



## **Guaranteed Withdrawal and Death Benefit Rider**

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*Form number may vary by state.*

### **Introduction**

We offer a Guaranteed Withdrawal and Death Benefit through a rider to your annuity contract.

### **Explanation of Benefits**

This rider enhances your annuity by allowing you to take certain guaranteed withdrawals over your lifetime or over the joint lifetimes of you and your spouse. These guaranteed withdrawals are known as "living benefits." Additionally, if you die after the fifth contract anniversary, the rider provides a guaranteed death benefit to your beneficiaries. The living benefit amount and the death benefit amount are both determined based on the Benefit Base Amount of your rider, which may be higher than the Account Value of your annuity.

### **Benefit Base Amount**

The Benefit Base Amount starts with your Account Value on the rider effective date or on any later reset date. It is increased by any later Purchase Payments you have made to the annuity. It is also increased by fixed interest credits (rollup amounts). It is reduced if you take an Excess Withdrawal from your annuity. The reduction for an Excess Withdrawal is proportional to the reduction in your Account Value.

Every withdrawal from your annuity is an Excess Withdrawal unless it is a living benefit payment or it is to pay rider charges. An Excess Withdrawal may have a significant negative impact on the benefits of your rider. This impact is illustrated under "Excess Withdrawal Examples" on page 4 below.

### **Rollup Amounts**

A rollup amount is added to the Benefit Base Amount at the end of each full contract year during the rollup period. A rollup period starts on the rider effective date or on any later reset date. The rollup period will end after a certain number of contract years (the Rollup Maximum Period) set out on your rider's specification page. The rollup period will end earlier than that if you start taking living benefit payments, if a death benefit becomes payable, or if you take a withdrawal that is more than your annuity's free withdrawal allowance or required minimum distribution.

The rollup amount for any contract year is calculated as a fixed percentage of the Rollup Base Amount. That fixed percentage (the Rollup Rate) is shown on your rider's specification page. For Purchase Payments made during the rider's first contract year, the rollup amount for that first contract year will be prorated based on the portion of the year that the Purchase Payment was in your annuity. The rollup amount is reduced by the amount of any withdrawals from your annuity during the contract year. Rollup amounts are applied as simple interest credits, with no compounding. The rollup amount cannot increase the Benefit Base Amount to more than the Rollup Cap, as set out on your rider's specification page.

The Rollup Base Amount is generally the sum of all Purchase Payments (including any applicable Purchase Payment Bonus) received during the first contract year, up to the Rollup Base Maximum set out on your rider's specification page. However, if you take a withdrawal that is more than your annuity's free withdrawal allowance or required minimum distribution, then your Rollup Base Amount for any future rollups will be reduced to the Account Value of your annuity immediately after the withdrawal, if lower.

### **Resets**

On any contract anniversary prior to the start of living benefits, you may elect to reset your Benefit Base Amount to the Account Value, if higher. By choosing to reset your Benefit Base Amount, a new rollup period may begin. *Note: If you elect a reset, purchase payments and rollup amounts added on or before the reset date are disregarded. Also, your rider charge may increase. A reset will not change your Rollup Base Amount.*

## Living Benefits

You are eligible to begin taking living benefits under the rider at any time after you have satisfied the living benefit waiting period and the age requirements. The living benefit waiting period is set out on the rider's specification page. If you elect a single lifetime benefit, you must be at least age 55. If you elect a joint lifetime benefit, both you and your spouse must be at least age 55. Any loan balance must be brought to zero before living benefits can begin.

## Living Benefit Amount

Your election to begin to take living benefits under this rider fixes the Benefit Percentage used to determine the living benefit amount available to you each benefit year. Once living benefits begin, the living benefit amount available to you at any time is equal to your fixed Benefit Percentage multiplied by your current Benefit Base Amount, and reduced by any prior living benefit payments taken during the current benefit year. A benefit year is a 12-month period that begins on the date that you first take a living benefit payment, or on an anniversary of it.

If you chose a single lifetime benefit, your fixed Benefit Percentage is based on your age on the date that living benefits are to begin. If you chose a joint lifetime benefit, your fixed Benefit Percentage is based on the age of you or your spouse, whichever is younger, on the date that living benefits are to begin. Sample ages and Benefit Percentages are set out below. The full table of Benefit Percentages is set out on your rider's specifications page.

Age on benefit start date <sup>1</sup>	Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit <sup>2</sup>	Joint Lifetime Withdrawal Benefit <sup>2</sup>
55	4.5%	3.5%
65	5.5%	4.5%
75	6.5%	5.5%
85	7.5%	6.5%
90+	8.0%	7.0%

<sup>1</sup> If joint lifetime withdrawal option, use the youngest owner's age.

<sup>2</sup> Benefit Percentage increases 0.10% each year that the benefit start date is delayed until it reaches 8.0% for the Lifetime Benefit Withdrawal or 7.0% for the Joint Lifetime Benefit Withdrawal.

A living benefit payment may be any amount up to the full living benefit amount available on the payment date. You may not take a living benefit payment of less than \$50. Living benefit amounts available for a benefit year that are not taken may not be carried over to the next benefit year. The living benefit amount will never be less than any applicable required minimum distribution.

All rights to living benefit payments will cease when the rider terminates.

**Basic Death Benefit Amount**

The Basic Death Benefit Amount is the Account Value of your annuity plus a percentage of the difference between the Death Benefit Base Amount and your Account Value. This percentage is set out on your rider's specification page. The death benefit under your rider replaces the death benefit under your annuity. The death benefit under your rider will never be less than the death benefit otherwise payable under your annuity.

