



## Claim for Death Benefits

Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (FEGLI) Program  
(To file an Option C-Family Benefits claim, use form FE-6 DEP)



### Who receives the FEGLI life insurance benefits?

The law states that FEGLI benefits will be paid in the following manner:

If the deceased did not assign ownership and there is no valid court order on file with the employing agency or the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) (if retired), then the Office of Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance (OFEGLI) (an administrative office of MetLife) will pay:

- First, to the beneficiary(ies) the insured validly designated
- Second, if none, to the insured's widow or widower
- Third, if none of the above, to the insured's child or children and descendants of any deceased children (a court will usually appoint a guardian to receive payment for a minor child)
- Fourth, if none of the above, to the insured's parents in equal shares, or the entire amount to the surviving parent
- Fifth, if none of the above, to the court-appointed executor or administrator of the insured's estate
- Sixth, if none of the above, to the insured's other next of kin, entitled under the laws of the state where the insured lived

If the insured did not assign ownership and there is a valid court order on file with the agency or the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), as appropriate, OFEGLI will pay benefits according to the court order.

If the insured assigned ownership of his/her life insurance to someone else (generally by filing an RI 76-10, Assignment form), then OFEGLI will pay:

- First, to the beneficiary(ies) the assignee(s) validly designated
- Second, if none, to the assignee(s)

### Completing this form

Please complete this *Claim for Death Benefits* form by following the instructions on the form. Only use this form for the death of a Federal employee, annuitant, or compensationer. If you are filing a claim for a dependent, use form FE-6 DEP. Each claimant/beneficiary is required to complete their own form. Provide all of the information requested, so OFEGLI may process your claim as quickly as possible. If you have questions, or need help completing this form, call OFEGLI at **1-800-633-4542**. Our Customer Service Center is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST.

If you have not previously notified the employing agency or OPM (if retired) of the death, please contact the appropriate office.

The easiest way to report the death of a Federal retiree is online at: [www.opm.gov/reportdeath](http://www.opm.gov/reportdeath)

or you can report the death by calling **OPM at 1-888-767-6738**.



### Decide

You have the following options to receive your life insurance proceeds:

- A Total Control Account® in your name (you may select this option if your benefits are \$5,000 or greater), or
- A check that we mail to you

Please read About the Total Control Account (Page 2) for details. Indicate your choice on Page 5 when completing the claim form. If you do not choose an option and your benefits are \$5,000 or greater, a MetLife Total Control Account will be established in your name and your payment will be deposited on your behalf.

### Return

#### A. Check off the items you're sending with this claim form

- Death Certificate.** We require a certified copy of the death certificate with the cause and manner of death. The funeral director taking care of the funeral arrangements or your state bureau of vital statistics can usually provide a copy of the death certificate. **We only require one death certificate** - if you're aware of another claimant who's sending one, you don't have to send it.
- If you signed a document with a funeral home that authorizes us to make a payment directly to them, a copy of that document.
- If the insured was an active employee and died in an accident, and you're making an accidental death benefit claim, proof of the accident - police reports and other supporting documents.
- If you are filing this claim on behalf of the estate, a copy of the appointment papers issued by the court.
- If a trust is designated, a statement that the trust is still in effect and you are authorized to act under the trust, and a copy of the trust document. If you are not the original trustee, a copy of the page naming you as successor trustee.
- If you have a Power of Attorney, a copy of the appointment papers naming you as the attorney-in-fact for the beneficiary.

#### B. Submission instructions

Return this claim form and the necessary documents to:

OFEGLI  
PO Box 6080  
Scranton, PA 18505-6080

Overnight Address: OFEGLI  
10 E.D. Preate Drive  
Moosic, PA 18507



If a certified death certificate has already been submitted, you may fax your claim form to OFEGLI at: 570-558-8659



## About the Total Control Account

A convenient place for you to hold the proceeds from your claim while you decide what to do with the money.

