

YOUR BENEFIT PLAN

Voluntary Benefits Plan

All Full-Time Members in Good Standing residing in California

High Plan and Low Plan without Orthodontia

Dental Insurance for You and Your Dependents

Certificate Date: January 1, 2018



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

CERTIFICATE RIDER

Group Policy No.: 122705-2-G
Policyholder: MetLife Illinois MULTIPLE ASSOCIATION BENEFITS TRUST
Effective Date: January 1, 2018

The Group Dental Insurance Certificate is changed as follows:

To add the following definition of Child to the certificate:

Child means the following:

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

An adopted child includes a child placed in Your physical custody for purpose of adoption. If prior to completion of the legal adoption the child is removed from Your custody, the child's status as an adopted child will end.

If You provide Us notice, a Child also includes a child for whom You must provide Dental Insurance due to a Qualified Medical Child Support Order as defined in the United States Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 as amended.

For the purposes of determining who may become covered for insurance, the term does not include any person who:

- is on active duty in the military of any country or international authority; however, active duty for this purpose does not include weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; or
- is insured under the Group Policy as a Member

This rider is to be attached to and made a part of the Certificate.



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

CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE

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

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

Policyholder:	U.S. Bank National Association, as Trustees of the MetLife Illinois Multiple Association Benefits Trust
Participating Association	American Postal Workers Union
Group Policy Number:	122705-2-G
Type of Insurance:	Dental Insurance
MetLife Toll Free Number(s): For Claim Information	FOR DENTAL CLAIMS: 1-800-422-4492

THIS CERTIFICATE ONLY DESCRIBES DENTAL INSURANCE.

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.

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.

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NOTICE FOR DENTAL INSURANCE

Notice Regarding Your Rights and Responsibilities

Rights:

- We will treat communications, financial records and records pertaining to Your care in accordance with all applicable laws relating to privacy.
- Decisions with respect to dental treatment are the responsibility of You and the Dentist. We neither require nor prohibit any specified treatment. However, only certain specified services are covered for benefits. Please see the Dental Insurance sections of this certificate for more details.
- You may request a pre-treatment estimate of benefits for the dental services to be provided. However, actual benefits will be determined after treatment has been performed.
- You may request a written response from MetLife to any written concern or complaint.
- You have the right to receive an explanation of benefits which describes the benefit determinations for Your dental insurance.

Responsibilities:

- You are responsible for the prompt payment of any charges for services performed by the Dentist. If the dentist agrees to accept part of the payment directly from MetLife, You are responsible for prompt payment of the remaining part of the dentist's charge.
- You should consult with the Dentist about treatment options, proposed and potential procedures, anticipated outcomes, potential risks, anticipated benefits and alternatives. You should share with the Dentist the most current, complete and accurate information about Your medical and dental history and current conditions and medications.
- You should follow the treatment plans and health care recommendations agreed upon by You and the Dentist.

NOTICE FOR RESIDENTS OF CALIFORNIA

IMPORTANT NOTICE

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

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

1-800-438-6388

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

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

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

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

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SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

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

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

BENEFIT

BENEFIT AMOUNT AND HIGHLIGHTS

Dental Insurance For You and Your Dependents

High Option:

Covered Percentage for:

Covered Percentage of the Reasonable and Customary Charge for:

Type A Covered Services

100%

Type B Covered Services

80%

Type C Covered Services

50%

Deductibles for:

Yearly Individual Deductible

\$100 for the following Covered Services Combined:
Type B; Type C Covered Services

Yearly Family Deductible

\$300 for the following Covered Services Combined:
Type B; Type C Covered Services

Maximum Benefit:

Yearly Individual Maximum

\$1,500 for the following Covered Services: Type A;
Type B; Type C Covered Services

Benefit Waiting Periods

Type A Covered ServicesNo waiting period

Type B Covered ServicesNo waiting period

Type C Covered Services12 month waiting period

SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS (continued)

Low Option:

Covered Percentage for:	Covered Percentage of the Reasonable and Customary Charge for:
Type A Covered Services	100%
Type B Covered Services	50%
Type C Covered Services	50%

Deductibles for:

Yearly Individual Deductible	\$100 for the following Covered Services Combined: Type B; Type C Covered Services
Yearly Family Deductible	\$300 for the following Covered Services Combined: Type B; Type C Covered Services

Maximum Benefit:

Yearly Individual Maximum	\$1,500 for the following Covered Services: Type A; Type B; Type C Covered Services
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Benefit Waiting Periods

Type A Covered Services	No waiting period
Type B Covered Services	No waiting period
Type C Covered Services	18 month waiting period

DEFINITIONS

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

Actively at Work or Active Work means that You are performing all of the usual and customary duties of Your job on a Full-Time basis. This must be done at:

- the employer's place of business;
- an alternate place approved by the employer; or
- a place to which the employer's business 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.

Administrator means Alliant/Voluntary Benefits Plan.

Cast Restoration means an inlay, onlay, or crown.

Certificateholder means a member of an eligible class who is insured under the Group Policy. If an insured member of an eligible class dies and a surviving Spouse elects to continue Dependent Insurance in effect on the date of the insured member's death, such surviving Spouse will be deemed the Certificateholder thereafter for purposes of determining payment of benefits. Only Dependents covered on the date of the insured member's death are eligible for continued coverage.

Child - For the Child Definition, please refer to the Child Definition Rider in the front of this certificate.

Contributory Insurance means insurance for which the Participating Association requires You to pay any part of the premium.

Contributory Insurance includes: Dental Insurance.

Covered Percentage means the percentage of the Reasonable and Customary Charge that We will pay for Covered Services after any required Deductible.

Covered Service means a dental service used to treat Your or Your Dependent's dental condition which is:

- prescribed or performed by a Dentist while such person is insured for Dental Insurance;
- Dentally Necessary to treat the condition; and
- described in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS or DENTAL INSURANCE sections of this certificate.

