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Subpart A—Administration and General Provisions

§870.101 Actions on the policy.

Life and accidental death and dismemberment benefits (''basic insurance'') shall be payable in accordance with a policy or policies purchased by OPM from the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., 1 Madison Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010, under section 8709 of title 5, United States Code. Actions at law or in equity to recover on an insurance policy, in which there is not alleged any breach of any obligation undertaken by the United States, shall be brought against the insurance company.

§870.102 Correction of errors.

(a) The employing office may make corrections of administrative errors as to coverage or changes in coverage at any time.

(b) OPM may order correction of an administrative error upon a showing satisfactory to OPM that it would be against equity and good conscience not to do so.

(c) Retroactive corrections of coverage are subject to the provisions of §870.401(h).

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§870.103 Initial decision and reconsideration.

(a) *Who may file.* (1) An employee may request his or her agency to reconsider an employing office's initial decision denying insurance coverage or the opportunity to change coverage.

(2) An annuitant may request his or her retirement system to reconsider its initial decision affecting insurance coverage.

(3) A judge may request his or her agency, or retirement system if applicable, to reconsider an employing office's initial decision that denies an entitlement related to assignments under 5 U.S.C. 8706(e) of this chapter.

(b) *Initial employing office decision.* An employing office's decision is considered an initial decision as used in paragraph (a) of this section when rendered by the employing office in writing and stating the right to an independent level of review (reconsideration) by the appropriate agency or retirement system. However, an initial decision rendered at the highest level of review available within OPM is not subject to reconsideration.

(c) *Reconsideration.* (1) A request for reconsideration must be made in writing, must include the claimant's name, address, date of birth, Social Security number, reason(s) for the request, and, if applicable, retirement claim number.

(2) The reconsideration review must be an independent level of review made at or above the level at which the initial decision was rendered.

(d) *Time limit.* A request for reconsideration of an initial decision must be filed within 30 calendar days from the date of the written decision stating the