

# **YOUR BENEFIT PLAN**

**The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii**

**Retired Employees**

**Basic Life Insurance**

**Certificate Date: July 1, 2019**

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii  
1601 East-West Road, Burns Hall, 4th Floor, Makai Wing  
Honolulu, HI 96848

TO OUR RETIRED EMPLOYEES:

All of us appreciate the protection and security insurance provides.

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

The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii



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

## CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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

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

**Policyholder:** The Research Corporation of the University of Hawaii

**Group Policy Number:** 221189-1-G

**Type of Insurance:** Term Life Insurance

**MetLife Toll Free Number(s):**  
**For Claim Information** FOR LIFE CLAIMS: 1-800-638-6420

**THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES TERM LIFE INSURANCE.**

**THE BENEFITS OF THE POLICY PROVIDING 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.**

**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.**

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

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

1-800-638-6420

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](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto: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:

1-800-638-6420

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](http://www.tdi.texas.gov)

Email: [ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov](mailto: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.

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ARKANSAS**

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

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

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

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

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

**1-800-438-6388**

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

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

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

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

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF GEORGIA**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF IDAHO**

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

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

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

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

# **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ILLINOIS**

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

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

MetLife  
200 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10166

The address of the Illinois Department of Insurance is:

Illinois Department of Insurance  
Public Services Division  
Springfield, Illinois 62767

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF INDIANA**

**Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:**

**Metropolitan Life Insurance Company**

**1-800-438-6388**

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

State of Indiana Department of Insurance

Consumer Services Division

311 West Washington Street, Suite 300

Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

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

Complaint can be filed electronically at [www.in.gov/idoi](http://www.in.gov/idoi)

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS**

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

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF UTAH

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF VIRGINIA**

### **IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE**

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

MetLife  
200 Park Avenue  
New York, New York 10166  
Attn: Corporate Consumer Relations Department

To phone in a claim related question, You may call Claims Customer Service at:  
1-800-275-4638

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

The Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman  
Bureau of Insurance  
P.O. Box 1157  
Richmond, VA 23218  
1-877-310-6560 - toll-free  
1-804-371-9944 - fax  
[www.scc.virginia.gov](http://www.scc.virginia.gov) - web address  
[ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov](mailto:ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov) - email

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF WISCONSIN

### **KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS**

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

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

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

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

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## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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

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

## BENEFIT

## BENEFIT AMOUNTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

### How We Will Pay Benefits

Unless the Beneficiary requests payment by check, when the Certificate states that We will pay benefits in "one sum" or a "single sum", We may pay the full benefit amount:

- by check;
- by establishing an account that earns interest and provides the Beneficiary with immediate access to the full benefit amount; or
- by any other method that provides the Beneficiary with immediate access to the full benefit amount.

Other modes of payment may be available upon request. For details, call Our toll free number shown on the Certificate Face Page.

### Life Insurance For You

For Retired Employees..... \$5,000

## DEFINITIONS

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

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

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

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)**

#### **Retired employees of the Policyholder.**

You are eligible for insurance if You were covered for insurance on the day immediately preceding the date of Your retirement and have retired in accordance with the Policyholder's retirement plan.

To be eligible You must complete the enrollment process required by the Policyholder within sixty (60) days of the date Your employment terminates and all persons who:

- have at least 10 years total participation in the Policyholder's Retirement Annuity (GRA) plan;
- have reached the age of 59 1/2 years at the time of retirement with at least 10 years of continuous service;
- is an annuitant of the Policyholder's Retirement Annuity (GRA) plan at the time of retirement;
- resigned/retired from the Policyholder;
- resignation/retirement occurred on or after April 1, 1990; and
- has a minimum of ten (10) years of total participation in the Policyholder's term life insurance program.

### **DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE**

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

If You are in an eligible class on July 1, 2019, You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after July 1, 2019, You will be eligible for insurance on the date You enter that class.

### **DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT**

Your insurance will become effective on the date You become eligible.

