

# General Agent Supplemental Compensation Plan

General Agents with \$250 million or more of inforce premium

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# Introduction



With four generations in the workforce and increasing competition to attract and retain top talent, your clients rely on your strategic guidance more than ever. Count on our wide range of proven benefit solutions, 100 years of experience, and forward-thinking insights to help you navigate the changing needs of today's workforce. We remain committed to collaborating with you to strengthen client relationships and grow your business.

Designed to recognize new and long-standing business relationships, MetLife is pleased to present the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan.<sup>1</sup> The plan pays qualifying General Agents a percentage of 2025 Received and Earned Premium. All appropriately licensed and appointed General Agents are offered the Supplemental Compensation Plan.<sup>2</sup>

This brochure provides details about how General Agents can qualify and how Supplemental Compensation will be paid. It is available at [www.metlife.com/business-and-brokers/broker-resources/broker-compensation](http://www.metlife.com/business-and-brokers/broker-resources/broker-compensation).

The terms and conditions of the Supplemental Compensation Plan are described in this brochure. MetLife has the sole discretion to interpret the terms and conditions of the Supplemental Compensation Plan.

If you have any questions, please contact your Account Executive. If your clients have questions regarding compensation, they may call (800) ASK-4MET. You can always find more information about our products and the sales office near you by visiting our web site, [www.metlife.com](http://www.metlife.com).

1. The 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan shall be referred to in this brochure as the "Supplemental Compensation Plan." Payments under the Supplemental Compensation Plan shall be referred to in this brochure as "Supplemental Compensation."

2. By accepting any payment under the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan, the General Agent attests that it is an independent contractor (as such term is defined in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-1(f)(2)) with respect to MetLife and acknowledges that it is solely responsible for payment of all taxes related to any payment from the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan. The General Agent also releases (to the extent permitted by law) MetLife from any and all responsibility for payment of any and all taxes related to any payment from the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan, including, if applicable, any interest or penalties that may be imposed under statutes, regulations, orders, or rulings governing the taxation of deferred compensation, including but not limited to Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code.

# Overview

A General Agent may be eligible for Supplemental Compensation<sup>3,4</sup> based on the following criteria and detailed below.

A General Agent may qualify for Supplemental Compensation based on:

- (1) Inforce premium of \$250,000,000 or more as of October 1, 2024<sup>5,6,7</sup>
- (2) Premium Growth between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025 (the “Qualification Period”)

## Qualification for Supplemental Compensation Rate based on inforce premium

A General Agent eligible for this program will qualify for Supplemental Compensation based on the criteria in the table below:

| Inforce Premium | New Business Supplemental Compensation Rate | Renewal Business Supplemental Compensation Rate |
|-----------------|---|---|
| ≥ \$250,000,000 | 2.00%                                       | 1.00%   |

## Payment of Supplemental Compensation Rate based on inforce premium

The Supplemental Compensation Rate will be applied to New Business Premium<sup>8</sup> and Renewal Business Premium<sup>8</sup>. Payment is made on a monthly basis in the month after premium is received. Supplemental Compensation payments will be made by July, 2026. MetLife reserves the right to adjust the timing of all Supplemental Compensation payments. (See Payment Capping details on [page 9](#)).

## Additional New Business Award

A General Agent eligible for this program will qualify for Additional New Business Supplemental Compensation based on the criteria in the table below:

| New Business Premium <sup>8</sup> | New Business Supplemental Compensation Rate |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| ≥ \$90,000,000                    | 1.00%                                       |
| ≥ \$75,000,000 – \$89,999,999     | 0.50%                                       |
| ≥ \$60,000,000 – \$74,999,999     | 0.25%                                       |

