

MetLife

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

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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

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

Employer: Friendswood Independent School District

Group Policy Number: KM 05951715-G

Type of Insurance: Vision Insurance

MetLife Toll Free Number(s):

For Claim Information 1-855-METEYE1

THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES VISION 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.

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

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

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

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All Active Full-Time Employees
NB 08/30/2018

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

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

1-855-METEYE1

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

1-800-252-3439

You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

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

Web: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

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

ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR CERTIFICATE:

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

AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja:

Usted puede llamar al número de teléfono gratuito de MetLife's para obtener información o para presentar una queja al:

1-855-METEYE1

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

1-800-252-3439

Usted puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas a:

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

Sitio web: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

DISPUTAS POR PRIMAS DE SEGUROS O RECLAMACIONES: Si tiene una disputa relacionada con su prima de seguro o con una reclamación, usted debe comunicarse con MetLife primero. Si la disputa no es resuelta, usted puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas.

ADJUNTE ESTE AVISO A SU CERTIFICADO:

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

For Texas Residents

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL STATES

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 ARKANSAS

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

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

Arkansas Insurance Department
Consumer Services Division
1200 West Third Street
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201
(501) 371-2640 or (800) 852-5494

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, OR TO MAKE A COMPLAINT, CONTACT THE EMPLOYER OR THE METLIFE CLAIM OFFICE SHOWN ON THE EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS YOU RECEIVE AFTER FILING A CLAIM.

IF, AFTER CONTACTING THE EMPLOYER AND/OR METLIFE, YOU FEEL THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION HAS NOT BEEN REACHED, YOU MAY FILE A COMPLAINT WITH THE CALIFORNIA INSURANCE DEPARTMENT AT:

**DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE
300 SOUTH SPRING STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA 90013
1 (800) 927-4357**

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

California law provides that for vision insurance, domestic partners of California's residents must be treated the same as spouses. If the certificate does not already have a definition of domestic partner, then the following definition applies:

"Domestic Partner means each of two people, one of whom is an employee of the Employer, a resident of California and who have registered as domestic partners or members of a civil union with the California or another government recognized by California as having similar requirements.

For purposes of determining who may become a Covered Person, the term does not include any person who:

- is in the military of any country or subdivision of a country;
- is insured under the Group Policy as an employee."

If the certificate already has a definition of domestic partner, that definition will apply to California residents, as long as it recognizes as a domestic partner any person registered as the employee's domestic partner with the California government or another government recognized by California as having similar requirements.

Wherever the term Spouse appears, except in the definition of Spouse, it shall be replaced by Spouse or Domestic Partner.

Wherever the term step-child appears, it is replaced by step-child or child of Your Domestic Partner.

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 Employer. 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 Employer 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

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

MetLife
P.O. Box 997100
Sacramento, CA 95899-7100

The address of the Illinois Department of Insurance is:

Illinois Department of Insurance
Public Services Division
Springfield, Illinois 62767

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF INDIANA

Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

**Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
1-855-METEYE1**

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/doi

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 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, any person authorized to act on Your behalf, or any covered Dependent 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 RESIDENTS OF MASSACHUSETTS

CONTINUATION OF VISION INSURANCE

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

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

CONTINUATION OF VISION INSURANCE FOR YOUR FORMER SPOUSE

If the judgment of divorce dissolving Your marriage provides for continuation of insurance for Your former Spouse when You remarry, Vision Insurance for Your former Spouse that would otherwise end may be continued.

To continue Vision insurance under this provision:

1. You must make a written request to the employer to continue such insurance;
2. You must make any required premium to the employer for the cost of such insurance.

The request form will be furnished by the Employer.

Such insurance may be continued from the date Your marriage is dissolved until the earliest of the following:

- the date Your former Spouse remarries;
- the date of expiration of the period of time specified in the divorce judgment during which You are required to provide Vision Insurance for Your former Spouse;
- the date coverage is provided under any other group health plan;
- the date Your former Spouse becomes entitled to Medicare;
- the date Vision Insurance under the policy ends for all active employees, or for the class of active employees to which You belonged before Your employment terminated;
- the date of expiration of the last period for which the required premium payment was made; or
- the date such insurance would otherwise terminate under the policy.

If Your former Spouse is eligible to continue Vision Insurance under this provision and any other provision of this Policy, all such continuation periods will be deemed to run concurrently with each other and shall not be deemed to run consecutively.

NOTICE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS

CONTINUATION OF YOUR VISION INSURANCE

If You are a resident of New Hampshire, Your Vision Insurance may be continued if it ends because Your employment ends unless:

- Your employment ends due to Your gross misconduct;
- this Vision Insurance ends for all employees;
- this Vision Insurance is changed to end Vision Insurance for the class of employees to which You belong;
- You are entitled to enroll in Medicare; or
- Your Vision Insurance ends because You failed to pay the required premium.

The Employer must give You written notice of:

- Your right to continue Your Vision Insurance;
- the amount of premium payment that is required to continue Your Vision Insurance;
- the manner in which You must request to continue Your Vision Insurance and pay premiums; and
- the date by which premium payments will be due.

The premium that You must pay for Your continued Vision Insurance may include:

- any amount that You contributed for Your Vision Insurance before it ended;
- any amount the Employer paid; and
- an administrative charge which will not to exceed two percent of the rest of the premium.

To continue Your Vision Insurance, You must:

- send a written request to continue Your Vision Insurance; and
- pay the first premium within 30 days after the date Your employment ends.

The maximum continuation period will be the longest of:

- 36 months if Your employment ends because You retire, and within 12 months of retirement You have a substantial loss of coverage because the employer files for bankruptcy protection under Title 11 of the United States Code;
- 29 months if You become entitled to disability benefits under Social Security within 60 days of the date Your Employment ends; or
- 18 months.

Your continued Vision Insurance will end on the earliest of the following to occur:

- the end of the maximum continuation period;
- the date this Vision Insurance ends;
- the date this Vision Insurance is changed to end Vision Insurance for the class of employees to which You belong;
- the date You are entitled to enroll for Medicare;
- if You do not pay the required premium to continue Your Vision Insurance; or
- the date You become eligible for coverage under any other group vision coverage.

NOTICE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS (continued)

CONTINUATION OF YOUR DEPENDENT'S VISION INSURANCE

If You are a resident of New Hampshire, Your Vision Insurance for Your Dependents may be continued if it ends because Your employment ends, Your marriage ends in divorce or separation, or You die, unless:

- Your employment ends due to Your gross misconduct;
- this Vision Insurance ends for all Dependents;
- this Vision Insurance is changed, for the class of employees to which You belong, to end Vision Insurance for Dependents;
- the Dependent is entitled to enroll in Medicare; or
- Your Vision Insurance for Your Dependents ends because You fail to pay a required premium.

If Vision Insurance for Your Dependents ends because Your marriage ends in divorce or separation, the party responsible under the divorce decree or separation agreement for payment of premium for continued Vision Insurance must notify the employer, in writing, within 30 days of the date of the divorce decree or separation agreement that the divorce or separation has occurred. If You and Your divorced or separated Spouse share responsibility for payment of the premium for continued Vision Insurance, both You and Your divorced or separated Spouse must provide the notification.

The Employer must give You, or Your former Spouse if You have died or Your marriage has ended, written notice of:

- Your right to continue Your Vision Insurance for Your Dependents;
- the amount of premium payment that is required to continue Your Vision Insurance for Your Dependents;
- the manner in which You or Your former Spouse must request to continue Your Vision Insurance for Your Dependents and pay premiums; and
- the date by which premium payments will be due.

The premium that You or Your former Spouse must pay for continued Vision Insurance for Your Dependents may include:

- any amount that You contributed for Your Vision Insurance before it ended; and
- any amount the Employer paid.

To continue Vision Insurance for Your Dependents, You or Your former Spouse must:

- send a written request to continue Vision Insurance for Your Dependents; and
- must pay the first premium within 30 days of the date Vision Insurance for Your Dependents ends.

