spouse or child(ren) receive or are eligible to receive because of Your disability or retirement, such reduction or estimation will not apply to You.

Exclusions

If Your certificate includes exclusions for suicide and self-inflicted injury, such exclusions are replaced with the following:

- Attempted suicide or intentionally self-inflicted injury within two years of the effective date of Your insurance.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF UTAH

NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY UTAH LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION

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

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your life, health, or annuity insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its insurance regulatory agency. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Utah law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies. (For the purposes of this notice, the terms "insurance company" and "insurer" include health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and limited health plans.)

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
 - o \$500,000 in death benefits
 - o \$200,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values
- Accident and Health Insurance
 - o \$500,000 for health benefit plans
 - o \$500,000 in disability income insurance benefits
 - o \$500,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
 - o \$500,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities
 - o \$250,000 in the present value of annuity benefits in aggregate, including any net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$500,000. Special rules may apply with regard to health benefit plans.

Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements and other limitations under Utah law.

Benefits provided by a long-term care rider to a life insurance or annuity contract shall be considered the same type of benefit as the base life insurance policy or annuity contract to which it relates.

To learn more about the above protections, please visit the Association's website at www.ulhiga.org or contact:

Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Assoc.
450 S. Simmons Way, Suite 650
Kaysville, Utah 84037
(801) 320-9955

Utah Insurance Department
4315 S. 2700 W., Suite 2300
Taylorsville, UT 84129
(801) 957-9200

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WEST VIRGINIA

FREE LOOK PERIOD:

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WISCONSIN

KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS

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

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

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

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

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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

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

BENEFIT

BENEFIT AMOUNT AND HIGHLIGHTS

Disability Income Insurance For You: Short Term Benefits

Weekly Benefit..... Multiples of \$100 as elected by You with a \$400 minimum, not to exceed 60% of Your Predisability earnings rounded down to the nearest \$100, subject to the INCOME WHICH WILL REDUCE YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT section

Maximum Monthly Benefit..... \$5,000

Short Term Benefits are paid weekly. Your Weekly Benefits will be determined by multiplying the Monthly Benefit by 12 then dividing by 52.

Minimum Weekly Benefit..... 10% of the Weekly Benefit before reductions for Other Income Benefits or \$25, whichever is greater. The Minimum Weekly Benefit is subject to the Overpayments and Rehabilitation Incentive subsections of this certificate.

Elimination Period..... **For Injury**

- none

For Sickness

- 7 days of Disability

Maximum Benefit Period..... 13 weeks

Rehabilitation Incentives..... Yes

DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

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

Appropriate Care and Treatment means medical care and treatment that is:

- given by a Physician whose medical training and clinical specialty are appropriate for treating Your Disability;
- consistent in type, frequency and duration of treatment with relevant guidelines of national medical research, health care coverage organizations and governmental agencies;
- consistent with a Physician's diagnosis of Your Disability; and
- intended to maximize Your medical and functional improvement.

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

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

Contributory Insurance includes: Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits.

Disabled or Disability means that, due to Sickness or as a direct result of accidental injury:

- You are receiving Appropriate Care and Treatment and complying with the requirements of such treatment; and
- You are unable to earn:
 - more than 80% of Your Predisability Earnings at Your Own Occupation for any employer; and
 - unable to perform each of the material duties of Your Own Occupation for any employer.

For purposes of determining whether a Disability is the direct result of an accidental injury, the Disability must have occurred within 90 days of the accidental injury and resulted from such injury independent of other causes.

If Your occupation requires a license, the fact that You lose Your license for any reason will not, in itself, constitute Disability.

Domestic Partner means each of two people, one of whom is an employee of the Policyholder, who:

- have registered as each other's domestic partner, civil union partner or reciprocal beneficiary with a government agency where such registration is available; or
- are of the same or opposite sex and have a mutually dependent relationship so that each has an insurable interest in the life of the other. Each person must be:
 1. 18 years of age or older;
 2. unmarried;
 3. the sole domestic partner of the other;

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4. sharing a primary residence with the other; and
5. not related to the other in a manner that would bar their marriage in the jurisdiction in which they reside.

A Domestic Partner declaration attesting to the existence of an insurable interest in one another's lives must be completed and Signed by the employee.

Elimination Period means the period of Your Disability during which We do not pay benefits. The Elimination Period begins on the day You become Disabled and continues for the period shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

Full-Time means Active Work of at least 20 hours per week on the Policyholder's regular work schedule for the eligible class of employees to which You belong.

Own Occupation means the occupation You routinely perform that provides the primary source of Your earned income. In determining your Own Occupation, We will look at Your occupation as it is normally performed instead of how it is performed for any specific employer or in any specific location.