Deductible means the amount You or Your Dependents must pay before We will pay for Covered Services.

Dental Hygienist means a person trained to:

- remove calcareous deposits and stains from the surfaces of teeth; and
- provide information on the prevention of oral disease.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

Dentally Necessary means that a dental service or treatment is performed in accordance with generally accepted dental standards and is:

- necessary to treat decay, disease or injury of the teeth; or
- essential for the care of the teeth and supporting tissues of the teeth.

Dentist means:

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

For purposes of Dental Insurance, the term will include a Physician who performs a Covered Service.

Dentures means fixed partial dentures (bridgework), removable partial dentures and removable full dentures.

Dependent(s) means Your Spouse and/or Child.

Domestic Partner means each of two people, one of whom is a Member of the Participating Association, 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 relationship between the employee and the employee's domestic partner must be completed and Signed by the Member. The declaration must establish that each person has either a substantial interest in the other engendered by love and affection; or a lawful and substantial economic interest in the continued life, health or bodily safety of each other, as distinguished from an interest which would arise only by, or would be enhanced in value by, the death, disablement or injury of the other person.

Full-Time means Active Work of at least 20 hours per week on the employer's regular work schedule for the eligible class of employees to which You belong.

Member a person who is a member in good standing with the American Postal Workers Union.

Participating Association means the American Postal Workers Union.

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DEFINITIONS (continued)

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.

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.

Reasonable and Customary Charge is the lower of:

- the Dentist's actual charge for the services or supplies (or, if the provider of the service or supplies is not a Dentist, such other provider's actual charge for the services or supplies) (the 'Actual Charge'); or
- the usual charge of other Dentists or other providers in the same geographic area equal to the 90th percentile of charges as determined by MetLife based on charge information for the same or similar services or supplies maintained in MetLife's Reasonable and Customary Charge records (the 'Customary Charge'). Where MetLife determines that there is inadequate charge information maintained in MetLife's Reasonable and Customary Charge records for the geographic area in question, the Customary Charge will be determined based on actuarially sound principles.

An example of how the 90th percentile is calculated is to assume one hundred (100) charges for the same service are contained in MetLife's Reasonable and Customary charge records. These one hundred (100) charges would be sorted from lowest to highest charged amount and numbered 1 through 100. The 90th percentile of charges is the charge that is equal to the charge numbered 90.

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

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

For the purposes of determining who may become covered for insurance, the term does not include any person who:

- is on active duty in the military of any country or international authority; however, active duty for this purpose does not include weekend or summer training for the reserve forces of the United States, including the National Guard; or
- is insured under the Group Policy as a Member.

DEFINITIONS (continued)

We, Us and Our mean MetLife.

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

Year or Yearly, for Dental Insurance, means the 12 month period that begins January 1.

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

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU

ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES)

All Full-Time members in good standing residing in California.

High Plan and Low Plan without Orthodontia

You are eligible for insurance if You were Actively at Work and covered for insurance on the day immediately preceding the date of Your retirement and have retired in accord with the employer's retirement plan. Please be aware that:

- references to Active Work and Actively at Work will not apply; and
- end of employment will mean the end of the person's status as a retiree, as stated in the employer's retirement plan.

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, 2018, You will be eligible for the insurance described in this certificate on that date.

If You enter an eligible class after January 1, 2018, You will be eligible for insurance on the date when first premium is collected.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR DENTAL INSURANCE

If You are eligible for insurance, You may enroll for such insurance by completing the required form in Writing. If You enroll for Contributory Insurance, You must also give the Administrator Written permission to deduct premiums from Your pay for such insurance. You will be notified how much You will be required to contribute.

DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT

Rules for Contributory Insurance

When You complete the enrollment process for Contributory Dental Insurance, such insurance will take effect on the latest of:

- the date You become eligible for such insurance;
- the date You enroll; and
- the date You satisfy the benefit waiting periods as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

provided You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You are not Actively at Work on that date, such insurance will take effect on the later of:

- the day You return to Active Work; and
- the date You satisfy the benefit waiting periods as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU (continued)

DATE YOUR INSURANCE ENDS

Your insurance will end on the earliest of:

1. the date the Group Policy ends;
2. the date insurance ends for Your class;
3. the date You cease to be in an eligible class;
4. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid for You;
5. the date You cease to be a Member; or
6. the date the Participating Association ceases to participate in the Trust.

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

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

ELIGIBLE CLASS(ES) FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE

All Full-Time members in good standing residing in California.

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DATE YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR DEPENDENT INSURANCE

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

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

1. January 1, 2018; and
2. the date You enter a class eligible for insurance; and
3. the date You obtain a Dependent; and
4. the date when first premium is collected.

No person may be insured as a Dependent of more than one Member.

ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR DEPENDENT DENTAL INSURANCE

If You are eligible for Dependent Insurance, You may enroll for such insurance by completing the required form in Writing for each Dependent to be insured. If You enroll for Contributory Insurance, You must also give the Administrator Written permission to deduct premiums from Your pay for such insurance. You will be notified how much You will be required to contribute.

In order to enroll for Dental Insurance for Your Dependents, You must either (a) already be enrolled for Dental Insurance for You or (b) enroll at the same time for Dental Insurance for You.

DATE YOUR INSURANCE TAKES EFFECT FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS

Rules for Contributory Insurance

When You complete the enrollment process for Contributory Dependent Dental Insurance, such insurance will take effect on the latest of:

- the date You become eligible for such insurance;
- the date You enroll; and
- the date You satisfy the benefit waiting periods as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS

provided You are Actively at Work on that date.

If You are not Actively at Work on that date, such insurance will take effect on the later of:

- the day You return to Active Work; and
- the date You satisfy the benefit waiting periods as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS (continued)

DATE YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ENDS

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

1. the date You die, except that insurance for a surviving Spouse will continue.
2. the date Dental Insurance for You ends;
3. the date You cease to be in an eligible class;
4. the date the Group Policy ends;
5. the date insurance for Your Dependents ends under the Group Policy;
6. the date insurance for Your Dependents ends for Your class;
7. the end of the period for which the last premium has been paid; or
8. the date the person ceases to be a Dependent, except that for Utah residents the coverage on a Child will cease at the end of the month in which that person ceases to be a Dependent.