If You, and Your former Spouse, if applicable, fail to provide any required notification, or fail to request to continue Vision Insurance for Your Dependents and pay the first premium within the time limits stated in this section, Your right to continue Vision Insurance for Your Dependents will end.

NOTICE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS (continued)

CONTINUATION OF YOUR DEPENDENT'S VISION INSURANCE (continued)

The maximum continuation period will be the longest of the following that applies:

- 36 months if Vision Insurance for Your Dependents ends because Your marriage ends in divorce or separation, except that with respect to a Spouse who is age 55 or older when your marriage ends in divorce or separation the maximum continuation period will end when the divorced or separated Spouse becomes eligible for Medicare or eligible for participation in another employer's group plan;
- 36 months if Vision Insurance for Your Dependents ends because You die, except that with respect to a Spouse who is age 55 or older when You die, the maximum continuation period will end when Your surviving Spouse becomes eligible for Medicare or eligible for participation in another employer's group vision coverage;
- 36 months if Vision Insurance for Your Dependents ends because You become entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of Social Security, except that with respect to a Spouse who is age 55 or older when You become entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of Social Security, the maximum continuation period will end when the divorced or separated Spouse becomes eligible for Medicare or eligible for participation in another employer's group vision coverage;
- 36 months if You become entitled to benefits under Title XVIII of Social Security while You are already receiving continued benefits under this section, except that with respect to a Spouse who is age 55 or older when You first become entitled to continue Your Vision Insurance the maximum continuation period will end when the divorced or separated Spouse becomes eligible for Medicare or eligible for participation in another employer's group vision coverage;
- 36 months with respect to a Dependent Child if Vision Insurance ends because the Child ceases to be a Dependent Child;
- 36 months if Your employment ends because You retire, and within 12 months of retirement You have a substantial loss of coverage because the employer files for bankruptcy protection under Title 11 of the United States Code;
- 29 months if Vision Insurance for Your Dependents ends because Your employment ends, and within 60 days of the date Your employment ends you become entitled to disability benefits under Social Security; or
- 18 months if Vision Insurance for Your Dependents ends because Your employment ends.

A Dependent's continued Vision Insurance will end on the earliest of the following to occur:

- the end of the maximum continuation period;
- the date this Vision Insurance ends;
- the date this Vision Insurance is changed to end Vision Insurance for Dependents for the class of employees to which You belong;
- the date the Dependent becomes entitled to enroll for Medicare;
- if You do not pay a required premium to continue Vision Insurance for Your Dependents; or
- the date the Dependent becomes eligible for coverage under any other group vision coverage.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA

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

(1) CAUSE THE CANCELLATION OR NONRENEWAL OF GROUP HEALTH OR LIFE INSURANCE, HOSPITAL, MEDICAL, OR DENTAL SERVICE CORPORATION PLAN, MULTIPLE EMPLOYER WELFARE ARRANGEMENT, OR GROUP HEALTH PLAN COVERAGES AND THE CONSEQUENTIAL LOSS OF THE COVERAGES OF THE PERSONS INSURED, BY WILLFULLY FAILING TO PAY THOSE PREMIUMS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF THE INSURANCE OR PLAN CONTRACT, AND

(2) WILLFULLY FAIL TO DELIVER, AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE TERMINATION OF THOSE COVERAGES, TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY A WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE PERSON'S INTENTION TO STOP PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS. THIS WRITTEN NOTICE MUST ALSO CONTAIN A NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS COVERED BY THE GROUP POLICY OF THEIR RIGHTS TO HEALTH INSURANCE CONVERSION POLICIES UNDER ARTICLE 53 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES AND THEIR RIGHTS TO PURCHASE INDIVIDUAL POLICIES UNDER THE FEDERAL HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT AND UNDER ARTICLE 68 OF CHAPTER 58 OF THE GENERAL STATUTES.

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF PENNSYLVANIA

Vision Insurance for a Dependent Child may be continued past the age limit if that Child is a full-time student and insurance ends due to the Child being ordered to active duty (other than active duty for training) for 30 or more consecutive days as a member of the Pennsylvania National Guard or a Reserve Component of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Insurance will continue if such Child:

- re-enrolls as a full-time student at an accredited school, college or university that is licensed in the jurisdiction where it is located;
- re-enrolls for the first term or semester, beginning 60 or more days from the child's release from active duty;
- continues to qualify as a Child, except for the age limit; and
- submits the required Proof of the child's active duty in the National Guard or a Reserve Component of the United States Armed Forces.

Subject to the Date Insurance For Your Dependents Ends subsection of the section entitled ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS, this continuation will continue until the earliest of the date:

- the insurance has been continued for a period of time equal to the duration of the child's service on active duty; or
- the child is no longer a full-time student.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF UTAH

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

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

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

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
 - \$500,000 in death benefits
 - \$200,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values
- Health Insurance
 - \$500,000 in hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits
 - \$500,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
 - \$500,000 in disability income insurance benefits
 - \$500,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities
 - \$250,000 in withdrawal and cash values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$500,000. Special rules may apply with regard to hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits.

Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. Coverage is conditioned on residency in this state and there are substantial limitations and exclusions. For a complete description of coverage, consult Utah Code, Title 3 IA, Chapter 28.

Insurance companies and agents are prohibited by Utah law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to encourage you to purchase insurance. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between Utah law and this notice, Utah law will control.

To learn more about the above protections, as well as protections relating to group contracts or retirement plans, please visit the Association's website at www.utlifega.org or contact:

Utah Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Assoc.
60 East South Temple, Suite 500
Salt Lake City UT 84111
(801) 320-9955

Utah Insurance Department
3110 State Office Building
Salt Lake City UT 84114-6901
(801) 538-3800

A written complaint about misuse of this Notice or the improper use of the existence of the Association may be filed with the Utah Insurance Department at the above address.

CIVIL UNION NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF VERMONT

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

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

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

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

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

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

DISCLOSURE:

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF VIRGINIA

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE

In the event You need to contact someone about this insurance for any reason please contact Your agent. If no agent was involved in the sale of this insurance, or if You have additional questions You may contact the insurance company issuing this insurance at the following address and telephone number:

MetLife
P.O. Box 997100
Sacramento, CA 95899-7100
Attn: Corporate Consumer Relations Department

To phone in a claim related question, You may call Claims Customer Service at:
1-855-METEEYE1

If You have been unable to contact or obtain satisfaction from the company or the agent, You may contact the Virginia State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance at:

The Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman
Bureau of Insurance
P.O. Box 1157
Richmond, VA 23209
1-877-310-6560 - toll-free
1-804-371-9944 - locally
www.scc.virginia.gov - web address
ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov - email

Or:

Office of Licensure and Certification
Division of Acute Care Services
Virginia Department of Health
9960 Mayland Drive
Suite 401
Henrico, Virginia 23233-1463
Phone number: 1-800-955-1819/ local: 804-367-2106
Fax: (804) 527-4503
MCHIP@vdh.virginia.gov

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

VISION INSURANCE: PROCEDURES FOR VISION CLAIMS

Routine Questions on Vision Insurance Claims

If there is any question about a claim payment, an explanation may be requested from MetLife by dialing 1-855-METEEYE1.

Claim Denial Appeals

If a claim is denied in whole or in part, under the terms of this certificate, a request may be submitted to Us by a Covered Person or a Covered Person's authorized representative for a full review of the denial. A Covered Person may designate any person, including their provider, as their authorized representative. References in this section to "Covered Person" include the Covered Person's authorized representative, where applicable.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF VIRGINIA (continued)

Initial Appeal. All requests for review must be made within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days following denial of a claim. A Covered Person may review, during normal business hours, any documents used by Us pertinent to the denial. A Covered Person may also submit Written comments or supporting documentation concerning the claim to assist in Our review. Our response to the initial appeal, including specific reasons for the decision, shall be communicated to the Covered Person within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the request for the appeal.