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. Such person 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.

Policyholder's Retirement Plan means a plan which:

- provides retirement benefits to employees; and
- is funded in whole or in part by Policyholder contributions.

The term does not include:

- profit sharing plans;
- thrift or savings plans;
- non-qualified plans of deferred compensation;
- plans under IRC Section 401(k) or 457;
- individual retirement accounts (IRA);
- tax sheltered annuities (TSA) under IRC Section 403(b);
- stock ownership plans; or
- Keogh (HR-10) plans.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

Predisability Earnings means gross salary or wages You were earning from the Policyholder as of Your last day of Active Work before Your Disability began, subject to any increase or decrease in insurance as described in the ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU, Increase in Insurance and Decrease in Insurance provisions. We calculate this amount on a weekly basis.

If You do not have regular work hours, Your Predisability Earnings are based on the average number of hours You worked per week during the preceding 52 calendar weeks (or during Your period of employment if less than 52 weeks).

The term includes:

- contributions You were making through a salary reduction agreement with the Policyholder to any of the following:
 - an Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 401(k), 403(b) or 457 deferred compensation arrangement;
 - an executive non-qualified deferred compensation arrangement; and
 - Your fringe benefits under an IRC Section 125 plan.

The term does not include:

- commissions;
- awards and bonuses;
- overtime pay;
- the Policyholder's contributions on Your behalf to any deferred compensation arrangement or pension plan;
- the grant, award, sale, conversion and/or exercise of shares of stock or stock options; or
- any other compensation.

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

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

Proof must be provided at the claimant's expense.

Rehabilitation Program means a program that has been approved by us for the purpose of helping You return to work. It may include, but is not limited to, Your participation in one or more of the following activities:

- return to work on a modified basis with a goal of resuming employment for which You are reasonably qualified by training, education, experience and past earnings;
- on-site job analysis;
- job modification;
- training to improve job-seeking skills;
- vocational assessment;
- short-term skills enhancement;
- vocational training; or
- restorative therapies to improve functional capacity to return to work.

Sickness means illness, disease or pregnancy, including complications of pregnancy.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

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

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

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

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

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

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU

ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)

All Full-Time Regular Faculty, Staff, and House Staff employees of the Policyholder, excluding temporary or seasonal employees.

DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE

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

If You are in an eligible class on April 1, 2026, You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after April 1, 2026, You will be eligible for insurance on the first day of the calendar month following the date You enter that class.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS

If You are eligible for insurance, You may enroll for such insurance by completing an enrollment form. If You enroll for Contributory Insurance, You must also give the Policyholder Written permission to deduct premiums from Your pay for such insurance. You will be notified by the Policyholder how much You will be required to contribute.

The insurance listed below is part of a flexible benefits plan established by the Policyholder. Subject to the rules of the flexible benefits plan and the Group Policy, You may enroll for Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits; only when You are first eligible or during an annual enrollment period. You should contact the Policyholder for more information regarding the flexible benefits plan.

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

Enrollment When First Eligible

If You complete the enrollment process within **30 days** of becoming eligible for insurance, such insurance will take effect on the date You become eligible for such insurance if You are Actively at Work.

If You do not complete the enrollment process within **30 days** of becoming eligible, You will not be able to enroll for insurance until the next annual enrollment period, as determined by the Policyholder, following the date You first became eligible. At that time You will be able to enroll for insurance for which You are then eligible.

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

Enrollment During An Annual Enrollment Period

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

- for any amount for which You are **not required** to give evidence of Your insurability, such insurance will take effect on the first day of the calendar year following the annual enrollment period, if You are Actively at Work.
- for any amount for which You are **required** to give evidence of Your insurability and We determine that You are insurable, such insurance will take effect in accordance with the information We provide in Writing, if You are Actively at Work.

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

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU (continued)

Increase in Insurance

An increase in insurance due to an increase in Your earnings will take effect on the first day of the calendar year following the date of the increase in Your earnings.

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.

Decrease in Insurance

A decrease in insurance due to a decrease in Your earnings will take effect on the first day of the calendar year following the date of the decrease in Your earnings.

You may make a request to decrease your insurance only during an annual enrollment period. The decrease in insurance will take effect on the first day of the calendar year following the annual enrollment period.

Changes in Your Disability Income Insurance will only apply to Disabilities commencing on or after the date of the change.

DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS

Your insurance will end on the earliest of:

1. the date the Group Policy ends; or
2. the date insurance ends for Your class; or
3. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for You; or
4. the last day of the calendar month in which You cease to be Actively at Work in an eligible class, if You are not Disabled on that date; or
5. the last day of the calendar month in which Your employment ends; or
6. the last day of the calendar month in which You retire in accordance with the Policyholder's retirement plan.

