# YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

ONEOK, Inc.

# **All Full-Time Employees**

**Vision Insurance for You and Your Dependents** 

**Certificate Date: January 1, 2019** 



## TO OUR EMPLOYEES:

All of us appreciate the protection and security insurance provides.

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

ONEOK, Inc.

# 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 legal contract between MetLife and the Policyholder and may be changed or ended without Your consent or notice to You.

Policyholder: ONEOK, Inc.

**Group Policy Number:** 153795-1-G

Type of Insurance: Vision Insurance

**MetLife Toll Free Number(s):** 

FOR VISION CLAIMS: 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.

#### FRAUD WARNING FOR RESIDENTS OF OKLAHOMA

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

For New Mexico Residents: This type of plan is NOT considered "minimum essential coverage" under the Affordable Care Act and therefore does NOT satisfy the individual mandate that You have health insurance coverage. If You do not have other health insurance coverage, You may be subject to a federal tax penalty.

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

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

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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**

#### **AVISO IMPORTANTE**

To obtain information or make a complaint:

Para obtener información o para presentar una queja:

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

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

1-855-METEYE1

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

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

1-800-252-3439

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You may write the Texas Department of Insurance:

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

Web: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

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

Sitio 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.

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.

#### ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR CERTIFICATE:

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

#### **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 ALASKA, LOUISIANA, MINNESOTA, MONTANA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW MEXICO, TEXAS, UTAH AND WASHINGTON

## The Definition Of Child Is Modified For The Coverages 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 an application 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 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.

#### 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 Texas Residents (Vision Insurance):

The term also includes Your grandchildren. The age limit for children and grandchildren will not be less than 25, regardless of the child's or grandchild's student status, full-time employment status or military service 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. In addition, grandchildren must be able to be claimed by You as a dependent for Federal Income Tax purposes at the time You applied for Insurance.

# NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALASKA, LOUISIANA, MINNESOTA, MONTANA, NEW HAMPSHIRE, NEW MEXICO, TEXAS, UTAH AND WASHINGTON (continued)

#### 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. The term includes an unmarried child who is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical handicap as defined by applicable law and who has been continuously covered under a Vision plan since reaching age 26, with no break in coverage of more than 63 days, and who otherwise qualifies as a Child except for the age limit. Proof of such handicap must be sent to Us within 31 days after:

the date the Child attains the limiting age in order to continue coverage; or
You enroll a Child to be covered under this provision;

and at reasonable intervals after such date, but no more often than annually after the two-year period immediately following the date the Child qualifies for coverage under this provision.

## 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**

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	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.
₹e	sponsibilities:
	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.

## 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 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 Policyholder, a resident of California and who have registered as domestic partners or members of a civil union with the California government or another government recognized by California as having similar requirements."

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 in this certificate it shall, unless otherwise specified, be read to include Your 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 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

# 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/idoi

#### NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF MAINE

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

#### 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 OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT subsection will end before the end of continuation periods shown above if You become covered for similar benefits under another plan.

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

#### 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

em	ployment 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.
Th	e 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.
Th	e 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.
То	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.
Th	e 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.
Yo	ur 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.

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

# NOTICE FOR NEW HAMPSHIRE RESIDENTS (continued)

# CONTINUATION OF YOUR DEPENDENT'S VISION INSURANCE

	ou are a resident of New Hampshire, Your Vision Insurance for Your Dependents may be continued if it descause 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.
res Ins agr	Vision Insurance for Your Dependents ends because Your marriage ends in divorce or separation, the participancial sponsible under the divorce decree or separation agreement for payment of premium for continued Vision urance must notify the employer, in writing, within 30 days of the date of the divorce decree or separation reement that the divorce or separation has occurred. If You and Your divorced or separated Spouse share sponsibility for payment of the premium for continued Vision Insurance, both You and Your divorced or parated Spouse must provide the notification.
	e Employer must give You, or Your former Spouse if You have died or Your marriage has ended, written ice 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.
	e premium that You or Your former Spouse must pay for continued Vision Insurance for Your Dependents by include:
	any amount that You contributed for Your Vision Insurance before it ended; and
	any amount the Employer paid.
То	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.
cor	You, and Your former Spouse, if applicable, fail to provide any required notification, or fail to request to national time of the state

# **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;

	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.
ΑГ	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 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

 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.

jurisdiction where it is located;

## **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.

#### **VISION INSURANCE: PROCEDURES FOR VISION CLAIMS**

#### NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF TEXAS

If You reside in Texas, note the following Procedures for Vision Claims will be followed:

#### **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, 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 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 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 TO 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-METEYE1

If You have any questions regarding an appeal or grievance concerning the vision services that You have been provided that have not been satisfactorily addressed by this Vision Insurance, You may contact the Virginia Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman for assistance.

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 - 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-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.

# **NOTICE TO 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 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
1-855-METEYE1

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 and Your	Dependents wi
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**

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

Exam In-Network Co-Pay Co-payment shall not apply to Retinal Imaging	\$15
Materials In-Network Co-Pay Co-payment shall not apply to Elective Contact Lenses	\$0

	In-Network Coverage (Using an In-Network Vision Provider)	Out-of-Network Coverage (Using an Out-of-Network Vision Provider)
EYE EXAMINATION	Covered in full*	Covered up to \$45 allowance
(one per frequency)  RETINAL IMAGING	Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.  Covered in full with a co-pay not to exceed	Comprehensive examination of visual functions and prescription of corrective eyewear.  Applied to the allowance for the eye
	\$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.	examination
STANDARD CORRECTIVE LENSES	Covered in full after Materials co-pay* Lenses (Single, Lined Bifocal, Lined Trifocal or Lenticular)	Single Vision \$30 allowance Lined Bifocal \$50 allowance Lined Trifocal \$65 allowance Lenticular \$100 allowance

