

Dougherty County Board of Education – Retirees Plan Benefits

Explore the coverage that helps you give yourself and your loved ones more security today...and in the future.

Basic Life Insurance

Your employer provides you with Basic Life insurance coverage in the amount of \$20,000.

Once Enrolled, You have Access to MetLife AdvantagesSM - Services to Help Navigate What Life May Bring

This insurance offering from your employer and MetLife comes with a variety of added features that can provide assistance to you and your family members today and during a difficult time.

Grief Counseling¹

To help you, your dependents, and your beneficiaries cope with loss

You, your dependents, and your beneficiaries have access to grief counseling¹ sessions and funeral related concierge services to help cope with a loss – at no extra cost. Grief counseling services provide confidential and professional support during a difficult time to help address personal and funeral planning needs. At your time of need, you and your dependents have 24/7 access to a work/life counselor. You simply call a dedicated 24/7 toll-free number to speak with a licensed professional experienced in helping individuals who have suffered a loss. Sessions can either take place in-person or by phone. You can have up to five face-to-face grief counseling sessions per event to discuss any situation you perceive as a major loss, including but not limited to death, bankruptcy, divorce, terminal illness, or losing a pet¹. In addition, you have access to funeral assistance for locating funeral homes and cemetery options, obtaining funeral cost estimates and comparisons, and more. You can access these services by calling 1-888-319-7819 or log on to www.metlifegc.lifeworks.com (Username: metlifeassist; Password: support).

Download this helpful Funeral Planning Guide at www.metlife.com/funeralguide.

Funeral Discounts and Planning Services²

Ensuring your final wishes are honored

As a MetLife group life policyholder, you and your family may have access to funeral discounts, planning and support to help honor a loved one's life - at no additional cost to you. Dignity Memorial provides you and your loved ones access to discounts of up to 10% off of funeral, cremation and cemetery services through the largest network of funeral homes and cemeteries in the United States.

When using a Dignity Memorial Network you have access to convenient planning services - either online at www.finalwishesplanning.com, by phone (1-866-853-0954), or by paper - to help make final wishes easier to manage. You also have access to assistance from compassionate funeral planning experts to help guide you and your family in making confident decisions when planning ahead as well as bereavement travel services - available 24 hours, 7 days a week, 365 days a year - to assist with time-sensitive travel arrangements to be with loved ones.

Employee Assistance Program⁴

For those times you may need help with life's challenges.

You and the members of your household will have access to the Employee Assistance Program (EAP) to help with the everyday challenges of life that may affect your health, family life and desire to excel at work. You are entitled to a maximum of 5 consultations with a licensed clinician per incident per individual per calendar year. And depending on your plan, you can choose between telephonic consultations for maximum convenience or web-video consultations for convenience with the warmth of a face-to-face conversation.

Additionally, you can access a web service to offer you a private, online solution to work, life and health challenges.

You can access these services by calling 1-888-319-7819 or log on to www.metlifeeap.lifeworks.com (Username: metlife1; Password: eap).

Life Settlement Account⁵

For immediate access to death proceeds

The Total Control Account[®] (TCA) settlement option provides your loved ones with a safe and convenient way to manage the proceeds of a life claim payment of \$5,000 or more, backed by the financial strength and claims paying ability of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. TCA death claim payments relieve beneficiaries of the need to make immediate decisions about what to do with a lump-sum check and enable them to have the flexibility to access funds as needed while earning a guaranteed minimum interest rate on the proceeds as they assess their financial situations. Call 1-800-638-7283 for more information about options available to you.

WillsCenter.com⁷

Self-service online legal document preparation

Employees and spouses have access to WillsCenter.com, an online document service to prepare and update a will, living will, power of attorney, funeral directive, memorandum of wishes or HIPAA authorization form in a secure 24/7 environment at no additional cost. This service is available with all life coverages. Log on to www.willscenter.com to register as a new user.