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

Reinstatement of Disability Income Insurance

If Your insurance ends, You may become insured again as follows:

1. If Your insurance ends because:

- You cease to be in an eligible class; or
- Your employment ends; and

You become a member of an eligible class again within 3 months of the date Your insurance ended, You will not have to complete a new Waiting Period or provide evidence of Your insurability.

2. If Your insurance ends because you cease making the required premium while on an approved Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or other legally mandated leave of absence, and you become a member of an eligible class within 31 days of the earlier of:

- The end of the period of leave You and the Policyholder agreed upon; or
- The end of the eligible leave period required under the FMLA or other similar legally mandated leave of absence law,

You will not have to complete a new Waiting Period or provide evidence of Your insurability.

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU (continued)

3. In all other cases where Your insurance ends because the required premium for Your insurance has ceased to be paid, You will be required to provide evidence of Your insurability.

CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT

FOR FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

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

AT THE POLICYHOLDER'S OPTION

The Policyholder has elected to continue insurance by paying premiums for employees who are not Disabled and cease Active Work in an eligible class for any of the reasons specified below.

Disability Income 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 12 months;
2. For the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to layoff, up to the end of the month;
3. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to any other Policyholder approved leave of absence, up to 12 months.

For purposes of this provision, leave of absence does not include a furlough. Furlough means an employer-mandated leave of absence.

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

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

EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY

We require evidence of insurability satisfactory to Us as follows:

1. if You make a late request during an annual enrollment period for Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits. A late request is one made after You were first eligible to enroll for Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits.

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 Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits.

2. if You make a request during an annual enrollment period to increase the amount of Your Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits by an increment greater than \$100 per month.

If You do not give Us evidence of insurability or the evidence of insurability is not accepted by Us as satisfactory, the amount of Your Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits will not be increased.

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

DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: SHORT TERM BENEFITS

If You become Disabled while insured, Proof of Disability must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof, We will review the claim. If We approve the claim, We will pay the Weekly Benefit up to the Maximum Benefit Period shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, subject to the Date Benefit Payments End section.

To verify that You continue to be Disabled without interruption after Our initial approval of the Disability claim, We may periodically request that You send Us Proof that You continue to be Disabled. Such Proof may include physical exams, exams by independent medical examiners, in-home interviews, or functional capacity exams, as needed.

While You are Disabled, the Weekly Benefits described in this certificate will not be affected if:

- Your insurance ends; or
- the Group Policy is amended to change the plan of benefits for Your class.

BENEFIT PAYMENT

If We approve Your claim, benefits will begin to accrue on the day after the day You complete Your Elimination Period. We will pay the first Weekly Benefit one week after the date benefits begin to accrue. We will make subsequent payments weekly thereafter so long as You remain Disabled. Payment will be based on the number of days You are Disabled during each week. For any partial week of Disability, payment will be made at the daily rate of 1/7th of the Weekly Benefit payable.

We will pay Weekly Benefits to You. If You die, We will pay the amount of any due and unpaid benefits as described in the GENERAL PROVISIONS subsection entitled Disability Income Benefit Payments: Who We Will Pay.

While You are receiving Weekly Benefits, You will be required to continue to pay for the cost of any disability income insurance defined as Contributory Insurance.

RECOVERY FROM A DISABILITY

For purposes of this subsection, the term Active Work only includes those days You actually work.

The provisions of this subsection will not apply if Your insurance has ended and You are eligible for coverage under another group short term disability plan.

If You Return to Active Work Before Completing Your Elimination Period

If You return to Active Work before completing Your Elimination Period and then become Disabled, You will have to complete a new Elimination Period.

If You Return to Active Work After Completing Your Elimination Period

If You return to Active Work after You begin to receive Weekly Benefits, We will consider You to have recovered from Your Disability.

If You return to Active Work for a period of 30 days or less, and then become Disabled again due to the same or related Sickness or accidental injury, We will not require You to complete a new Elimination Period. For the purpose of determining Your benefits, We will consider such Disability to be a part of the original Disability and will use the same Predisability Earnings and apply the same terms, provisions and conditions that were used for the original Disability.

REHABILITATION INCENTIVES

Rehabilitation Program Incentive

If You participate in a Rehabilitation Program, We will increase Your Weekly Benefit by an amount equal to 10% of the Weekly Benefit. We will do so before We reduce Your Weekly Benefit by any Other Income.

DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: SHORT TERM BENEFITS (continued)

Work Incentive

If You work while You are Disabled and receiving Weekly Benefits, Your Weekly Benefit will be adjusted as follows:

- Your Weekly Benefit will be increased by Your Rehabilitation Program Incentive, if any; and
- reduced by Other Income as defined in the DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: INCOME WHICH WILL REDUCE YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT section.

