## YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

American Airlines, Inc.

## Non-Contract Employees: Management Support Staff And Director Level and above

**Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits** 

Certificate Date: January 1, 2015

American Airlines, Inc. 4333 Amon Carter Blvd Md 5138 Ft. Worth, TX 76155

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.

American Airlines, Inc.



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

## **CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE**

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

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

Policyholder:	American Airlines, Inc.
Group Policy Number:	29920-G
Type of Insurance:	Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits
MetLife Toll Free Number(s): For Claim Information	FOR DISABILITY INCOME CLAIMS: 1-800-638-2242

#### THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES DISABILITY INSURANCE.

THE BENEFITS OF THE POLICY PROVIDING YOUR COVERAGE ARE GOVERNED PRIMARILY BY THE LAWS OF A STATE OTHER THAN FLORIDA.

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

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

#### For Texas Residents:

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

To obtain information or make a complaint:

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

1-800-638-2242

## Para Residentes de Texas:

## AVISO IMPORTANTE

Para obtener información o para someter una queja:

Usted puede llamar al numero de teléfono gratis de MetLife para información o para someter una queja al

1-800-638-2242

You may contact the Texas Department of Insurance to obtain information on companies, coverages, rights or complaints at Puede comunicarse con el Departamento de Seguros de Texas para obtener información acerca de 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) 475-1771

Web: http://www.tdi.state.tx.us

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

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

#### ATTACH THIS NOTICE TO YOUR CERTIFICATE:

This notice is for information only and does not become a part or condition of the attached document. Puede escribir al Departamento de Seguros de Texas

P.O. Box 149104 Austin, TX 78714-9104 Fax # (512) 475-1771

Web: http://www.tdi.state.tx.us

Email: ConsumerProtection@tdi.state.tx.us

#### DISPUTAS SOBRE PRIMAS O RECLAMOS: Si

tiene una disputa concerniente a su prima o a un reclamo, debe comunicarse con MetLife primero. Si no se resuelve la disputa, puede entonces comunicarse con el departamento (TDI).

#### UNA ESTE AVISO A SU CERTIFICADO:

Este aviso es solo para propósito de información y no se convierte en parte o condición del documento adjunto.

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL STATES

#### WORKERS' COMPENSATION

This certificate does not replace or affect any requirement for coverage by workers' compensation insurance.

#### MANDATORY DISABILITY INCOME BENEFIT LAWS

For Residents of California, Hawaii, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island and Puerto Rico This certificate does not affect any requirement for any government mandated temporary disability income benefits law.

## 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 THE METLIFE CLAIM OFFICE SHOWN ON THE EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS YOU RECEIVE AFTER FILING A CLAIM.

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 INSURANCE DEPARTMENT AT:

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

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF CONNECTICUT

#### MANDATORY REHABILITATION

This certificate contains a mandatory rehabilitation provision, which may require you to participate in vocational training or physical therapy when appropriate.

## 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 200 Park Avenue New York, New York 10166

The address of the Illinois Department of Insurance is:

Illinois Department of Insurance Public Services Division Springfield, Illinois 62767

### NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF INDIANA

Questions regarding your policy or coverage should be directed to:

## Metropolitan Life Insurance Company 1-800-638-5433

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 MASSACHUSETTS RESIDENTS

#### CONTINUATION OF DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE

- 1. If Your Disability Income 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 Disability Income 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 Disability Income 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.

### NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF UTAH

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

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

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

The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance

  \$500,000 in death benefits
  \$200,000 in cash surrender or withdrawal values

  Health Insurance

  \$500,000 in hospital, medical and surgical insurance benefits
  \$500,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
  \$500,000 in disability income insurance benefits
  \$500,000 in other types of health insurance benefits

  Annuities
  - 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.	Utah Insurance Department
60 East South Temple, Suite 500	3110 State Office Building
Salt Lake City UT 84111	Salt Lake City UT 84114-6901
(801) 320-9955	(801) 538-3800

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

## NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF VIRGINIA

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING YOUR INSURANCE

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

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

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

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

The Office of the Managed Care Ombudsman Bureau of Insurance P.O. Box 1157 Richmond, VA 23218 1-877-310-6560 - toll-free 1-804-371-9944 - locally <u>www.scc.virginia.gov</u> - web address <u>ombudsman@scc.virginia.gov</u> - email

## KEEP THIS NOTICE WITH YOUR INSURANCE PAPERS

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

MetLife Attn: Corporate Consumer Relations Department 200 Park Avenue New York, New York 10166 1-800-638-5433

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

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

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## SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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

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

### BENEFIT

### **BENEFIT AMOUNT AND HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Disability Income Insurance For You: Short Term Benefits**

For All Employees:

Weekly Benefit	66.67% of Your Predisability Earnings, subject to the INCOME WHICH WILL REDUCE YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT section. If this amount is not an even multiple of \$1.00, it will be rounded to the next higher \$1.00.
Maximum Weekly Benefit	\$4,695
Minimum Weekly Benefit	\$15, subject to the Overpayments and Rehabilitation Incentive subsections of this certificate
Elimination Period	For Injury
	• 7 days of Disability
	For Sickness
	• 7 days of Disability
Maximum Benefit Period	<ul> <li>7 days of Disability</li> <li>180 days</li> </ul>

## 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 working for the Employer on the Employer's regular work schedule, in the usual course of the Employer's business, for earnings that are paid regularly, and that You are performing the Essential Functions of Your Own Occupation. This must be done at:

- the Employer's usual place of business;
- an alternate work site at the direction of the Employer other than Your home unless clear specific expectations and duties are documented; or
- a location to which Your job requires You to travel.

You will be deemed to be Actively at Work during weekends or Employer approved vacations, holidays or business closures if You were Actively at Work on the last scheduled work day preceding such time off. Temporary and seasonal workers are excluded from coverage. Individuals whose employment status is being continued under a severance or termination agreement will not be considered Actively at Work.

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

Disabled or Disability means that You are:

- unable to perform the Essential Functions of Your Own Occupation due to Your Sickness or Injury;
- under the Regular Care of a Doctor; and

You are unable to earn:

• more than 80% of Your Pre-disability Base Weekly Income due to the same Sickness or Injury.