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

SPECIAL RULES FOR GROUPS PREVIOUSLY COVERED UNDER OTHER GROUP DENTAL COVERAGE

The following rules will apply if this Dental Insurance replaces other group dental coverage provided to You by the Policyholder.

Prior Plan means the group dental coverage provided to You by the Policyholder on the day before the Replacement Date.

Replacement Date means the effective date of this Dental Insurance under the Group Policy.

Rules if You or You and Your Dependents were Covered Under the Prior Plan on the Day Before the Replacement Date:

1. if You and Your Dependents were covered under the Prior Plan on the day before the Replacement Date, You will be eligible for this Dental Insurance on the Replacement Date if You are in an eligible class on such date;
2. if any of the following conditions occurred while coverage was in effect under the Prior Plan, We will treat such conditions as though they occurred while this Dental Insurance is in effect:
 - the loss of a tooth; and
 - the accumulation of amounts toward:
 - a) Annual Deductibles;
 - b) Annual Maximum Benefits;
3. if a dental service was received while the Prior Plan was in effect and such service would be a Covered Service subject to frequency and/or time limitations if performed while this Dental Insurance is in effect, the receipt of such prior service will be counted toward the time and frequency limitations under this Dental Insurance;
4. if a government mandated continuation of coverage under the Prior Plan was in effect on the Replacement Date, such coverage may be continued under this Dental Insurance if the required payment is made for the cost of such coverage. In such case, benefits will be available under this Dental Insurance until the earlier of:
 - the date the continued coverage ends as set forth in the provisions of the government-mandated requirements; or
 - the date this Dental Insurance ends.

Rules if You or You and Your Dependents were NOT covered under the Prior Plan on the Day Before the Replacement Date:

1. You will be eligible for this Dental Insurance when You meet the eligibility requirements for such insurance as described in ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOU;
2. Your Dependents will be eligible for this Dental Insurance when they meet the eligibility requirements for such insurance as described in ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS; and
3. We will credit any time accumulated toward any eligibility waiting period under the Prior Plan to the satisfaction of any eligibility waiting period required to be met under this Dental Insurance.

CONTINUATION OF INSURANCE WITH PREMIUM PAYMENT

FOR MENTALLY OR PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN

Insurance for a Dependent Child may be continued past the age limit if the child is incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical handicap as defined by applicable law. Proof of such handicap must be sent to Us within 31 days after the date the Child attains the age limit and at reasonable intervals after such date.

Subject to the DATE YOUR INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS ENDS subsection of the section entitled ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS: INSURANCE FOR YOUR DEPENDENTS, insurance will continue while such Child:

- remains incapable of self-sustaining employment because of a mental or physical handicap; and
- continues to qualify as a Child, except for the age limit.

FOR FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

Certain leaves of absence may qualify for continuation of insurance under the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993 (FMLA), or other legally mandated leave of absence or similar laws. Please contact Your employer for information regarding such legally mandated leave of absence laws.

AT YOUR OPTION: CONTINUATION OF YOUR DENTAL INSURANCE DURING A LABOR DISPUTE

You may elect to continue Your Dental Insurance if You cease to be Actively at Work as the result of a labor dispute. Your Dental Insurance will continue for up to 6 months if the following conditions are met:

- at least 75% of the Employees eligible to continue their Dental Insurance elect to continue this insurance for such time period; and
- You pay the required premium for Your Dental Insurance.

If continued, Your Dental Insurance will end if:

- Premium payment is required and You fail to pay premiums for such insurance;
- the number of Employees who elect to continue such insurance falls below 75% of all employees eligible to continue this insurance for such time period; or
- You cease to be eligible to continue Your Dental Insurance under this section and You do not immediately resume Active Work in a class that is eligible for Dental Insurance.

CAL-COBRA CONTINUATION FOR DENTAL INSURANCE

If Dental Insurance for You or a Dependent ends, You or Your Dependent may qualify for continuation of such insurance under Cal-Cobra, section 10128.50 et seq. of the California Insurance Code.

Events that Allow Continuation, and Length of Continuation

You and Your Dependent may continue Dental insurance under This plan for a period of up to 36 months, if Your Dental insurance would otherwise end because:

1. Your employment ends for any reason other than Your gross misconduct, or
2. Your hours worked are reduced.

The employer must notify us of Your termination or reduction of hours within 31 days after Your termination or reduction of hours.

Your Dependent may continue coverage under this plan for up to 36 months if Your Dependent's Dental insurance would otherwise end because of:

1. Your divorce,
2. Your legal separation,
3. Your death or
4. Your becoming eligible for Medicare,

Also, Your Dependent Child may continue coverage under this plan for up to 36 months if such Child's insurance would otherwise end because that Child no longer qualifies as a Dependent under the terms of this plan.

New Dependents

During the continuation period, a Child of Yours that is:

1. born;
2. adopted by You; or
3. placed with You for adoption,

will be treated as if the Child were a Dependent at the time insurance was lost due to an event described above. To obtain insurance for the Child You must enroll the Child for coverage within 30 days of the birth, adoption or placement for adoption.

Termination of Coverage

With respect to each person who continues insurance, the continued insurance will end on the earliest of:

1. the end of the 36 month continuation period;
2. the date of expiration of the last period for which the required payment was made;
3. the date this plan or coverage for Your class is cancelled;
4. the date the person becomes entitled to Medicare;
5. the date a person becomes covered by another group benefit plan that does not have an exclusion or limitation for preexisting conditions that applies to the person;
6. the date a person becomes covered or could become covered by Federal Cobra (Section 4980B of the United States Internal Revenue Code);

CAL-COBRA CONTINUATION FOR DENTAL INSURANCE (continued)

7. the date a person becomes covered or could become covered under a plan governed by Chapter 6A of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 300bb-1 et seq., relating to Requirements for Certain Group Health Plans for Certain State and Local Employees;
8. The first day of the first month that begins more than 31 days after the date of final determination under Title I or Title XVI of the Social Security Act that the person is no longer disabled.