Second Level Appeal. If a Covered Person disagrees with the response to the initial appeal of the denied claim, the Covered Person has the right to a second level appeal. A request for a second level appeal must be submitted to Us within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of Our response to the initial appeal. We shall communicate Our final determination to the Covered Person within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of the request, or as required by any applicable state or federal laws or regulations. Our communication to the Covered Person shall include the specific reasons for the determination.

Other Remedies. When a Covered Person has completed the appeals stated herein, additional voluntary alternative dispute resolution options may be available, including mediation or arbitration. Additional information is available from the U.S. Department of Labor or the insurance regulatory agency for the Covered Persons' state of residency. Additionally, under the provisions of ERISA (Section 502(a)(1)(B) 29 U.S.C. 1132(a)(1)(B)), the Covered Person has the right to bring a civil action when all available levels of reviews, including the appeal process, have been completed. ERISA remedies may apply in those instances where the claims were not approved in whole or in part as the result of appeals under this Policy and the Covered Person disagrees with the outcome of such appeals.

Time of Action. No action in law or in equity shall be brought to recover on this Policy prior to the Covered Person exhausting his/her rights under this Policy and/or prior to the expiration of sixty (60) calendar days after the claim and any applicable documentation has been filed with Us. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of any applicable statute of limitations, in accordance with the terms of this Policy. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of three (3) years from the last date that the claim and any applicable invoices were submitted to Us, and no such action shall be brought at all unless brought within three (3) years from the expiration of the time within which such materials are required to be submitted in accordance with the terms of this Policy.

Insurance Fraud: Any Covered Person who intends to defraud, knowingly facilitates a fraud, submits a claim containing false or deceptive information, or who commits any other similar act as defined by applicable state or federal law, is guilty of insurance fraud. Such an act is grounds for immediate termination of the coverage under this Policy of the Covered Person committing such fraud.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

Washington law provides that the following apply to Your certificate:

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

Domestic Partner means each of two people, one of whom is an Employee of the Employer, who have registered as each other's domestic partner, civil union partner or reciprocal beneficiary with a government agency where such registration is available.

Wherever the term "step-child" appears in this certificate it shall be read to include the children of Your Domestic Partner.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WEST VIRGINIA

FREE LOOK PERIOD:

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WISCONSIN

KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS

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

MetLife
Attn: Corporate Consumer Relations Department
P.O. Box 997100
Sacramento, CA 95899-7100
1-800-638-5433

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

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

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALASKA, LOUISIANA, MINNESOTA, MONTANA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW MEXICO, UTAH AND WASHINGTON

The Definition of Child In The Definitions Section Of This Certificate Is Modified For The Coverage Listed Below:

For Alaska Residents (Vision Insurance):

The term also includes newborns.

For Louisiana Residents (Vision Insurance):

The term also includes Your grandchildren residing with You. The age limit for children and grandchildren will not be less than 21, regardless of the child's or grandchild's student status or full-time employment status. In addition, the age limit for students will not be less than 24. Your natural child, adopted child, stepchild or grandchild under age 21 will not need to be supported by You to qualify as a Child under this insurance.

For Minnesota Residents (Vision Insurance):

The term also includes

- Your grandchildren who are financially dependent upon You and reside with You continuously from birth;
- children for whom You or Your Spouse is the legally appointed guardian; and
- children for whom You have initiated for adoption.

The age limit for children and grandchildren will not be less than 25, regardless of the child's or grandchild's student status or full-time employment status. Your natural child, adopted child, stepchild, or children for whom You or Your Spouse is the legally appointed guardian under age 25 will not need to be supported by You to qualify as a Child under this insurance.

For Montana Residents (Vision Insurance):

The term also includes newborn infants of any person insured under this certificate. The age limit for children will not be less than 25, regardless of the child's student status or full-time employment status. Your natural child, adopted child or stepchild under age 25 will not need to be supported by You to qualify as a child under this insurance.

For New Hampshire Residents (Vision Insurance):

The age limit for children will not be less than 26, regardless of the child's marital, student status or full-time employment status. Your natural child, adopted child or stepchild under age 26 will not need to be supported by You to qualify as a child under this insurance.

For New Mexico Residents (Vision Insurance):

The age limit for children will not be less than 25, regardless of the child's student status or full-time employment status. Your natural child, adopted child or stepchild will not be denied vision insurance coverage under this certificate because:

- that child was born out of wedlock;
- that child is not claimed as Your dependent on Your federal income tax return; or
- that child does not reside with You.

For Utah Residents (Vision Insurance):

The age limit for children will not be less than 26, regardless of the child's student status or full-time employment status. Your natural child, adopted child or stepchild under age 26 will not need to be supported by You to qualify as a Child under this insurance.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALASKA, LOUISIANA, MINNESOTA, MONTANA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW MEXICO, UTAH AND WASHINGTON

For Washington Residents (Vision Insurance):

The age limit for children will not be less than 26, regardless of the child's marital status, student status, or full-time employment status. Your natural child, adopted child or stepchild under age 26 will not need to be supported by You to qualify as a Child under this insurance.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL STATES WHO ARE INSURED FOR VISION INSURANCE

Notice Regarding Your Rights and Responsibilities

Rights:

- We will treat communications, financial records and records pertaining to your care in accordance with all applicable laws relating to privacy.
- Decisions with respect to vision treatment are the responsibility of You and the Vision Provider. We neither require nor prohibit any specified treatment. However, only certain specified services are covered for benefits. Please see the Vision Insurance sections of this certificate for more details.
- You may request a written response from MetLife to any written concern or complaint.

Responsibilities:

- You are responsible for the prompt payment of any charges for services performed by the Vision Provider not fully covered by your Vision Insurance.
- You should consult with the Vision Provider about treatment options, proposed and potential procedures, anticipated outcomes, potential risks, anticipated benefits and alternatives. You should share with the Vision Provider the most current, complete and accurate information about your medical and vision history and current conditions and medications.
- You should follow the treatment plans and health care recommendations agreed upon by You and the Vision Provider.

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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

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

BENEFIT

BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

Vision Insurance For You and Your Dependents

For All Active Full-Time Employees

Service Interval (months)	Exam	Lenses	Frame	Contacts
	12 months	12 months	12 months	12 months

Exam In-Network Co-Pay <i>Co-payment shall not apply to Retinal Imaging</i>	\$10
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Materials In-Network Co-Pay <i>Co-payment shall not apply to Elective Contact Lenses</i>	\$25
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	In-Network Coverage (Using an In-Network Vision Provider)	Out-of-Network Coverage (Using an Out-of-Network Vision Provider)
EYE EXAMINATION (one per frequency)	Covered in full* Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.	Covered up to \$45 allowance Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.

RETINAL IMAGING	Covered in full with a co-pay not to exceed \$39. Coverage for retinal imaging is an enhancement to eye examination. Retinal imaging is not available at all provider locations – contact your In-Network Vision Provider to see if this technology (or equipment or service) is available.	Applied to the allowance for the eye examination
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STANDARD CORRECTIVE LENSES	Single Vision Covered in full*	Covered up to \$30 allowance
	Lined Bifocal Covered in full*	Covered up to \$50 allowance
	Lined Trifocal Covered in full*	Covered up to \$65 allowance
	Lenticular Covered in full*	Covered up to \$100 allowance

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)

STANDARD LENS OPTIONS¹	Ultra Violet Coating Covered in full*	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
	Polycarbonate (child up to age 18) Covered in full*	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
	Standard or Premium Progressive Available at a discount with "not to exceed" pricing/maximum copay	Standard Progressive \$50 allowance; or Premium Progressive \$50 allowance
	Polycarbonate (adult) Available at a discount with "not to exceed" pricing/maximum copay	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
	Scratch Resistant Coating Covered in full*	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
	Tints Available at a discount with "not to exceed" pricing/maximum copay	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
	Anti-Reflective Coating Available at a discount with "not to exceed" pricing/maximum copay	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
	Photochromic Available at a discount with "not to exceed" pricing/maximum copay	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
FRAMES	Covered up to a \$150 allowance Frames are covered up to the allowance of \$85* at Costco and \$150* at other optical retail locations. In-Network Vision Providers prescribe and/or order Covered Person's lenses, verify the accuracy of finished lenses, and assist Covered Person with frame selection and adjustment.	Covered up to a \$70 allowance
CONTACT LENSES	In-Network Coverage (Using an In-Network Vision Provider)	Out-of-Network Coverage (Using an Out-of-Network Vision Provider)
FITTING AND EVALUATION	Standard and Premium fit: Covered in full*	Applied to the allowance for the contact lenses
ELECTIVE	Covered up to \$150 allowance Contact lenses are provided in place of lens and frame benefits available herein.	Covered up to \$105 allowance Contact lenses are provided in place of lens and frame benefits available herein.