### How the account works

The Total Control Account (TCA) is a draft account that works like a checking account:

- When your account is open, MetLife<sup>1</sup> will send you a package which includes additional details about the TCA. We pay the full amount owed to you by placing your proceeds into the TCA and providing you a book of drafts. You can use the drafts like you would use checks.
- You can use a single draft to access the entire proceeds** or you may write several drafts for smaller amounts (minimum amount \$250). There are no limits on the number of drafts you may write, up to the full available balance in your account. Processing time is similar to check processing. If there is no activity on your account for a period of time (*typically three years, but this may vary by state*), state regulations may require that we contact you at the address we have on file. If we aren't able to reach you, we may be required to close your account and transfer the funds to the state.
- You earn interest** on the money in your account from the date your account is open.
- We'll send you an account statement each month when there is activity in your account. If you have no activity, we'll send you a statement once every three months.
- You can name a beneficiary for your account. We'll include a beneficiary form in the package we send you when we open your account.

### Interest rates and guarantees

The interest rate on your account is set weekly, and will never fall below the minimum guaranteed rate stated in your TCA package, or the rate established by one of the following indices: the prior week's Money Fund Report Averages™/Government 7-Day Simple Yield, or the Bank Rate Monitor™ National Money Market Index. We calculate interest daily and compound it, so you earn interest on your interest. The interest is added to your account monthly. The interest earnings generally are taxable so you should speak with your tax advisor. MetLife will report all interest payments to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

### No monthly maintenance fees

There are no monthly maintenance or service fees on your TCA, no charges for making withdrawals or writing drafts, and no cost for ordering additional drafts. You may be charged for special services or an overdrawn TCA, and the current fees (*subject to change*) for those are: draft copy \$2; stop payment \$10; wire transfer \$10; overdrawn TCA \$15; overnight delivery service \$25.

### Other important information

- Your Total Control Account is backed by the financial strength of MetLife. The assets backing the funds are held in MetLife's general account and are subject to MetLife's creditors. In addition, while the funds in your account are not insured by the FDIC, they are guaranteed by your state insurance guarantee association. The coverage limits vary by state. Please contact the National Organization of Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Associations ([www.NOLHGA.com](http://www.NOLHGA.com) or 703-481-5206) to learn more. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR STATE DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE.
- We may limit or suspend your access to the funds in your account if we suspect fraud or if there was an error in opening your account.
- We use the services of The Bank of New York Mellon, 701 Market Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106, for Total Control Account recordkeeping and draft clearing.
- A TCA generally is not available if your claim is less than \$5,000, you reside in a foreign country, or if the claimant is a corporation or similar entity.
- MetLife may receive investment earnings from operating the Total Control Account. The performance results of any investments we make do not affect the interest rate we pay you.
- To learn more about TCA, please call us at 800-638-7283 or write us at Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, OFEGLI, PO Box 6080, Scranton, PA 18505-6080, Attention: TCA.

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<sup>1</sup>"MetLife" means Metropolitan Life Insurance Company



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Your  
Name

**Part A. Information about the insured**

1. Insured's full name <i>(Last) (First) (Middle)</i>	2. Date of birth <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i>	3. Date of death <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i>
4. Social Security number or FEGLI Claim number	5. Legal Residence at time of death <i>(City and State)</i>	
6. Department or agency in which last employed, including bureau or division	7. Location of last employment <i>(City, State, ZIP Code)</i>	
8. At the time of death, was the insured retired under any Federal civilian retirement system? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown      If "Yes", provide the Claim number <i>(CSA/CSF/CSI)</i> _____		
9. At the time of death, was the insured receiving Federal Worker's Compensation benefits? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown      If "Yes", provide the effective date of Federal Worker's Compensation Benefits _____		

**Part B. Information about the insured's marriages**

1. How many times was the insured married? <i>Include yourself if you were married to the insured at the time of death.</i>	2. Give the name of each spouse <i>(include ALL marriages)</i>	3. How did the marriage end? <i>(Check one in each case)</i>	4. When did the marriage end? <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce	
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**Part C. Information about your marriages**  
***(Complete only if you are the insured's widow or widower)***

1. Date of marriage <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i>	2. Place of marriage <i>(City and State)</i>	3. Marriage was performed by: <input type="checkbox"/> Clergy or Justice of the Peace <input type="checkbox"/> Other <i>(specify)</i> _____	
4. Were you divorced from the insured at the time of death?	5. If you were divorced from the insured, give the date <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i> and place of divorce		
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
6. How many times were you married? <i>Include the insured if you were married at the time of death.</i>	7. Give the name of each spouse <i>(include ALL marriages)</i>	8. How did the marriage end? <i>(Check one in each case)</i>	9. When did the marriage end? <i>(mm/dd/yyyy)</i>
		<input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Death <input type="checkbox"/> Divorce	
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**Part D. Information about the insured's next of kin**  
**(Everyone must complete Part D unless you are the insured's widow or widower)**

1. Did the insured have any living children on the date of his/her death?  Yes  No\* If Yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_

Please list the insured's living children below. Note that step-children are not eligible.