Notice and Election of Coverage

When You or Your Dependent become entitled to continue insurance under the plan because of:

- Your termination or
- Your reduction of hours worked,

We will send You, at Your last known address, the necessary premium information and enrollment forms and disclosures within 14 days. You or Your Dependent will then have 60 days to elect to continue insurance from the latest of:

1. the date of the event that gives a right to continue coverage;
2. the date You are given notice of a right to continue coverage; and
3. the date coverage under this plan ends.

When You or Your Dependent become entitled to continue insurance under the plan because of:

1. You or Your Dependent receipt of a determination of disability under the terms of the Social Security Act,
2. Your Dependent Child's ceasing to qualify as a Dependent under this plan,
3. Your divorce,
4. Your legal separation,
5. Your death, or
6. Your becoming eligible for Medicare.

You or Your Dependent must notify us within 60 days. If We do not receive notice within 60 days, the person or persons who would otherwise have been entitled to continued insurance will be disqualified from having dental insurance continued. You or Your Dependent notice and request for continued insurance must be in writing and delivered to Us by first class mail or other reliable means of delivery including personal delivery, express mail, or private courier company.

Cost of Continued Insurance

Any person who elects to continue insurance under the plan must pay not more than 110% of the full cost of that insurance (including both the share You now pay and the share Your Policyholder now pays).

Premium Payment

The first premium payment must be made within 45 days of Your election to continue insurance. Your first premium payment must be sufficient to pay all required premiums and all premiums due. The premium payment must be sent to Us by first class mail, certified mail or other reliable means of delivery, including personal delivery, express mail or private courier company. After the first premium payment Your payments for continued coverage must be made on the first day of each month in advance. Failure to submit the correct premium amount within the 45-day period will disqualify the person(s) to whom the premium relates from receiving continued insurance.

CAL-COBRA CONTINUATION FOR DENTAL INSURANCE (continued)

Exceptions

This right to continue coverage under This plan does not apply:

1. to a person who is not a resident of California;
2. to a person who is covered by or eligible to be covered by Medicare;
3. to a person who is covered or who becomes covered by another group benefit plan that does not have an exclusion or limitation for preexisting conditions that applies to the person;
4. to a person who is covered, or becomes covered or could become covered by Federal Cobra (Section 4980B of the United States Internal Revenue Code);
5. to a person who is covered, or becomes covered or could become covered under a plan governed by Chapter 6A of the Public Health Service Act, 42 U.S.C. Section 300bb-1 et seq., relating to Requirements for Certain Group Health Plans for Certain State and Local Employees;
6. to a person who fails to meet any one or more of the time limits set forth above for notice and election of coverage;
7. to a person who fails to submit the correct premium when or before it is due;
8. if at the time coverage under this plan ends the Policyholder has 20 or more employees; or
9. if the Policyholder fails to notify Us of Your termination or reduction in hours within 31 days.

DENTAL INSURANCE

If You or a Dependent incur a charge for a Covered Service, Proof of such service must be sent to Us. When We receive such Proof, We will review the claim and if We approve it, We will pay the insurance in effect on the date that service was completed.

BENEFIT AMOUNTS

We will pay benefits in an amount equal to the Covered Percentage for charges incurred by You or a Dependent for a Covered Service as shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS, subject to the conditions set forth in this certificate.

The amount We will pay for a Covered Services will be based on the Reasonable and Customary Charge.

If a Dentist performs a Covered Service, You will be responsible for paying:

- the Deductible;
- any other part of the Reasonable and Customary Charge for which We do not pay benefits; and
- any amount in excess of the Reasonable and Customary Charge charged by the Dentist.

Deductibles

The Deductible amounts are shown in the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS.

The Yearly Individual Deductible is the amount that You and each Dependent must pay for Covered Services to which such Deductible applies each Year before We will pay benefits for such Covered Services.

We apply amounts used to satisfy Yearly Individual Deductibles to the Yearly Family Deductible. Once the Yearly Family Deductible is satisfied, no further Yearly Individual Deductibles are required to be met.

The amount We apply toward satisfaction of a Deductible for a Covered Service is the amount We use to determine benefits for such service. The Deductible Amount will be applied based on when Dental Insurance claims for Covered Services are processed by Us. The Deductible Amount will be applied to Covered Services in the order that Dental Insurance claims for Covered Services are processed by Us regardless of when a Covered Service is "incurred". When several Covered Services are incurred on the same date and Dental Insurance benefits are claimed as part of the same claim, the Deductible Amount is applied based on the Covered Percentage applicable to each Covered Service. The Deductible Amount will be applied in the order of highest Covered Percentage to lowest Covered Percentage.

Alternate Benefit

If it is determined according to generally accepted dental standards that a service, less costly than the Covered Service the Dentist performed could have been performed to treat a dental condition, We will pay benefits based upon the less costly service if such service:

- would produce a professionally acceptable result under generally accepted dental standards; and
- would qualify as a Covered Service.

For example:

- when an amalgam filling and a composite filling are both professionally acceptable methods for filling a molar, We may base Our benefit determination upon the amalgam filling which is the less costly service;
- when a filling and an inlay are both professionally acceptable methods for treating tooth decay or breakdown, We may base Our benefit determination upon the filling which is the less costly service;
- when a filling and a crown are both professionally acceptable methods for treating tooth decay or breakdown, We may base Our benefit determination upon the filling which is the less costly service; and
- when a partial denture and fixed bridgework are both professionally acceptable methods for replacing multiple missing teeth in an arch, We may base Our benefit determination upon the partial denture which is the less costly service.