Your Weekly Benefit as adjusted above will not be reduced by the amount You earn from working, except to the extent that such adjusted Weekly Benefit plus the amount You earn from working and the income You receive from Other Income exceeds 100% of Your Predisability Earnings as calculated in the definition of Disability. In addition, the Minimum Weekly Benefit will not apply.

Family Care Incentive

If You work or participate in a Rehabilitation Program while You are Disabled, We will reimburse You for up to \$100 for weekly expenses You incur for each family member to provide:

- care for Your or Your Spouse's child, legally adopted child, or child for whom You or Your Spouse are legal guardian and who is:
 - living with You as part of Your household;
 - dependent on You for support; and
 - under age 13.

The child care must be provided by a licensed child care provider who may not be a member of Your immediate family or living in Your residence.

- care to Your family member who is:
 - living with You as part of Your household;
 - chiefly dependent on You for support; and
 - incapable of independent living, regardless of age, due to mental or physical handicap as defined by applicable law.

Care to Your family member may not be provided by a member of Your immediate family.

We will make reimbursement payments to You on a weekly basis starting with the 4th Weekly Benefit payment. Payments will not be made beyond the Maximum Benefit Period. We will not reimburse You for any expenses for which You are eligible for payment from any other source. You must send Proof that You have incurred such expenses.

Moving Expense Incentive

If You participate in a Rehabilitation Program while You are Disabled, We may reimburse You for expenses You incur in order to move to a new residence recommended as part of such Rehabilitation Program. Such expenses must be approved by Us in advance.

You must send Proof that You have incurred such expenses for moving.

We will not reimburse You for such expenses if they were incurred for services provided by a member of Your immediate family or someone who is living in Your residence.

DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: INCOME WHICH WILL REDUCE YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT

We will reduce Your Disability benefit by the amount of all Other Income. Other Income includes the following:

1. any disability or retirement benefits which You receive because of Your disability or retirement under:
 - any state, public or federal employee retirement or disability plan, including State Teachers Retirement System (STRS); Public Employee Retirement System (PERS) or Federal Retirement System (FERS). You must apply for such benefits through the highest appeal level that is applicable to such benefits and available under the plan; or
 - any pension or disability plan of any other nation or political subdivision thereof.
2. any income received for disability or retirement under the Policyholder's Retirement Plan, to the extent that it can be attributed to the Policyholder's contributions;
3. any income received for disability under:
 - a group insurance policy to which the Policyholder has made a contribution, such as:
 - benefits for loss of time from work due to disability;
 - installment payments for permanent total disability;
 - a no-fault auto law for loss of income, excluding supplemental disability benefits;
 - a government compulsory benefit plan or program which provides payment for loss of time from Your job due to Your disability, whether such payment is made directly by the plan or program, or through a third party;
 - a self-funded plan, or other arrangement if the Policyholder contributes toward it or makes payroll deductions for it;
 - any sick pay, vacation pay or other salary continuation to the extent that the sum of the benefit payable under this certificate and the continuation of the salary exceeds 100% of Your Predisability Earnings;
 - unemployment insurance law or program;
 - any income that You receive from working while Disabled to the extent that such income reduces the amount of Your Weekly Benefit as described in REHABILITATION INCENTIVES. This includes but is not limited to salary, commissions, overtime pay, bonus or other extra pay arrangements from any source; and
 - recovery amounts that You receive for loss of income as a result of claims against a third party by judgment, settlement or otherwise including future earnings.
4. any government compulsory paid family leave program;
5. any employer sponsored paid family leave program.

REDUCING YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT BY THE ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF YOUR GOVERNMENT COMPULSORY BENEFIT PLAN OR PROGRAM OR STRS, PERS OR FERS OR OTHER PUBLIC EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT OR DISABILITY BENEFIT PLAN OR PROGRAM

If there is a reasonable basis for You to apply for benefits under a government compulsory plan or program or a federal, state or other public employee retirement or disability plan or program, including a STRS, PERS or FERS Retirement System, We expect You to apply for such benefits.

1. With respect to Government Compulsory Benefit Plans or Programs or STRS, PERS, FERS Benefit Plans or Programs, or to apply means to pursue such benefits through all applicable levels of appeal provided under such benefit plans or programs. You must, within 4 weeks following the date You become Disabled:
 - send Us Proof that You have applied for benefits under such plans or programs; and

DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: INCOME WHICH WILL REDUCE YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT (continued)

- sign a reimbursement agreement in which You agree to repay Us for any overpayments We may make to You under this coverage.