Digital Storage⁸

MetLife Infinity is a resource that can help you create a digital legacy for your beneficiaries, estate administrators and others who play important roles in your major life events. It is available to anyone regardless of your affiliation with MetLife. MetLife Infinity offers a unique way to capture and securely store your important documents, audio files, photos, and videos. Items you can store using MetLife Infinity include deeds, wills and executor instructions and financial and life stage planning documents. Once you've captured your digital legacy, MetLife Infinity allows you to designate individuals to receive your collection electronically in the event of your death or at another time you indicate. To access MetLife Infinity, visit <https://metlifeinfinity.com> to register and learn more.

Portability

So you can keep your coverage even if you leave your current employer

Should you leave Dougherty County Board of Education and your basic insurance under this plan terminates, you will have an opportunity to continue group term coverage ("portability") under a different policy, subject to plan design and state availability. Rates will be based on the experience of the ported group, and MetLife will bill you directly. Rates may be higher than your current rates. To take advantage of this feature, you must have coverage of at least \$10,000 up to a maximum of \$2,000,000.

Generally, there is no minimum time for you to be covered by the plan before you can take advantage of the portability feature. Please see your employer or certificate for specific details.

If you experience an event that makes you eligible for portability, please call a MetLife representative at 1-888-252-3607 or contact your employer for more information.

Additional Features

This insurance offering from your employer and MetLife comes with additional features that can provide assistance to you and your family.

Accelerated Benefits Option⁹

For access to funds during a difficult time

If you become terminally ill and are diagnosed with 12 months or less to live, you have the option to receive up to 80% of your life insurance proceeds. This can help your family meet medical and other expenses at a difficult time. Amounts not accelerated will continue under your employer's plan for as long as you remain eligible per the certificate requirements and as long as the group policy remains in effect.

The accelerated life insurance benefits offered under your certificate are intended to qualify for favorable tax treatment under Section 101(g) of the Internal Revenue Code (26 U.S.C. Sec 101(g)).⁹

Accelerated Benefits Option is not the same as long term care insurance (LTC).

Conversion

For protection after your coverage terminates

You can generally convert your group term life insurance benefits to an individual whole life insurance policy if your coverage terminates in whole or in part due to your retirement, termination of employment, or change in employee class. Conversion is available on all group life insurance coverages. If you experience an event that makes you eligible to convert your coverage, please call 1-877-275-6387 to begin the conversion process. Please contact your plan employer for more information.

Waiver of Premiums for Total Disability (Continued Protection)

Offering continued coverage when you need it most

If you become Totally Disabled, you may qualify to continue certain insurance. You may also be eligible for waiver of your basic term life insurance premium until you reach age 65, die, or recover from your disability, whichever is sooner.

Total Disability or Totally Disabled means you are unable to do your job and any other job for which you are fit by education, training or experience due to injury or sickness. The Total Disability must begin before age 60, and your waiver will begin after you have satisfied a 9-month waiting period of continuous disability. The waiver of premium will end when you turn age 65, die, or recover. Please note that this benefit is only available after you have participated in the term life plan for one year and it is not available on dependent coverage. This one-year requirement applies to new participants in the plan.

Additional Coverage Information

How To Apply:*

Complete your enrollment form and return it to your Human Resources Manager today! Be sure to indicate your Beneficiary. You may apply for life insurance coverage quickly and securely online using the "MyBenefits" website from MetLife. It's easy to use. Just go to www.metlife.com/mybenefits.

⁹Coverage will either be approved by MetLife based upon its underwriting rules and your answers or you will be asked to submit a Statement of Health to complete your application for coverage.

*All applications are subject to review and approval by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company based upon its underwriting rules.

Who Can Be A Designated Beneficiary?

You can select any beneficiary(ies) other than your employer, and you may change your beneficiary(ies) at any time. You can also designate more than one beneficiary.

About Your Coverage Effective Date

You must be Actively at Work on the date your coverage is scheduled to become effective.

If Actively at Work requirements are met, coverage will become effective on the first of the month following the receipt of your completed application for all requests that do not require additional medical information. A request for an amount that requires additional medical information and is not approved by the date listed above will not be effective until the later of: (1) the date that MetLife approves the coverage or increase if you meet Actively at Work requirements on that date, or (2) the date that Actively at Work requirements are met after MetLife has approved the coverage or increase.