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If We pay benefits based upon a less costly service in accordance with this subsection, the Dentist may charge You or Your Dependent for the difference between the service that was performed and the less costly service.

Certain comprehensive dental services have multiple steps associated with them. These steps can be completed at one time or during multiple sessions. For benefit purposes under this certificate, these separate steps of one service are considered to be part of the more comprehensive service. Even if the dentist submits separate bills, the total benefit payable for all related charges will be limited by the maximum benefit payable for the more comprehensive service. For example, root canal therapy includes x-rays, opening of the pulp chamber, additional x-rays, and filling of the chamber. Although these services may be performed in multiple sessions, they all constitute root canal therapy. Therefore, We will only pay benefits for the root canal therapy.

Pretreatment Estimate of Benefits

If a planned dental service is expected to cost more than \$300, You have the option of requesting a pretreatment estimate of benefits. The Dentist should submit a claim detailing the services to be performed and the amount to be charged. After We receive this information, We will provide You with an estimate of the Dental Insurance benefits available for the service. The estimate is not a guarantee of the amount We will pay. Under the Alternate Benefit provision, benefits may be based on the cost of a service other than the service that You choose. You are required to submit Proof on or after the date the dental service is completed in order for Us to pay a benefit for such service.

The pretreatment estimate of benefits is only an estimate of benefits available for proposed dental services. You are not required to obtain a pretreatment estimate of benefits. As always, You or Your Dependent and the Dentist are responsible for choosing the services to be performed.

Benefits We Will Pay After Insurance Ends

We will pay benefits for a 31 day period after Your insurance ends for the completion of installation of a prosthetic device if:

- the Dentist prepared the abutment teeth or made impressions before Your insurance ends; and
- the device is installed within 31 days after the date the insurance ends.

We will pay benefits for a 31 day period after Your insurance ends for the completion of installation of a Cast Restoration if:

- the Dentist prepared the tooth for the Cast Restoration before Your insurance ends; and
- the Cast Restoration is installed within 31 days after the date the insurance ends.

We will pay benefits for a 31 day period after Your insurance ends for completion of root canal therapy if:

- the Dentist opened into the pulp chamber before Your insurance ends; and
- the treatment is finished within 31 days after the date the insurance ends.

DENTAL INSURANCE: DESCRIPTION OF COVERED SERVICES

Type A Covered Services

1. Oral exams and problem-focused exams, but no more than two exams (whether the exam is an oral exam or problem-focused exam) in a Year.
2. Screenings, including state or federally mandated screenings, to determine an individual's need to be seen by a dentist for diagnosis, but no more than twice in a Year.
3. Patient assessments (limited clinical inspection that is performed to identify possible signs of oral or systemic disease, malformation, or injury, and the potential need for referral for diagnosis and treatment), but no more than twice in a Year.
4. Full mouth or panoramic x-rays once every Year.
5. Bitewing x-rays 2 sets in a Year.
6. Cleaning of teeth also referred to as oral prophylaxis (including full mouth scaling in presence of generalized moderate or severe gingival inflammation after oral evaluation) twice in a Year.
7. Emergency treatment for the alleviation of pain.
8. Emergency palliative treatment and other non-routine, unscheduled visits.
9. Topical fluoride treatment for a Child under age 18, once in 12 months.
10. Fixed and removable appliances for correction of harmful habits for a Child under age 16.

Type B Covered Services

1. Intraoral-periapical x- rays.
2. X-rays, except as mentioned elsewhere.
3. Pulp vitality tests and bacteriological studies for determination of bacteriologic agents.
4. Collection and preparation of genetic sample material for laboratory analysis and report, but no more than once per lifetime.
5. Diagnostic casts.
6. Amalgam fillings.
7. Resin-based composite fillings.
8. Protective (sedative) fillings.
9. Biopsies of hard or soft oral tissue.
10. Oral surgery, except as mentioned elsewhere in this certificate.
11. Consultations for interpretation of diagnostic image by a Dentist not associated with the capture of the image, but not more than once in a 12 month period.
12. Other consultations, but not more than once in a 12 month period.
13. Simple extractions.
14. Surgical extractions.
15. Simple repairs of Cast Restorations or Dentures other than recementing.
16. Space maintainers for a Child under age 16, once per lifetime per tooth area.
17. Application of desensitizing medicaments where periodontal treatment (including scaling, root planing, and periodontal surgery, such as osseous surgery) has been performed.
18. Office visits, but not more than once in a 12 month period.
19. Restoration of tooth structure damaged by attrition, abrasion or erosion caused by disease.

DENTAL INSURANCE: DESCRIPTION OF COVERED SERVICES (continued)

20. Synthetic restorations to restore diseased or accidentally broken teeth.

- Silicate cement
- Acrylic
- Plastic
- Porcelain fillings or
- Composite resin.

Type C Covered Services

Certain benefit waiting periods may need to be satisfied before expenses for these services are payable. Refer to the SCHEDULE OF BENEFITS for the benefit waiting period that applies.