For purposes of determining whether a Disability is the direct result of an accidental injury, the Disability must have occurred within 90 days of the accidental injury and resulted from such injury independent of other causes.

If Your occupation requires a license, the fact that You lose Your license for any reason will not, in itself, constitute Disability.

**Domestic Partner** means each of two people, one of whom is an employee of the Policyholder, who:

- have registered as each other's domestic partner, civil union partner or reciprocal beneficiary with a government agency where such registration is available; or
- are of the same 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 6 months;
  - 4. sharing a primary residence with the other person and have been so sharing for the immediately preceding 6 months; and
  - 5. not related to the other in a manner that would bar their marriage in the jurisdiction in which they reside.

### **DEFINITIONS** (continued)

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 Texas residents **Domestic Partner** means the following:

**Domestic Partner** means each of two people, one of whom is an employee of the Policyholder, who:

- have registered as each other's domestic partner, civil union partner or reciprocal beneficiary with a government agency where such registration is available; 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 6 months;
  - 4. sharing a primary residence with the other person and have been so for the immediately preceding 6 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.

**Elimination Period** means the period of Your Disability during which We do not pay benefits. The Elimination Period begins on the day You become Disabled and continues for the period shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

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

#### Physician means:

- a person licensed to practice medicine in the jurisdiction where such services are performed; or
- any other person whose services, according to applicable law, must be treated as Physician's services for purposes of the Group Policy. Each such person must be licensed in the jurisdiction where he performs the service and must act within the scope of that license. He must also be certified and/or registered if required by such jurisdiction.

#### The term does not include:

- You;
- Your Spouse; or
- any member of Your immediate family including Your and/or Your Spouse's:
  - parents;
  - children (natural, step or adopted);
  - siblings;
  - grandparents; or
  - grandchildren.

## **DEFINITIONS** (continued)

#### Policyholder's Retirement Plan means a plan which:

- provides retirement benefits to employees; and
- is funded in whole or in part by Policyholder contributions.

#### The term does not include:

- profit sharing plans;
- thrift or savings plans;
- non-qualified plans of deferred compensation;
- plans under IRC Section 401(k) or 457;
- individual retirement accounts (IRA);
- tax sheltered annuities (TSA) under IRC Section 403(b);
- stock ownership plans; or
- Keogh (HR-10) plans.

**Predisability Earnings** means Your gross weekly income from Your Employer in effect just prior to Your date of Disability. It does not include income received from the grant, award, sale, conversion and/or exercise of shares of stock or stock options, commissions, bonuses, overtime pay, any other extra compensation, or income received from sources other than Your Employer.

If You become Disabled while You are on a covered layoff or leave of absence, We will use the Pre-disability base weekly income from Your employer in effect just prior to the date of disability will be used Your absence begins.

Pre-existing Condition means a sickness or accidental injury for which You:

- You received medical treatment, consultation, care or services, or
- Took prescription medication or had medications prescribed;

In the 3 months before Your insurance under this certificate takes effect. However, Pre-existing Condition does not include any condition for which You had tests if the condition was found not to exist.

We will not pay benefits for a Disability that results from a Pre-existing Condition; if You have been Actively at Work for less than 12 consecutive months after the date Your Disability insurance takes effect under this certificate.

The Pre-existing provision will apply to all Legacy American Airlines employees hired on or after January 1, 2015 and waived for all Legacy American Airlines employees hired prior to January 1, 2015.

**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.

## **DEFINITIONS (continued)**

Regular Care means that You:

- personally visit a Doctor as frequently as is medically required, according to generally accepted medical standards, to effectively manage and treat Your disabling condition(s); and
- are receiving the most appropriate treatment and care, which conforms with generally accepted medical standards, for Your Disability by a Doctor whose specialty or experience is the most appropriate for Your disabling condition(s), according to generally accepted medical standards.

Regular Care will not mean invasive surgery for which other treatment alternatives are available.

**Rehabilitation Program** means a program designed to assist You to return to work.

As Your file is reviewed, medical and vocation information will be analyzed to determine if rehabilitation services might help You to return to work.

Once the initial review is completed by Our Rehabilitation Program specialists working along with Your Doctor and other appropriate specialists, We may elect to offer You and pay for a Rehabilitation Program. If the Rehabilitation Program is not developed by Our Rehabilitation Program specialists, You must receive written approval from Us for the program before it begins.

- The Rehabilitation Program may include, but is not limited to, the following services:
- coordination with Your Employer to assist You to return to work;
- adaptive equipment to allow You to work;
- worksite modification to allow You to work;
- vocational evaluation to determine how Your Disability may impact Your employment options;
- job placement services;
- resume preparation;
- job seeking skills training;
- retraining for a new occupation; or
- assistance with relocation that may be part of an approved Rehabilitation Program.

If at any time, You decline to take part in or cooperate in a rehabilitation evaluation/assessment or program that We feel is appropriate for Your Disability and that has been approved by Your Doctor, Your benefit payment will end as set forth in the Date Benefit Payment Ends provision.

Sickness means illness, disease or pregnancy, including complications of pregnancy.

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

Spouse means Your lawful spouse.

We, Us and Our mean MetLife.

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

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

## ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU

#### ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)

All employees who are classified by the Contract Holder as Non-Contract Employees including Legacy US Airways and Legacy American Airlines. Temporary or seasonal employees are not included in the covered classes. Non-Contract includes Management, Support Staff and Director Level and above.

#### DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INSURANCE

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

If You are in an eligible class on January 1, 2015, You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after January 1, 2015, You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on the date You enter that class.

#### ENROLLMENT PROCESS

If You are eligible for insurance, You may enroll for such insurance by completing an enrollment form.

#### DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT

#### **Rules for Noncontributory Insurance**

When You complete the enrollment process for Noncontributory 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 Noncontributory Insurance would otherwise take effect, insurance will take effect on the day You resume Active Work.

#### Increase in Insurance

An increase in insurance, if You are Actively at Work, will take effect on the date of the increase in Your earnings.

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

#### Decrease in Insurance

A decrease in insurance due to a change in class of employee or a decrease in Your earnings will take effect on the date of change.

If You make a Written request to decrease Your insurance, that decrease will take effect as of the date of Your Written request.