# **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)**

	In-Network Co (Using an In-Network		Out-of-Network Coverage (Using an Out-of-Network Vision Provider)
STANDARD LENS OPTIONS	Ultra Violet Coating	Covered in full*	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
LENS OF HONS	Polycarbonate (child up to age 18)	Covered in full*	
	Standard Progressive	Covered in full*	\$50 allowance
	Premium Progressive	Covered in full*	\$50 allowance
	Polycarbonate (adult)	Covered in full*	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
	Scratch Resistant Coating	Covered in full*	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
	Anti-Reflective Coating	These lens options are available at a discount with "not to exceed" pricing/maximum copay. 1	Applied to the allowance for the applicable corrective lens
	Tints	Covered in full*	\$5 allowance
	Photochromic	Covered in full*	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		,	
FITTING AND EVALUATION	Standard and Premium fit  Covered in full with a co-pay		Applied to the allowance for the contact lenses
ELECTIVE	Covered up to \$130		Covered up to \$105
	Contact lenses are provided frame benefits available her		Contact lenses are provided in place of lens and frame benefits available herein.

# **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)**

NECESSARY	Covered in full after material Copayment*	Covered up to \$210
	Necessary contact lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's In-Network Vision Provider.	Necessary contact lenses are a Plan Benefit when specific benefit criteria are satisfied and when prescribed by Covered Person's In-Network Vision Provider.
	Contact lenses are provided in place of lens and frame benefits available herein.	Contact lenses are provided in place of lens and frame benefits available herein.

<sup>\*</sup> Less any applicable Co-payment.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All lens options 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 options and "not to exceed" copays and pricing are not available at Costco. Please contact your local Costco to confirm the availability of lens options and pricing prior to receiving services.

SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN BENEFITS	In-Network Coverage (Using an In-Network Vision Provider)	Out-of-Network Coverage (Using an Out-of-Network Vision Provider)
LOW VISION	Provides additional benefits to Covered Persons who are not legally blind, but whose eyesight cannot be corrected to 20/70 with the use of optical lenses. Not available at retail chains including Costco.  Supplemental testing: Maximum of two (2) tests covered in full within a two (2) year period up to the benefit maximum.	Supplemental evaluation and aids:  Same as in-network benefits.
	<ul> <li>Supplemental aids: 75% of the allowable amount up to the benefit maximum every two (2) years.</li> <li>Benefit maximum: \$1,000 every two (2) years.</li> </ul>	

# **SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)**

SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN BENEFITS	In-Network Coverage (Using an In-Network Vision Provider)	Out-of-Network Coverage (Using an Out-of-Network Vision Provider)
DIABETIC EYECARE PLUS PROGRAM	Provides additional coverage for members who have been diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes and have specific ophthalmological conditions. It also provides benefits for those with glaucoma and age-related macular degeneration (AMD). In addition, members who have diabetes but don't show signs of diabetic eye disease are eligible to receive preventive retinal screenings. Not available at retail chains including Costco.  Exam: Covered in full after \$15 copay.  Special Ophthalmological services: Covered in full.	Exam and other ophthalmological services are covered up to the lesser of the provider's usual fee or 80% of the Medicare allowable charge.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> 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 or Part-Time basis. This must be done at:

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

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

**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 Alaska, Louisiana, Minnesota, Montana, New Hampshire, New Mexico, Texas, Utah and Washington, the Child Definition is modified as explained in the notice pages of this certificate - please consult the Notice)

Your natural or adopted child; Your stepchild (including the child of a Domestic Partner); a foster child; or a child who resides with and is fully supported by You; in each case is under age 26.

A child for whom You are the legally appointed guardian who, in each case, is:

- □ under age 19; or
- □ between ages 19 and 24; and
  - supported by You;
  - · not employed on a full-time basis; and
  - a full-time student at an accredited school, college or university that is licensed in the jurisdiction where it is located.

The definition of Child includes newborns.

The definition of Child will always include adopted children, children placed for adoption with the insured and a Child who is in the custody of the insured pursuant to an interlocutory agreement during the pendency of the adoption proceeding, regardless of whether a final decree of adoption is ultimately issued.

The definition of Child will always include children who are required by court or administrative order to be covered under the Employee's Vision Insurance without regard to open enrollment season restrictions.

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

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# **DEFINITIONS** (continued) ☐ is insured under the Group Policy as an employee. **Contributory Insurance** means insurance for which the Policyholder requires You to pay any part of the premium. Contributory Insurance includes: Vision Insurance for You and Vision Insurance for 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 mean 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 or VISION INSURANCE: DESCRIPTION OF COVERED SERVICES AND MATERIALS sections of this certificate. **Dependent(s)** means Your Spouse and/or Child. 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, reciprocal beneficiary or similar relationship with a government agency where such registration is available; or are of the same or opposite sex and have a mutually dependent relationship so that each has an insurable interest in the life of the other. Each person must be: 1. 18 years of age or older; 2. unmarried; 3. the sole domestic partner of the other person and have been so for the immediately preceding 12 months: 4. sharing a primary residence with the other person and have been so sharing for the immediately preceding 12 months; and 5. not related to the other in a manner that would bar their marriage in the jurisdiction in which they reside. A Domestic Partner declaration attesting to the existence of an insurable interest in one another's lives must be completed and Signed by the employee. 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.

**Full-Time** means Active Work of at least 40 hours per week on the Policyholder's regular work schedule for the eligible class of employees to which You belong.

# **DEFINITIONS** (continued)

**In-Network Vision Provider** means an 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.

**Out-of-Network Vision Provider/Non-Network Vision Provider** means any 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.

**Part-Time** means Active Work of at least 20 hours per week but no less than 40 hours per week on the Policyholder's regular work schedule for the eligible class of employees to which You belong,

**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.

# **DEFINITIONS** (continued)

**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.

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, 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.

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, for Vision Insurance, 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 Full-Time and Part-Time employees of the Policyholder.

#### DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE

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

You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on the later of:

- 1. January 1, 2019; and
- 2. the day after the date You complete the Waiting Period of 1 month.

**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 Policyholder Written permission to deduct premiums from Your pay for such insurance. You will be notified by the Policyholder how much You will be required to contribute.

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

#### DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT

# **Enrollment When First Eligible**

If You complete the enrollment process within 1 month 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 insurance 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 1 month of becoming eligible, You will not be able to enroll for insurance until the next enrollment period for Vision Insurance, as determined by the Policyholder, following the date You first become eligible. 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 Policyholder, You may enroll for insurance for which You are eligible. The changes to Your insurance made during an enrollment period will take effect on the first day of the calendar year following the enrollment period, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

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

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

## **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 due to birth, adoption or placement for adoption of a dependent child, You will have 90 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 date of the Qualifying Event, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You have a Qualifying Event due to any other reason included below, You will have 30 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 date of the Qualifying Event, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You are not Actively at Work on the date the 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		
a change in Your or Your dependent's employment status, such as beginning or ending employment, strike, lockout, taking or ending a leave of absence, changes in worksite or work schedule, if it causes You or Your dependent to gain or lose eligibility for group coverage; or		
a change in Your or Your dependent's residence, if it causes You or Your dependent to gain or lose eligibility for group coverage; or		
a significant curtailment in Your current option, a significant improvement in an option for which You are not enrolled, a significant increase or decrease in cost for one or more of the options under the Policyholder's plan or a new benefit option under the Policyholder's plan; or		
Your dependent's ceasing to qualify as a dependent under this insurance or under other group coverage or		
You previously did not enroll for Vision Insurance for You or Your dependent because You had other group coverage, but that coverage has ceased due to one or more of the following reasons:		
<ol> <li>loss of eligibility for the other group coverage;</li> </ol>		
2. termination of employer contributions for the other group coverage;		
3. COBRA Continuation of the other group coverage was exhausted; or		
Your or Your dependent's loss of coverage under any group health coverage sponsored by a governmental or educational institution.		

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

#### 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 date You cease to be in an eligible class;
- 4. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for You;
- the date Your employment ends, Your employment will end if You cease to be Actively at Work in any eligible class, except as stated in the section entitled CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT; or
- 6. the date You retire in accordance with the Policyholder's retirement plan.

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

## **ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS**

# **ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES) FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE**

All Full-Time and Part-Time employees of the Policyholder.

#### DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE

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

You will be eligible for Dependent insurance described in this certificate on the latest of:

- 1. January 1, 2019;
- 2. the date You enter a class eligible for insurance;
- 3. the date You obtain a Dependent; and
- 4. the day after the date You complete the Waiting Period of 1 Month.

**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.

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 for each Dependent to be insured. If You enroll for Contributory Insurance, You must also give the Policyholder Written permission to deduct premiums from Your pay for such insurance. You will be notified by the Policyholder how much You will be required to contribute.

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 Policyholder. Subject to the rules of the Group Policy, You may enroll for Dependent Vision Insurance only when You are first eligible, during an enrollment period or if You have a Qualifying Event. You should contact the Policyholder for more information regarding the flexible benefits plan.

# DATE VISION INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

# **Enrollment When First Eligible**

If You complete the enrollment process within 1 month of becoming eligible for Dependent 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 insurance 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 1 month of becoming eligible, You will not be able to enroll for Dependent Insurance until the next enrollment period for Vision Insurance, as determined by the Policyholder, following the date You first become eligible. 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 enrollment period as determined by the Policyholder, You may enroll for Dependent Insurance for which You are eligible. The changes to Your Dependent Insurance made during an enrollment period will take effect on the first day of the calendar year following the enrollment period, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You are not Actively at Work on the date the insurance would otherwise take effect, insurance will take effect on the date 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 due to birth, adoption or placement for adoption of a dependent child, You will have 90 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 date of the Qualifying Event, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You have a Qualifying Event due to any other reason included below, You will have 30 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 date of the Qualifying Event, if You are Actively at Work on that date.

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

# □ marriage;

**Qualifying Event** includes:

Ш	mamage,
	the birth, adoption or placement for adoption of a dependent child;
	divorce, legal separation or annulment;
	the death of a dependent;
	a change in Your or Your dependent's employment status, such as beginning or ending employment, strike, lockout, taking or ending a leave of absence, changes in worksite or work schedule, if it causes You or Your dependent to gain or lose eligibility for group coverage;
	a change in Your or Your dependent's residence, if it causes You or Your dependent to gain or lose eligibility for group coverage;
	a significant curtailment in Your current option, a significant improvement in an option for which You are not enrolled, a significant increase or decrease in cost for one or more of the options under the Policyholder's plan or a new benefit option under the Policyholder's plan;
	Your dependent's ceasing to qualify as a dependent under this insurance or under other group coverage;

# **ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS (continued)**

- You previously did not enroll for Vision Insurance for You or Your dependent because You had other group coverage, but that coverage has ceased due to one or more of the following reasons:
  - 1. loss of eligibility for the other group coverage;
  - 2. termination of employer contributions for the other group coverage;
  - 3. COBRA Continuation of the other group coverage was exhausted;
- ☐ Your or Your dependent's loss of coverage under any group health coverage sponsored by a governmental or educational institution;

#### DATE YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ENDS

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

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

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

# 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.

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 Policyholder for information regarding such legally mandated leave of absence laws.

#### COBRA CONTINUATION FOR VISION INSURANCE

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 Policyholder for information regarding continuation of insurance under COBRA.

#### AT THE POLICYHOLDER'S OPTION

The Policyholder 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.

Insurance will continue for the following periods:

- 1. if You cease Active Work due to any other Policyholder approved leave of absence, for a period in accordance with the Policyholder's general practice for an employee in Your job class;
- 2. if You cease Active Work due to injury or sickness, for a period in accordance with the Policyholder's general practice for an employee in Your job class.