1. Pulp capping (excluding final restoration).
2. Therapeutic pulpotomy (excluding final restoration).
3. Pulp therapy.
4. Apexification/recalcification.
5. Pulpal regeneration, but not more than once per lifetime.
6. General anesthesia or intravenous sedation in connection with oral surgery, extractions or other Covered Services, when We determine such anesthesia is necessary in accordance with generally accepted dental standards., for example when it is Dentally Necessary because the covered person is under the age of 7 or physically or developmentally disabled.
7. Local chemotherapeutic agents.
8. Injections of therapeutic drugs.
9. Initial installation of full or partial Dentures (other than implant supported prosthetics):
 - when needed to replace congenitally missing teeth; or
 - when needed to replace teeth that are lost while the person receiving such benefits was insured for Dental Insurance.
10. Addition of teeth to a partial removable Denture to replace teeth removed while this Dental Insurance was in effect for the person receiving such services.
11. Replacement of a non-serviceable fixed Denture if such Denture was installed more than 5 Years prior to replacement.
12. Replacement of a non-serviceable removable Denture if such Denture was installed more than 5 Years prior to replacement.
13. Replacement of an immediate, temporary, full Denture with a permanent, full Denture, if the immediate, temporary, full Denture cannot be made permanent and such replacement is done within 12 months of the installation of the immediate, temporary, full Denture.
14. Relinings and rebasings of existing removable Dentures but not more than once in any 12 month period.
15. Re-cementing of Cast Restorations or Dentures.
16. Adjustments of Dentures, if at least 6 months have passed since the installation of the Denture and not more than once in any 6 month period.
17. Initial installation of Cast Restorations (except implant supported Cast Restorations).
18. Replacement of Cast Restorations (except an implant supported Cast Restoration) but only if at least a 5 Year period have passed since the most recent time that:
 - a Cast Restoration was installed for the same tooth; or
 - a Cast Restoration for the same tooth was replaced.
19. Prefabricated crown, but no more than one replacement for the same tooth within 5 Years.

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20. Core buildup, but no more than once per tooth in a period of 5 Years.
21. Posts and cores, but no more than once per tooth in a period of 5 Years.
22. Root canal treatment, including bone grafts and tissue regeneration procedures in conjunction with periradicular surgery.
23. Other endodontic procedures, such as apicoectomy, retrograde fillings, root amputation, and hemisection.
24. Periodontal scaling and root planning, but not more 4 quadrants in any 24 month period.
25. Full mouth debridements, but not more than once in any 12 month period, 12 months apart from prophylaxis.
26. Periodontal surgery, including gingivectomy, gingivoplasty and osseous surgery, but no more than one surgical procedure in 4 quadrants in any 24 month period.
24. Periodontal maintenance, where periodontal treatment (including scaling, root planing, and periodontal surgery, such as gingivectomy, gingivoplasty and osseous surgery) has been performed. Periodontal maintenance is limited to two times in any Year less the number of teeth cleanings received during such 1 Year period.
28. Tissue conditioning, but not more than 2 treatments per arch in a 12 month period.
25. Occlusal adjustments, but not more than once in a 12 month period.
30. Appliances or treatment for bruxism (grinding teeth), including but not limited to occlusal guards and night guards for a Child under age 16, once per lifetime.

DENTAL INSURANCE: EXCLUSIONS

We will not pay Dental Insurance benefits for charges incurred for:

1. services which are not Dentally Necessary, or those which do not meet generally accepted standards of care for treating the particular dental condition;
2. services for which You would not be required to pay in the absence of Dental Insurance;
3. services or supplies received by You or Your Dependent before the Dental Insurance starts for that person;
4. services which are neither performed nor prescribed by a Dentist, except for those services of a licensed Dental Hygienist which are supervised and billed by a Dentist, and which are for:
 - scaling and polishing of teeth; or
 - fluoride treatments;
5. services which are primarily cosmetic;
6. services or appliances which restore or alter occlusion or vertical dimension;
7. restorations or appliances used for the purpose of periodontal splinting;
8. counseling or instruction about oral hygiene, plaque control, nutrition and tobacco;
9. personal supplies or devices including, but not limited to: water piks, toothbrushes, or dental floss;
10. decoration or inscription of any tooth, device, appliance, crown or other dental work;
11. missed appointments;
12. services:
 - covered under any workers' compensation or occupational disease law;
 - covered under any employer liability law;
 - for which the employer of the person receiving such services is required to pay; or
 - received at a facility maintained by the Participating Association, labor union, mutual benefit association, or VA hospital;
13. services covered under other coverage provided by the Policyholder;
14. temporary or provisional restorations;
15. temporary or provisional appliances;
16. prescription drugs;
17. services for which the submitted documentation indicates a poor prognosis;
18. the following, when charged by the Dentist on a separate basis:
 - claim form completion;
 - infection control, such as gloves, masks, and sterilization of supplies; or
 - local anesthesia, non-intravenous conscious sedation or analgesia, such as nitrous oxide;
19. dental services arising out of accidental injury to the teeth and supporting structures, except for injuries to the teeth due to chewing or biting of food;
20. caries susceptibility tests;
21. sealants or sealant repairs;
22. preventive resin restorations;
23. interim caries arresting medicament application;
24. implant supported Cast Restorations;
25. labial veneers;

DENTAL INSURANCE: EXCLUSIONS (continued)

26. modification of removable prosthodontic and other removable prosthetic services;
27. implants including, but not limited to any related surgery, placement, maintenance, and removal;
28. implant supported Dentures;
29. repair of implants;
30. initial installation of a Denture to replace one or more teeth which were missing before such person was insured for Dental Insurance, except for congenitally missing teeth;
31. precision attachments associated with fixed and removable prostheses;
32. adjustment of a Denture made within 6 months after installation by the same Dentist who installed it;
33. duplicate prosthetic devices or appliances;
34. replacement of a lost or stolen appliance, Cast Restoration or Denture;
35. orthodontic services or appliances;
36. repair or replacement of an orthodontic device;
37. diagnosis and treatment of temporomandibular joint disorders and cone beam imaging associated with the treatment of temporomandibular joint disorders;
38. cleaning and inspection of a removable appliance;
39. other fixed Denture prosthetic services not described elsewhere;
40. intra and extraoral photographic images.

DENTAL INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

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

DEFINITIONS

In this section, the terms set forth below have the following meanings:

Allowable Expense means a necessary dental expense for which both of the following are true:

- a covered person must pay it; and
- it is at least partly covered by one or more of the Plans that provide benefits to the covered person.

If a Plan provides fixed benefits for specified events or conditions (instead of benefits based on expenses incurred), such benefits are Allowable Expenses.

If a Plan provides benefits in the form of services, We treat the reasonable cash value of each service performed as both an Allowable Expense and a benefit paid by that Plan.