If You do not satisfy the above requirements, We will reduce Your Disability benefit by the amount of such government compulsory benefit plan or program benefit, or STRS, PERS or FERS benefit that We estimate You are eligible to receive, provided that We have the reasonable means to make such an estimate. We will start to do this with the first Disability benefit payment under this certificate coincident with the date You were eligible to receive such government compulsory benefit plan or program benefit, or STRS, PERS or FERS benefits under any such plan or programs.

2. With respect to STRS, PERS or FERS benefit a government compulsory benefit plan or program, or if You do receive approval or final denial of Your claim for such benefits, You must notify Us immediately. We will adjust the amount of Your Disability benefit. You must promptly repay Us for any overpayment.

SINGLE SUM PAYMENT

If You receive Other Income in the form of a single sum payment, You must, within 10 days after receipt of such payment, give Written Proof satisfactory to Us of:

- the amount of the single sum payment;
- the amount to be attributed to income replacement; and
- the time period for which the payment applies.

When We receive such Proof, We will adjust the amount of Your Disability benefit.

If We do not receive the Written Proof described above, and We know the amount of the single sum payment, We may reduce Your Disability benefit by an amount equal to such benefit until the single sum has been exhausted.

If We adjust the amount of Your Disability benefit due to a single sum payment, the amount of the adjustment will not result in a benefit amount less than the minimum amount, except in the case of an Overpayment.

If You receive Other Income in the form of a single sum payment and We do not receive the Written Proof described above within 10 days after You receive the single sum payment, We will adjust the amount of Your Disability Benefit by the amount of such payment.

DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: INCOME WHICH WILL NOT REDUCE YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT

We will not reduce Your Disability benefit to less than the Minimum Benefit shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, or by:

- cost of living adjustments that are paid under any of the above sources of Other Income;
- reasonable attorney fees included in any award or settlement;
- group credit insurance;
- mortgage disability insurance benefits;
- early retirement benefits that have not been voluntarily taken by You;
- veteran's benefits;
- individual disability income insurance policies;
- benefits received from an accelerated death benefit payment; or
- amounts rolled over to a tax qualified plan unless subsequently received by You while You are receiving benefit payments.

DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: DATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS END

Your Disability benefit payments will end on the earliest of:

- the end of the Maximum Benefit Period;
- the date You are no longer Disabled;
- the date You die;
- the date You cease or refuse to participate in a Rehabilitation Program that We require;
- the date You fail to have a medical exam requested by Us as described in the Physical Exams subsection of the GENERAL PROVISIONS section;
- the date You fail to provide required Proof of continuing Disability.

While You are Disabled, the benefits described in this certificate will not be affected if:

- Your insurance ends; or
- the Group Policy is amended to change the plan of benefits for Your class.

DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: LIMITED DISABILITY BENEFITS

For Occupational Disabilities

We will not pay benefits for any Disability:

- which happens in the course of any work performed by You for wage or profit; or
- for which You are eligible to receive under workers' compensation or a similar law.

DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: EXCLUSIONS

We will not pay for any Disability caused or contributed to by:

1. war, whether declared or undeclared, or act of war, insurrection, rebellion or terrorist act;
2. Your active participation in a riot;
3. intentionally self-inflicted injury;
4. attempted suicide; or
5. commission of or attempt to commit or taking part in a felony.

We will not pay Short Term Benefits for any Disability caused or contributed to by elective treatment or procedures, such as:

1. cosmetic surgery or treatment primarily to change appearance;
2. reversal of sterilization;
3. liposuction;
4. visual correction surgery; and
5. in vitro fertilization; embryo transfer procedure; or artificial insemination.

However, pregnancies and complications from any of these procedures will be treated as a Sickness.

FILING A DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE CLAIM

The Policyholder should have a supply of claim forms. Obtain a claim form from the Policyholder and fill it out carefully. Return the completed claim form with the required Proof to the Policyholder.

If You are unable to report for Active Work due to a Sickness or accidental injury, and You think that You may be Disabled, You should contact MetLife or Your benefits representative to initiate a claim. We recommend that You do so no later than 14 days after the first day You are unable to report for Active Work so that Your claim can be processed in a timely manner.

When You file an initial claim for Disability Income Insurance benefits described in this certificate, both the notice of claim and the required Proof should be sent to Us within 90 days after the end of the Elimination Period.

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

Step 1

You 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 You and explain how to complete it. You should receive the claim form within 15 days of giving Us notice of claim.

Step 3

When You receive the claim form You should fill it out as instructed and return it with the required Proof described in the claim form. If You do 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

You must give Us Proof not later than 90 days after the end of the Elimination Period.

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 within 12 months after the end of the Elimination Period or if it is not reasonably possible to give notice of claim or Proof within such period, they are given as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter.