Changes in Your Disability Income Insurance will only apply to Disabilities commencing on or after the date of the change.

## 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; or
- 2. the date insurance ends for Your class; or
- 3. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for You; or
- 4. the date You cease to be in an eligible class. You will cease to be in an eligible class on the date You cease Active Work in an eligible class, if You are not disabled on that date; or
- 5. the last day You are in active date employment, except as provided under the CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIIUM PAYMENT section of this certificate; or
- 6. the last day You are in Active Work due to a Disability that is not covered under this certificate.

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

#### **Reinstatement of Disability Income Insurance**

If Your insurance ends, You may become insured again as follows:

- 1. If Your insurance ends because:
  - You cease to be in an eligible class; or
  - Your employment ends; and

You become a member of an eligible class again within 31 days of the date Your insurance ended, the limitation for Pre-existing Conditions will be applied as if Your insurance had remained in effect with no interruption.

- 2. If Your insurance ends because you cease making the required premium while on an approved Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) or other legally mandated leave of absence, and you become a member of an eligible class within 31 days of the earlier of:
  - The end of the period of leave You and the Policyholder agreed upon; or
  - The end of the eligible leave period required under the FMLA or other similar legally mandated leave of absence law,

You will not have to complete a new Waiting Period or provide evidence of Your insurability.

3. In all other cases where Your insurance ends because the required premium for Your insurance has ceased to be paid, You will be required to provide evidence of Your insurability.

If You become insured again as described in either item 1 or 2 above, the limitation for Pre-existing Conditions will be applied as if Your insurance had remained in effect with no interruption.

## SPECIAL RULES FOR GROUPS PREVIOUSLY INSURED UNDER A PLAN OF DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE

To prevent a loss of insurance because of a change in insurance carriers, the following rules will apply if this Disability Income Insurance replaces a plan of group disability income insurance provided to You by the Policyholder:

**Prior Plan** means the plan of group disability income insurance provided to You by the Policyholder through another carrier on the day before the Replacement Date.

**Replacement Date** means the effective date of the Disability Income Insurance under the Group Policy.

## Rules for When Insurance Takes Effect if You were Insured Under the Prior Plan on the Day Before the Replacement Date:

- If You are Actively at Work on the day before the Replacement Date, You will become insured for Disability Income Insurance under this certificate on the Replacement Date.
- If You are <u>not</u> Actively at Work on such date because you are Disabled, You will become insured for Disability Income Insurance under this certificate on the Replacement Date.

We will credit any time You accumulated toward the Elimination Period under the Prior Plan to the satisfaction of the Elimination Period required to be met under this certificate.

Any benefits paid for such Disability will be equal to those that would have been payable to You under the Prior Plan less any amount for which the prior carrier is liable.

Benefit payments for such Disability will end on the earliest of:

- the date that payments end under the subsection DATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS END in this certificate; or
- the date that payments would have ended under the provisions of the Prior Plan of Insurance.
- If You are <u>not</u> Actively at Work on such date for any other reason, You will become insured for Disability Income Insurance under this certificate on the date you return to Active Work.

## Rules for When Insurance Takes Effect if You were <u>Not</u> Insured Under the Prior Plan on the Day Before the Replacement Date:

- You will be eligible for Disability Income Insurance under this certificate when you meet the eligibility requirements for such insurance as described in ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU; and
- We will credit any time You accumulated under the Prior Plan toward the eligibility waiting period under the Prior Plan to the satisfaction of the eligibility waiting period required to be met under this certificate.

#### **Rules for Pre-existing Conditions**

In determining whether a Disability is due to a Pre-existing Condition, We will credit You for any time You were insured under the Prior Plan. If Your Disability is due to a Pre-existing Condition as described in this certificate, but would not have been due to a pre-existing condition under the Prior Plan, We will pay a benefit equal to the lesser of:

- the benefit amount under this certificate; or
- the disability income insurance benefit that would have been payable to You under the Prior Plan.

If Your Disability would have been due to a pre-existing condition under the Prior Plan, it will be treated as having been caused by a Pre-existing Condition under this certificate.

#### Rules for Temporary Recovery from a Disability under the Prior Plan

We will waive the Elimination Period that would otherwise apply to a Disability under this certificate if You:

- received benefits for a disability that began under the Prior Plan ("Prior Plan's disability");
- returned to work as an active full-time employee prior to the Replacement Date;

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# SPECIAL RULES FOR GROUPS PREVIOUSLY INSURED UNDER A PLAN OF DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE (continued)

- become Disabled, as defined in this certificate, after the Replacement Date and within 90 days of Your return to work due to a sickness or accidental injury that is the same as or related to the Prior Plan's disability;
- are no longer entitled to benefit payments for the Prior Plan's disability since You are no longer insured under such Plan; and
- would have been entitled to benefit payments with no further elimination period under the Prior Plan, had it remained in force.

## CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT

#### 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.

#### AT THE POLICYHOLDER'S OPTION

The Policyholder has elected to continue insurance by paying premiums for employees who are not Disabled and cease Active Work in an eligible class for any of the reasons specified below.

Disability Income Insurance will continue for the following periods:

- 1. 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;
- 2. if You cease Active Work due to layoff, for a period in accordance with the Policyholder's general practice for an Employee in Your job class; or
- 3. 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.

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.

## EVIDENCE OF INSURABILITY

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

## **DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: SHORT TERM BENEFITS**

If You become Disabled while insured, Proof of Disability must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof, We will review the claim. If We approve the claim, We will pay the Weekly Benefit up to the Maximum Benefit Period shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, subject to the Date Benefit Payments End section.

To verify that You continue to be Disabled without interruption after Our initial approval of the Disability claim, We may periodically request that You send Us Proof that You continue to be Disabled. Such Proof may include physical exams, exams by independent medical examiners, in-home interviews, or functional capacity exams, as needed.

While You are Disabled, the Weekly Benefits described in this certificate will not be affected if:

- Your insurance ends; or
- the Group Policy is amended to change the plan of benefits for Your class.

#### **BENEFIT PAYMENT**

If We approve Your claim, benefits will begin to accrue on the day after the day You complete Your Elimination Period. We will pay the first Weekly Benefit one week after the date benefits begin to accrue. We will make subsequent payments weekly thereafter so long as You remain Disabled. Payment will be based on the number of days You are Disabled during each week. For any partial week of Disability, payment will be made at the daily rate of 1/7th of the Weekly Benefit payable.