The term does not include:

- any amount of expenses in excess of the higher reasonable and customary fee for a service, if two or more Plans compute their benefit payments on the basis of reasonable and customary fees;
- any amount of expenses in excess of the higher negotiated fee for a service, if two or more Plans compute their benefit payments on the basis of negotiated fees; and
- any amount of benefits that a Primary Plan does not pay because the covered person fails to comply with the Primary Plan's managed care or utilization review provisions, these include provisions requiring:
 - second surgical opinions;
 - pre-certification of services;
 - use of providers in a Plan's network of providers; or
 - any other similar provisions.

We won't use this provision to refuse to pay benefits because an HMO member has elected to have dental services provided by a non-HMO provider and the HMO's contract does not require the HMO to pay for providing those services.

Claim Determination Period means a period that starts on any January 1 and ends on the next December 31. A Claim Determination Period for any covered person will not include periods of time during which that person is not covered under This Plan.

Custodial Parent means a Parent awarded custody, other than joint custody, by a court decree. In the absence of a court decree, it means the Parent with whom the child resides more than half of the Year without regard to any temporary visitation.

HMO means a Health Maintenance Organization or Dental Health Maintenance Organization.

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

DENTAL INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)

Plan means any of the following, if it provides benefits or services for an Allowable Expense:

- a group insurance plan;
- an HMO;
- a blanket plan;
- uninsured arrangements of group or group type coverage;
- a group practice plan;
- a group service plan;
- a group prepayment plan;
- any other plan that covers people as a group; and
- any other coverage required or provided by any law or any governmental program.

The term does not include any of the following:

- automobile insurance;
- individual or family insurance or subscriber contracts;
- individual or family coverage through closed panel Plans or other prepayment, group practice or individual practice Plans;
- hospital indemnity coverage;
- a school blanket plan that only provides accident-type coverage on a 24 hour basis, or a "to and from school basis," to students in a grammar school, high school or college;
- disability income protection coverage;
- accident only coverage;
- specified disease or specified accident coverage;
- nursing home or long term care coverage; or
- any government program or coverage if, by state or Federal law, its benefits are excess to those of any private insurance plan or other non-government plan.

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

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

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

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

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

DENTAL INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)

HOW COORDINATION OF BENEFITS AFFECT THE BENEFIT PAYMENTS OF PRIMARY AND SECONDARY PLANS

A Primary Plan pays benefits as if the Secondary Plans do not exist.

A Secondary Plan pays benefits for the lesser of:

1. the Allowable Expenses for Covered Dental Services

minus

the benefits payable for those Covered Dental Services by all Plans which are Primary Plans relative to the Secondary Plan; and

2. what it would pay if it were the Primary Plan.

Benefits payable under all other Plans include all benefits that would be payable if the proper claims had been made on time.

RULES TO DECIDE WHICH PLAN IS PRIMARY

When more than one Plan covers the person for whom Allowable Expenses were incurred, We determine which plan is primary by applying the rules in this section.

When there is a basis for claim under This Plan and another Plan, This Plan is Secondary unless:

- the other Plan has rules coordinating its benefits with those of This Plan; and
- this Plan is primary under This Plan's rules.

The first rule below, which will allow Us to determine which Plan is Primary, is the rule that We will use.

Dependent or Non-Dependent: A Plan that covers a person other than as a dependent (for example, as an employee, member, subscriber, or retiree) is Primary and shall pay its benefits before a Plan that covers the person as a dependent; except that if the person is a Medicare beneficiary and, as a result of federal law or regulations, Medicare is:

- Secondary to the Plan covering the person as a dependent; and
- Primary to the Plan covering the person as other than a dependent (e.g., a retired employee);

then the order of benefits between the two Plans is reversed and the Plan that covers the person as a dependent is Primary.

Child Covered Under More Than One Plan – Court Decree: When This Plan and another Plan cover the same Child as the Dependent of two or more Parents, and the specific terms of a court decree state that one of the Parents must provide health coverage or pay for the Child's health care expenses, that Parent's Plan is Primary, if the Plan has actual knowledge of those terms. This rule applies to Claim Determination Periods that start after the Plan is given notice of the court decree.

DENTAL INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)

Child Covered Under More Than One Plan – The Birthday Rule: When This Plan and another Plan cover the same Child as the Dependent of two or more Parents, the Primary Plan is the Plan of the Parent whose birthday falls earlier in the Year if:

- the Parents are married; or
- the Parents are not separated (whether or not they have ever married); or
- a court decree awards joint custody without specifying which Parent must provide health coverage.

If both Parents have the same birthday, the Plan that covered either of the Parents longer is the Primary Plan.

However, if the other Plan does not have this rule, but instead has a rule based on the gender of the parent, and if, as a result, the Plans do not agree on the order of benefits, the rule in the other Plan will determine the order of benefits.

Child Covered Under More than One Plan – Custodial Parent: When This Plan and another Plan cover the same Child as the Dependent of two or more Parents, if the Parents are not married, or are separated (whether or not they ever married), or are divorced, the Primary Plan is:

- the Plan of the Custodial Parent; then
- the Plan of the spouse of the Custodial Parent; then
- the Plan of the non-custodial Parent; and then
- the Plan of the spouse of the non-custodial Parent.

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

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

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

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

INFORMATION NEEDED TO APPLY COORDINATION OF BENEFITS

We need certain information to apply the Coordination of Benefits rules. For example, we may seek to obtain information related to the presence of other dental coverage applicable to the covered person, information needed to determine which plan is primary, and information regarding how much is payable in benefits under each plan. We may obtain facts from, or give them to, any other organization as necessary to apply this Coordination of Benefits provision, and We will do so in compliance with all applicable laws.

DENTAL INSURANCE: COORDINATION OF BENEFITS (continued)

FACILITY OF PAYMENT

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

RIGHT OF RECOVERY

If the amount We pay is more than We should have paid under this Coordination of Benefits provision, We may recover the excess from one or more of:

- the person We have paid or for whom We have paid;
- insurance companies; or
- other organizations.

