

## Legal assistance for Adoption.

One of the many benefits of your legal plan.



Few things in life are more profound and exciting than the adoption of a child. Taking this important step should be a joyful time, and access to experienced attorneys can help things go smoother. With our network of attorneys on your side, you can be confident you're getting the advice and assistance you need.

With a Legal Plan, you can contact an attorney to help you navigate the adoption process, reviewing paperwork, providing advice and consulting on the steps involved in the process.

### Your legal plan can help with many types of adoption:



#### Agency Adoption

A domestic agency works with prospective parents and birth parents to find suitable matches for adoption. There are third party fees involved with an agency adoption, and having an attorney present can help ensure all finances are properly arranged.<sup>1</sup>

#### Private and Independent Adoption

Prospective parents go through personal channels to try to find a child who needs adoption. They express their wishes to family and friends and wait to see if anyone is in need. Each state's laws on independent adoptions vary, so having an attorney involved can help ensure all requirements are met.



#### International Adoption

Thinking of adopting overseas? You must meet the requirements of both governments, as well as the agency you are working with. Depending on the country you are adopting from, many different people may be involved in the process. Paperwork for international adoptions can be daunting, but an attorney can make sure you fully understand the documents.

#### Stepchildren

Stepparents work with birth parents and the state court system to transfer parental rights. Many legal requirements must be met in order for one parent's rights to be terminated. Having an attorney on your side ensures your interests are well represented during this process.

### Consider this scenario:

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*Recently my wife and I were faced with difficulties regarding starting a family, so we wanted to talk to someone about the adoption process. I contacted MetLife Legal Plans and you provided a list of attorneys in my area to help my wife and I through the complex process. Our attorney was more than we could ever expect! He was responsive, patient, brilliant in his expertise of law with not only excellent presentation skill but people skills as well.*

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