**Death Benefit Annuitization Bonus**

If you or your beneficiaries elect to have the rider death benefit paid for life or at least as long as the Death Benefit Annuitization Period set out on your rider's specification page, then the rider death benefit will be equal to the Death Benefit Base Amount, if greater.

**Death Benefit Base Amount**

If a death benefit is due before living benefits begin, the Death Benefit Base Amount is equal to your Benefit Base Amount. If a death benefit is due after living benefits begin, the Death Benefit Base Amount is equal to your Benefit Base Amount on the date that living benefits begin, reduced proportionally to the reduction in your Account Value on account of each living benefit payment or other withdrawal (other than a rider charge).

Both living benefit payments and Excess Withdrawals may have a significant negative impact on your rider death benefits. This impact is illustrated under "Excess Withdrawal Examples" on page 4 below and "Death Benefit After Living Benefits Begin Example" on page 5 below.

**Rider Charge**

We will assess an annual charge for this rider not to exceed the maximum charge listed on your rider's specification page. The rider charge for each contract year is a percentage of your current Benefit Base Amount. The charge for your rider will be taken from the Account Value of your annuity at the end of each year, and proportionally from elected strategies. This charge is exempt from early withdrawal charges. Charges for your rider will be permanently waived once the Account Value of your annuity is depleted.

A prorated portion of the annual charge will be taken upon surrender of your annuity or upon termination of your rider.

**Purchase Payments Limited**

While the rider is in effect, Purchase Payments above \$50,000 or that would exceed the Rollup Base Maximum are not permitted. We may also limit Purchase Payments if we stop offering this rider or after the start of living benefits.

**Right to Cancel**

You may decline or terminate the rider at any time by written request. Please see your rider for more details.

**Termination of Rider**

Your rider will terminate and all rights under it will end if you take an Excess Withdrawal that reduces the Benefit Base Amount below \$1,250, or if you annuitize or surrender your annuity. Your rider will terminate and all rights under it will end if an interest in your annuity is transferred or assigned, except under the limited circumstances described in the rider. If you die and your spouse does not become successor owner, your rider will terminate and all rights under it will end except for any rider death benefit payable on account of your death.

### Excess Withdrawal Examples

Both examples assume that you have not started living benefits, that immediately before the Excess Withdrawal you have an Account Value of \$100,000, a Benefit Base Amount of \$114,000, and a Rollup Base of \$95,000, that your Rollup Rate is 10%, that your annuity's current free withdrawal allowance is \$10,000, and that future living benefits will use a 5% Benefit Percentage.

**Example A:** This example shows how an Excess Withdrawal of \$8,000 affects the Account Value, the Benefit Base Amount, the Rollup Base Amount, the projected annual rollup for the current year, the projected annual rollups for future years, the projected living benefit amount, and the Death Benefit Base Amount.

	Before Excess Withdrawal	After Excess Withdrawal	Explanation
Account Value	\$ 100,000	\$ 92,000	Reduced \$8,000 (8%)
Benefit Base Amount	\$ 114,000	\$ 104,880	Reduced by 8% (proportional to AV)
Rollup Base Amount	\$ 95,000	\$ 95,000	No change (free withdrawal allowance)
Current Year Annual Rollup at 10%	\$ 9,500	\$ 1,500	Reduced by \$8,000 withdrawal
Future Year Annual Rollups at 10%	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500	No change (free withdrawal allowance)
Future Living Benefit Amount at 5%	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,244	Based on Benefit Base Amount
Death Benefit Base Amount	\$ 114,000	\$ 104,880	Same as Benefit Base Amount

**Example B:** This example shows how an Excess Withdrawal of \$25,000 (including the applicable early withdrawal charge) affects the Account Value, the Benefit Base Amount, the Rollup Base Amount, the projected annual rollup for the current year, the projected annual rollups for future years, the projected living benefit amount, and the Death Benefit Base Amount.

	Before Excess Withdrawal	After Excess Withdrawal	Explanation
Account Value	\$ 100,000	\$ 75,000	Reduced \$25,000 (25%)
Benefit Base Amount	\$ 114,000	\$ 85,500	Reduced 25% (proportional to AV)
Rollup Base Amount	\$ 95,000	\$ 75,000	Lesser of Rollup Base Amount or new AV
Current Year Annual Rollup at 10%	\$ 9,500	-0-	Rollups end
Future Year Annual Rollups at 10%	\$ 9,500	-0-	Rollups end; if future reset, rollups of \$7,500
Future Living Benefit Amount at 5%	\$ 5,700	\$ 4,275	Based on Benefit Base Amount
Death Benefit Base Amount	\$ 114,000	\$ 85,500	Same as Benefit Base Amount

**Death Benefit After Living Benefits Begin Example**

This example assumes that you begin living benefits using a 5% Benefit Percentage, and you take the first benefit payment for the full living benefit amount when you have an Account Value of \$100,000 and a Benefit Base Amount of \$114,000. This example shows how the first living benefit payment of \$5,700 affects the Account Value, the Benefit Base Amount, the living benefit amount, and the Death Benefit Base Amount.

	<b>Before Living Benefit Payments</b>	<b>After First Living Benefit Payment</b>	<b>Explanation</b>
Account Value	\$ 100,000	\$ 94,300	Reduced by \$5,700 living benefit payment (5.7%)
Benefit Base Amount	\$ 114,000	\$ 114,000	No change for living benefit payments
Living Benefit Amount at 5%	\$ 5,700	\$ 5,700	No change for living benefit payments
Death Benefit Base Amount	\$ 114,000	\$ 107,502	Reduced 5.7% (proportional to AV)

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