The Policyholder's general practice for employees in a job class determines which employees with the above types of absences are to be considered as still insured and for how long among persons in like situations.

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.

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the Co-Payment, if applicable; and
the cost of anyservice 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 anymeridian 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 OFBENEFITS. 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; and
  - · 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 follow-up visit(s) for up to 90 days 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 by law; 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 act of war (whether declared or undeclared), while serving in the military or an auxiliary unit attached to the military or working in an area of war whether voluntarily or as required by an employer:
  - · 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: SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN BENEFIT: LOW VISION

The Low Vision benefit is available when prescribed by the Covered Person's In-Network Vision Provider for severe visual problems that cannot be corrected with regular lenses. Covered Services and Materials for the Low Vision benefit include supplemental aids, evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.

Supplemental testing includes evaluation, diagnosis and prescription of vision aids where indicated.

Benefit Maximum: \$1,000 every 2 years

## In-Network

Supplemental testing: Maximum of two (2) tests covered in full within a two (2) year period up to the benefit maximum.

Supplemental aids are covered at 75% of the allowable up to benefit maximum every two (2) years.

# **Out-of-Network**

Supplemental testing: Maximum of two (2) tests covered in full within a two (2) year period up to the benefit maximum.

Supplemental aids are covered at 75% of the allowable amount up to benefit maximum every two (2) years.

# **DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of Low Vision, the following term has the meaning given below:

Allowable Amount means the maximum amount MetLife determines is allowed for the service provided.

# VISION INSURANCE: SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN BENEFIT: DIABETIC EYECARE PLUS PROGRAM

#### **PLAN BENEFITS**

The Diabetic Eyecare Plus Program ("DEP Plus") is available to Covered Persons who have been diagnosed with:

- Type 1 or Type 2 Diabetes and
- Specific ophthalmological conditions, including, but not limited to: diabetic retinopathy, rubeosis, and diabetic macular edema.

DEP Plus is intended to be a supplement to the Covered Person's group medical plan. Any amounts not paid by the medical plan will be considered for payment by MetLife. If a Covered Person does not have a group medical plan, the In-Network Vision Provider will submit claims directly to MetLife.

If You or a Dependent incur a charge for Covered Services and Materials under DEP Plus 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.

Covered Services and Materials for the DEP Plus Program include eye examination(s) and special ophthalmological services.

#### Referrals

If Covered Person's In-Network Vision Provider cannot provide Covered Services and Materials, the provider will refer the Covered Person to another In-Network Vision Provider or to a provider whose offices provide the necessary services.

If the Covered Person requires services beyond the scope of DEP Plus, the In-Network Vision Provider will refer the Covered Person to another provider.

Referrals are intended to insure that Covered Persons receive the appropriate level of care for their presenting condition. Covered Persons do not require a referral from an In-Network Vision Provider to obtain Plan Benefits.

# **In-Network**

In-Network Vision Providers will first submit a claim to the Covered Person's group medical insurance plan, and then to Us. The Covered Person must pay a Co-payment amount of \$15 at the time services are rendered. After payment of the Co-payment, the cost of an eye examination is covered in full. Special ophthalmological services are covered in full.

# Out-of-Network

The cost of an eye examination and special ophthalmological services are covered up to the lesser of the Out-of-Network Vision Provider's fee and 80% of the Medicare allowable charge at the time services are rendered.

# **DEFINITIONS**

For purposes of DEP Plus, the following terms have the meanings given below:

Diabetes means a disease where the pancreas has a problem either making, or making and using, insulin.

**Diabetic Macular Edema** means swelling of the retina in diabetes mellitus due to leaking of fluid from blood vessels within the macula.

Diabetic Retinopathy means a weakening in the small blood vessels at the back of the eye of a diabetic.

# VISION INSURANCE: SUPPLEMENTAL PLAN BENEFIT: DIABETIC EYECARE PLUS PROGRAM (continued)

**Medicare allowable charge** means the maximum amounts paid to physicians for services rendered to patients covered under Medicare Part B. Typically updated annually by CMS, MetLife uses Medicare Allowables to reimburse providers under certain programs.

Rubeosis means abnormal blood vessel growth on the iris and the structures in the front of the eye.

Type 1 Diabetes means disease in which the pancreas stops making insulin.

**Type 2 Diabetes** means a disease in which the pancreas either makes too little insulin or cannot properly use the insulin it makes to convert blood glucose to energy.

# **EXCLUSIONS AND LIMITATIONS OF BENEFITS**

DEP Plus provides coverage for limited, vision-related medical services. A current list of these procedures will be made available to Covered Persons upon request. The frequency at which these services may be provided is dependent upon the specific service and the diagnosis associated with such service.

# **VISION INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS**

When You or a Dependent incur charges for Covered Services and Materials, there may be other Plans, as defined below, that also provide benefits for those same charges. In that case, We may reduce what We pay based on what the other Plans pay. This Coordination of Benefits section explains how and when We do this.

