

Standard Insurance Company Life Benefits Department 888.394.6270 Tel PO Box 2800 Portland OR 97208-2800

MERS Municipal Employees' Retirement System

Municipal Employees' Retirement System

of Michigan

Accelerated Benefit

Instructions

Note to Employer: In order to complete this form, you will need your group policy number. If you do not know this number, please call 800.290.1445.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- 1. The receipt of an Accelerated Benefit may be taxable and may affect your eligibility for Medicaid or other government benefits or entitlements. If you meet the definition of "terminally ill individual" in the Internal Revenue Code Section 101, your accelerated benefit may be non-taxable. You should consult your personal tax advisor and/or legal advisor before you apply for an Accelerated Benefit.
- 2. Your Group Policy provides a benefit which allows you to receive an early payment of a portion of your group life insurance once during your lifetime, if you meet certain requirements. Please consult the Accelerated Benefit provision of your certificate for details.
- 3. To be eligible for this benefit, you must have at least \$10,000 group life insurance and you must have a Qualifying Medical Condition as defined in the group policy. If you have questions regarding the Qualifying Medical Conditions, please contact your employer or our office.
- 4. If you are eligible for this benefit, you may apply to receive part of your Life Insurance Benefit as an accelerated benefit.
- 5. In order to apply for the benefit, you must submit a completed claim packet. Your claim packet consists of four forms. All questions on these forms are important. Please answer them to the best of your ability. If a section does not apply to you, or the information is unavailable, please indicate that in the space provided.

The four forms in your claim packet are:

1. Employee's Statement/Consent To Payment

You must fill out this Statement completely. If not enough space is given on the form, please use an additional sheet. Remember to sign and date the Statement. An unsigned Statement will be returned for your signature.

2. Authorization To Obtain Information

Please sign and date this form and attach it to the Employee's Statement. Your signature on this form enables Standard Insurance Company (The Standard) to obtain the information necessary to determine your eligibility for this benefit. The authorization also allows us to release this information to other parties for purposes specified on the authorization. You will receive a copy of this authorization upon your request.

3. Attending Physician's Statement

Part A should be completed by you.

The remainder of the form should be completed by your physician. If you have seen more than one physician for your disability, a statement should be completed by each one. Your physician(s) should mail the completed form directly to The Standard.

4. Employer's Statement

This form should be completed entirely by your employer. Please see that your employer returns the form to The Standard.

You are responsible for making sure all required forms are completed and returned to our office. Processing of your claim will begin when all completed forms are received. Should you have any questions, our office is available to assist you.

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Please make sure that you have answered all questions completely and accurately. If there are unanswered questions, the review of your claim may be delayed. An Employer's Statement and Attending Physician's Statement must also be submitted to The Standard.

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Full Name			
Street Address			
City	S	State ZIP	
Phone () Birthdate		Social Security No	
Marital Status ☐ Single ☐ Married ☐ Widowed ☐ Divorced			
Have you received a Certificate of Insurance, brochure or other written dea	scription of the Accelerated	Benefit? ☐ Yes ☐ No	
Name of Employer Municipal Employees' Retirement System of	Michigan F	Policy No. 642946	
Street Address			
City	S	State ZIP	
Date Hired			
Have you stopped working? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, last day at wor	k		
Job Title/Describe job duties			
Are you self-employed at any activity? ☐ Yes ☐ No Are	you covered under more tha	an one group life	
insurance policy issued by Sta			☐ Yes ☐ N
Are you now working at your occupation or another occupation? \square Yes \square No \square Have you applied for waiver o		remium?	☐ Yes ☐ N
Describe your present medical condition.			
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lease provide the following information regarding any physicians w	ho have treated you. Atta	ch a sebarate sheet for ac	lditional physi
Physician's Name			
Street Address			
City			
Phone () Date first consulted			
Please indicate if you are currently confined to a hospital $\ \square$ Yes $\ \square$ No	=		
If you answered yes, please provide the date confinement began	Is	s confinement permanent?	☐ Yes ☐ No
Please provide the name and address of hospital or nursing home.			
Name			
Street	City	State 7IF	<u> </u>