Items to be Submitted for a Disability Income Insurance Claim

When submitting Proof on an initial or continuing claim for Disability Income insurance, the following items may be required:

- documentation which must include, but is not limited to, the following information:
 - the date Your Disability started;
 - the cause of Your Disability;
 - the prognosis of Your Disability;
 - the continuity of Your Disability; and
- Your application for:
 - Other Benefit Sources;
 - Federal Social Security disability benefits; and
 - Workers compensation benefits or benefits under a similar law.
- Written authorization for Us to obtain and release medical, employment and financial information and any other items We may reasonably require to document Your Disability or to determine Your receipt of or eligibility for Other Benefit Sources;
 - any and all medical information, including but not limited to:
 - x-ray films; and

FILING A DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE CLAIM (continued)

- photocopies of medical records, including:
 - histories,
 - physical, mental or diagnostic examinations; and
 - treatment notes; and
- the names and addresses of all:
 - physicians and medical practitioners who have provided You with diagnosis, treatment or consultation;
 - hospitals or other medical facilities which have provided You with diagnosis, treatment or consultation;
 - pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years; and
- additional proof elements as required and described within the additional plan provisions for which you are filing a claim for benefits.

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

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

Disability Income Benefit Payments: Who We Will Pay

We will make any benefit payments during Your lifetime to You or Your legal representative as Beneficiary. Any payment made in good faith will discharge Us from liability to the extent of such payment.

Upon Your death, We will pay any amount that is or becomes due to Your designated Beneficiary. If there is no Beneficiary designated or no surviving designated Beneficiary at Your death, We may determine the Beneficiary for any amount that is or becomes due, according to the following order:

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

If more than one person is eligible to receive payment, We will divide the benefit amount in equal shares.

Payment to a minor or incompetent will be made to such person's guardian. The term "children" or "child" includes natural and adopted children.

Any periodic payments owed to Your estate may be paid in a single sum.

Entire Contract

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

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

Incontestability: Statements Made by You

Any statement made by You will be considered a representation and not a warranty. We will not use such statement to avoid 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 Disability Insurance after it has been in force for 2 years during Your life, unless the statement is fraudulent. 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, unless the statement is fraudulent.

GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)

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

Autopsy

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

Overpayments for Disability Income Insurance

Recovery of Overpayments

We have the right to recover any amount that We determine to be an overpayment.

An overpayment occurs if We determine that:

- the total amount paid by Us on Your claim is more than the total of the benefits due to You under this certificate; or
- payment We made should have been made by another group plan.

If such overpayment occurs, You have an obligation to reimburse Us. Our rights and Your obligations in this regard are described in the reimbursement agreement that You are required to sign when You submit a claim for benefits under this certificate. This agreement:

- confirms that You will reimburse Us for all overpayments; and
- authorizes Us to obtain any information relating to sources of Other Income.

How We Recover Overpayments

We may recover the overpayment from You by:

- stopping or reducing any future Disability benefits, including the Minimum Benefit, payable to You or any other payee under the Disability sections of this certificate;
- demanding an immediate refund of the overpayment from You; and
- taking legal action.

If the overpayment results from Our having made a payment to You that should have been made under another group plan, We may recover such overpayment from one or more of the following:

- any other insurance company;
- any other organization; or
- any person to or for whom payment was made.

GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)

Lien and Repayment

If You become Disabled and You receive Disability benefits under this certificate and You receive payment from a third party for loss of income with respect to the same loss of income for which You received benefits under this certificate (for example, a judgment, settlement, payment from Federal Social Security or payment pursuant to Workers' Compensation laws), You shall reimburse Us from the proceeds of such payment up to an amount equal to the benefits paid to You under this certificate for such Disability. Our right to receive reimbursement from any such proceeds shall be a claim or lien against such proceeds and Our right shall provide Us with a first priority claim or lien over any such proceeds up to the full amount of the benefits paid to You under this certificate for such Disability. You agree to take all action necessary to enable Us to exercise Our rights under this provision, including, without limitation:

- notifying Us as soon as possible of any payment You receive or are entitled to receive from a third party for loss of income with respect to the same loss of income for which You received benefits under this certificate;
- furnishing of documents and other information as requested by Us or any person working on Our behalf; and
- holding in escrow, or causing Your legal representative to hold in escrow, any proceeds paid to You or any party by a third party for loss of income with respect to the same loss of income for which You received benefits under this certificate, up to an amount equal to the benefits paid to You under this certificate for such Disability, to be paid immediately to Us upon Your receipt of said proceeds.