3. In certain circumstances, MetLife may set the Supplemental Compensation percentages and the qualification criteria set forth in this brochure will not apply.
4. For purposes of determining which of the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Programs a General Agent will qualify under, inforce premium is determined as of October 1, 2024, including New Business Premium with effective dates on or before October 1, 2024. However, MetLife may in its sole discretion, determine annualized inforce premium at the end of the Qualification Period for certain General Agents based on changes in inforce premium during the Qualification Period.
5. MetLife may in its discretion aggregate affiliated Tax ID's for qualification while applying payment to the individual Tax ID's, if requested to do so by the General Agent. A request to aggregate must be submitted no later than October 1, 2024. After this date, MetLife may in its discretion consider requests to aggregate Tax ID's if a merger or acquisition occurs among firms before September 30, 2025, or under other circumstances that MetLife deems appropriate due to activity that occurred during the Qualification Period. MetLife may, in its discretion, allow a Tax ID to de-aggregate based on a firm's business alignment for qualification purposes instead of at the Tax ID level. These requests are only considered for distinct business models within a single Tax ID. Any such request must be submitted no later than March 1, 2025. After that date, MetLife may, in its discretion, consider requests to de-aggregate in situations where MetLife deems appropriate due to activity that occurred during the Qualification Period.
6. If the General Agent of Record is merged with another General Agent, or otherwise legally consolidates multiple Tax IDs, and submits both written notice of the transaction and a General Agent change request to MetLife by October 1, 2025, MetLife will combine the inforce premium as of October 1, 2024 to redetermine which of the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Programs the consolidated entity will qualify under. If notice of the transaction and General Agent change request is submitted after October 1, 2025, but no later than December 1, 2025, the qualification tier for the consolidated entity will be that of the acquiring General Agent prior to the transaction.
7. If two or more firms merge prior to the Qualification Period and this results in an increase of 50% or more of the acquiring firm's inforce block of business with MetLife, MetLife reserves the right to remove the combined firms from the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan program.
8. In situations where a customer is not issued a unique customer number, such as, but not limited to, a Professional Employer Organization (PEO), Trusts or Associations, in MetLife's sole discretion, that customer's New Business Premiums and Renewal Business Premiums may not be eligible for the Supplemental Compensation Plan.

### Premium Growth Qualification

General Agents may also qualify for additional Supplemental Compensation based on the Premium Growth criteria outlined in the table below:

| Premium Growth Criteria <sup>8</sup> | Renewal Business Supplemental Compensation Rate |
|--------------------------------------|---|
| ≥ 22.0%                              | 1.00%   |
| 19.0% – 21.9%                        | 0.75%   |
| 15.0% – 18.9%                        | 0.50%   |
| 10.0% – 14.9%                        | 0.25%   |

### Payment of Renewal Business Supplemental Compensation Rate based on Premium Growth Criteria

Payment is calculated based on 2025 Received and Earned Premium. The Renewal Business Supplemental Compensation Rate will be applied to Renewal Business Premium. Payment will be made by July, 2026. MetLife reserves the right to adjust the timing of all Supplemental Compensation payments. (See Payment Capping details on [page 9](#)).

### Supplemental Compensation Payment Calculation

MetLife pays Supplemental Compensation at a single Tax ID level. Payment is calculated based on 2025 Received and Earned Premium. The Received and Earned Premium is multiplied by applicable New Business or Renewal Premium Supplemental Compensation rate.

The Supplemental Compensation rates will be applied to Received and Earned Premium on bill dates for the calendar year. (See Payment Guidelines on [page 9](#) for more details.)

# Eligible group products and services

There are a number of different group products and services marketed by MetLife for which a General Agent is eligible to earn Supplemental Compensation. For qualification and payment purposes, coverages must have a minimum of two eligible lives. The products and services fall into the following Coverage Groupings:

## Core Products

- Basic Life, Core Life, Dependent Life, Accidental Death & Dismemberment (“AD&D”) both personal and dependent
- Optional Group Term (Supplemental Life), Voluntary AD&D both personal and dependent
- Optional Life/AD&D, Buy-Up Life, Buy-Up AD&D, Survivor Income Benefit
- Group Universal Life – cost of insurance only
- Dental\*, Voluntary Dental
- Vision<sup>9,10</sup>, Voluntary Vision
- Long Term Disability (“LTD”)\*, Voluntary LTD
- Short Term Disability (“STD”)\*, Voluntary STD, Mandated State Disability Plans

\*Administrative Services Only (“ASO”) business may be included only in Dental, Short Term Disability and Long Term Disability.