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Claimant's Name_ Are you currently receiving in-home care? ☐ Yes ☐ No If yes, care is Full-time Part-time Please describe type of care and by whom provided. What amount of accelerated benefit are you claiming? 10% minimum* \$5,000 minimum* 25% minimum* \$250,000 maximum* 50% maximum* \$500,000 maximum* 75% maximum* Subject to the terms in your policy, the minimums and maximums indicated here may vary. Please read the Accelerated Benefit provision in your Certificate of Insurance. Is part or all of your Life Insurance required to be paid to your children, spouse or former spouse as a part of Are you married and living in a community-property state (Arizona, California, Idaho, Louisiana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Washington or Wisconsin)? If yes, your spouse must complete the attached written consent for payment of an Accelerated Benefit. If yes, the assignee must complete the attached written consent for payment of an Accelerated Benefit. (An assignment is a transfer of your rights under this policy; it does not refer to your beneficiary designation.) If yes, the trustee in bankruptcy or other official of the Bankruptcy Court must complete the attached written consent for payment of an Accelerated Benefit. (If you are covered under a policy issued in CT, IL, or TX, you are not required to respond.) Are you required by a government agency to use the Accelerated Benefit to apply for, receive, or continue a government benefit or entitlement? (If you are covered under a policy issued in CT, you are not required to respond.) Have you made application to convert or have you converted all or part of your coverage under the Group Policy to I certify the above answers are true and complete and to the best of my knowledge and belief form the basis of my claim for an Accelerated Benefit. I do understand that the receipt of an Accelerated Benefit may be taxable and affect my eligibility for Medicaid or other government benefits or entitlements. I also understand that if I meet the definition of "terminally ill individual" of the Internal Revenue Code Section 101, my Accelerated Benefit may be non-taxable and these matters should be discussed with my tax and/or legal advisor before applying for an Accelerated Benefit. I further understand that this benefit provides for an accelerated payment of life insurance and is not intended nor designed to provide health, nursing home or long term care benefits. Acknowledgement I hereby certify that the answers I have made to the foregoing questions are both complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that I have read the fraud notice on page 4 of this form. Signature Date

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COLORADO RESIDENTS

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ALL OTHER RESIDENTS

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STATE OF) ss.	
County of)	
The undersigned, on oath being first duly sworn, depose and say:	
My relationship to(Name of Claimant)	is:
☐ Spouse living in a community property state	
☐ Assignee under an assignment	
☐ Trustee in bankruptcy or other official of the Bankruptcy	Court
understand that the claimant is making application to Standard 1	Insurance Company (The Standard) for the payment of an
Accelerated Benefit in the amount of \$ under	a group term life insurance policy. I consent to the payment
by The Standard to claimant of the Accelerated Benefit shoul	d The Standard determine the claimant to be eligible.
	Signature
Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of	
	Notary Public for the
	State of
	My commission expires

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Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan Authorization to Obtain and Release Information

I AUTHORIZE THESE PERSONS having any records or knowledge of me or my health:

- Any physician, medical practitioner or health care provider.
- Any hospital, clinic, pharmacy or other medical or medically related facility or association.
- Any insurance company.
- Any employer or plan sponsor.
- Any organization or entity administering a benefit program.
- Any educational, vocational or rehabilitational organization or program.
- Any consumer reporting agency, financial institution, accountant, or tax preparer.
- Any government agency (for example, Social Security Administration, Public Retirement System, Railroad Retirement Board, etc.).

TO GIVE THIS INFORMATION:

- Charts, notes, x-rays, operative reports, lab and medication records and all other medical information about me, including medical history, diagnosis, testing and test results. Prognosis and treatment of any physical or mental condition, including:
 - Any disorder of the immune system, including HIV, Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or other related syndromes or complexes.
 - Any communicable disease or disorder.
 - Any psychiatric or psychological condition, including test results, but excluding psychotherapy notes. Psychotherapy
 notes do not include a summary of diagnosis, functional status, the treatment plan, symptoms, prognosis and
 progress to date.
 - Any condition, treatment, or therapy related to substance abuse, including alcohol and drugs.

and

• Any non-medical information requested about me, including such things as education, employment history, earnings or finances, or eligibility for other benefits (for example, Social Security Administration, Public Retirement System, Railroad Retirement Board, claims status, benefit amounts and effective dates, etc.).

TO STANDARD INSURANCE COMPANY.

- I acknowledge that any agreements I have made to restrict my protected health information do not apply to this authorization and I instruct the persons and organizations identified above to release and disclose my entire medical record without restriction. I understand that The Standard will use the information to determine my eligibility or entitlement for insurance benefits.
- I understand and agree that this authorization shall remain in force throughout the duration of my claim for benefits with The Standard. I understand that I have the right to refuse to sign this authorization and a right to revoke this authorization at any time by sending a written statement to The Standard, except to the extent it has been relied upon to disclose requested records. A revocation of the authorization, or the failure to sign the authorization, may impair The Standard's ability to evaluate or process my claim and may be a basis for denying my claim for benefits.
- I understand that in the course of conducting its business, The Standard may disclose to other parties information it has about me. The Standard may release this information about me to a reinsurer, a plan administrator, or any person performing business or legal services for The Standard in connection with my claim.
- I understand that The Standard complies with state and federal laws and regulations enacted to protect my privacy. I also understand that the information disclosed to The Standard pursuant to this authorization may be subject to redisclosure with my authorization or as otherwise permitted or required by law. (Life coverage is not subject to the Privacy Rules of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act [HIPAA] and therefore the release of information to The Standard is not protected under the Act.)
- I acknowledge that I have read the authorization and the state variations (if applicable) on page 7. A photocopy or facsimile of this authorization is as valid as the original and will be provided to me upon request.