We will pay Weekly Benefits to You. If You die, We will pay the amount of any due and unpaid benefits as described in the GENERAL PROVISIONS subsection entitled Disability Income Benefit Payments: Who We Will Pay.

#### **RECOVERY FROM A DISABILITY**

For purposes of this subsection, the term Active Work only includes those days You actually work.

The provisions of this subsection will not apply if Your insurance has ended and You are eligible for coverage under another group short term disability plan.

#### If You Return to Active Work Before Completing Your Elimination Period

If You return to Active Work before completing Your Elimination Period and then become Disabled, You will have to complete a new Elimination Period.

#### If You Return to Active Work After Completing Your Elimination Period

If Your current Disability is related or due to the same cause(s) as Your prior Disability for which We have made a payment:

We will treat Your current Disability as part of Your prior claim and You will not have to complete another Elimination Period if You return to Active Work for the Employer on a full-time basis for 90 consecutive days or less. Your Disability will be subject to the same terms, provisions and conditions that were used for the original Disability.

If Your current Disability is unrelated to Your prior Disability for which We have made a payment:

We will treat Your current Disability as a new claim and You will have to complete another Elimination Period. Your Disability will be subject to all of the plan provisions.

If You become covered under any other group disability plan, You will not be eligible for payments under this certificate.

## **DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: SHORT TERM BENEFITS (continued)**

#### **REHABILITATION INCENTIVES**

#### **Rehabilitation Program Incentive**

If You participate in a Rehabilitation Program, We will increase Your Weekly Benefit by an amount equal to 10% of the Weekly Benefit. We will do so before We reduce Your Weekly Benefit by any Other Income.

#### **Work Incentive**

If You work while You are Disabled and receiving Weekly Benefits, including self-employment, and Your weekly Work Earnings are 80% or less of Your Pre-disability Base Weekly Income, Your Weekly Benefit will be adjusted as follows:

- 1. Add Your weekly Work Earnings to Your Gross Weekly Benefit payment.
- 2. Compare the answer in item 1 to your Pre-disability Base Weekly Income

If the answer from item 1 is less than or equal to 100% of your Pre-disability Base Weekly Income, We will not further reduce Your Net Weekly Benefit payment. If the answer from item 1 is more than 100% of Your Pre-disability Base Weekly Income, We will subtract the amount over 100% from Your Net Weekly Benefit payment. We may require You to send Proof of Your weekly Work Earnings.

We will not pay a Weekly Benefit for any week in which Your Work Earnings exceed 80% of Your Predisability Base Weekly Earnings.

In addition, the Minimum Weekly Benefit will not apply.

If Your Work Earnings are expected to fluctuate widely from week to week, We may average Your Work Earnings over the most recent 3 weeks to determine if Your claim should continue, subject to all other terms and conditions in this certificate. If We average your Work Earnings, We will terminate Your claim if the average of Your work earnings from the last 3 weeks exceeds 80% of Your Pre-disability Base Weekly Income.

#### **Moving Expense Incentive**

If You participate in a Rehabilitation Program while You are Disabled, We may reimburse You for expenses You incur in order to move to a new residence recommended as part of such Rehabilitation Program. Such expenses must be approved by Us in advance.

You must send Proof that You have incurred such expenses for moving.

We will not reimburse You for such expenses if they were incurred for services provided by a member of Your immediate family or someone who is living in Your residence.

## DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: INCOME WHICH WILL REDUCE YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT

We will reduce Your Disability benefit by the amount of all Other Income. Other Income includes the following:

- 1. any disability or retirement benefits which You, Your Spouse or child(ren) receive because of Your disability or retirement under:
  - any state or public employee retirement or disability plan; or
  - a no-fault auto law for loss of income, excluding supplemental disability benefits;
  - any income received for disability under a group insurance policy to which the Policyholder has made a contribution, but only with respect to benefits for loss of time from work due to disability; or
  - plan or arrangement, whether insured or not, as a result of employment by or association with the Employer; or as a result of membership in or association with any groups, associations, union or other organization, including benefits required by state law or under an Employer sponsored short term disability program individually underwritten;
  - any state or government retirement system.
- 2. The gross amount that You, Your Spouse and children receive or are eligible to receive because of Your disability under:
  - the Railroad Retirement Act;
  - the Canada Pension Plan;
  - the Quebec Pension plan; or
  - any similar plan or act.

Amounts paid to Your former Spouse or to Your children living with such Spouse will not be included.

- 3. The gross amount that You receive because of Your disability from the Veteran's Administration, or any other foreign or domestic governmental agency. If Your Disability begins and You were already receiving payments from the Veteran's Administration, We will only subtract the amount of any increase in benefit that is attributed to such Disability.
- 4. The gross amount that You receive as retirement payments or the gross amount Your Spouse and children receive as retirement payments because You are receiving payments under:
  - the Railroad Retirement Act;
  - the Canada Pension Plan;
  - the Quebec Pension plan; or
  - any similar plan or act.

Benefits paid to Your former Spouse or to Your children living with such Spouse will not be included.

- 5. The amount that You:
  - receive as Disability payments under the Policyholder's Retirement Plan;
  - voluntarily elect to receive as retirement or early retirement payments under the Policyholder's Retirement Plan;
  - receive as retirement payments when You reach normal retirement age, as defined in the Policyholder's Retirement Plan;

Retirement payments will be those benefits which are paid based on Your Employer's contribution to the Policyholder's Retirement Plan. Disability benefits which reduce the retirement benefits under the plan will also be considered as a retirement benefit.

Amounts received do not include amounts rolled over or transferred to any eligible retirement plan. We will use the definition of eligible retirement plan as defined in Section 402 of the Internal Revenue Code or by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency including any future amendments which affect the definition.

6. The amount You receive under Laws providing maritime maintenance and cure.

# DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: INCOME WHICH WILL REDUCE YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT (continued)

- 7. The amount of loss of time benefits that You receive under any Salary Continuation or Accumulated Sick Leave.
- 8. The amount that You receive under any unemployment income act or law due to the end of employment with Your Employer.