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)

<p>NECESSARY</p>	<p>Covered in full*</p> <p>Necessary contact lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's In-Network Vision Provider.</p> <p>Contact lenses are provided in place of lens and frame benefits available herein.</p>	<p>Covered up to \$210 allowance</p> <p>Necessary contact lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's In-Network Vision Provider.</p> <p>Contact lenses are provided in place of lens and frame benefits available herein.</p>
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* Less any applicable Co-payment.

¹All lens enhancements are available at participating private practice provider offices, and not to exceed copays and pricing are subject to change without notice. Please check with your provider for details and copays applicable to your lens choice. At this time, all lens enhancements and "not to exceed" copays and pricing are not available at Costco. Please contact your local Costco to confirm the availability of lens enhancements and pricing prior to receiving services.

<p align="center">Value-Added Features Available At In-Network Vision Providers (These features are not insurance.)</p>	
<p>LASER VISION CORRECTION</p>	<p>Savings averaging 15% off the regular price, or 5% off a promotional offer, for laser surgery including PRK, LASIK, and Custom LASIK.</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL SAVINGS ON GLASSES AND SUNGLASSES</p>	<p>20% savings on additional pairs of prescription glasses and nonprescription sunglasses, including lens enhancements.² At times, other promotional offers may also be available.</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL SAVINGS ON LENS ENHANCEMENTS</p>	<p>Average 20-25% savings on all lens enhancements not otherwise covered under the MetLife Vision Insurance program. ²</p>

² These features may not be available in all states and with all In-Network Vision Providers. Please check with Your In-Network Vision Provider.

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

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

Anisometropia means a condition of unequal refractive state of the two eyes, one eye requiring a different lens correction than the other.

Child means the following: (for residents of Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Utah and Washington, the Child Definition is modified as explained in the Notice pages of this certificate - please consult the Notice)

For Vision Insurance, Your natural or adopted child; Your stepchild; or a child who resides with and is fully supported by You; and who, in each case, is under age 26. The term also includes Your grandchild who is under age 26, and who was able to be claimed by You as a Dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes at the time You applied for Vision Insurance.

A child will be considered Your adopted child during the period You are party to a suit in which You are seeking the adoption of the child.

If You provide Us notice, a Child also includes a child for whom You must provide Vision Insurance due to a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined in the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended.

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

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

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

Contributory Insurance includes: Vision Insurance for You and Your Dependents.

Co-Payment or Co-Pay means a fixed dollar amount for which We are not responsible, as shown in the Schedule of Benefits. You must pay Your Co-Payment at the time services are rendered or materials ordered.

Covered Person(s) means an Employee and/or a Dependent covered under this Certificate.

Covered Services and Materials means a vision service or materials used to treat Your or Your Dependent's vision condition which is:

- prescribed or performed by a Vision Provider while such person is insured for Vision Insurance;
- Necessary to treat the condition; and
- described in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, VISION INSURANCE or VISION INSURANCE: DESCRIPTION OF COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS sections of this certificate.

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

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DEFINITIONS (continued)

Full-Time means Active Work on the Employer's regular work schedule for the class of employees to which You belong. The work schedule must be at least 20 hours a week. Full-Time does not include temporary or seasonal employees.

In-Network Vision Provider means an optometrist, therapeutic optometrist, ophthalmologist, or optician licensed and otherwise qualified to practice vision care and/or provide vision care materials who is contracted to provide Plan Benefits to Covered Persons of MetLife and accepts reimbursement at the negotiated rate.

Keratoconus means a development or dystrophic deformity of the cornea in which it becomes cone shaped due to a thinning and stretching of the tissue in its central area.

Maximum Benefit Allowance means the maximum amount We will allow for Covered Services and Materials provided by a Vision Provider.

Necessary means Covered Services and Materials that are necessary and meet with professionally recognized standards of practice. The fact that a Vision Provider may prescribe, order, recommend or approve a service or material does not, in itself, make it medically necessary, or make it a Covered Service and Material even though it is listed in the Group Policy or the Benefit Schedule as Covered Service and Material.

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

Out-of-Network Vision Provider/Non-Network Vision Provider means any optometrist, therapeutic optometrist, optician, ophthalmologist or other licensed and qualified vision care provider who has not contracted to provide vision care services and/or vision care materials to Covered Persons of MetLife.

Plan or Plan Benefits means the vision care services and vision care materials which a Covered Person is entitled to receive by virtue of coverage under this Certificate.

Progressive Lens means a multifocal lens that makes the transition from distance to near vision by a gradual, progressive addition of power. The result is a lens with a seamless appearance.

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.

Service Interval or Frequency means a period of consecutive months, as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, in which You or Your Dependent may receive Covered Services and Materials. This period starts on Your or Your Dependent's effective date of coverage. A subsequent service interval starts after vision services or materials are received. Once Covered Services and Materials are received during any service interval, additional services are not covered during the same service interval and are subject to an additional charge.

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.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

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

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

Vision Provider means an eye care professional who is an optometrist, therapeutic optometrist, ophthalmologist, or registered dispensing optician, who:

- is licensed as such by the proper authorities in the jurisdiction where such services are performed;
- is acting within the scope of such license; and

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.

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.

Year or **Yearly** means the 12 month period that begins January 1.

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.

For All Active Full-Time Employees

If You are in an eligible class on September 1, 2018, You will be eligible for insurance on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after September 1, 2018, You will be eligible for insurance on the first day of the month coincident with or next following 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 FOR VISION INSURANCE

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

The Vision Insurance has a regular enrollment period established by the Employer. Subject to the rules of the Group Policy, You may enroll for Vision Insurance only when You are first eligible or during an annual enrollment period or if You have a Qualifying Event. You should contact the Employer for more information regarding the annual enrollment period.

DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT

Enrollment When First Eligible

If You complete the enrollment process within 31 days of becoming eligible for insurance, such insurance will take effect on the date You become eligible, provided You are Actively at Work on that date.

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

If You Do Not Enroll When First Eligible

If You do not complete the enrollment process within 31 days of becoming eligible, You will not be able to enroll for Vision Insurance until the next annual enrollment period, as determined by the Employer, following the date You first become eligible or if You have a Qualifying Event. At that time You will be able to enroll for insurance for which You are then eligible.

Enrollment During An Annual Enrollment Period

During any annual enrollment period as determined by the Employer, You may enroll for vision insurance for which You are eligible. The changes to Your insurance made during an annual enrollment period will take effect on the first day of the month following the enrollment period, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

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.

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU

Enrollment Due to a Qualifying Event

You may enroll for insurance for which You are eligible between annual enrollment periods only if You have a Qualifying Event.

If You have a Qualifying Event, You will have 31 days from the date of that change to make a request. This request must be consistent with the nature of the Qualifying Event. The insurance enrolled for or changes to Your insurance made as a result of a Qualifying Event will take effect on the first day of the month coincident with or next following the date of Your request, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

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

Qualifying Event includes:

- marriage; or
- the birth, adoption or placement for adoption of a dependent child; or
- divorce, legal separation or annulment; or
- the death of a dependent; or
- You previously did not enroll for vision coverage for You or Your dependent because You had other group coverage, but that coverage has ceased due to loss of eligibility for the other group coverage; or
- Your dependent's ceasing to qualify as a dependent under this insurance or under other group coverage.

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;
4. the last day of the calendar month in which Your employment ends; Your employment will end if You cease to be Actively at Work in any eligible class, except as stated in the section entitled CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT;
5. the last day of the calendar month in which You retire in accordance with the Employer's retirement plan.

