

Metropolitan General Insurance Company Warwick, Rhode Island

## Insurer Disclosure of Important Policy Provisions For Residents of Maryland Applies to Policies Effective On or After January 1, 2025

As used in this disclosure, terms that appear with initial capitalization are defined in the Policy, including any endorsements attached to the Policy.

- The Policy is underwritten by Metropolitan General Insurance Company.
- You have 10 days from the day You receive Your Policy to review it and return it to Us if You decide not to keep it. You do not have to tell Us why You are returning it. If You decide not to keep it, simply return it to Us at the address shown on Your Policy or You may return it to the agent/insurance producer that You bought it from as long as You have not filed a claim. You must return it within 10 days of the day You first received it. We will refund the full amount of any premium paid within 30 days after We receive the returned Policy. The premium refund will be sent directly to You. The Policy will be void as if it had never been issued. (This provision only applies to the initial policy that We issue to You with a one year policy period; it does not apply to renewal policies).
- The Policy covers Illness. An Illness may include a physical sickness, infirmity or disease due to:
  - a hereditary disorder;
  - a congenital anomaly or disorder; or
  - a chronic condition.
- The Policy excludes coverage for a Pre-Existing Condition.
- Other exclusions may apply. Please refer to the Limitations and Exclusions section of the Policy for more information.
- The Policy may include:
  - a Waiting Period;
  - a Deductible;
  - a Covered Percentage; or
  - a Policy Limit.
- Depending on the Policy coverage, the following formula is generally used as a basis to which We determine claim payments:

(Total Treatment Cost - Deductible) x Covered Percentage = Claim Payment

- The Policy does not reduce coverage or increase premiums based on the Pet Parent's claim history. Premiums may increase based on:
  - a change in Your address;
  - a change in coverage; or
  - the age of Your Pet, upon renewal.

- The Waiting Period for Illness is a 14 calendar day period that begins on the date coverage first takes effect for a Pet under the Policy. Once the Waiting Period is completed for a Pet, Illnesses will be covered for that Pet, subject to the terms and provisions of the Policy. The Waiting Period does not apply to Injuries and does not apply at Policy renewal for a Pet that has already completed the Waiting Period, provided You maintain Continuous Coverage for that Pet with Us. (Note that policies with a 30 day policy period do not include a Waiting Period for Illness).
- The Waiting Period for Illness may be fully or partially waived for Your Pet as described below.

For purposes of this provision, a Waiver Exam means an Exam of Your Pet, performed at Your option and expense that includes:

- an assessment of all body systems and parts; and
- documentation of the results, including any identified Illnesses, Injuries, and medications Your Pet takes.

## **Full Waiver**

The Waiting Period for Illness will be fully waived for Your Pet, if within 7 calendar days before Your Pet's effective date of coverage, Your Pet has a Waiver Exam. This means that the Waiting Period will not apply to any Illness that first begins after Your Pet's effective date of coverage.

## **Partial Waiver**

The Waiting Period for Illness will be partially waived for Your Pet, if within 5 calendar days after Your Pet's effective date of coverage, Your Pet has a Waiver Exam. In this case, the portion of the Waiting Period that remains after the date of the Waiver Exam will not apply to any Illness that first begins after the date of the Waiver Exam.

In order for Us to fully or partially waive the Waiting Period for Illness, documentation of the Waiver Exam must be provided to Us the first time You submit a claim for an Illness.

If You elect to exercise the waiver of the Waiting Period, please note the following:

- if the Waiver Exam identifies an Injury that occurred before Your Pet's effective date of coverage, that Injury will be considered a Pre-Existing Condition for which there is no coverage under the Policy; and
- if the Waiver Exam identifies an Illness that began on or before the date of the Waiver Exam, that Illness will be considered a Pre-Existing Condition for which there is no coverage under the Policy.
- When used in the Policy, the following terms will have the meanings stated below:
  - **chronic condition** means a condition that can be treated or managed, but not cured.
  - **congenital anomaly or disorder** means a condition that is present from birth, whether inherited or caused by the environment, which may cause or contribute to illness or disease.
  - **hereditary disorder** means an abnormality that is genetically transmitted from parent to offspring and may cause illness or disease.
  - **pet insurance** means a property insurance policy that provides coverage for Accidents and Illnesses of pets.
  - **renewal** means to issue and deliver at the end of an insurance Policy Period a Policy which supersedes a Policy previously issued and delivered by the same pet insurer or affiliated pet insurer and which provides types and limits of coverage substantially similar to those contained in the Policy being superseded.

- The following definitions in the Definitions section of the Policy are revised to read as follows:
  - **Veterinarian** means an individual who holds a valid license to practice veterinary medicine from the appropriate licensing entity in the jurisdiction in which he or she practices.
  - **Waiting Period** means the period of time specified in a pet insurance Policy that is required to transpire before some or all of the coverage in the Policy can begin. Waiting Periods may not be applied to renewals of existing coverage.
  - **Pre-Existing Condition** means any condition for which any of the following are true prior to the effective date of a pet insurance Policy or during any Waiting Period:
    - a Veterinarian provided medical advice;
    - the Pet received previous Treatment; or
    - based on information from verifiable sources, the Pet had signs or symptoms directly related to the condition for which a claim is being made.

A condition for which coverage is afforded on a Policy cannot be considered a Pre-Existing Condition on any renewal of the Policy.

 The contact information of Your state insurance department is: Maryland Insurance Administration St. Paul Plaza 200 St Paul Place, Suite 2700 Baltimore, MD 21202 (800) 492-6116 <u>https://insurance.maryland.gov</u>

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