\*(a) If the insured has no children, list the insured's parents; if one or both parents died before the insured, provide their name(s) and date(s) of death.

(b) If the insured has no children, and both parents died before the insured, list the next of kin who may be capable of inheriting from the insured (*brothers, sisters, descendants of deceased brothers, sisters, etc.*). Additional sheets can be used if needed.

Name	Age	Relationship to the insured	Full address

2. Did the insured have any children who died before his/her date of death?  Yes  No If Yes, how many \_\_\_\_\_

Please list any children who died before the insured. If any of the children who died before also have children (descendants), list them below as well and indicate the parent who was the insured's child. Additional sheets can be used if needed.

Name	Age	Relationship to the insured	Full address
		<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Descendant	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Descendant	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Descendant	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Descendant	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Descendant	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Descendant	
		<input type="checkbox"/> Child <input type="checkbox"/> Descendant	

**Complete item 3 only if any of the persons listed above are under age 18**

3. If the court appointed a guardian for the estate of any minor children above, give the name and address of the guardian and attach a copy of the court appointment papers. Natural parentage or custody as a result of a divorce do not constitute guardianship.

Name		
Address (number, street, apt. no.)		
City	State	ZIP Code

**Part E. Information about the insured's estate (Complete if the insured's estate is entitled)**

If the court appointed an executor or administrator to settle the insured's estate, give his/her name and address and attach a copy of the court appointment papers.

Name		
Address (number, street, apt. no.)		
City	State	ZIP Code

**Part F. Additional information**

Have you signed a document with a funeral home that authorizes us to make a payment directly to them?

This document is usually referred to as a funeral home assignment. (If yes, please send us a copy of the document with this claim form.)

Yes  No

Are you claiming accidental death benefits (*did the insured die solely through violent, external, and accidental means?*) If "Yes", submit coroner's and police reports, news clippings, and any other available reports concerning the accident. OFEGLI cannot consider a claim for such benefits if the insured separated or retired before the accident.

Yes  No

**Part G: Select a method to receive your payment**

Please **SELECT ONE** method of settlement in order to receive your payment. By selecting below, you confirm that you have read the enclosed materials on both FEGLI payment options.

 **Total Control Account (TCA)** **Check**

*FEGLI death benefits are not subject to Federal income tax, but the interest that OFEGLI pays on those benefits is subject to such tax. OFEGLI will report all interest payments to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).*

**Part H - Information about you**

*Please note: If you are completing this claim on behalf of someone else (such as a minor), complete all of Part H with that person's information, and not yours. Sign your own name "on behalf of" the other person.*

Name (please print)

Relationship to the insured

Date of birth

Address (number, street, apartment number)

City

State

ZIP

Social Security number

or

Estate/Trust/Tax ID Number

Daytime Telephone number

Email address

**Under penalties of perjury, I certify:**

1. That the number shown as my Social Security Number in "Part H: Information about you" is my correct taxpayer identification number, and
2. That I am NOT subject to backup withholding because: (a) I have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest and dividends, or (b) I am exempt from backup withholding, or (c) the IRS has notified me that I am no longer subject to backup withholding, and
3. I am a U.S. citizen, resident alien, or other U.S. person\*, and
4. I am not subject to Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting because I am a U.S. person\* and the account is located within the United States.

*(Please note: You must cross out Item 2 above if the IRS has notified you that you are currently subject to backup withholding because you failed to report all interest or dividend income on your tax return.)*

\* If you are not a U.S. Citizen, a U.S. resident alien or other U.S. person for tax purposes, please cross out Item 3 above, and complete form W-BBEN (individuals) or W-8BEN-E (entities).

*The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.*



Signature If you are completing this claim on behalf of someone else sign your own name "on behalf of" the other person.

Today's Date

**Warning** - If you knowingly and willfully make any materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement or representation on this form, or conceal a material fact related to the requests for information on this form, you may be subject to a monetary fine or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both under 18 U.S.C. 100

**Please return pages 3 through 5 to OFEGLI**