# **DEFINITIONS**

In this section, the terms set forth below have the following meanings:		
Allowable Expense means a necessary vision expense for which both of the following are true:		
<ul> <li>□ a Covered Person must pay it; and</li> <li>□ it is at least partly covered by one or more of the Plans that provide benefits to the Covered Person.</li> </ul>		
If a Plan provides fixed benefits for specified events or conditions (instead of benefits based on expenses incurred), such benefits are Allowable Expenses.		
If a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, We treat the reasonable cash value of each service performed as both an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid by that Plan.		
The term does not include:		
<ul> <li>expenses for services performed because of a Job-Related Injury or Sickness;</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>any amount of expenses in excess of the higher reasonable and customary fee for a service, if two or more Plans compute their benefit payments on the basis of reasonable and customary fees;</li> </ul>		
<ul> <li>any amount of expenses in excess of the higher negotiated fee for a service, if two or more Plans compute their benefit payments on the basis of negotiated fees; and</li> </ul>		
any amount of benefits that a PrimaryPlan does not pay because the covered person fails to comply with the Primary Plan's managed care or utilization review provisions, these include provisions requiring:		
second surgical opinions;		
<ul> <li>pre-authorization of services;</li> </ul>		
use of providers in a Plan's network of providers; or		
any other similar provisions.		
If You or a Dependent are also covered under an HMO plan, We will not use this provision to refuse to pay benefits because an HMO member has elected to have vision services provided by a non-HMO provider and the HMO's contract does not require the HMO to pay for providing those services.		
<b>Claim Determination Period</b> means a calendar year or plan year. A Claim Determination Period for any Covered Person will not include periods of time during which that person is not covered under This Plan.		
<b>Custodial Parent</b> means a Parent awarded custody, other than joint custody, by a court decree. In the absence of a court decree, it means the Parent with whom the child resides more than half of the Year without regard to any temporary visitation.		
HMO means a Health Maintenance Organization or Vision Health Maintenance Organization.		
Job-Related Injury or Sickness means any injury or sickness:		

Parent means a person who covers a child as a dependent under a Plan.

□ for which You are entitled to benefits under a workers' compensation or similar law, or

any arrangement that provides for similar compensation; or arising out of employment for wage or profit.

# **VISION INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)**

Pla	an means any of the following, if it provides benefits or services for an Allowable Expense:
	a group insurance plan;
	an HMO;
	a blanket plan;
	uninsured arrangements of group or group type coverage;
	a group practice plan;
	a group service plan;
	a group prepayment plan;
	any other plan that covers people as a group;
	any other coverage required or provided by any law or any governmental program, except Medicaid.
Th	e term does not include any of the following:
	individual or family insurance or subscriber contracts;
	individual or family coverage through closed panel Plans or other prepayment, group practice or individual practice Plans;
	hospital indemnity coverage;
	a school blanket plan that onlyprovides accident-type coverage on a 24 hour basis, or a "to and from school basis," to students in a grammar school, high school or college;
	disability income protection coverage;
	accident only coverage;
	specified disease or specified accident coverage;
	nursing home or long term care coverage; or
	any government program or coverage if, by state or Federal law, its benefits are excess to those of any private insurance plan or other non-government plan.

The provisions of This Plan, which limit benefits based on benefits or services provided under Plans which the employer, Policyholder (or an affiliate) contributes to or sponsors will not be affected by these Coordination of Benefits provisions.

Each policy, contract or other arrangement for benefits is a separate Plan. If part of a Plan reserves the right to reduce what it pays based on benefits or services provided by other Plans, that part will be treated separately from any parts which do not.

**This Plan** means the vision benefits described in this certificate, except for any provisions in this certificate that limit insurance based on benefits for services provided under plans which the Policyholder (or an affiliate) contributes to or sponsors.

**Primary Plan** means a Plan that pays its benefits first under the "Rules to Decide Which Plan Is Primary" section. A Primary Plan pays benefits as if the Secondary Plans do not exist.

**Secondary Plan** means a Plan that is not a Primary Plan. A Secondary Plan may reduce its benefits by amounts payable by the Primary Plan. If there are more than two Plans that provide coverage, a Plan may be Primary to some plans, and Secondary to others.

# **VISION INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)**

#### **RULES TO DECIDE WHICH PLAN IS PRIMARY**

When more than one Plan covers the person for whom Allowable Expenses were incurred, We determine which plan is primary by applying the rules in this section. When there is a basis for claim under This Plan and another Plan, This Plan is Secondary unless: the other Plan has rules coordinating its benefits with those of This Plan; and ☐ this Plan is primary under This Plan's rules. The first rule below, which will allow Us to determine which Plan is Primary, is the rule that We will use. Dependent or Non-Dependent: A Plan that covers a person other than as a dependent (for example, as an employee, member, subscriber, or retiree) is Primary and shall pay its benefits before a Plan that covers the person as a dependent; except that if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law or regulations, 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 (e.g., a retired employee); then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed and the Plan that covers the person as a dependent is Primary. Child Covered Under More Than One Plan - Court Decree: When This Plan and another Plan cover the same Child as the Dependent of two or more Parents, and the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the Parents must provide health coverage or pay for the Child's health care expenses, that Parent's Plan is Primary, if the Plan has actual knowledge of those terms. This rule applies to Claim Determination Periods that start after the Plan is given notice of the court decree. Child Covered Under More Than One Plan - The Birthday Rule: When This Plan and another Plan cover the same Child as the Dependent of two or more Parents, the Primary Plan is the Plan of the Parent whose birthday falls earlier in the Year if: □ the Parents are married: or the Parents are not separated (whether or not they have ever married); or a court decree awards joint custody without specifying which Parent must provide health coverage. If both Parents have the same birthday, the Plan that covered either of the Parents longer is the Primary Plan. However, if the other Plan does not have this rule, but instead has a rule based on the gender of the parent, and if as a result the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, the rule in the other Plan will determine the order of benefits. Child Covered Under More than One Plan - Custodial Parent: When This Plan and another Plan cover the same Child as the Dependent of two or more Parents, if the Parents are not married, or are separated (whether or not they ever married), or are divorced, the Primary Plan is: □ the Plan of the Custodial Parent; then ☐ the Plan of the spouse of the Custodial Parent; then the Plan of the non-custodial Parent; and then ☐ the Plan of the spouse of the non-custodial Parent.

**Active or Inactive Employee**: A Plan that covers a person as an employee who is neither laid off nor retired is Primary to a Plan that covers the person as a laid-off or retired employee (or as that person's Dependent). If the other Plan does not have this rule and, if as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule is ignored.