The amount of the payment includes the reasonable cash value of any benefits provided in the form of services.

FILING A CLAIM

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 Administrator. The Policyholder will certify Your insurance under the Group Policy and send the certified claim form and Proof to Us.

Alliant/Voluntary Benefits Plan
P.O. Box 12009, Cheshire, CT 06410

For Dental Insurance, all claim forms needed to file for benefits under the group insurance program can be obtained by calling MetLife at 1-800-422-4492. Dental claim forms can also be downloaded from www.metlife.com/dental. The instructions on the claim form should be followed carefully. This will expedite the processing of the claim.

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

CLAIMS FOR DENTAL INSURANCE BENEFITS

When a claimant files a claim for Dental Insurance benefits described in this certificate, both the notice of claim and the required Proof should be sent to Us within 90 days of the date of a loss.

Claim and Proof may be given to Us by following the steps set forth below:

Step 1

A claimant can request a claim form by calling Us at 1-800-422-4492.

Step 2

We will send a claim form to the claimant within 15 days of the request. The instructions on the claim form should be followed carefully. This will expedite the processing of the 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.

Step 4

The claimant must give Us Proof not later than 90 days after the date of the loss.

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 as soon as is reasonably possible.

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.

DENTAL INSURANCE: PROCEDURES FOR DENTAL CLAIMS

Procedures for Presenting Claims for Dental Insurance Benefits

All claim forms needed to file for Dental Insurance benefits under the group insurance program can be obtained from the Administrator who can also answer questions about the insurance benefits and to assist You or, if applicable, Your beneficiary in filing claims. Dental claim forms can also be downloaded from www.metlife.com/dental. The instructions on the claim form should be followed carefully. This will expedite the processing of the claim. Be sure all questions are answered fully.

Routine Questions on Dental Insurance Claims

If there is any question about a claim payment, an explanation may be requested from MetLife by dialing 1-800-422-4492.

Claim Submission

For claims for Dental Insurance benefits, the claimant must complete the appropriate claim form and submit the required Proof as described in the FILING A CLAIM section of the certificate.

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

Initial Determination

After You submit a claim for Dental Insurance 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 30 day period from the date You submitted Your claim; except for situations requiring an extension of time of up to 15 days because of matters beyond the control of MetLife. If MetLife needs such an extension, MetLife will notify You prior to the expiration of the initial 30 day period, 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 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 criterion 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.

DENTAL INSURANCE: PROCEDURES FOR DENTAL CLAIMS (continued)

Appealing the Initial Determination

If MetLife denies Your claim, You may take two appeals of the initial determination. 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 Member
- Name of the Plan
- Reference to the initial decision
- Whether the appeal is the first or second appeal of the initial determination
- An explanation why You are appealing the initial determination.

As part of each 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 or determination on the first appeal, MetLife will conduct a full and fair review of Your claim. Deference will not be given to initial denials, 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 dentistry involved in the 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 30 days after MetLife's receipt of Your written request for review, except that under special circumstances MetLife may have up to an additional 30 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 30 day period, state the reason(s) why such an extension is needed, and state when it will make its determination.

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 criterion 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 was relied upon and that You may request a copy free of charge. Upon written request, MetLife will provide You free of charge with copies of documents, records and other information relevant to Your claim.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Assignment

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

Upon receipt of a Covered Service, You may assign Dental Insurance benefits to the Dentist providing such service.

Dental Insurance: Who We Will Pay

If You assign payment of Dental Insurance benefits to Your or Your Dependent's Dentist, We will pay benefits directly to the Dentist. Otherwise, We will pay Dental Insurance benefits to You.

Entire Contract

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

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

Incontestability: Statements Made by You

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

Evidence of insurability will not be required nor will any statement made by You, which relates to insurability, be used:

1. to contest the validity of the insurance benefits; or
2. to reduce the insurance benefits.

Conformity with Law

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

Overpayments

Recovery of Dental Insurance Overpayments

We have the right to recover any amount that We determine to be an overpayment, whether for services received by You or Your Dependents.

An overpayment occurs if We determine that:

- the total amount paid by Us on a claim for Dental Insurance 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.

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How We Recover Overpayments

We may recover the overpayment from You by:

- stopping or reducing any future benefits payable for Dental Insurance;
- 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.

THIS IS THE END OF THE CERTIFICATE.

THE FOLLOWING IS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Uniformed Services Employment And Reemployment Rights Act

This section describes the right that you may have to continue coverage for yourself and your covered dependents under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act of 1994 (USERRA).

Continuation of Group Dental Insurance:

If you take a leave from employment for “service in the uniformed services,” as that term is defined in USERRA, and as a consequence your dental insurance coverage under your employer’s group dental insurance policy ends, you may elect to continue dental insurance for yourself and your covered dependents, for a limited period of time, as described below.

The law requires that your employer notify you of your rights, benefits and obligations under USERRA including instructions on how to elect to continue insurance, the amount and procedure for payment of premium. If permitted by USERRA, your employer may require that you elect to continue coverage within a period of time specified by your employer.

You may be responsible for payment of the required premium to continue insurance. If your leave from employment for service in the uniformed services lasts less than 31 days, your required premium will be no more than the amount you were required to pay for dental insurance before the leave began; for a leave lasting 31 or more days, you may be required to pay up to 102% of the total dental insurance premium, including any amount that your employer was paying before the leave began.

Your and your covered dependents’ insurance that is continued pursuant to USERRA will end on the earliest of the following:

- the end of 24 consecutive months from the date your leave from employment for service in the uniformed services begins; or
- the day after the date on which you fail to apply for, or return to employment, in accordance with USERRA.

You and your covered dependent may become entitled to continuation of coverage under the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (“COBRA”) while you have dental insurance coverage under your employer’s group dental insurance policy pursuant to USERRA. Contact your employer for more information.