Name (please print)	Social Security No.
Signature of Claimant/Representative	Date

If signature is provided by legal representative (e.g., Attorney in Fact, guardian or conservator), please attach documentation of legal status.

This Authorization is a two-page document. Please see page 7 for additional terms and information. Both pages are part of the Authorization.

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Some states require us to provide the following information to you and to those persons and entities disclosing information about you:

FOR RESIDENTS OF MINNESOTA

This authorization excludes the release of information about HBV (Hepatitis B Virus), HCV (Hepatitis C Virus), or HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) tests which were administered (1) to a criminal offender or crime victim as a result of a crime that was reported to the police; (2) to a patient who received the services of emergency medical services personnel at a hospital or medical care facility; (3) to emergency medical personnel who were tested as a result of performing emergency medical services. The term "emergency medical personnel" includes individuals employed to provide pre-hospital emergency services; licensed police officers, firefighters, paramedics, emergency medical technicians, licensed nurses, rescue squad personnel, or to other individuals who serve as volunteers of an ambulance service who provide emergency medical services; crime lab personnel, correctional guards, including security guards, at the Minnesota security hospital, who experience a significant exposure to an inmate who is transported to a facility for emergency medical care; and other persons who render emergency care or assistance at the scene of an emergency, or while an injured person is being transported to receive medical care and who would qualify for immunity under the good samaritan law.

FOR RESIDENTS OF NEW MEXICO

The state of New Mexico requires us to provide you with the following information pursuant to its Domestic Abuse Insurance Protection Act.

The accompanying Authorization to Obtain Information allows Standard Insurance Company to obtain personal information as it determines your eligibility for insurance benefits. The information obtained from you and from other sources may include confidential abuse information. "Confidential abuse information" means information about acts of domestic abuse or abuse status, the work or home address or telephone number of a victim of domestic abuse or the status of an applicant or insured as a family member, employer or associate of a victim of domestic abuse or a person with whom an applicant or insured is known to have a direct, close personal, family or abuse-related counseling relationship. With respect to confidential abuse information, you may revoke this authorization in writing, effective ten days after receipt by The Standard, understanding that doing so may result in a claim being denied or may adversely affect a pending insurance action.

The Standard is prohibited by law from using abuse status as a basis for denying, refusing to issue, renew or reissue or canceling or otherwise terminating a policy, restricting or excluding coverage or benefits of a policy or charging a higher premium for a policy.

Upon written request you have the right to review your confidential abuse information obtained by The Standard. Within 30 business days of receiving the request, The Standard will mail you a copy of the information pertaining to you. After you have reviewed the information, you may request that we correct, amend or delete any confidential abuse information which you believe is incorrect. The Standard will carefully review your request and make changes when justified. If you would like more information about this right or our information practices, a full notice can be obtained by writing to us.

If you wish to be a protected person (a victim of domestic abuse who has notified The Standard that you are or have been a victim of domestic abuse) and participate in The Standard's location information confidentiality program, your request should be sent to the same address above.

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Please type or print. The patient is responsible for the completion of this form without expense to Standard Insurance Company. We require comprehensive medical information in order to evaluate the insured's claim for Accelerated Benefit.

Full name	Phone no. ()			
Street address				
City	State Zip code			
Birthdate Social Security No	Sex			
Employer Group	Policy No			
insurance proceeds. We need to evaluate the clinical conditio	letermine whether your patient is eligible for accelerated payment of life n of your patient. Please advise of any clinical findings including laboratory G, etc. Copies of any surgical reports, hospital discharge summaries, chart			
Weight Height Blood pressure on last visit	Pulse			
Diagnosis Primary				
Secondary				
ICDA Classification				
Course of treatment, including medications				
Prognosis				
In your opinion, does the patient have a terminal condition?				
What is the terminal condition?				
In your professional opinion, what is the patient's life expectancy?	☐ Less than 6 months			
	☐ 6 to 12 months			
	☐ Greater than 12 months			
	Other			
Objective findings - Objective documentation must be included to support life expectancy.				
Symptoms				
When did symptoms first appear?				
Date you recommended patient should stop working	Why?			