With the exception of retirement payments, We will only subtract deductible sources of other income which are payable as a result of the same Disability.

We will not reduce Your payment by Your Social Security or Canada or Quebec Pension Plan retirement payments if Your Disability begins after age 65 and You were already receiving Social Security or Canada or Quebec Pension Plan retirement payments.

#### SINGLE SUM PAYMENT

If You receive Other Income in the form of a single sum payment, You must, within 10 days after receipt of such payment, give Written Proof satisfactory to Us of:

- the amount of the single sum payment;
- the amount to be attributed to income replacement; and
- the time period for which the payment applies.

When We receive such Proof, We will adjust the amount of Your Disability benefit.

If We do not receive the Written Proof described above, and We know the amount of the single sum payment, We may reduce Your Disability benefit by an amount equal to such benefit until the single sum has been exhausted.

If We adjust the amount of Your Disability benefit due to a single sum payment, the amount of the adjustment will not result in a benefit amount less than the minimum amount, except in the case of an Overpayment.

If You receive Other Income in the form of a single sum payment and We do not receive the Written Proof described above within 10 days after You receive the single sum payment, We will adjust the amount of Your Disability Benefit by the amount of such payment.

# DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: INCOME WHICH WILL NOT REDUCE YOUR DISABILITY BENEFIT (SHORT TERM OR LONG TERM)

We will not reduce Your Disability benefit to less than the Minimum Benefit shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, or by the following sources:

- 401 (k) plans;
- profit sharing plans;
- thrift plans;
- tax sheltered annuities;
- stock ownership plans;
- non-qualified plans of deferred compensation;
- pension plans for partners;
- credit disability insurance;
- franchise disability income plans;
- a retirement plan from another employer;
- individual retirement accounts (IRA);
- vacation payouts;
- disability or retirement benefits which You began receiving prior to Your Disability;
- individual disability income plans other than those plans for which Your Employer, directly or indirectly, has paid all or part of the cost or made payroll deductions.

Once We have subtracted any Other Income from Your Gross Weekly Benefit, We will not further reduce Your Short Term benefit payment due to a cost of living increase from that source.

## DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: DATE BENEFIT PAYMENTS END

Your Disability benefit payments will end on the earliest of:

- the end of the Maximum Benefit Period for Short Term Benefits shown in the Schedule of Benefits;
- if the Insurance Company determines the Employee is able to work under a modified work arrangement and he or she chooses not to do so;
- When You are able to work in Your Own Occupation by using adaptive equipment or a worksite modification that We consider appropriate for your situation and that is approved by an independent Doctor, but You choose not to;
- the date You are no longer Disabled;
- the date You die;
- the date You choose not to participate in a Rehabilitation Program that We consider appropriate for Your situation and is approved by an independent Doctor;
- the date You fail to have a medical exam requested by Us as described in the Physical Exams subsection of the GENERAL PROVISIONS section;
- the date Your Work Earnings exceed the amount allowable under the terms of this certificate.
- the date You fail to provide required Proof of continuing Disability.

While You are Disabled, the benefits described in this certificate will not be affected if:

- Your insurance ends; or
- the Group Policy is amended to change the plan of benefits for Your class.

## DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

Pre-existing Condition means a Sickness or accidental injury for which You:

- received medical treatment, consultation, care, or services; or
- took prescription medication or had medications prescribed;

in the 3 months before Your insurance under this certificate takes effect.

We will not pay benefits for a Disability that results from a Pre-existing Condition, if You have been Actively at Work for less than 12 consecutive months after the date Your Disability insurance takes effect under this certificate.

# DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: LIMITED DISABILITY BENEFITS

# For Occupational Disabilities

We will not pay benefits for any Disability:

- which happens in the course of any work performed by You for wage or profit; or
- for which You are eligible to receive under workers' compensation or a similar law.

# DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE: EXCLUSIONS

We will not pay for any Disability caused or contributed to by:

- 1. war, whether declared or undeclared, or act of war, insurrection, rebellion or terrorist act;
- 2. Your active participation in a riot;
- 3. intentionally self-inflicted injury;
- 4. of or attempt to commit or taking part in a felony;
- 5. Occupational Sickness or Injury; or
- 6. A Pre-existing Condition. See pre-existing condition definition for full exclusion explanation.

We will not pay Short Term Benefits for any Disability caused or contributed to by elective treatment or procedures, excluding organ donations, such as:

- 1. cosmetic surgery or treatment primarily to change appearance;
- 2. reversal of sterilization;
- 3. liposuction;
- 4. visual correction surgery; and
- 5. in vitro fertilization; embryo transfer procedure; or artificial insemination (excluding Disability resulting from pregnancy as a result of in vitro fertilization); and
- 6. laser vision corrective surgery.

However, pregnancies and complications from any of these procedures will be treated as a Sickness.

# FILING A DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE CLAIM: SHORT TERM BENEFITS

The Policyholder should have a supply of claim forms. Obtain a claim form from the Policyholder and fill it out carefully. Return the completed claim form with the required Proof to the Policyholder.

If You are unable to report for Active Work due to a Sickness or accidental injury, and You think that You may be Disabled, You should contact MetLife or Your benefits representative to initiate a claim. We recommend that You do so no later than 14 days after the first day You are unable to report for Active Work so that Your claim can be processed in a timely manner.

When a claimant files an initial claim for Disability Income Insurance benefits described in this certificate, both the notice of claim and the required Proof should be sent to Us within 90 days after the end of the Elimination Period.

Notice of claim and Proof for Disability Income Insurance may also be given to Us by following the steps set forth below:

# Step 1

A claimant may give Us notice by calling Us at the toll free number shown in the Certificate Face Page within 20 days of the date of a loss.

# Step 2

We will send a claim form to the claimant and explain how to complete it. The claimant should receive the claim form within 15 days of giving Us notice of claim.

#### Step 3

When the claimant receives the claim form the claimant should fill it out as instructed and return it with the required Proof described in the claim form. If the claimant does not receive a claim form within 15 days after giving Us notice of claim, Proof may be sent using any form sufficient to provide Us with the required Proof.

#### Step 4

The claimant must give Us Proof not later than 90 days after the end of the Elimination Period.