# **VISION INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)**

**Continuation Coverage**: The Plan that covers a person as an active employee, member or subscriber (or as that employee's Dependent) is Primary to a Plan that covers that person under a right of continuation pursuant to federal law (e.g., COBRA) or state law. If the Plan that covers the person has not adopted this rule, and if, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, this rule shall not apply.

**Longer/Shorter Time Covered**: If none of the above rules determine which Plan is Primary, the Plan that has covered the person for the longer time shall be Primary to a Plan that has covered the person for a shorter time.

**No Rules Apply**: If none of the above rules determine which Plan is Primary, the Allowable Expenses shall be shared equally between all the Plans. In no event will This Plan pay more than it would if it were Primary.

#### **EFFECT ON BENEFITS OF THIS PLAN**

If This Plan is Secondary, when the total Allowable Expenses incurred by a covered person in any Claim Determination Period are less than the sum of:		
	the benefits that would be payable under This Plan without applying this Coordination of Benefits provision; and	
	the benefits that would be payable under all other Plans without applying Coordination of Benefits or similar provisions;	

then We will reduce the benefits that would otherwise be payable under This Plan. The sum of these reduced benefits plus all benefits payable for such Allowable Expenses under all other Plans will not exceed the total of the Allowable Expenses. Benefits payable under all other Plans include all benefits that would be payable if the proper claims had been made on time.

#### **FACILITY OF PAYMENT**

A payment made under another Plan may include an amount which should have been paid under This Plan. If it does, We may pay that amount to the organization which made that payment. That amount will then be treated as though it were a benefit paid under This Plan. We will not have to pay that amount again. The term "payment made" includes benefits provided in the form of services, in which case We may pay the reasonable cash value of the benefits provided in the form of services.

# **RIGHT OF RECOVERY**

If the amount We pay is more than We should have paid under this Coordination of Benefits provision, We may recover the excess from one or more of:		
	the person We have paid or for whom We have paid;	
	insurance companies; or	
	other organizations.	

The amount of the payment 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. 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.

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

# **Assignment**

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

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 Policyholder. The entire contract with the Policyholder is made up of the following:

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

# Incontestability: Statements Made by You

Any statement made by You will be considered a representation and not a warranty.

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.

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

THIS SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION IS EXPRESSLY MADE PART OF THE ONEOK, INC. VISION INSURANCE PLAN AND IS LEGALLY ENFORCEABLE AS PART OF THE PLAN WITH RESPECT TO ITS TERMS AND CONDITIONS. IN THE EVENT THERE IS NO OTHER PLAN DOCUMENT, THIS DOCUMENT SHALL SERVE AS A SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION AND SHALL ALSO CONSTITUTE THE PLAN.

#### **ERISA INFORMATION**

#### NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER

ONEOK, Inc. 100 W. Fifth Street Tulsa, OK 74103 918-588-7000

# PLAN ADMINISTRATOR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

ONEOK, Inc. Benefit Plan Administration Committee 100 W. Fifth Street Tulsa, OK 74103 918-588-7259

#### **EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 73-1520922**

PLAN NUMBER	COVERAGE	PLAN NAME
531	All Coverages	ONEOK, Inc. Welfare Benefits Wraparound Plan

# **TYPE OF ADMINISTRATION**

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

# AGENT FOR SERVICE OF LEGAL PROCESS

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

National Registered Agents, Inc. of OK 1833 South Morgan Road Oklahoma City, OK 73128

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

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

#### **PLAN TERMINATION OR CHANGES**

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

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

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

In the event Your insurance ends in accordance with the DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS and DATE YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ENDS subsections of Your certificate, you may still be eligible to receive benefits. The circumstances under which benefits are available are described in Your MetLife certificate.

#### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO PREMIUM**

If you enroll for Vision Insurance coverage, you are required to make contributions to premiums.

Premium rates are set by MetLife.

#### **PLAN YEAR**

The Plan's fiscal records are kept on a Plan year basis beginning each January 1st and ending on the following December 31st.

#### **CLAIMS INFORMATION**

#### **Vision Benefits Claims**

#### **Routine Questions on Vision Insurance Claims**

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# Discretionary Authority of Plan Administrator and Other Plan Fiduciaries

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

#### NOTICE OF YOUR RIGHT AND YOUR DEPENDENTS' RIGHT TO COBRA CONTINUATION COVERAGE

COBRA is a federal law that requires most group health plans to give their employees and their dependents the opportunity to continue coverage when coverage is terminated due to certain specific events. If your employment terminates for any reason other than your gross misconduct, or if your hours worked are reduced so that your coverage terminates, you and your covered dependents may be able to continue coverage under This Plan for a period of up to 18 months. If it is determined under the terms of the Social Security Act that you or your covered dependent is disabled within the first 60 days of COBRA coverage, you and your covered dependents may be able to continue your vision coverage under This Plan for an additional 11 months after the expiration of the 18 month period. In addition, if you should die, become divorced or legally separated, or become eligible for Medicare, your covered dependents may be able to continue coverage under This Plan for up to 36 months. Also, your covered children may be able to continue coverage under This Plan for up to 36 months after they no longer qualify as covered dependents under the terms of This Plan. Group health plans for employers with fewer than 20 employees, church plans, and plans established and maintained by the federal government are not subject to COBRA continuation requirements.

During the continuation period, a child of yours that is (1) born; (2) adopted by you; or (3) placed with you for adoption, will be treated as if the child were a covered dependent at the time coverage was lost due to an event described above.

This continuation will terminate on the earliest of:

- a. the end of the 18, 29 or 36 month continuation period, as the case may be;
- b. the date of expiration of the last period for which the required payment was made;
- the date, after you or your covered dependent elects to continue coverage, that you or your covered dependent first becomes covered under another group health plan as long as the new plan does not contain any exclusion or limitation with respect to your or your covered dependent's preexisting condition;
- d. the date your employer ceases to provide any group health plan for its employees.