## Voluntary Products

- Hospital Indemnity Insurance
- Accident Insurance
- Critical Illness
- Cancer Insurance
- MetLife Legal Plans<sup>11</sup>
- Worksite STD
- Whole Life<sup>12</sup>
- Identity & Fraud Protection powered by Aura<sup>13</sup>
- Health Savings & Spending Accounts<sup>14</sup>

## Coverages Eligible for Payment Only

The following coverages are included for Supplemental Compensation payment purposes but excluded for qualification:

- Texas Life Whole Life<sup>15</sup>
- MetLife TakeAlong Dental<sup>SM</sup>

## Excluded Products

Any products or services not specifically included in the above section are excluded from the Supplemental Compensation Plan, and therefore will not be counted for qualification purposes, nor will a General Agent receive Supplemental Compensation on the premium or fees relating to those products. Products or services sold to customers whose situs is outside the United States and its territories are excluded.

9. Safeguard Vision cases and other cases issued by companies other than Metropolitan Life Insurance Company are excluded from Supplemental Compensation for qualification and payment.
10. Inforce coverages that are issued by Metropolitan Insurance Company and are administered or were previously administered by Davis Vision, Inc. or Superior Vision, Inc. are eligible for Supplemental Compensation for payment only. New business coverages that are issued by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company and not otherwise payable on policies administered by Davis Vision, Inc. or Superior Vision, Inc. are eligible for qualification and payment.
11. MetLife Legal Plans is excluded for qualification and payment for customers with less than 100 eligible employees.
12. Products issued by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company or Metropolitan Tower Life Insurance Company.
13. Aura is a product of Aura Sub, LLC. Aura Sub, LLC is not affiliated with MetLife, and the services and benefits they provide are separate and apart from any MetLife product. As a component of becoming an Aura member, Consumers receive identity theft insurance through a group policy issued to Aura. Identity Theft Insurance underwritten by insurance company subsidiaries or affiliates of American International Group, Inc. American International Group, Inc. is not an affiliate or subsidiary of MetLife and MetLife does not issue or underwrite this policy.
14. Products issued by MetLife Consumer Services, Inc. Account assets associated with this product are excluded from qualification and payment, only service fees qualify.
15. Texas Life Whole Life Insurance is underwritten by Texas Life Insurance Company, 900 Washington Avenue, Waco, Texas. Texas Life is not affiliated with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company or its affiliates.

# Guidelines

## General Program Guidelines

### Amendments

The terms and conditions set forth in this brochure govern the Supplemental Compensation Plan. MetLife reserves the right to change the terms of the Supplemental Compensation Plan and discontinue the sale of any product. There will be no changes to the Supplemental Compensation Plan unless set forth in writing approved by an Executive Vice President. Changes to the Supplemental Compensation Plan will be posted on [www.metlife.com/business-and-brokers/broker-resources/broker-compensation/](http://www.metlife.com/business-and-brokers/broker-resources/broker-compensation/)

### Contacting MetLife

Your representative is available to answer any questions. You may also contact our dedicated Service Center at the e-mail or address below.

When contacting MetLife by e-mail, please state the topic of your request in the subject line and include pertinent details in the body of the message. Information needed to respond to your request may include the General Agent's name, address, e-mail address, phone number, General Agent code, customer name and coverages.