If notice of claim or Proof is not given within the time limits described in this section, the delay will not cause a claim to be denied or reduced if such notice and Proof are given within 90 days after the end of the Elimination Period or if it is not reasonably possible to give notice of claim or Proof within such period, they are given as soon as is reasonably possible thereafter.

# Items to be Submitted for a Disability Income Insurance Claim

When submitting Proof on an initial or continuing claim for Disability Income insurance, the following items may be required:

- documentation which must include, but is not limited to, the following information:
  - the date Your Disability started;
  - the cause of Your Disability;
  - the prognosis of Your Disability;
  - the continuity of Your Disability; and
- Your application for:
  - Other Benefit Sources;
  - Federal Social Security disability benefits; and
  - Workers compensation benefits or benefits under a similar law.
- Written authorization for Us to obtain and release medical, employment and financial information and any other items We may reasonably require to document Your Disability or to determine Your receipt of or eligibility for Other Benefit Sources;
- any and all medical information, including but not limited to:
  - x-ray films; and
  - photocopies of medical records, including:

# FILING A DISABILITY INCOME INSURANCE CLAIM: SHORT TERM BENEFITS (continued)

- histories,
- physical, mental or diagnostic examinations; and
- treatment notes; and
- the names and addresses of all:
  - physicians and medical practitioners who have provided You with diagnosis, treatment or consultation;
  - hospitals or other medical facilities which have provided You with diagnosis, treatment or consultation;
  - pharmacies which have filled Your prescriptions within the past three years; and
- additional proof elements as required and described within the additional plan provisions for which you are filing a claim for benefits.

**Time Limit on Legal Actions.** A legal action on a claim may only be brought against Us during a certain period. This period begins 60 days after the date Proof is filed and ends 3 years after the date such Proof is required.

# **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.

#### **Disability Income Benefit Payments: Who We Will Pay**

We will make any benefit payments during Your lifetime to You or Your legal representative as Beneficiary. Any payment made in good faith will discharge Us from liability to the extent of such payment.

Upon Your death, We will pay any amount that is or becomes due to Your designated Beneficiary. If there is no Beneficiary designated or no surviving designated Beneficiary at Your death, We may determine the Beneficiary for any amount that is or becomes due, according to the following order:

- 1. Your Spouse or Domestic Partner, if alive;
- 2. Your child(ren), if there is no surviving Spouse or Domestic Partner;
- 3. Your parent(s), if there is no surviving child(ren);
- 4. Your sibling(s), if there is no surviving parent(s);
- 5. Your estate, if there is no such surviving sibling(s).

If more than one person is eligible to receive payment, We will divide the benefit amount in equal shares.

Payment to a minor or incompetent will be made to such person's guardian. The term "children" or "child" includes natural and adopted children.

Any periodic payments owed to Your estate may be paid in a single sum.

#### 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. We will not use such statement to avoid Insurance, reduce benefits or defend a claim unless the following requirements are met:

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

# **Misstatement of Age**

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

#### Conformity with Law

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

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)**

# **Physical Exams**

If a claim is submitted for insurance benefits, We have the right to ask the insured to be examined by a Physician(s) of Our choice as often as is reasonably necessary to process the claim. We will pay the cost of such exam.

# Autopsy

We have the right to make a reasonable request for an autopsy where permitted by law. Any such request will set forth the reasons We are requesting the autopsy.

# **Overpayments for Disability Income Insurance**

# **Recovery of Overpayments**

We have the right to recover any amount that We determine to be an overpayment.

An overpayment occurs if We determine that:

- the total amount paid by Us on Your claim is more than the total of the benefits due to You under this certificate; or
- payment We made should have been made by another group plan.

If such overpayment occurs, You have an obligation to reimburse Us. Our rights and Your obligations in this regard are described in the reimbursement agreement that You are required to sign when You submit a claim for benefits under this certificate. This agreement:

- confirms that You will reimburse Us for all overpayments; and
- authorizes Us to obtain any information relating to sources of Other Income.

# How We Recover Overpayments

We may recover the overpayment from You by:

- stopping or reducing any future Disability benefits, including the Minimum Benefit, payable to You or any other payee under the Disability sections of this certificate;
- demanding an immediate refund of the overpayment from You; and
- taking legal action.

If the overpayment results from Our having made a payment to You that should have been made under another group plan, We may recover such overpayment from one or more of the following:

- any other insurance company;
- any other organization; or
- any person to or for whom payment was made.

# **GENERAL PROVISIONS (continued)**

# Lien and Repayment

If You become Disabled and You receive Disability benefits under this certificate and You receive payment from a third party for loss of income with respect to the same loss of income for which You received benefits under this certificate (for example, a judgment, settlement, payment from Federal Social Security or payment pursuant to Workers' Compensation laws), You shall reimburse Us from the proceeds of such payment up to an amount equal to the benefits paid to You under this certificate for such Disability. Our right to receive reimbursement from any such proceeds shall be a claim or lien against such proceeds and Our right shall provide Us with a first priority claim or lien over any such proceeds up to the full amount of the benefits paid to You under this certificate for such Disability. You agree to take all action necessary to enable Us to exercise Our rights under this provision, including, without limitation:

- notifying Us as soon as possible of any payment You receive or are entitled to receive from a third party for loss of income with respect to the same loss of income for which You received benefits under this certificate;
- furnishing of documents and other information as requested by Us or any person working on Our behalf; and
- holding in escrow, or causing Your legal representative to hold in escrow, any proceeds paid to You or any party by a third party for loss of income with respect to the same loss of income for which You received benefits under this certificate, up to an amount equal to the benefits paid to You under this certificate for such Disability, to be paid immediately to Us upon Your receipt of said proceeds.

You shall cooperate and You shall cause Your legal representative to cooperate with Us in any recovery efforts and You shall not interfere with Our rights under this provision. Our rights under this provision apply whether or not You have been or will be fully compensated by a third party for any Disability for which You received or are entitled to receive benefits under this certificate.

# THIS IS THE END OF THE CERTIFICATE. THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

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#### Social Security Assistance Program

If your claim for Disability benefits under this plan is approved, MetLife provides you with assistance in applying for Social Security disability benefits. Before outlining the details of this assistance, you should understand why applying for Social Security disability benefits is important.