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

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)

All Active Full-Time Employees

DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE

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

For All Active Full-Time Employees

If You are in an eligible class on September 1, 2018, You will be eligible for Dependent insurance on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after September 1, 2018, You will be eligible for Dependent insurance on the first day of the month coincident with or next following 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 Dependent insurance. This period begins on the date You enter an eligible class and ends on the date You complete the period(s) specified.

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

ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR DEPENDENT VISION INSURANCE

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

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

The Vision Insurance has a regular enrollment period established by the Employer. Subject to the rules of the Group Policy, You may enroll for Vision Insurance only when You are first eligible or during an annual enrollment period or if You have a Qualifying Event. You should contact the Employer for more information regarding the annual enrollment period.

DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

Enrollment When First Eligible

If You complete the enrollment process within 31 days of becoming eligible for Dependent Insurance, such insurance will take effect on the later of:

- the date You become eligible for such insurance; and
- the date You enroll

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

If You Do Not Enroll When First Eligible

If You do not complete the enrollment process within 31 days of becoming eligible, You will not be able to enroll for Dependent Vision Insurance until the next annual enrollment period, as determined by the Employer, following the date You first become eligible or if You have a Qualifying Event. At that time You will be able to enroll for insurance for which You are then eligible.

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS (continued)

Enrollment During An Annual Enrollment Period

During any annual enrollment period as determined by the Employer, You may enroll for Dependent vision insurance for which You are eligible. The changes to Your Dependent insurance made during an annual enrollment period will take effect on the first day of the month following the enrollment period, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

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 Due to a Qualifying Event

You may enroll for Dependent insurance for which You are eligible between annual enrollment periods only if You have a Qualifying Event.

If You have a Qualifying Event, You will have 31 days from the date of that change to make a request. This request must be consistent with the nature of the Qualifying Event. The insurance enrolled for or changes to Your insurance made as a result of a Qualifying Event will take effect on the first day of the month coincident with or next following the date of Your request, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

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

Qualifying Event includes:

- marriage; or
- the birth, adoption or placement for adoption of a dependent child; or
- divorce, legal separation or annulment; or
- the death of a dependent; or
- You previously did not enroll for vision coverage for You or Your dependent because You had other group coverage, but that coverage has ceased due to loss of eligibility for the other group coverage; or
- Your dependent's ceasing to qualify as a dependent under this insurance or under other group coverage.

DATE YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ENDS

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

1. the date Your Vision Insurance ends;
2. the date You die;
3. the date the Group Policy ends;
4. the date Insurance for Your Dependents ends under the Group Policy;
5. the date Insurance for Your Dependents ends for Your class;
6. the last day of the calendar month in which Your employment ends; Your employment will end if You cease to be Actively at Work in any eligible class, except as stated in the section entitled CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT.
7. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid;
8. the date the person ceases to be a Dependent;
9. for Utah residents, the last day of the calendar month the person ceases to be a Dependent;
10. the last day of the calendar month in which You retire in accordance with the Employer's retirement plan.

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

CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT

FOR MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Insurance for a Dependent Child may be continued past the age limit if the child is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical handicap as defined by applicable law. Proof of such handicap must be sent to Us within 31 days after the date the Child attains the age limit and at reasonable intervals after such date, but not more frequently than once a year after the two-year period following the child's attainment of the limiting age.

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

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

FOR FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

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

COBRA CONTINUATION FOR VISION INSURANCE

The following applies to employers with 20 or more employees that are not church or government plans:

If Vision Insurance for You or a Dependent ends, You or Your Dependent may qualify for continuation of such insurance under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended (COBRA). Please refer to the COBRA section of Your summary plan description or contact the Employer for information regarding continuation of insurance under COBRA.

AT THE EMPLOYER'S OPTION

The 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. If Your insurance is continued, insurance for Your Dependents may also be continued. You will be notified by the Employer how much You will be required to contribute.

Insurance will continue for the following periods:

1. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to layoff up to 2 months.
2. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to injury or sickness up to 9 months.
3. for the period You cease Active Work in an eligible class due to any other 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.

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

VISION INSURANCE

Benefits are available for Covered Services and Materials provided by either In-Network Vision Providers or Out-of-Network Vision Providers. However, You may be able to reduce Your out-of-pocket costs by using In-Network Vision Providers because Out-of-Network Vision Providers have not entered into an agreement to limit their charges. You are always free to receive services from any Vision Provider. You do not need any authorization from Us before seeing a Vision Provider.

In-Network Vision Providers have agreed to provide Covered Services and Materials as listed in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

If You or a Dependent incur a charge for Covered Services and Materials from an Out-of-Network Vision Provider, Proof of such service must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof, We will review the claim and if We approve it, will pay the insurance in effect on the date that service was completed.

The benefits available under this Vision Insurance are set forth on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS. In addition to the Co-Payment, if applicable, You may be responsible for:

- the cost of any services or materials that are not Covered Services and Materials; and
- the cost of any service or material that is in excess of the Maximum Benefit Allowance listed on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

We do not provide vision services. Whether or not benefits are available for a particular service does not mean You should or should not receive the service. You and Your Vision Provider have the right and are responsible at all times for choosing the course of treatment and services to be performed.

When requesting Covered Services and Materials from an In-Network Vision Provider, We recommend that You confirm that the Vision Provider is currently an In-Network Vision Provider at the time that the Covered Services and Materials are provided.

You can obtain a customized listing of MetLife's In-Network Vision Providers either by calling 1-855-METEYE1 or by visiting Our website at www.metlife.com/mybenefits.

PLAN BENEFITS

We will pay benefits for charges incurred by You or a Dependent for Covered Services and Materials as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, subject to the conditions set forth in this certificate.

If You receive Covered Services and Materials from an In-Network Vision Provider, We will pay the provider directly for all covered benefits.

If You or Your Dependent receive Covered Services and Materials from an Out-of-Network Vision Provider, and You assign payment of Vision Insurance benefits to Your or Your Dependent's Vision Provider, We will pay benefits directly to the Vision Provider. Otherwise, We will pay Vision Insurance benefits to You.

In-Network

If Covered Services and Materials are provided by an In-Network Vision Provider, We will base the benefit on the Plan Benefits listed on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

If an In-Network Vision Provider provides Covered Services and Materials, You will be responsible for paying:

- the Co-Payment, if applicable; and
- the cost of any service or material that is in excess of the Plan Benefits listed on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

VISION INSURANCE (continued)

Out-of-Network

If Covered Services and Materials are provided by an Out-of-Network Vision Provider, We will base the benefit on the Plan Benefits listed on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, subject to the Maximum Benefit Allowance.

Out-of-Network Vision Providers may charge You more than the Maximum Benefit Allowance. If an Out-of-Network Vision Provider provides Covered Services and Materials, You will be responsible for paying any amount in excess of the Maximum Benefit Allowance charged by the Out-of-Network Vision Provider.

Necessary Contact Lenses

Necessary contact lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's In-Network Vision Provider. Generally, coverage will be authorized for the following reasons:

- Aphakia—379.31 or 743.35.
- Nystagmus—379.50 through 379.56, 386.11, 386.12 or 386.2.
- Keratoconus—371.60, 371.61, 371.62, 743.41, or 743.42.
- Corneal transplant—V42.5.
- Corneal dystrophies—371.50 through 371.58.
- Anisometropia greater than or equal to 2.00 diopters difference in any meridian based on the spectacle prescription.
- High ametropia greater than or equal to ± 10.00 diopters in either eye in any meridian based on the spectacle prescription.
- Irregular astigmatism—367.22.

The codes listed above are from the International Classification of Diseases, Ninth Revision, Clinical Modification and are used to describe diseases, injuries, symptoms and conditions. If You have questions about the diagnoses listed above or the codes included with the diagnoses, please contact Your Vision Provider.