**E-mail:** [ins\\_compensation\\_inquiries@metlife.com](mailto:ins_compensation_inquiries@metlife.com)

**Mail to:** MetLife  
P.O. Box 30160  
Tampa, FL 33630

### Disclosure

MetLife reserves the right to notify its customers of a General Agent's eligibility to receive compensation under the Supplemental Compensation Plan and the amount of any payment made or to be made, and to obtain written customer authorization prior to making any payment. Certain customer and prospect communications will include a compensation notice explaining to customers and prospects how General Agents are compensated. MetLife will send to all group insurance customers an annual statement indicating all compensation paid to the customer's General Agent of Record in the prior year.

Working with MetLife, you can be assured of its commitment to disclosure of information about its compensation plans to customers and potential customers.

### Important Dates

#### Qualification Period

New business with effective dates between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025.

Inforce Premium as of December 31, 2024 and Inforce Premium as of December 31, 2025, will be used as part of the Persistency calculation.

#### Customer Authorization Form

Must be completed and received by MetLife by June 1, 2026 – to be counted for qualification and payment purposes.

If it is received by MetLife after June 1, 2026 – will apply to payment only. Payment cannot be made until receipt of signed Customer Authorization Form.

#### Notification of Qualification

Estimate of qualification – intended to be mailed in December 2025 to General Agents qualifying for 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan.

Book of business corrections – due to MetLife by January 15, 2026. MetLife may, in its discretion, consider changes received after this date in unique situations.

Official notification of qualification – mailed in June 2026 to General Agents qualifying for 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan.

#### Payment and Timing

Payment will be based on 2025 Received and Earned Premium received by June 1, 2026. All Supplemental Compensation payments will be made by July 2026.

MetLife reserves the right to adjust the timing of all Supplemental Compensation payments.

### Licensing and Appointment

In order to be eligible for qualification and payment under the Supplemental Compensation Plan, the General Agent must be appropriately licensed and appointed and comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including without limitation, those that apply to disclosure of compensation.

### Pricing

The cost of Supplemental Compensation is not directly charged to the price of our products except as an allocation of overhead expense, which is applied to all eligible group insurance products, whether or not Supplemental Compensation is paid in relation to a particular sale or renewal.

# Guidelines (continued)

## Qualification Guidelines

### ASO/Participating (“PAR”)

For ASO and PAR customers/coverages, MetLife will apply the full ASO fee or the PAR premium amount towards qualification.

### General Agent of Record

The General Agent of Record on the effective date of qualifying new business sold during the Qualification Period will receive qualification credit for annualized New Business Premium; there is no prorating of the qualification credit. A customer’s coverage must be in force at the end of the Qualification Period in order to be counted towards qualification for New Business.

Where there is a General Agent of Record change on in force business during the Qualification Period, such business is excluded from qualification for Premium Growth.

### Opting out

All premium on qualifying business is counted for qualification purposes. However, if a customer chooses to Opt-out of the Supplemental Compensation Plan, no Supplemental Compensation will be paid in relation to that customer’s premium.

# Guidelines (continued)

## Payment Guidelines

### Advances

No Supplemental Compensation payments shall be made in advance of when they are due under the Supplemental Compensation Plan, unless specifically agreed to in writing by MetLife, in MetLife sole discretion.

### ASO / PAR Customers

ASO fees are reduced to 10% of the actual ASO fees and PAR premium are reduced to 25% of the actual PAR premium prior to applying the applicable Supplemental Compensation percentage

### General Agent Eligibility

MetLife reserves the right to remove a case for qualification and payment purposes, where MetLife finds the entity serves also as a broker. A General Agent is only eligible for Supplemental Compensation. A General Agent cannot be eligible for both Broker and General Agent Supplemental Compensation.

### General Agent of Record

Supplemental Compensation shall be earned by the General Agent of Record only so long as the premium is deemed to be Received and Earned Premium, and provided MetLife continues to recognize the General Agent as the General Agent of Record for the Bill Dates during the Qualification Period.