## Why You Should Apply For Social Security Disability Benefits

Both you and your employer contribute payroll taxes to Social Security. A portion of those tax dollars are used to finance Social Security's program of disability protection. Since your tax dollars help fund this program, it is in your best interest to apply for any benefits to which you may be entitled. Your spouse and children may also be eligible to receive Social Security disability benefits due to your Disability.

There are several reasons why it may be to your financial advantage to receive Social Security disability benefits. Some of them are:

#### 1. Avoids Reduced Retirement Benefits

Should you become disabled and approved for Social Security disability benefits, Social Security will freeze your earnings record as of the date Social Security determines that your disability has begun. This means that the months/years that you are unable to work because of your disability will not be counted against you in figuring your average earnings for retirement and survivors benefit.

#### 2. Medicare Protection

Once you have received 24 months of Social Security disability benefits, you will have Medicare protection for hospital expenses. You will also be eligible to apply for the medical insurance portion of Medicare.

#### 3. Trial Work Period

Social Security provides a trial work period for the rehabilitation efforts of disabled workers who return to work while still disabled. Full benefit checks can continue for up to 9 months during the trial work period.

#### 4. Cost-of-Living Increases Awarded by Social Security Will Not Reduce Your Disability Benefits

MetLife will not decrease your Disability benefit by the periodic cost-of-living increases awarded by Social Security. This is also true for any cost-of-living increases awarded by Social Security to your spouse and children.

This is called a Social Security "freeze." It means that only the Social Security benefit awarded to you and your dependents will be used by MetLife to reduce your Disability benefit; with the following exceptions:

- a) an error by Social Security in computing the initial amount;
- b) a change in dependent status; or
- c) your Employer submitting updated earnings records to Social Security for earnings received prior to your Disability.

Over a period of years, the net effect of these cost-of-living increases can be substantial.

#### How MetLife Assists You in the Social Security Approval Process

As soon as you are approved for Disability benefits, MetLife begins assisting you with the Social Security approval process.

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## 1. Assistance Throughout the Application Process

MetLife has a dedicated team of Social Security Specialists. These Specialists, many of whom have worked for the Social Security Administration, are also located within our Claim Department. They provide expert assistance up front, offer support while you are completing the Social Security forms, and help guide you through the application process.

## 2. Guidance Through Appeal Process by Social Security Specialists

Social Security disability benefits may be initially denied, but are often approved following an appeal. If your benefits are denied, our dedicated team of Social Security Specialists provides expert assistance on an appeal if your situation warrants continuing the appeal process. They guide you through each stage of the appeal process. These stages may include:

- a) Reconsideration by the Social Security Administration
- b) Hearing before an Administrative Law Judge
- c) Review by an Appeals Council established within the Social Security Administration in Washington, D.C.
- d) A civil suit in Federal Court.

# 3. Social Security Attorneys

Depending on your individual needs, MetLife may provide a referral to an attorney who specializes in Social Security law. The Social Security approved attorney's fee is credited to the Long Term Disability overpayment, which results upon your receipt of the retroactive Social Security benefits. The attorney's fee, which is capped by Social Security law, will be deducted from the lump sum Social Security Disability benefits award and will not be used to further reduce your Long Term Disability benefit.

#### **Return To Work Program**

#### Goal of Rehabilitation

The goal of MetLife is to focus on employees' abilities, instead of disabilities. This "abilities" philosophy is the foundation of our Return to Work Program. By focusing on what employees can do versus what they can't, we can assist you in returning to work sooner than expected.

#### **Incentives For Returning To Work**

Your Disability plan is designed to provide clear advantages and financial incentives for returning to work either full-time or part-time, while still receiving a Disability benefit. In addition to financial incentives, there may be personal benefits resulting from returning to work. Many employees experience higher self-esteem and the personal satisfaction of being self-sufficient and productive once again. If it is determined that you are capable, but you do not participate in the Return to Work Program, your Disability benefits may cease.

#### **Return-to-Work Services**

As a covered employee you are automatically eligible to participate in our Return-to-Work Program. The program aims to identify the necessary training and therapy that can help you return to work. In many cases, this means helping you return to your former occupation, although rehabilitation can also lead to a new occupation which is better suited to your condition and makes the most of your abilities. There is no additional cost to you for the services we provide, and they are tailored to meet your individual needs. These services include, but are not limited to, the following:

#### 1. Vocational Analyses

Assessment and counseling to help determine how your skills and abilities can be applied to a new or a modified job with your employer.

#### 2. Labor Market Surveys

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Studies to find jobs available in your locale that would utilize your abilities and skills. Also identify one's earning potential for a specific occupation.

# 3. Retraining Programs

Programs to facilitate return to your previous job, or to train you for a new job.

#### 4. Job Modifications/Accommodations

Analyses of job demands and functions to determine what modifications may be made to maximize your employment opportunities.

This also includes changes in your job or accommodations to help you perform the previous job or a similar vocation, as required of your employer under the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

#### 5. Job Seeking Skills and Job Placement Assistance

Special training to identify abilities, set goals, develop resumes, polish interviewing techniques, and provide other career search assistance.

#### **Return-to-Work Program Staff**

The Case Manager handling your claim will coordinate return-to-work services. You may be referred to a clinical specialist, such as a Nurse Consultant, Psychiatric Clinical Specialist, or Vocational Rehabilitation Consultant, who has advanced training and education to help people with disabilities return to work. One of our clinical specialists will work with you directly, as well as with local support services and resources. They have returned hundreds of individuals to meaningful, gainful employment.

#### **Rehabilitation Vendor Specialists**

In many situations, the services of independent vocational rehabilitation specialists may be utilized. Services are obtained at no additional cost to you; MetLife pays for all vendor services. Selecting a rehabilitation vendor is based on:

- 1. attending physician's evaluation and recommendations;
- 2. your individual vocational needs; and
- 3. vendor's credentials, specialty, reputation and experience.

When working with vendors, we continue to collaborate with you and your doctor to develop an appropriate return-to-work plan.

# ERISA INFORMATION

THIS SUMMARY PLAN DESCRIPTION IS EXPRESSLY MADE PART OF THE AMERICAN AIRLINES, INC. DISABILITY 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.

## NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER

American Airlines, Inc. 4333 Amon Carter Blvd Md 5138 Ft. Worth, TX 76155 817-967-2887

#### PLAN ADMINISTRATOR NAME, BUSINESS ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

COVERAGE

American Airlines, Inc. Mail Drop 5134-HGC, P.O. Box 619616 DFW Airport, Texas 75261-9616

#### EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: 13-1502798

PLAN NUMBER

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Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits

The Group Life and Health Benefits Plan for Employees of Participating AMR Corporation Subsidiaries, ("Plan").

PLAN NAME

# TYPE OF ADMINISTRATION

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

MetLife is liable for any benefits under the Plan. The group policy specifies the time when and the circumstances under which MetLife is liable for Disability Income Insurance: Short Term Benefits.

#### AGENT FOR SERVICE OF LEGAL PROCESS

For disputes arising under the Plan, service of legal process may be made upon the Plan administrator at the above address. For disputes seeking payment of benefits, service of legal process may be made upon MetLife by serving MetLife's designated agent to accept service of process.

#### 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 subsection of Your certificate, you may still be eligible to receive benefits. The circumstances under which benefits are available are described in Your MetLife certificate.

#### PLAN YEAR

The Plan's fiscal records are kept on a Plan year basis beginning each January 12th and ending on the following December 12th.

#### QUALIFIED DOMESTIC RELATIONS ORDERS/QUALIFIED MEDICAL CHILD SUPPORT ORDERS

You and your beneficiaries can obtain, without charge, from the Plan Administrator a copy of any procedures governing Qualified Domestic Relations Orders (QDRO) and Qualified Medical Child Support Orders (QMCSO).

#### **CLAIMS INFORMATION**

#### **Disability Benefits Claims**

#### **Routine Questions**

If there is any question about a claim payment, an explanation may be requested from the Employer who is usually able to provide the necessary information.

#### **Claim Submission**

For claims for disability benefits, the claimant must report the claim to MetLife and, if requested, complete the appropriate claim form. The claimant must also submit the required proof as described in the "Filing A Claim" section of the certificate.

Claim forms requested by MetLife must be submitted in accordance with the instructions on the claim form.

#### **Initial Determination**

After you submit a claim for disability benefits to MetLife, MetLife will review your claim and notify you of its decision to approve or deny your claim.

Such notification will be provided to you within a reasonable period, not to exceed 45 days from the date you submitted your claim; except for situations requiring an extension of time because of matters beyond the control of the Plan, in which case MetLife may have up to two (2) additional extensions of 30 days each to provide you such notification. If MetLife needs an extension, it will notify you prior to the expiration of the initial 45 day period (or prior to the expiration of the first 30 day extension period if a second 30 day extension period is needed), state the reason why the extension is needed, and state when it will make its determination. If an extension is needed because you did not provide sufficient information or filed an incomplete claim, the time from the date of MetLife's notice requesting further information and an extension until MetLife receives the requested information does not count toward the time period MetLife is allowed to notify you as to its claim decision. You will have 45 days to provide the requested information from the date you receive the extension notice requesting further information from the date you receive the extension notice requesting further information from the date you receive the extension notice requesting further information from MetLife.

If MetLife denies your claim in whole or in part, the notification of the claims decision will state the reason why your claim was denied and reference the specific Plan provision(s) on which the denial is based. If the claim is denied because MetLife did not receive sufficient information, the claims decision will describe the additional information needed and explain why such information is needed. Further, if an internal rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria was relied upon in making the denial, the claims decision will state the rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria was relied upon and that you may request a copy free of charge.

#### **Appealing the Initial Determination**

If MetLife denies your claim, you may appeal the decision. Upon your written request, MetLife will provide you free of charge with copies of documents, records and other information relevant to your claim. You must submit your appeal to MetLife at the address indicated on the claim form within 180 days of receiving MetLife's decision. Appeals must be in writing and must include at least the following information:

- Name of Employee
- Name of the Plan
- Reference to the initial decision
- An explanation why you are appealing the initial determination

As part of your appeal, you may submit any written comments, documents, records, or other information relating to your claim.

After MetLife receives your written request appealing the initial determination, MetLife will conduct a full and fair review of your claim. Deference will not be given to the initial denial, and MetLife's review will look at the claim anew. The review on appeal will take into account all comments, documents, records, and other information that you submit relating to your claim without regard to whether such information was submitted or considered in the initial determination. The person who will review your appeal will not be the same person as the person who made the initial decision to deny your claim. In addition, the person who is reviewing the appeal will not be a subordinate of the person who made the initial decision to deny your claim. If the initial denial is based in whole or in part on a medical judgment, MetLife will consult with a health care professional with appropriate training and experience in the field of medicine involved in the medical judgment. This health care professional will not have consulted on the initial determination, and will not be a subordinate of any person who was consulted on the initial determination.

MetLife will notify you in writing of its final decision within a reasonable period of time, but no later than 45 days after MetLife's receipt of your written request for review, except that under special circumstances MetLife may have up to an additional 45 days to provide written notification of the final decision. If such an extension is required, MetLife will notify you prior to the expiration of the initial 45 day period, state the reason(s) why such an extension is needed, and state when it will make its determination. If an extension is needed because you did not provide sufficient information, the time period from MetLife's notice to you of the need for an extension to when MetLife receives the requested information does not count toward the time MetLife is allowed to notify you of its final decision. You will have 45 days to provide the requested information from the date you receive the notice from MetLife.

If MetLife denies the claim on appeal, MetLife will send you a final written decision that states the reason(s) why the claim you appealed is being denied and references any specific Plan provision(s) on which the denial is based. If an internal rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria was relied upon in denying the claim on appeal, the final written decision will state the rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol, guideline or other criteria or indicate that such rule, protocol,

# 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.

#### **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, 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 Benefits 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 descriptions. 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.

#### **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 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 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.

In addition, if you disagree with the Plan's decision or lack thereof concerning the qualified status of a domestic relations order or a medical child support order, you may file suit in a 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.

#### FUTURE OF THE PLAN

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

The Board of Directors of American Airlines, Inc. shall be empowered to amend or terminate the Plan or any benefit under the Plan at any time.