### **DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS**

Your insurance will end on the earliest of:

1. the date the Group Policy ends; or
2. the date insurance ends for Your class; or
3. the date You cease to be in an eligible class; or
4. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for You.

Please refer to the section entitled LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU for information concerning the option to convert to an individual policy of life insurance if Your Life Insurance ends.

## **EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY**

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

## **LIFE INSURANCE: FOR YOU**

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

### **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

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

## **LIFE INSURANCE: CONVERSION OPTION FOR YOU**

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

### **When You Will Have the Option to Convert**

You will have the option to convert when:

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

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

### **Application Period**

If You opt to convert Your life insurance for any of the reasons stated above, We must receive a completed conversion application form from You within the Application Period described below.

If You are given Written notice of the option to convert within 15 days before or after the date Your life insurance ends or is reduced, the Application Period begins on the date that such life insurance ends or is reduced and expires 31 days after such date.

If You are given Written notice of the option to convert more than 15 days after the date Your life insurance ends or is reduced, the Application Period begins on the date such life insurance ends or is reduced and expires 15 days from the date of such notice. In no event will the Application Period exceed 91 days from the date Your life insurance ends or is reduced.

### **Option Conditions**

The option to convert is subject to the following:

- A. Our receipt within the Application Period of:
- Your Written application for the new policy; and
  - the premium due for such new policy;
- B. the premium rates for the new policy will be based on:
- Our rates then in use;
  - the form and amount of insurance for which you apply;
  - Your class of risk; and
  - Your age;

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

- C. the new policy may be on any form then customarily offered by Us excluding term insurance;
- D. the new policy will be issued without an accidental death and dismemberment benefit, an accelerated benefit option, a waiver of premium benefit or any other rider or additional benefit; and
- E. the new policy will take effect on the 32<sup>nd</sup> day after the date Your life insurance ends or is reduced; this will be the case regardless of the duration of the Application Period.

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

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

- the amount of Your life insurance that ends under this Group Policy less the amount of life insurance for which You become eligible under any group policy within 31 days after the date insurance ends under this Group Policy; or
- \$10,000.

If Your life insurance ends or is reduced due to the Policyholder's organizational restructuring, the maximum amount of insurance that You may elect for the new policy is the amount of Your life insurance that ends under this Group Policy less the amount of life insurance for which You become eligible under any other group policy within 31 days after the date insurance ends under this Group Policy.

If Your life insurance ends or is reduced for any other reason, the maximum amount of insurance that You may elect for the new policy is the amount of Your life insurance which ends under this Group Policy.

### **ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS IF YOU DIE**

#### **If You Die Within 31 Days After Your Life Insurance Ends Or Is Reduced**

If You die within 31 days after Your life insurance ends or is reduced by an amount You are entitled to convert, Proof of Your death must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof with the claim, We will review the claim and if We approve it will pay the Beneficiary. The amount We will pay is the amount You were entitled to convert.

The amount You were entitled to convert will not be paid as insurance under both a new individual conversion policy and the Group Policy.

## **FILING A CLAIM**

### **CLAIMS FOR LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS**

When there has been the death of an insured person, notify the Policyholder. This notice should be given to the Policyholder as soon as is reasonably possible after the death. The claim form will be sent to the beneficiary or beneficiaries of record.

The beneficiary or beneficiaries should complete the claim form and send it and Proof of the death to Us as instructed on the claim form.

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

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

### **Assignment**

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

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

We are not responsible for the validity of an assignment.

You may have made an irrevocable assignment under a group policy that the Group Policy replaces. In this case, We will recognize the assignee(s) under such assignment as owners of Your right, title and interest under the Group Policy if:

1. a Written form satisfactory to Us, affirming this assignment, has been completed;
2. the Written form has been Signed by You, the assignee(s) and the Policyholder; and
3. the Written form is delivered to Us for recording.

### **Beneficiary**

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **Entire Contract**

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

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

## **GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)**

3. any amendments and/or endorsements to the Group Policy.

### **Incontestability: Statements Made by You**

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

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

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

### **Misstatement of Age**

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

### **Conformity with Law**

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