### Capping

MetLife will pay a General Agent a maximum of \$800,000 (the "Cap") of total Supplemental Compensation per customer. (See Guidelines — [Payment and Timing](#).) The Cap is based on a maximum Supplemental Compensation payment of \$400,000 for the total amount of core products and \$400,000 for the total amount of voluntary benefit products as defined on [page 6](#).

If more than one General Agent is eligible for Supplemental Compensation with respect to one customer and Supplemental Compensation is more than \$800,000, MetLife may apply the Cap or Caps per customer for each General Agent so long as the General Agents are not affiliated or under common ownership or control.

MetLife may, in its sole discretion, determine when a General Agent has an affiliation or common ownership with another General Agent. MetLife reserves the right to determine in its sole discretion how the Caps are applied.

If a customer acquires another company that does not have eligible group products prior to the acquisition, MetLife will treat the existing customer and the acquired company as separate companies for purposes of applying the Cap or Caps under the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan.

MetLife reserves the right to consider the customer and the acquired company to be one customer in relation to any future Supplemental Compensation Plans.

Notwithstanding, any of the other provisions in this section, MetLife reserves the right to apply the Cap or Caps in instances where customers are deemed by MetLife in its sole discretion, to be affiliated or under common ownership.

### Customer Authorization

MetLife reserves the right to obtain written customer authorization before making any Supplemental Compensation payment.

For where no base commission had been payable or that had a base commission change, a signed Customer Authorization Form is required in order to be eligible for payment and qualification under the supplemental compensation plans. Both the General Agent and the customer must sign the Customer Authorization Form.

Requests for Supplemental Compensation payments should be directed to our dedicated Service Center at the address below. Requests will be reviewed to determine eligibility.

When contacting MetLife by e-mail, please state the topic of your request in the subject line and include pertinent details in the body of the message. Information needed to respond to your request may include the name, address, e-mail address, phone number, General Agent's number, customer name and coverages.

**E-mail:** [ins\\_compensation\\_inquiries@metlife.com](mailto:ins_compensation_inquiries@metlife.com)

**Mail to:** MetLife  
P.O. Box 30160  
Tampa, FL 33630

### Overpayments

The General Agent shall immediately return any overpayment of Supplemental Compensation. Any Supplemental Compensation paid to a General Agent that is not earned by the General Agent shall be immediately returned and MetLife reserves the right to offset any funds payable by a General Agent against any funds payable to the General Agent. By cashing any check or otherwise accepting any payment, including any Supplemental Compensation payment, the General Agent thereby agrees that MetLife may offset any funds payable to the General Agent in order to recover an overpayment or any other funds payable by the General Agent.

### Primary Payee

In instances where multiple payee codes exist for a single Tax ID, MetLife will require a duly authorized representative of the General Agent to designate in writing a primary payee. When a primary payee is designated, it will remain in effect until MetLife receives and approves a written change request.

# Definitions

In addition to the defined terms below, some terms may be defined where they first appear in this brochure.

**1. “Annualized Billed Premium”** – the last billed premium earned and received in good order at the end of the Qualification Period is then used to calculate an annual premium amount.

**2. “Bill Date”** – Billing due date for the premium of the customer.

**3. “General Agent”** – a licensed General Agent contracted by MetLife through a General Agent Agreement to perform select services, and not paid compensation by MetLife pursuant to any other agreement.

**4. “General Agent of Record”** – the General Agent as recognized and determined by MetLife to support and service the coverage for the customer’s eligible group insurance coverage.

**5. “Division Number” and “Experience Number”** – terms used internally. A Division Number or Experience Number may be used to identify sub-groups within a customer. For example, a customer may choose to have one sub-group of its employees covered for basic life insurance benefits under one Experience Number and another sub-group of its employees covered for basic life insurance benefits under a different Experience Number. MetLife reserves the right to determine in its sole discretion whether to permit multiple Division Numbers or Experience Numbers under one customer.