You shall cooperate and You shall cause Your legal representative to cooperate with Us in any recovery efforts and You shall not interfere with Our rights under this provision. Our rights under this provision apply whether or not You have been or will be fully compensated by a third party for any Disability for which You received or are entitled to receive benefits under this certificate.

**THE PRECEDING PAGE IS THE END OF THE CERTIFICATE.
THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**

SPECIAL SERVICES

Return To Work Program

Goal of Rehabilitation

The goal of MetLife is to focus on employees' abilities, instead of disabilities. This "abilities" philosophy is the foundation of our Return to Work Program. By focusing on what employees can do versus what they can't, we can assist you in returning to work sooner than expected.

Incentives For Returning To Work

Your Disability plan is designed to provide clear advantages and financial incentives for returning to work either full-time or part-time, while still receiving a Disability benefit. In addition to financial incentives, there may be personal benefits resulting from returning to work. Many employees experience higher self-esteem and the personal satisfaction of being self-sufficient and productive once again. If it is determined that you are capable, but you do not participate in the Return to Work Program, your Disability benefits may cease.

Return to Work Services

As a covered employee you are automatically eligible to participate in our Return to Work Program. The program aims to identify the necessary training and therapy that can help you return to work. In many cases, this means helping you return to your former occupation, although rehabilitation can also lead to a new occupation which is better suited to your condition and makes the most of your abilities.

There is no additional cost to you for the services we provide, and they are tailored to meet your individual needs. These services include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Vocational Analyses

Assessment and counseling to help determine how your skills and abilities can be applied to a new or a modified job with your employer.

2. Labor Market Surveys

Studies to find jobs available in the national economy that would utilize your abilities and skills. Also identify your earning potential for a specific occupation.

3. Retraining Programs

Programs to facilitate return to your previous job, or to train you for a new job.

4. Job Modifications

Analyses of job demands and functions to determine what modifications may be made to maximize your employment opportunities.

This also includes changes in your job or modifications to help you perform the previous job or a similar vocation.

5. Job Seeking Skills and Job Placement Assistance

Special training to identify abilities, set goals, develop resumes, polish interviewing techniques, and provide other career search assistance.

Return to Work Program Staff

The Case Manager handling your claim will coordinate return to work services. You may be referred to a clinical specialist, such as a Nurse Consultant, Psychiatric Clinical Specialist, or Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant, who has advanced training and education to help people with disabilities return to work. One of our clinical specialists will work with you directly, as well as with local support services and resources. They have returned hundreds of individuals to meaningful, gainful employment.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Rehabilitation Vendor Specialists

In many situations, the services of independent vocational rehabilitation specialists may be utilized. Services are obtained at no additional cost to you; MetLife pays for all vendor services. Selecting a rehabilitation vendor is based on:

1. attending physician's evaluation and recommendations;
2. your individual vocational needs; and
3. vendor's credentials, specialty, reputation and experience.

When working with vendors, we continue to collaborate with you and your doctor to develop an appropriate return to work plan.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Delaware American Life Insurance Company
MetLife Health Plans, Inc.
MetLife Legal Plans, Inc.
MetLife Legal Plans of Florida, Inc.
Metropolitan General Insurance Company

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
Metropolitan Tower Life Insurance Company
SafeGuard Health Plans, Inc.
SafeHealth Life Insurance Company

Our Privacy Notice

We know that you buy our products and services because you trust us. This notice explains how we protect your privacy and treat your personal information. It applies to current and former customers. "Personal information" as used here means anything we know about you personally.

SECTION 1: Plan Sponsors and Group Insurance Contract Holders

This privacy notice is for individuals who apply for or obtain our products and services under an employee benefit plan, group insurance or annuity contract, as an executive benefit, or as otherwise made available at your work or through an association to which you belong. In this notice "you" refers to these individuals.

SECTION 2: Protecting Your Information

We take important steps to protect your personal information. We treat it as confidential. We tell our employees to take care in handling it. We limit access to those who need it to perform their jobs. Our outside service providers must also protect it, and use it only to meet our business needs. We also take steps to protect our systems from unauthorized access. We comply with all laws that apply to us.

SECTION 3: Collecting Your Information

We typically collect your name, address, age, and other relevant information. We may also collect information about any business you have with us, our affiliates, or other companies. Our affiliates include life insurers, a legal plans company and a securities broker-dealer. In the future, we may also have affiliates in other businesses.

SECTION 4: How We Get Your Information

We get your personal information mostly from you. We may also use outside sources to help ensure our records are correct and complete. These sources may include consumer reporting agencies, employers, other financial institutions, adult relatives, and others. These sources may give us reports or share what they know with others. We don't control the accuracy of information outside sources give us. If you want to make any changes to information we receive from others about you, you must contact those sources.