1 Grief Counseling services are provided through an agreement with LifeWorks US Inc. LifeWorks is not an affiliate of MetLife, and the services LifeWorks provides are separate and apart from the insurance provided by MetLife. LifeWorks has a nationwide network of over 30,000 counselors. Counselors have master's or doctoral degrees and are licensed professionals. The Grief Counseling program does not provide support for issues such as: domestic issues, parenting issues, or marital/relationship issues (other than a finalized divorce). For such issues, members should inquire with their human resources department about available company resources. This program is available to insureds, their dependents and beneficiaries who have received a serious medical diagnosis or suffered a loss. Events that may result in a loss are not covered under this program unless and until such loss has occurred. Services are not available in all jurisdictions and are subject to regulatory approval. Not available on all policy forms.

2 Services and discounts are provided through a member of the Dignity Memorial® Network, a brand name used to identify a network of licensed funeral, cremation and cemetery providers that are affiliates of Service Corporation International (together with its affiliates, "SCI"), 1929 Allen Parkway, Houston, Texas. The online planning site is provided by SCI Shared Resources, LLC. SCI is not affiliated with MetLife, and the services provided by Dignity Memorial members are separate and apart from the insurance provided by MetLife. Not available in some states. Planning services, expert assistance, and bereavement travel services are available to anyone regardless of affiliation with MetLife. Discounts through Dignity Memorial's network of funeral providers are pre-negotiated. Not available where prohibited by law. If the group policy is issued in an approved state, the discount is available for services held in any state except KY and NY, or where there is no Dignity Memorial presence (AK, MT, ND, SD, and WY). For MI and TN, the discount is available for "At Need" services only. Not approved in AK, FL, KY, MT, ND, NY and WA.

4 EAP services provided through an agreement with LifeWorks. LifeWorks is not a subsidiary or affiliate of MetLife. Information disclosed directly to LifeWorks is not disclosed to MetLife, and therefore is not subject to MetLife's privacy policy.

5 Subject to state law, and/or group policyholder requests, the Total Control Account (TCA) is provided for all Life and AD&D benefits of \$5,000 or more. The TCA is not insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any government agency. The assets backing TCAs are maintained in MetLife's general account and are subject to claims of MetLife's creditors. MetLife bears the investment risk of the assets backing TCAs, and expects to receive a profit. Regardless of the investment experience of such assets, the interest credited to TCAs will never fall below the guaranteed minimum rate. Guarantees are subject to the financial strength and claims paying ability of MetLife.

7 WillsCenter.com is a document service provided by SmartLegalForms, Inc., an affiliate of Epoq Group, Ltd. SmartLegalForms, Inc. is not affiliated with MetLife and the WillsCenter.com service is separate and apart from any insurance or service provided by MetLife. The WillsCenter.com service does not provide access to an attorney, does not provide legal advice, and may not be suitable for your specific needs. Please consult with your financial, legal, and tax advisors for advice with respect to such matters.

8 MetLife Infinity is offered by MetLife Corporate Services, Inc., an affiliate of Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

9 The Accelerated Benefits Option is subject to state availability and regulation. The accelerated life insurance benefits offered under your certificate are intended to qualify for favorable federal tax treatment. If the accelerated benefits qualify for favorable tax treatment, the benefits will be excludable from your income and not subject to federal taxation.

This information was written as a supplement to the marketing of life insurance products. Tax laws relating to accelerated benefits are complex and limitations may apply. You are advised to consult with and rely on an independent tax advisor about your own particular circumstances.

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

This summary provides an overview of your plan's benefits. These benefits are subject to the terms and conditions of the contract between MetLife and Dougherty County Board of Education and are subject to each state's laws and availability. Specific details regarding these provisions can be found in the booklet certificate.

Like most group insurance policies, insurance policies offered by MetLife contain certain exclusions, exceptions, waiting periods, reductions, limitations and terms for keeping them in force. Ask your MetLife group representative for costs and complete details.

Life coverage is provided under a group insurance policy (Policy Form GPNP99) issued to your employer by MetLife. Life coverage under your employer's plan terminates when your Life contribution ceases, or upon termination of the group contract. Should your life insurance coverage terminate for reasons other than non-payment of premium, you may convert it to a MetLife individual permanent policy without providing medical evidence of insurability.