**6. “Inforce Premium”** – the Annualized Billed Premium for customers whose group coverages are in force as of the calculation date but excluding coverage(s) effective on or after January 1, 2025 unless otherwise noted. For purposes of determining inforce premium, MetLife includes all customers of the General Agent, including customers with Zero Commission Coverages and Opt-Out customers.

**7. “New Business Premium”** – New Business Premium is Annualized Billed Premium for new coverages with an effective date during the Qualification Period. For payment purposes, New Business Premium is Received and Earned Premium credited to a billing cycle that occurs during the first twelve (12) months following the coverage effective date for the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Program Year. In situations where a customer is not issued a unique customer number, such as, but not limited to, a Professional Employer Organization (PEO), Trusts or Associations, in MetLife’s sole discretion, that customer’s New Business Premiums may not be eligible for the Supplemental Compensation Plan.

**8. “Opt-out”** – the act of electing to exclude a General Agent’s Tax ID, customer, Division Number, Experience Number and/or Coverage Grouping from participating in the Supplemental Compensation Plan. This can be accomplished by contacting the General Agent Service Center.

**9. “Premium Growth”** – is calculated by dividing the Inforce Premium as of December 31, 2025 for customer coverages for which a General Agent is General Agent of Record plus any new business sold during the qualification period, by Inforce Premium as of December 31, 2024 for the same coverages, minus 1. Coverages that cancel on December 31, 2024 or

January 1, 2025 will be included in the December 31, 2024 Inforce Premiums. The Premium Growth calculation utilizes only the premiums associated with the inforce coverages in effect on December 31, 2025. In situations where a customer is not issued a unique customer number, such as, but not limited to, a Professional Employer Organization (PEO), Trusts or Associations, in MetLife’s sole discretion, that customer’s New Business Premiums and Renewal Business Premiums may not be eligible for the Supplemental Compensation Plan.

Coverage(s) for which there was a General Agent of Record change during the qualification will be excluded from the calculation. For purposes of calculating a General Agent’s Premium Growth, MetLife includes all customers of the General Agent, including customers with Zero Commission Coverage and Opt-Out customers. For qualification purposes and upon notification by the General Agent of Record, a conversion from insured to ASO will be excluded from the Premium Growth calculation and a conversion from ASO to insured during the Qualification Period will be included in the Premium Growth calculation. Upon notification and MetLife’s validation of the situation, coverage cancellations due to bankruptcy or acquisition where the acquiring customer was not inforce with MetLife at the time of acquisition, may be considered for exclusion from General Agent’s Premium Growth calculation for qualification purposes only.

**10. “Received and Earned Premium”** – the premium paid by a customer and allocated by MetLife to loss experience, expense and profit for the customer’s case, and used to calculate base compensation.

**11. “Renewal Business Premium”** – Premium received by MetLife to credit a billing cycle that occurs after the first twelve (12) months following the coverage effective date. For payment purposes, Renewal Business Premium is Received and Earned Premium credited to a billing cycle that is not considered New Business Premium for the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Program Year. In situations where a customer is not issued a unique customer number, such as, but not limited to, a Professional Employer Organization (PEO), Trusts or Associations, in MetLife’s sole discretion, that customer’s Renewal Business Premiums may not be eligible for the Supplemental Compensation Plan.

**12. “Tax ID”** – an individual’s social security number or a firm’s taxpayer identification number.

**13. “Zero Commission Coverage”** – group coverage where the General Agent of Record is not receiving base compensation, whether or not MetLife or the customer pays any amount to that General Agent. Both the General Agent and customer must sign the Customer Authorization Form to include a Zero Commission Coverage in the Supplemental Compensation Plan for purposes of determining eligibility and Supplemental Compensation payable. Once a Customer Authorization Form is completed and submitted for the 2025 Supplemental Compensation Plan, it will remain in effect for subsequent supplemental compensation plans unless a customer notifies MetLife in writing of its intention to terminate

the authorization.

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