Notice will be given when you or your covered dependent becomes entitled to continue coverage under This Plan. You or your covered dependent will then have 60 days to elect to continue coverage. If you or your covered dependent do not notify your Employer within the 60-day election period, you will lose the option to elect continuation coverage.

Each person who is eligible for COBRA coverage is entitled to make a separate election of COBRA coverage. Thus, a covered spouse (as defined by federal law) or dependent child (or parent on their behalf) is entitled to elect COBRA coverage even if the covered Employee does not make that election. However, covered Employees may elect COBRA coverage on behalf of their covered dependents. Any person who elects to continue coverage under This Plan must pay the full cost of that coverage (including both the share you now pay and the share your Employer now pays), plus any additional amounts permitted by law. Your payments for continued coverage must be made on the first day of each month in advance.

If you do not elect COBRA coverage, your vision coverage will end. However, if you initially waive COBRA continuation coverage before the end of the 60-day election period, you may change your election by sending the completed election form to the Plan Administrator and postmarking it no later than the last day of the 60-day election period.

# **Qualifying Event Due To Bankruptcy Of Employer**

Sometimes, filing a proceeding in bankruptcy under title 11 of the United States Code can be a qualifying event. If a proceeding in bankruptcy is filed with respect to the Employer, and that bankruptcy results in the loss of coverage of any retired employee covered under This Plan, the retired employee will become a qualified beneficiary with respect to the bankruptcy. The retired employee's covered spouse and covered dependent children will also become qualified beneficiaries if bankruptcy results in the loss of their coverage under This Plan.

# If You Elect COBRA

If you choose COBRA coverage and pay the required premiums, you are entitled to coverage which, as of the time coverage is being provided, is identical to the coverage provided by the Employer to similarly situated active Employees, spouses or dependent children. This means that if the coverage for similarly situated Employees, spouses or dependent children changes, coverage will change for those who elected COBRA coverage.

#### **Duration Of COBRA Coverage**

The law requires that you be given the opportunity to maintain COBRA coverage for 36 months from the date coverage ends as a result of the qualifying event unless you lost coverage because of the covered Employee's termination of employment or reduction in hours. In that case, the required COBRA coverage period is 18 months from the date you lose coverage as a result of the termination of employment or reduction in hours. However, the 18-month coverage period may be extended under the following circumstances:

**Disability.** If any person entitled to COBRA coverage (the covered Employee, covered spouse or covered dependent child) is determined by the Social Security Administration to have been disabled at any time during the first 60 days of COBRA coverage period and the disability lasts at least until the end of the 18 month period of continuation coverage, then all such persons entitled to elect COBRA coverage may be able to continue coverage for up to 29 months, rather than 18 months.

In order to be eligible for the additional 11 months of COBRA coverage, the covered Employee, covered spouse or covered dependent child must notify the Employer's COBRA Administrator within 60 days of the latest of: (1) the Social Security Administration's determination of disability; (2) the date of the qualifying event; (3) the date on which the covered Employee's coverage initially was or will be lost; or (4) the date a person entitled to COBRA coverage is informed of this obligation by being provided the initial COBRA notice for the applicable group health plan. Written notice to the COBRA Administrator must be received before the end of the initial 18-month coverage period. A copy of the Social Security Administration's determination must be provided to the COBRA Administrator. If these procedures are not followed, there will be no disability extension of COBRA.

During the additional 11 months of coverage, your cost for that coverage will be approximately 50% higher than it was during the preceding 18 months.

The additional 11 months of coverage provided on account of a disability will end as of the earlier of:

- The first day of the month beginning more than 30 days after a final determination by the Social Security Administration that the disability no longer exists; or
- The last day of the 29th month of total coverage.

A person entitled to COBRA coverage must notify the COBRA Administrator within 30 days if the Social Security Administration determines that the disabled person is no longer disabled. This Plan reserves the right to retroactively cancel COBRA coverage, and will require reimbursement of all benefits paid for claims incurred after coverage terminates.

**Subsequent Qualifying Events.** If, during the 18-month period of COBRA coverage (or within the 29-month maximum coverage period in the case of a disability extension), the covered Employee and the spouse divorce, the covered Employee dies, the covered Employee becomes entitled to Medicare, or a dependent ceases to be an eligible dependent under the terms of This Plan, then the covered spouse and/or covered dependent child(ren) (as applicable) may be able to extend COBRA coverage for up to 36 months from the date of the termination of employment or reduction in hours.

A person entitled to COBRA coverage must notify the Employer's COBRA Administrator of the subsequent event no later than 60 days after its occurrence. If such notification is not given, the covered spouse and/or covered dependent child will not be entitled to the additional COBRA coverage.

# **Premiums For COBRA Coverage**

A person entitled to COBRA coverage is entirely responsible for paying the premiums for COBRA coverage. The required payment for each continuation coverage period for each option will be described in the notice that is sent when an individual experiences a qualifying event.

# **Initial Premium Payment**

If continuation of coverage is elected, payment for continuation coverage must be made no later than 45 days after the date of such election. (This is the date the election notice is post-marked, if mailed.) If the first payment for continuation coverage is not made in full by the 45th day after the date of election, continuation coverage under This Plan will end. A person entitled to COBRA coverage is responsible for making sure that the amount of the first payment is correct.

After the first payment for continuation coverage, the amount due for each coverage period for each qualified beneficiary will be provided when coverage is elected.

#### STATEMENT OF ERISA RIGHTS

The following statement is required by federal law and regulation.

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

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

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

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

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

# **Continue Group Vision Plan Insurance**

Continue vision insurance for yourself, spouse or dependents if there is a loss of coverage under the Plan as a result of a qualifying event. You or your dependents may have to pay for such coverage. Review this summary plan description and the documents governing the Plan on the rules governing your COBRA continuation coverage rights.

