

**American Airlines**



**Group Life Claims**  
**Telephone Number: 1-800-638-6420**

Dear Claimant:

Attached is the material you have requested about MetLife's Accelerated Benefits Option ("ABO") for your Group Insurance plan.

Under the ABO, if you are diagnosed as having a terminal illness, with a life expectancy of six months or less, you may be eligible to receive a portion of your Group Life benefits. This option can provide financial assistance and flexibility in a crisis; therefore, it is important that you are aware of it.

The accelerated life insurance benefits offered under your certificate are intended to qualify for favorable tax treatment under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. If the accelerated benefits qualify for such favorable treatment, they will be excludable from your income and not subject to federal taxation. Receipt of accelerated death benefit payments may be taxable for purposes other than federal income tax. Tax laws relating to accelerated benefits are complex. You are advised to consult with a qualified tax advisor about circumstances under which you could receive accelerated benefits excludable from income under federal tax law.

Receipt of accelerated benefits may affect your eligibility, or that of your spouse or family, for public assistance programs such as medical assistance (Medicaid), Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC), Supplementary Social Security Income (SSI), and drug assistance programs. You are advised to consult with social services agencies concerning the effect receipt of accelerated benefits will have on public assistance eligibility for you, your spouse, or your family.

Approval of this claim is subject to an independent medical review by MetLife.

Please refer to your Group Insurance certificate or Summary Plan Description for details on the specific ABO provision for your MetLife Group coverage(s).

Sincerely,

MetLife Group Life Products



## The Accelerated Benefits Option (“ABO”)

**Please read the following important information before completing the attached ABO claim form:**

- Claiming an accelerated benefit will reduce the amount of your life coverage in effect and will reduce any life coverage eligible for conversion.
- Please review your Group Insurance certificate or Summary Plan Description to determine whether a mortality and interest charge is applicable to the ABO provision of your Group Life coverage.
- If applicable under your particular Group Insurance plan, the amount of accelerated benefits you claim will be discounted to collect the interest lost between the time an accelerated benefit is paid out and the average expected time that death occurs. This mortality and interest charge incorporates an assumed rate of return for monies that could have earned interest had the funds not been paid out, and a minimal expense charge. The mortality and interest charge is subtracted from the payout which you have requested to be accelerated, limited by the maximum amount of payout for which you are eligible.
- If any of your Group Life benefits have been assigned to someone else, the ABO is not available to you or your assignee.

### Applying for an Accelerated Benefit

If, after you have given careful consideration to the ABO, you wish to claim an accelerated benefit, please complete the Claimant’s Statement and Medical Authorization portion of the claim form, have your doctor provide the requested information, and return the completed claim form to your Employer.

### An Example

The following illustrates in a general way how ABO works. Please refer to your Group Insurance certificate or Summary Plan Description for details of the specific provisions that apply to your coverage.

You currently have \$50,000 of Group Life Insurance and your plan allows you to accelerate up to 50% of your coverage if you meet specified criteria.

<b>Non-Discounted ABO Provision:</b>		<b>Discounted ABO Provision:</b>	
Your current coverage:	\$50,000	Your current coverage:	\$50,000
Amount accelerated:	<u>-25,000</u>	Amount accelerated:	-25,000
Net accelerated payment:	\$25,000	8% mortality and interest charge (25,000 x .08):	<u>-2,000</u>
		Net accelerated payment:	\$23,000
Remaining Group Life Insurance Payable to Your Beneficiary:	\$25,000	Remaining Group Life Insurance Payable to Your Beneficiary:	\$25,000

You may elect to accelerate a lower percentage if you wish.

**ACCELERATED BENEFITS CLAIM FORM**  
**Claimant's Statement**



Metropolitan Life Insurance Company  
 Group Life Claims  
 P.O. Box 6100  
 Scranton, PA 18505  
 Telephone Number: 1-800-638-6420

**Please complete this form and return it to HR Services P. O. Box 9741, Providence, RI 02940-9741**

1. Employee's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Last First Middle

Employee's Soc. Sec. No. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Employee's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Sex  Male  Female

2. Residence \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number and Street City or Town State Zip Code

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

3. Marital Status of Claimant  Single  Married  Widowed  Divorced  Separated

4. Is the claimant the Employee or Dependent Spouse?  Employee  Spouse  
 If spouse, please provide:  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Social Security Number Date of Birth Sex  Male  Female

5. Have any of your Life Insurance benefits been assigned?  Yes  No  
 If "yes", specify which coverage \_\_\_\_\_ and amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 (coverage) (amount)

6. Select the coverage and amount you wish to accelerate. The minimum claim amount is \$5,000.

Basic Life Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Group Universal Life Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Supplemental/Optional Life Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Spouse Group Universal Life Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Dependent Life Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  Group Variable Universal Life Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse Group Variable Universal Life Insurance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

7. Payment option desired (please select one):  
 Lump Sum  Three Monthly Installments

**Medical Authorization (NOTE: Approval of this claim is subject to an independent medical review by MetLife.)**

I **authorize** any insurance company, organization, employer, hospital, physician or pharmacist to release any information requested with regard to this claim.

I declare that the above information is correct.

The covered employee must sign for all claims.

**Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime and may subject such person to criminal and civil penalties.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Employee Signature Date Signed

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Spouse's Signature (if claiming accelerated benefits) Date Signed

## **FRAUD WARNINGS**

If the insured was covered under a policy issued in one of the states listed below, **or** if you reside in one of the states listed below, one of the following state warnings may apply to you:

**Arizona**: For your protection, Arizona law requires the following statement to appear on this form. Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of loss is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**Alaska, Delaware, Idaho, Texas**: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

**Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, West Virginia**: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for payment of a loss or benefit or knowingly presents false information in an application for insurance is guilty of a crime and may be subject to civil fines and criminal penalties.

**California**: For your protection, California law requires the following to appear on this form: Any person who knowingly presents a false or fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss is guilty of a crime and may be subject to fines and confinement in state prison.

**Colorado**: It is unlawful to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the company. Penalties may include imprisonment, fines, denial of life insurance, and civil damages. It is also unlawful for any insurance company or agent of an insurance company who knowingly provides false, incomplete, or misleading facts or information to a policyholder or claimant for the purpose of defrauding or attempting to defraud the policyholder or claimant with respect to a settlement or award payable from insurance proceeds. Such acts shall be reported to the Colorado Division of Insurance with the Department of Regulatory Agencies to the extent required by applicable law.

**District of Columbia**: **WARNING**: It is a crime to provide false or misleading information to an insurer for the purpose of defrauding the insurer or other person. Penalties include imprisonment and/or fines. In addition, an insurer may deny insurance benefits if false information materially related to a claim was provided by the applicant.

**Florida**: A person who knowingly and with intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer files a statement of claim containing any false, incomplete or misleading information is guilty of a felony of the third degree.

**Indiana**: **WARNING**: Any person who knowingly, and with the intent to injure, defraud or deceive any insurer, files any claim for the proceeds of an insurance policy containing any false, incomplete, or misleading information commits a felony.

**Kentucky**: A person who knowingly and with the intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime.

**Maine, Minnesota, Tennessee, Virginia, Washington**: It is a crime to knowingly provide false, incomplete, or misleading information to an insurance company for the purpose of defrauding the company. Penalties include imprisonment, fines and denial of insurance benefits.

## **FRAUD WARNINGS, CON'T.**

**New Hampshire:** A person who, with a purpose to injure, defraud or deceive any insurance company files a statement of claim containing false, incomplete or misleading information is subject to prosecution and punishment for insurance fraud, as provided in RSA 638:20.

**New Jersey:** Any person who knowingly files a statement of claim containing any false or misleading information is subject to criminal and civil penalties.

**New York (AD&D):** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime and shall also be subject to a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars and the stated value of the claim for each such violation.

**Ohio:** A person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that he is facilitating a fraud against an insurer, submits an application or files a claim containing a false or deceptive statement is guilty of insurance fraud.

**Pennsylvania:** Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files an application for insurance or statement of claim containing any materially false information, or conceals for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any material fact thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which is a crime and subjects such person to criminal and civil penalties.

**Puerto Rico:** Any person who, knowingly and with the intent to defraud, presents false information in an insurance request form, or who presents, helps or has presented, a fraudulent claim for the payment of a loss or other benefit, or presents more than one claim for the same damage or loss, will incur a felony, and upon conviction will be penalized for each violation with a fine no less than five thousand (5,000) dollars nor more than ten thousand (10,000), or imprisonment for a fixed term of three (3) years, or both penalties. If aggravated circumstances prevail, the fixed established imprisonment may be increased to a maximum of five (5) years; if attenuating circumstances prevail, it may be reduced to a minimum of two (2) years.

If the insured was covered under a policy issued in any state other than those listed above, **or** if you reside in any state other than those listed above, then the following warning may apply to you:

**Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud any insurance company or other person files a statement of claim containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto commits a fraudulent insurance act, which may be a crime and may subject such person to criminal and civil penalties.**

## Statement of Attending Physician

The information provided is to be used for claims evaluation and auditing purposes only.

The patient is responsible for having this form completed without expense to MetLife or the Employer.

If more space is needed, please use reverse side of form.

<p><b>History and Diagnosis</b></p> <p>A. Does the condition, in whole or part, result from an intentionally self-inflicted injury or suicide attempt?  <input type="checkbox"/> Yes   <input type="checkbox"/> No                  If yes, please explain _____                  _____</p> <p>B. Date symptoms first appeared or accident occurred _____</p> <p>C. Date of first visit _____</p> <p>D. Date of most recent examination _____</p> <p>E. Frequency of visits/treatments _____</p> <p>F. Past history:</p> <p>G. Objective findings (including pertinent laboratory test results):</p> <p>H. Subjective symptoms:</p>	<p>I. State primary diagnosis and use ICD-9 code:</p> <p>J. State secondary diagnosis and complications, if any, and use ICD-9 code:</p> <p>K. Past, present and future course of treatment:</p> <p>L. Other known injuries or presently active diseases:</p> <p>M. What is patient's functional status, that is, is he or she bedridden, ambulatory, etc.?</p>
Is the patient hospitalized or confined in some other facility? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No   If Yes:	
A. Name of hospital/facility _____	
B. Address of hospital/facility _____	
C. Dates of Confinement _____ to _____	
To qualify for this benefit, the patient must suffer from a terminal condition while covered for Life Insurance Benefits. "Terminal condition" means a sickness or an injury which is expected to result in his/her death within 6 months; and from which he/she is not expected to recover.	
In your opinion, does the patient meet these requirements? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
In your opinion is the patient competent to endorse checks and direct the use of their proceeds? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Name of Physician	Board Certified Specialty
Street Address	City or Town
	State
(      )	Zip Code
Telephone Number	Date
	Signature