VISION INSURANCE: DESCRIPTION OF COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS

Subject to the Service Intervals and Plan Benefits indicated in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, the following will be Covered Services and Materials:

1. One complete visual examination, if indicated as a Covered Service on the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS. Dilation is included as a Covered Service when provided by an In-Network Vision Provider.
2. Standard corrective lenses. We will cover a pair of standard single vision, lined bifocal, lined trifocal or lenticular lenses that are necessary to correct vision. Standard corrective lenses are as follows:
 - eyesizes up to and including 60mm;
 - multi-focal lenses in all segment widths;
 - prism and slab off;
 - base curves (regardless of curve);
 - lenses with the combined power in any meridian is +/- .50 diopters or greater in at least one eye;
 - plastic or glass lenses.
3. The following lens options described in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS: tint (solid and gradient), standard plastic scratch coating, standard polycarbonate (if you are less than 18 years of age), standard anti-reflective coating, plastic photochromic, polarized premium anti-reflective.
4. Contact lenses.
 - A standard fitting and 1 follow-up visit by a Vision Provider.
 - The following contact lenses options, as described in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS: conventional, disposable, and Necessary.
5. Necessary low vision aids.
6. We do not cover costs above the Maximum Benefit Allowance shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS for frames. If frames are selected that are more expensive than that amount, You will be charged the difference between the Maximum Benefit Allowance and the Vision Provider's charge for the more expensive frame.
7. Necessary contact lenses in lieu of all benefits for vision materials.

VISION INSURANCE: EXCLUSIONS

We will not pay Vision Insurance benefits for charges incurred for:

1. Services and/or materials not specifically included in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS as covered Plan Benefits.
2. Any portion of a charge in excess of the Maximum Benefit Allowance or reimbursement indicated in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.
3. Plano lenses (lenses with refractive correction of less than $\pm .50$ diopter).
4. Two pairs of glasses instead of bifocals.
5. Replacement of lenses, frames and/or contact lenses furnished under this Plan which are lost, stolen or damaged, except at the normal intervals when Plan Benefits are otherwise available.
6. Orthoptics or vision training and any associated supplemental testing.
7. Medical or surgical treatment of the eye.
8. Prescription or non-prescription medications.
9. Contact lens insurance policies and service agreements.
10. Refitting of contact lenses after the initial (90-day) fitting period.
11. Contact lens modification, polishing and cleaning.
12. Any eye examination or any corrective eyewear required as a condition of employment.
13. Services or supplies received by You or Your Dependent before the Vision Insurance starts for that person.
14. Missed appointments.
15. Services or materials resulting from or in the course of a Covered Person's regular occupation for pay or profit for which the Covered Person is entitled to benefits under any Workers' Compensation Law, Employer's Liability Law or similar law. You must promptly claim and notify the Company of all such benefits.
16. Local, state and/or federal taxes, except where MetLife is required by law to pay.
17. Services:
 - for which the employer of the person receiving such services is required to pay; or
 - received at a facility maintained by the Employer, labor union, mutual benefit association, or VA hospital.
18. Services or materials received as a result of disease, defect, or injury due to war or an act of war (declared or undeclared), taking part in a riot or insurrection, or committing or attempting to commit a felony.
19. Services and materials obtained while outside the United States, except for emergency vision care.
20. Services, procedures, or materials for which a charge would not have been made in the absence of insurance.

VISION INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

COORDINATION OF THIS CONTRACT'S BENEFITS WITH OTHER BENEFITS

The Coordination of Benefits (COB) provision applies when a person has health care coverage under more than one Plan. Plan is defined below.

The order of benefit determination rules govern the order in which each Plan will pay a claim for benefits. The Plan that pays first is called the primary Plan. The primary Plan must pay benefits in accord with its policy terms without regard to the possibility that another Plan may cover some expenses. The Plan that pays after the primary Plan is the secondary Plan. The secondary Plan may reduce the benefits it pays so that payments from all Plans equal 100 percent of the total Allowable Expense.

DEFINITIONS

- (a) A **"Plan"** is any of the following that provides benefits or services for vision care or treatment. If separate contracts are used to provide coordinated coverage for members of a group, the separate contracts are considered parts of the same Plan and there is no COB among those separate contracts
- (1) Plan includes: group, blanket, or franchise accident and health insurance policies, excluding disability income protection coverage; individual and group health maintenance organization evidences of coverage; individual accident and health insurance policies; individual and group preferred provider benefit Plans and exclusive provider benefit Plans; group insurance contracts, individual insurance contracts and subscriber contracts that pay or reimburse for the cost of vision care; vision care components of individual and group long-term care contracts; limited benefit coverage that is not issued to supplement individual or group in-force policies; uninsured arrangements of group or group-type coverage; the vision benefits coverage in automobile insurance contracts; and Medicare or other governmental benefits, as permitted by law.
 - (2) Plan does not include: disability income protection coverage; the Texas Health Insurance Pool; workers' compensation insurance coverage; hospital confinement indemnity coverage or other fixed indemnity coverage; specified disease coverage; supplemental benefit coverage; accident only coverage; specified accident coverage; school accident-type coverages that cover students for accidents only, including athletic injuries, either on a "24-hour" or a "to and from school" basis; benefits provided in long-term care insurance contracts for non-medical services, for example, personal care, adult day care, homemaker services, assistance with activities of daily living, respite care, and custodial care or for contracts that pay a fixed daily benefit without regard to expenses incurred or the receipt of services; Medicare supplement policies; a state Plan under Medicaid; a governmental Plan that, by law, provides benefits that are in excess of those of any private insurance Plan; or other nongovernmental Plan; or an individual accident and health insurance policy that is designed to fully integrate with other policies through a variable deductible.

Each contract for coverage under (a)(1) or (a)(2) is a separate Plan. If a Plan has two parts and COB rules apply only to one of the two, each of the parts is treated as a separate Plan.

- (b) **"This Plan"** means, in a COB provision, the part of the contract providing the health care benefits to which the COB provision applies and which may be reduced because of the benefits of other Plans. Any other part of the contract providing health care benefits is separate from This Plan. A contract may apply one COB provision to certain benefits, such as vision benefits, coordinating only with like benefits, and may apply other separate COB provisions to coordinate other benefits.

The order of benefit determination rules determine whether This Plan is a primary Plan or secondary Plan when the person has health care coverage under more than one Plan. When This Plan is primary, it determines payment for its benefits first before those of any other Plan without considering any other Plan's benefits. When This Plan is secondary, it determines its benefits after those of another Plan and may reduce the benefits it pays so that all Plan benefits equal 100 percent of the total Allowable Expense.

- (c) **"Allowable expense"** is a vision care expense, including deductibles, coinsurance, and copayments, that is covered at least in part by any Plan covering the person. When a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, the reasonable cash value of each service will be considered an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid. An expense that is not covered by any Plan covering the person is not an Allowable Expense. In addition, any expense that a provider by law in accordance with a contractual agreement is prohibited from charging a covered person is not an Allowable Expense.

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The following are examples of expenses that are not Allowable Expenses:

- (1) If a person is covered by two or more Plans that do not have negotiated fees and compute their benefit payments based on the usual and customary fees, allowed amounts, or relative value schedule reimbursement methodology, or other similar reimbursement methodology, any amount in excess of the highest reimbursement amount for a specific benefit is not an Allowable Expense.
 - (2) If a person is covered by two or more Plans that provide benefits or services on the basis of negotiated, an amount in excess of the highest of the negotiated fees is not an Allowable Expense.
 - (3) If a person is covered by one Plan that does not have negotiated fees and that calculates its benefits or services based on usual and customary fees, allowed amounts, relative value schedule reimbursement methodology, or other similar reimbursement methodology, and another Plan that provides its benefits or services based on negotiated fees, the primary Plan's payment arrangement must be the Allowable Expense for all Plans. However, if the health care provider or physician has contracted with the secondary Plan to provide the benefit or service for a specific negotiated fee or payment amount that is different than the primary Plan's payment arrangement and if the health care provider's or physician's contract permits, the negotiated fee or payment must be the Allowable Expense used by the secondary Plan to determine its benefits.
 - (4) The amount of any benefit reduction by the primary Plan because a covered person has failed to comply with the Plan provisions is not an Allowable Expense. Examples of these types of Plan provisions include second surgical opinions, prior authorization of admissions, and preferred provider arrangements.
- (d) **"Allowed amount"** is the amount of a billed charge that a carrier determines to be covered for services provided by a nonpreferred provider. The allowed amount includes both the carrier's payment and any applicable deductible, copayment, or coinsurance amounts for which the insured is responsible.
- (e) **"Closed Panel Plan"** is a Plan that provides vision care benefits to covered persons primarily in the form of services through a panel of health care providers and physicians that have contracted with or are employed by the Plan, and that excludes coverage for services provided by other health care providers and physicians, except in cases of emergency or referral by a panel member.
- (f) **"Custodial Parent"** is the parent with the right to designate the primary residence of a child by a court order under the Texas Family Code or other applicable law, or in the absence of a court order, is the parent with whom the child resides more than one-half of the calendar year, excluding any temporary visitation.