We may ask for medical information. The Authorization that you sign when you request insurance permits these sources to tell us about you. We may also, at our expense:

- Ask for a medical exam
- Ask for blood and urine tests
- Ask health care providers to give us health data, including information about alcohol or drug abuse

We may also ask a consumer reporting agency for a "consumer report" about you (or anyone else to be insured). Consumer reports may tell us about a lot of things, including information about:

- Reputation
- Driving record
- Finances
- Work and work history
- Hobbies and dangerous activities

The information may be kept by the consumer reporting agency and later given to others as permitted by law. The agency will give you a copy of the report it provides to us, if you ask the agency and can provide adequate identification. If you write to us and we have asked for a consumer report about you, we will tell you so and give you the name, address and phone number of the consumer reporting agency.

Another source of information is MIB, LLC ("MIB"). It is a not-for-profit membership organization of insurance companies which operates an information exchange on behalf of its Members. We, or our reinsurers, may make a brief report to MIB. If you apply to another MIB Member company for life or health insurance coverage, or a claim for benefits is submitted, MIB, upon request, will supply such company with the information in its file. Upon receipt of a request from you MIB will arrange disclosure of any information it may have in your file. Please contact MIB at 866-692-6901. If you question the accuracy of information in MIB's

file, you may contact MIB and seek a correction in accordance with the procedures set forth in the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act. You may do so by writing to MIB, LLC, 50 Braintree Hill, Suite 400, Braintree, MA 02184-8734 or go to MIB website at www.mib.com.

SECTION 5: Using Your Information

We collect your personal information to help us decide if you're eligible for our products or services. We may also need it to verify identities to help deter fraud, money laundering, or other crimes. How we use this information depends on what products and services you have or want from us. It also depends on what laws apply to those products and services. For example, we may also use your information to:

- administer your products and services
 - perform business research
 - market new products to you
 - comply with applicable laws
 - process claims and other transactions
 - confirm or correct your information
 - help us run our business
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SECTION 6: Sharing Your Information With Others

We may share your personal information with others with your consent, by agreement, or as permitted or required by law. We may share your personal information without your consent if permitted or required by law. For example, we may share your information with businesses hired to carry out services for us. We may also share it with our affiliated or unaffiliated business partners through joint marketing agreements. In those situations, we share your information to jointly offer you products and services or have others offer you products and services we endorse or sponsor. Before sharing your information with any affiliate or joint marketing partner for their own marketing purposes, however, we will first notify you and give you an opportunity to opt out.

Other reasons we may share your information include:

- doing what a court, law enforcement, or government agency requires us to do (for example, complying with search warrants or subpoenas)
 - telling another company what we know about you if we are selling or merging any part of our business
 - giving information to a governmental agency so it can decide if you are eligible for public benefits
 - giving your information to someone with a legal interest in your assets (for example, a creditor with a lien on your account)
 - giving your information to your health care provider
 - having a peer review organization evaluate your information, if you have health coverage with us
 - those listed in our "Using Your Information" section above
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SECTION 7: HIPAA

We will not share your health information with any other company – even one of our affiliates – for their own marketing purposes. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act ("HIPAA") protects your information if you request or purchase dental, vision, long-term care and/or medical insurance from us. HIPAA limits our ability to use and disclose the information that we obtain as a result of your request or purchase of insurance. Information about your rights under HIPAA will be provided to you with any dental, vision, long-term care or medical coverage issued to you.

You may obtain a copy of our HIPAA Privacy Notice by visiting our website at www.MetLife.com. For additional information about your rights under HIPAA; or to have a HIPAA Privacy Notice mailed to you, contact us at HIPAAprivacyAmericasUS@metlife.com, or call us at telephone number (212) 578-0299.

SECTION 8: Accessing and Correcting Your Information

You may ask us for a copy of the personal information we have about you. We will provide it as long as it is reasonably locatable and retrievable. You must make your request in writing listing the account or policy numbers with the information you want to access. For legal reasons, we may not show you privileged information relating to a claim or lawsuit, unless required by law.

If you tell us that what we know about you is incorrect, we will review it. If we agree, we will update our records. Otherwise, you may dispute our findings in writing, and we will include your statement whenever we give your disputed information to anyone outside MetLife.

SECTION 9: Questions

We want you to understand how we protect your privacy. If you have any questions or want more information about this notice, please contact us. A detailed notice shall be furnished to you upon request. When you write, include your name, address, and policy or account number.

Send privacy questions to: MetLife Privacy Office
P. O. Box 489
Warwick, RI 02887-9954
privacy@metlife.com

We may revise this privacy notice. If we make any material changes, we will notify you as required by law. We provide this privacy notice to you on behalf of the MetLife companies listed at the top of the first page.