# **Prudent Actions by Plan Fiduciaries**

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

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

# **Enforce Your Rights**

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

Under ERISA, there are steps you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in a Federal court. In such a case, the court may require the Plan Administrator to provide the materials and pay you up to \$110.00 a day until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the administrator. If you have a claim for benefits which is denied or ignored, in whole or in part, you may file suit in a state or Federal court.

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

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

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

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

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

#### PLAN PRIVACY INFORMATION

Notwithstanding any other Plan provision in this or other sections of this Plan, the Plan will operate in accordance with the HIPAA privacy laws and regulations as set forth in 45 CFR Parts 160 and 164, and as they may be amended ("HIPAA"), with respect to protected health information ("PHI") as that term is defined therein. The Plan Administrator and/or his or her designee retains full discretion in interpreting these rules and applying them to specific situations. All such decisions shall be given full deference unless the decision is determined to be arbitrary and capricious.

The term "Plan Sponsor" means ONEOK, Inc.

The term "Plan Administrator" means ONEOK, Inc.

# I. Permitted Uses and Disclosures of PHI by the Plan and the Plan Sponsor

The Plan and the Plan Sponsor are permitted to use and disclose PHI for the following purposes, to the extent they are not inconsistent with HIPAA:

	For general plan administration, including policyholder service functions, enrollment and eligibility functions, reporting functions, auditing functions, financial and billing functions, to assist in the administration of a consumer dispute or inquiry, and any other authorized insurance or benefit function.						
	As required for computer programming, consulting or other work done in respect to the computer programs or systems utilized by the Plan.						
	Other uses relating to plan administration which are approved in writing by the Plan Administrator or Plan Privacy Officer.						
	At the request of an individual, to assist in resolving claims the individual may have with respect to benefits under the Plan.						
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# III. Sharing of PHI With the Plan Sponsor

	orporate the following provisions, under which the Plan Sponsor agrees to:				
	Not use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by the plan documents in Sections and II above;				
	Ensure that any agents to whom it provides PHI received from the Plan agree to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Plan Sponsor;				
□ Not use or disclose PHI for employment-related actions or decisions or in connection with any benefit or employee benefit plan of the Plan Sponsor;					
	Report to the Plan any use or disclosure of the information that is inconsistent with the permitted us disclosures of which it becomes aware;				
	Make PHI available to Plan participants for the purposes of the rights of access and inspection amendment, and accounting of disclosures as required by HIPAA;				
Make its internal practices, books and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI received fr Plan available to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services for purpo determining compliance by the Plan with HIPAA;					
	If feasible, return or destroy all PHI received from the Plan that the sponsor still maintains in any form retain no copies of such information when no longer needed for the purpose for which disclosure made, except that, if such return or destruction is not feasible, limit further uses and disclosures to the purposes that make the return or destruction of the information infeasible;				
	Ensure that adequate separation between the Plan and Plan Sponsor is established in accordance with the following requirements:				
	(A) Employees to be Given Access to PHI: The following employees (or class of employees) of the Plan Sponsor are the only individuals that may access PHI provided by the Plan:				
	Supervisor Benefits, Manager Benefits, Benefits Analyst – Senior, Benefits Analyst, VF Benefits and Payroll, Benefits Specialist				
	(B) Restriction to Plan Administration Functions: The access to and use of PHI by the employees of the Plan Sponsor designated above will be limited to plan administration functions that the Plan Sponsor performs for the Plan.				
	(C) <u>Mechanism for Resolving issues of Noncompliance</u> : If the Plan Administrator or Privacy Office determines that an employee of the Plan Sponsor designated above has acted in noncompliance with the plan document provisions outlined above, then the Plan Administrator or Privacy Officer shall take or seek to have taken appropriate disciplinary action with respect to that employee, up to and including termination of employment as appropriate. The Plan Administrator or Privacy Officer shall also document the facts of the violation, actions that have been taken to discipline the offending party and the steps taken to prevent future violations.				
	Certify to the Plan, prior to the Plan permitting disclosure of PHI to the Plan Sponsor, that the Plan Documents have been amended to incorporate the provisions in this Section III.				

#### IV. Participants Rights

Participants and their covered dependents will have the rights set forth in the Plan's or its vision insurer's HIPAA Notice of Privacy Practices for Protected Health Information and any other rights and protections required under the HIPAA. The Notice may periodically be revised by the Plan or its vision insurer.

#### V. Privacy Complaints/Issues

All complaints or issues raised by Plan participants or their covered dependents in respect to the use of their PHI must be submitted in writing to the Plan Administrator or the Plan's appointed Privacy Officer. A response will be made within 30 days of the receipt of the written complaint. In the event more time is required to resolve any issues this period can be extended to 90 days. The affected participant must receive written notice of the extension and the resolution of their complaint. The Plan Administrator or Privacy Officer shall have full discretion in resolving the complaint and making any required interpretations and factual determinations. The decision of the Plan Administrator or Privacy Officer shall be final and be given full deference by all parties.

#### VI. Security

As a condition of the Plan Sponsor receiving electronic PHI ("ePHI") from the Plan, the Plan Documents have been amended to incorporate the following provisions, under which the Plan Sponsor agrees to:

Implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of the ePHI that it creates, receives, maintains, or transmits or behalf of the Plan;
Ensure that the adequate separation between the Plan and the Plan Sponsor, which is required by the applicable section(s) of the Plan relating to the sharing of PHI with the Plan Sponsor, is supported by reasonable and appropriate security measures;
Ensure that any agent to whom it provides ePHI agrees to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect the information; and

• Report to the Plan any security incident of which it becomes aware. In this context, the term "security incident" means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in information systems such as hardware, software, information, data, applications, communications, and people.

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

It is hoped that This Plan will be continued indefinitely, but ONEOK, Inc. reserves the right to change or terminate the Plan in the future. Any such action would be taken only after careful consideration.

## **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.

Your 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.