When a person is covered by two or more Plans, the rules for determining the order of benefit payments are as follows:

ORDER OF BENEFIT DETERMINATION RULES

- (a) The primary Plan pays or provides its benefits according to its terms of coverage and without regard to the benefits under any other Plan.
- (b) Except as provided in (c), a Plan that does not contain a COB provision that is consistent with this policy is always primary unless the provisions of both Plans state that the complying Plan is primary.
- (c) Coverage that is obtained by virtue of membership in a group that is designed to supplement a part of a basic package of benefits and provides that this supplementary coverage must be excess to any other parts of the Plan provided by the contract holder. Examples of these types of situations are major medical coverages that are superimposed over base Plan hospital and surgical benefits, and insurance type coverages that are written in connection with a Closed Panel Plan to provide out-of-network benefits.
- (d) A Plan may consider the benefits paid or provided by another Plan in calculating payment of its benefits only when it is secondary to that other Plan.
- (e) If the primary Plan is a Closed Panel Plan and the secondary Plan is not, the secondary Plan must pay or provide benefits as if it were the primary Plan when a covered person uses a noncontracted health care provider or physician, except for emergency services or authorized referrals that are paid or provided by the primary Plan.

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- (f) When multiple contracts providing coordinated coverage are treated as a single Plan under this subchapter, this section applies only to the Plan as a whole, and coordination among the component contracts is governed by the terms of the contracts. If more than one carrier pays or provides benefits under the Plan, the carrier designated as primary within the Plan must be responsible for the Plan's compliance with this subchapter.
- (g) If a person is covered by more than one secondary Plan, the order of benefit determination rules of this subchapter decide the order in which secondary Plans' benefits are determined in relation to each other. Each secondary Plan must take into consideration the benefits of the primary Plan or Plans and the benefits of any other Plan that, under the rules of this contract, has its benefits determined before those of that secondary Plan.
- (h) Each Plan determines its order of benefits using the first of the following rules that apply.
 - (1) **Nondependent or Dependent.** The Plan that covers the person other than as a dependent, for example as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber, or retiree, is the primary Plan, and the Plan that covers the person as a dependent is the secondary Plan. However, if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law, Medicare is secondary to the Plan covering the person as a dependent and primary to the Plan covering the person as other than a dependent, then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed so that the Plan covering the person as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber, or retiree is the secondary Plan and the other Plan is the primary Plan. An example includes a retired employee.
 - (2) **Dependent Child Covered Under More Than One Plan.** Unless there is a court order stating otherwise, Plans covering a Dependent Child must determine the order of benefits using the following rules that apply.
 - (A) For a Dependent Child whose parents are married or are living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
 - (i) The Plan of the parent whose birthday falls earlier in the calendar year is the primary Plan; or
 - (ii) If both parents have the same birthday, the Plan that has covered the parent the longest is the primary Plan.
 - (B) For a Dependent Child whose parents are divorced, separated, or not living together, whether or not they have ever been married:
 - (i) if a court order states that one of the parents is responsible for the Dependent Child's health care expenses or health care coverage and the Plan of that parent has actual knowledge of those terms, that Plan is primary. This rule applies to Plan years commencing after the Plan is given notice of the court decree.
 - (ii) if a court order states that both parents are responsible for the Dependent Child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the provisions of (h)(2)(A) must determine the order of benefits.
 - (iii) if a court order states that the parents have joint custody without specifying that one parent has responsibility for the health care expenses or health care coverage of the Dependent Child, the provisions of (h) (2)(A) must determine the order of benefits.
 - (iv) if there is no court order allocating responsibility for the Dependent Child's health care expenses or health care coverage, the order of benefits for the Child are as follows:
 - (I) the Plan covering the custodial parent;
 - (II) the Plan covering the spouse of the custodial parent;
 - (III) the Plan covering the noncustodial parent; then
 - (IV) the Plan covering the spouse of the noncustodial parent.
 - (C) For a Dependent Child covered under more than one Plan of individuals who are not the parents of the Child, the provisions of (h)(2)(A) or (h)(2)(B) must determine the order of benefits as if those individuals were the parents of the Child.

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- (D) For a Dependent Child who has coverage under either or both parents' Plans and has his or her own coverage as a dependent under a spouse's Plan, (h)(5) applies.
- (E) In the event the Dependent Child's coverage under the spouse's Plan began on the same date as the Dependent Child's coverage under either or both parents' Plans, the order of benefits must be determined by applying the birthday rule in (h)(2)(A) to the dependent Child's parent(s) and the dependent's spouse.
- (3) **Active, Retired, or Laid-off Employee.** The Plan that covers a person as an active employee, that is, an employee who is neither laid off nor retired, is the Primary Plan. The Plan that covers that same person as a retired or laid-off employee is the secondary Plan. The same would hold true if a person is a dependent of an active employee and that same person is a dependent of a retired or laid-off employee. If the Plan that covers the same person as a retired or laid-off employee or as a dependent of a retired or laid-off employee does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule does not apply. This rule does not apply if (h)(1) can determine the order of benefits.
- (4) **COBRA or State Continuation Coverage.** If a person whose coverage is provided under COBRA or under a right of continuation provided by state or other federal law is covered under another Plan, the Plan covering the person as an employee, member, subscriber, or retiree or covering the person as a dependent of an employee, member, subscriber, or retiree is the primary Plan, and the COBRA, state, or other federal continuation coverage is the secondary Plan. If the other Plan does not have this rule, and as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule does not apply. This rule does not apply if (h)(1) can determine the order of benefits.
- (5) **Longer or Shorter Length of Coverage.** The Plan that has covered the person as an employee, member, policyholder, subscriber, or retiree longer is the primary Plan, and the Plan that has covered the person the shorter period is the secondary Plan.
- (6) If the preceding rules do not determine the order of benefits, the Allowable Expenses must be shared equally between the Plans meeting the definition of Plan. In addition, This Plan will not pay more than it would have paid had it been the primary Plan.

EFFECT ON THE BENEFITS OF THIS PLAN

- (a) When This Plan is secondary, it may reduce its benefits so that the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans are not more than the total Allowable Expenses. In determining the amount to be paid for any claim, the secondary Plan will calculate the benefits it would have paid in the absence of other health care coverage and apply that calculated amount to any Allowable Expense under its Plan that is unpaid by the primary Plan. The secondary Plan may then reduce its payment by the amount so that, when combined with the amount paid by the primary Plan, the total benefits paid or provided by all Plans for the claim equal 100 percent of the total Allowable Expense for that claim. In addition, the secondary Plan must credit to its Plan deductible any amounts it would have credited to its deductible in the absence of other health care coverage.
- (b) If a covered person is enrolled in two or more closed panel Plans and if, for any reason, including the provision of service by a nonpanel provider, benefits are not payable by one closed panel Plan, COB must not apply between that Plan and other closed panel Plans.