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Claimant's Name				
Dates and Nature of Treatment				
(a) Date of first visit	employability? Yes No	If yes, specify		
Name	Specialty	Phone ()		
Progress				
	changed	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Admitted Discharged	Phone (_)	-	
Limitation				
		Jse of right hand/arm ☐ Sitting	☐ Walking	
☐ Class 1 – No limitation of functional capacity; capable ☐ Class 2 – Medium manual activity* ☐ Class 3 – Slight limitation of functional capacity; capacity; capacity; declass 4 – Moderate limitation of functional capacity; declass 5 – Severe limitation of functional capacity; income Remarks	able of light work* capable of clerical/administrative apable of minimal (sedentary*) a	e (sedentary*) activity activity		
Do you believe the patient is competent to manage insurance. If no, is the patient competent to appoint someone to help m	anage the insurance benefits?	☐ Yes ☐ No		
List Other Treating or Referring Physicia	ADDRESS			
1	 			
2	Address and City	State		
	Address and City	State	e ZIP	
Name of Physician	Specialty			
Address	City	State ZIP		
Phone ()	Taxpayer Identification No.			
Acknowledgement				
I hereby certify that the answers I have made to the foregoing questions are both complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that I have read the fraud notice on page 10 of this form.				
Signature		Date		

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Please type or print, and complete all questions. Form may be returned for completion of unanswered questions. Employer Group ___ 1. EMPLOYEE Name of Employee ____ Street Address _ _____ State ____ Zip code ___ Job Title ___ _____ Date of birth _____ Social Security No. ___ 2. WORK STATUS INFORMATION Date of employment or association membership (union or other) Union Member Name of Union _____ Contact Person Effective date employee's insurance ____ Employee's Status on date disability commenced: ☐ Yes ☐ No Was employee Actively at Work the day before disability commenced? Number of Hours Worked per week ______ Last day of work before disability commenced _____ ☐ Yes Effective ☐ No Is Employee terminated? If yes, please stop premium payment for this employee. Reason for termination: ____ 3. OTHER INFORMATION Does employee have any of the following insurance coverage with a carrier other than The Standard? Has Employee applied for: Other Carrier **Applied** Receiving ☐ Yes ☐ No Yes ☐ No Yes ☐ No A. Long Term Disability ☐ Yes □ No ☐ Yes П No ☐ Yes □ No B. Short Term Disability ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Yes □ No C. Life Ins. under more than one policy Please provide the name, address and contact person for the above. B. Name ___ C. Name A. Name ___ Address Address___ Address City_____ State___ Zip_____ City_____State__Zip____ City _____ State __ Zip ____ Ph No. (_____) _____ Ph No. (_____) _____ Ph No. (_____) _____ Fax No. (_____) ____ Fax No. (_____) ____ Fax No. (_____) _____ Social Security Benefits Has employee applied for benefits? ☐ Yes ☐ No Is employee receiving benefits? ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Claimant's Name_ 4. Earnings Please check appropriate box and fill in the amount of salary. ☐ Basic Monthly Earnings Monthly Rate \$___ ☐ Basic Yearly Earnings Annual Rate \$____ ☐ Basic Contract Earnings Contract Amount \$ _____ Length of Contract ___ ☐ Basic Weekly Earnings Weekly Rate \$____ ☐ Basic Hourly Earnings Hourly Rate \$___ ☐ Commissions. Please attach list of commissions paid for the period specified in your group policy. Date of last increase _ Earnings prior to increase ___ If effective date of increase in insurance is different than date of last earnings increase, please give effective date of insurance increase __ 5. Amount of Insurance Does Employee have group Life Insurance with Standard Insurance Company under more than one policy?

Yes

No If yes, list all of The Standard's policy numbers Does Employee have Long Term Disability with The Standard? ☐ Yes ☐ No Job Classification _ Amount of Basic Life Insurance with The Standard \$ ___ Amount of Optional Life Insurance with The Standard \$ ___ Amount of Voluntary Life Insurance with The Standard \$ _ Amount of Additional Life Insurance with The Standard \$ __ Policy Class Number _ Does Employee have Life Insurance for dependents under your group policy?

Yes

No ______ Dependents Life Insurance \$ ___ If yes, amount of Spouse Life Insurance \$ _ PLEASE CONTINUE PAYMENT OF PREMIUMS UNTIL OTHERWISE NOTIFIED UNLESS EMPLOYEE HAS BEEN TERMINATED. If premiums have already been terminated, give date paid through _____ 6. Attachments Please attach the following: *Important* a. Original Enrollment card and any subsequent beneficiary changes **Information** b. Copy of Job Description Please Attach c. Copy of Employment Application or Resume 7. Employer Representative Completing This Form Please print or type. Employer Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Michigan Representative Address Phone (_____) ______ Fax (____) ______ Policy Number <u>642946</u>

Acknowledgement

I hereby certify that the answers I have made to the foregoing questions are both complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I acknowledge that I have read the fraud notice on page 13 of this form.

Signature ______ Title ______ Date _____

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