

NRECA GROUP BENEFITS PROGRAM SUMMARY OF MATERIAL MODIFICATIONS

For

NRECA Retired Life Insurance Plan

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System name: ASSOCIATED ELECTRIC CO-OP

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This Summary of Material Modifications (SMM) describes changes to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) Retired Life Insurance Plan (the Plan) and supplements the Plan's Summary Plan Description (SPD), also known as the Benefits Booklet. The effective date of these changes is noted above. You should read this SMM carefully and keep this SMM with your SPD for future reference. If you have questions about these changes, please see your benefits administrator.

Summary of Changes for your Retired Life Insurance Plan SPD:

Introduction

The statement "For California Residents:" has been removed

Chapter 3: Eligibility and Participation Information

The Section titled "Date You Are Eligible for Insurance" has been updated as follows:

You will be eligible for the insurance described in this SPD on the day you retire. If You die within 31 calendar days of the effective date of retired life coverage, Proof of your death must be sent to MetLife. When MetLife receives such Proof with the claim, MetLife will review the claim and, if MetLife approves it, MetLife will pay your beneficiary the amount of life insurance you were entitled to convert as an active/disabled employee. Your beneficiary will not be entitled to receive both previous coverage as an active/disabled employee and retired life coverage. Only one coverage will be paid out.

The Section titled "Date Your Insurance Ends" has been updated as follows:

Date Your Insurance Ends

Your insurance will end on the earliest of:

- The date the Plan ends;
- The date insurance ends for your retiree classification; or
- The end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for you (or by you).

- The date you are re-hired or become a director and elect life coverage in the same Group plan.

Refer to the *Porting or Converting Coverage* chapter for information about the options to continue to an individual life insurance policy if your Retired Life Insurance ends.

Chapter 7: Porting or Converting Coverage:

The section titled "Conversion Conditions" has been updated as follows:

- The new policy will be issued without an accidental death and dismemberment benefit, an accelerated benefit option, a waiver of premium benefit or any other rider or additional benefit; and

The section titled "Maximum Amount of the New Policy" has been updated as follows:

If your life insurance ends because the Plan ended or was amended to end life insurance for an eligible class of which you are a member, then the maximum amount of insurance that you may elect for the new policy is the lesser of \$10,000 or the amount of your life insurance that ends under this Plan minus the amount of life insurance under any Plan for which you become eligible within 31 calendar days after the date this Plan's insurance ends.

Chapter 8: General Information

The section titled "Beneficiary" has been updated as follows:

The subsections titled "Physical Exams and Autopsy" have been removed

The following "State Notices" have been removed from the "State Notices" section as follows:

Notice for Residents of Maine

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

Notice for Residents of Missouri:

Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance Exclusions

If You reside in Missouri the exclusion for "suicide or attempted suicide" is as follows: "suicide or attempted suicide while sane."

Notice for Residents of North Carolina:

Read your Certificate Carefully.

Important Cancellation Information

Please Read the Provisions Titled *Date Your Insurance Ends* and *Date Your Insurance For Your Dependents Ends*

Under North Carolina general statute section 58-50-40, no person, employer, principal, agent, trustee, or third party administrator, who is responsible for the payment of group health or life insurance or group health plan premiums, shall:

1. Cause the cancellation or non-renewal of group health or life insurance, hospital, medical or dental service corporation plan multiple employer welfare arrangement, or group health plan coverages and the consequential loss of the coverages of the persons insured, by willfully failing to pay those premiums in accordance with the terms of the insurance or plan contract, and
2. Willfully fail to deliver, at least 45 days before the termination of those coverages, to all persons covered by the group policy a written notice of the person's intention to stop payment of premiums. This written notice must also contain a notice to all persons covered by the group policy of their rights to health insurance conversion policies under Article 53 of chapter 58 of the general statutes and their rights to purchase individual policies under the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act and under Article 68 of Chapter 58 of the general statutes.

Violation of this law is a felony. Any person violating this law is also subject to a court order requiring the person to compensate persons insured for expenses or losses incurred as a result of the termination of the insurance.

The following "State Notices" sections have been removed from the "State Notices" as follows:

Notice for Residents of Arkansas

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

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

Notice for Residents of California

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.

Notice for Residents of Texas:

Have a complaint or need help?

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

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

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

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

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

Toll-free: 1-800-438-6388

Email: Johnstown_Complaint_Referrals@metlife.com

Mail: Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

700 Quaker Lane

2nd Floor

Warwick, RI 02886

The Texas Department of Insurance

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

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

File a complaint: www.tdi.texas.gov

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

Mail: MC 111-1A, P.O. Box 149091, Austin, TX 78714-9091

Para Residentes de Texas:

¿Tiene una queja o necesita ayuda?

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

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

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

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

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

Teléfono gratuito: 1-800-438-6388

Correo electrónico: Johnstown_Complaint_Referrals@metlife.com

Dirección postal:

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company

700 Quaker Lane

2nd Floor

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El Departamento de Seguros de Texas

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

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

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

Correo electrónico: ConsumerProtection@tdi.texas.gov

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Chapter 9: Important Notifications and Disclosures

The subsection titled “Enforce Your Rights” under “Statement of ERISA Rights” has been updated as follows:

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 that you can take to enforce the above rights. For instance, if you request a copy of Plan documents or the latest annual report (Form 5500), if any, from the Plan and do not receive them within 30 days, you may file suit in federal court. In such case, the court may require NRECA, as Plan Administrator, to provide the materials and pay you up to \$171 a day, not to exceed \$1,713 per request (2022 limit, as may be indexed annually) until you receive the materials, unless the materials were not sent because of reasons beyond the control of the Plan Administrator. If you have a claim for benefits that is denied or ignored in whole or in part, and if you have exhausted the claims procedures available to you under the Plan, you may file suit in a state or federal court.

No further changes have been made your Plan’s SPD.

All other rules, provisions, definitions and benefit amounts of the SPD and Plan remain the same. If the terms of this SMM and the SPD conflict with any terms of the governing Plan document, then the terms of the governing Plan document will control in all cases.

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