COMPLIANCE WITH FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS CONCERNING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Certain facts about health care coverage and services are needed to apply these COB rules and to determine benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans. We will comply with federal and state law concerning confidential information for the purpose of applying these rules and determining benefits payable under This Plan and other Plans covering the person claiming benefits. Each person claiming benefits under This Plan must give Us any facts it needs to apply those rules and determine benefits.

FACILITY OF PAYMENT

A payment made under another Plan may include an amount that should have been paid under This Plan. If it does, We may pay that amount to the organization that made that payment. That amount will then be treated

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as though it were a benefit paid under This Plan. We will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes providing benefits in the form of services, in which case "payment made" means the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

RIGHT OF RECOVERY

If the amount of the payments made by Us is more than it should have paid under this COB provision, it may recover the excess from one or more of the persons it has paid or for whom it has paid or any other person or organization that may be responsible for the benefits or services provided for the covered person. The "amount of the payments made" includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

VISION INSURANCE: FILING A CLAIM

CLAIMS FOR VISION INSURANCE

If you select an In Network Vision Provider, You do not need to file a claim.

If you select an Out-of-Network Vision Provider, You may provide full payment to the Out-of-Network Vision Provider at the time of service and submit the invoice including an itemized statement of charges with Your claim form, or You may be able to assign the claim to the Out-of-Network Vision Provider. If the Out-of-Network Vision Provider accepts the assignment, the provider will submit the claim on your behalf. You will be responsible for any charges not covered by the Plan.

Out of network claim forms needed to file for benefits under the group insurance program can be obtained by calling MetLife at 1-855-METEYE1. Vision claim forms can also be downloaded from www.metlife.com/mybenefits. The instructions on the claim form should be followed carefully. This will expedite the processing of the claim.

When We receive the claim form and Proof, Your claim will be paid subject to the terms and provisions of this certificate and the Group Policy.

CLAIMS FOR VISION INSURANCE BENEFITS

When a claimant files a claim for Vision Insurance benefits described in this certificate, both the notice of claim and the required Proof should be sent to Us within 180 days from the date of service.

Claim and Proof may be given to Us by following the steps set forth below:

Step 1

A claimant can request a claim form by downloading it from www.metlife.com/mybenefits.

Step 2

Complete the claim form as instructed and return it with the invoice.

Step 3

The claimant must give Us Proof not later than 180 days from the date of service.

VISION INSURANCE: PROCEDURES FOR VISION CLAIMS

Routine Questions on Vision Insurance Claims

If there is any question about a claim payment, an explanation may be requested from MetLife by dialing 1-855-METEYE1.

Claim Denial Appeals

If a claim is denied in whole or in part, under the terms of this certificate, a request may be submitted to Us by a Covered Person or a Covered Person's authorized representative for a full review of the denial. A Covered Person may designate any person, including their provider, as their authorized representative. References in this section to "Covered Person" include the Covered Person's authorized representative, where applicable.

Initial Appeal. All requests for review must be made within one hundred eighty (180) calendar days following denial of a claim. A Covered Person may review, during normal business hours, any documents used by Us pertinent to the denial. A Covered Person may also submit Written comments or supporting documentation concerning the claim to assist in Our review. Our response to the initial appeal, including specific reasons for the decision, shall be communicated to the Covered Person within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the request for the appeal.

Second Level Appeal. If a Covered Person disagrees with the response to the initial appeal of the denied claim, the Covered Person has the right to a second level appeal. A request for a second level appeal must be submitted to Us within sixty (60) calendar days after receipt of Our response to the initial appeal. We shall communicate Our final determination to the Covered Person within thirty (30) calendar days from receipt of the request, or as required by any applicable state or federal laws or regulations. Our communication to the Covered Person shall include the specific reasons for the determination.

Other Remedies. When a Covered Person has completed the appeals stated herein, additional voluntary alternative dispute resolution options may be available, including mediation or arbitration. Additional information is available from the U.S. Department of Labor or the insurance regulatory agency for the Covered Persons' state of residency. Additionally, under the provisions of ERISA (Section 502(a)(1)(B) 29 U.S.C. 1132(a)(1)(B)), the Covered Person has the right to bring a civil action when all available levels of reviews, including the appeal process, have been completed. ERISA remedies may apply in those instances where the claims were not approved in whole or in part as the result of appeals under this Policy and the Covered Person disagrees with the outcome of such appeals.

Time of Action. No action in law or in equity shall be brought to recover on this Policy prior to the Covered Person exhausting his/her rights under this Policy and/or prior to the expiration of sixty (60) calendar days after the claim and any applicable documentation has been filed with Us. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of any applicable statute of limitations, in accordance with the terms of this Policy. No such action shall be brought after the expiration of three (3) years from the last date that the claim and any applicable invoices were submitted to Us, and no such action shall be brought at all unless brought within three (3) years from the expiration of the time within which such materials are required to be submitted in accordance with the terms of this Policy.

Insurance Fraud: Any Covered Person who intends to defraud, knowingly facilitates a fraud, submits a claim containing false or deceptive information, or who commits any other similar act as defined by applicable state or federal law, may be guilty of insurance fraud. Such an act is grounds for immediate termination of the coverage under this Policy of the Covered Person committing such fraud.

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.

Upon receipt of a Covered Service, You may assign Vision Insurance benefits to the Vision Provider providing such service.

Vision Insurance: Who We Will Pay

If You assign payment of Vision Insurance benefits to Your or Your Dependent's Vision Provider, We will pay benefits directly to the Vision Provider. Otherwise, We will pay Vision Insurance benefits to You.

Entire Contract

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

1. the Group Policy and its Exhibits, which include the certificate(s);
2. the Employer'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.

Evidence of insurability will not be required nor will any statement made by You, which relates to insurability, be used:

1. to contest the validity of the insurance benefits; or
2. to reduce the insurance benefits.

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.



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.

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, or group insurance or annuity contract. In this notice, "you" refers to these individuals.

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.

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, car, and home insurers. They also include a bank, a legal plans company, and securities broker-dealers. In the future, we may also have affiliates in other businesses.

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.

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
- process claims and other transactions
- perform business research
- confirm or correct your information
- market new products to you
- help us run our business
- comply with applicable laws

Sharing Your Information With Others

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

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. Select “Privacy Policy” at the bottom of the home page. 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.

Accessing and Correcting Your Information

You may ask us for a copy of the personal information we have about you. Generally, we will provide it as long as it is reasonably retrievable and within our control. 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 anything we learned as part of 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.

Questions

We want you to understand how we protect your privacy. If you have any questions about this notice, please contact us. 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 these MetLife companies:

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company
MetLife Insurance Company USA
SafeGuard Health Plans, Inc.

MetLife Health Plans, Inc.
General American Life Insurance Company
SafeHealth Life Insurance Company

Uniformed Services Employment And Reemployment Rights Act

This section describes the right that you may have to continue coverage for yourself and your covered dependents under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

Continuation of Group Vision Insurance:

If you take a leave from employment for “service in the uniformed services,” as that term is defined in USERRA, and as a consequence your vision insurance coverage under your employer’s group vision insurance policy ends, you may elect to continue vision insurance for yourself and your covered dependents, for a limited period of time, as described below.

The law requires that your employer notify you of your rights, benefits and obligations under USERRA including instructions on how to elect to continue insurance, the amount and procedure for payment of premium. If permitted by USERRA, your employer may require that you elect to continue coverage within a period of time specified by your employer.

You may be responsible for payment of the required premium to continue insurance. If your leave from employment for service in the uniformed services lasts less than 31 days, your required premium will be no more than the amount you were required to pay for vision insurance before the leave began; for a leave lasting 31 or more days, you may be required to pay up to 102% of the total Vision insurance premium, including any amount that your employer was paying before the leave began.

You and your covered dependents insurance that is continued pursuant to USERRA will end on the earliest of the following:

- the end of 24 consecutive months from the date your leave from employment for service in the uniformed services begins; or
- the day after the date on which you fail to apply for, or return to employment, in accordance with USERRA.

You and your covered dependent may become entitled to continuation of coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (“COBRA”) while you have Vision insurance coverage under your employer’s group vision insurance policy pursuant to USERRA. Contact your employer for more information.