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RiverSource Variable Annuity Account

This prospectus contains information that you should know before investing in the Wells Fargo Advantage Choice Variable Annuity (Contract), issued by RiverSource Life Insurance Company (“RVS Life”, “we”, “us” and “our”). This prospectus describes Contract Option L, an individual flexible premium deferred variable annuity and Contract Option C, an individual flexible premium deferred variable annuity. The information in this prospectus applies to all contracts unless stated otherwise. All material terms and conditions of the contracts, including material state variations and distribution channels, are described in this prospectus.

The Contract allows you to invest your money in (i) available subaccounts investing in shares of underlying funds, each of which has a particular investment objective, investment strategies, fees and expenses; or (ii) the one-year fixed account, special dollar cost averaging (“SDCA”) fixed account, and guarantee period accounts (“GPAs”), each of which earns fixed interest at rates that we adjust periodically and declare when you make an allocation to that account. Additional information regarding each investment option is provided in Appendix A – Investment Options Available Under the Contract.

The Contract is a complex investment and involves risks, including loss of principal. The Contract is not a short-term investment and is not appropriate for an investor who needs ready access to cash. Withdrawals could result in withdrawal charges, taxes, and tax penalties. If you remove money from the GPAs prior to 30 days before the end of the guarantee period, we will apply a market value adjustment (“MVA”), which may be positive or negative. **You could lose up to 100% of the amount withdrawn as a result of a negative MVA.** Withdrawals from the contract could also reduce the amount of certain optional benefits by more than the dollar amount of the withdrawal, and such reductions could be significant.

An investment in the Contract is subject to the risks related to RVS Life. Any obligations under the Contract are subject to our financial strength and claims-paying ability.

The contracts are no longer available for new purchases. This contract is no longer being sold and this prospectus is designed for current contract owners. In addition to the possible state variations, you should note that your contract features and charges may vary depending on the date on which you purchased your contract. For more information about the particular features, charges and options applicable to you, please contact your financial professional or refer to your contract for contract variation information and timing.

Additional information about certain investment products, including variable annuities and market value adjusted annuities, has been prepared by the Securities and Exchange Commission’s staff and is available at Investor.gov.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has not approved or disapproved these securities or determined if this prospectus is accurate or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

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Key Terms

These terms can help you understand details about your contract.

Accumulation unit: A measure of the value of each subaccount before annuity payouts begin.

Annuitant: The person or persons on whose life or life expectancy the annuity payouts are based.

Annuity payouts: An amount paid at regular intervals under one of several plans.

Assumed investment rate: The rate of return we assume your investments will earn when we calculate your initial annuity payout amount using the annuity table in your contract. The standard assumed investment rate we use is 5% but you may request we substitute an assumed investment rate of 3.5%.

Beneficiary: The person you designate to receive benefits in case of the owner's or annuitant's death while the contract is in force.

Close of business: The time the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) closes (4 p.m. Eastern time unless the NYSE closes earlier).

Code: The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Contract: A deferred annuity contract that permits you to accumulate money for retirement by making one or more purchase payments. It provides for lifetime or other forms of payouts beginning at a specified time in the future.

Contract value: The total value of your contract before we deduct any applicable charges.

Contract year: A period of 12 months, starting on the effective date of your contract and on each anniversary of the effective date.

Funds: A portfolio of an open-end management investment company that is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") in which the Subaccounts invest. May also be referred to as an underlying Fund.

Good order: We cannot process your transaction request relating to the contract until we have received the request in good order at our Service Center. "Good order" means the actual receipt of the requested transaction in writing, along with all information, forms and supporting legal documentation necessary to effect the transaction. To be in "good order," your instructions must be sufficiently clear so that we do not need to exercise any discretion to follow such instructions. This information and documentation generally includes your completed request; the contract number; the transaction amount (in dollars); the names of and allocations to and/or from the subaccounts and the fixed account affected by the requested transaction; Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number; and any other information, forms or supporting documentation that we may require. For certain transactions, at our option, we

may require the signature of all contract owners for the request to be in good order. With respect to purchase requests, "good order" also generally includes receipt of sufficient payment by us to effect the purchase. We may, in our sole discretion, determine whether any particular transaction request is in good order, and we reserve the right to change or waive any good order requirements at any time.

Guarantee Period: The number of successive 12-month periods that a guaranteed interest rate is credited.

Guarantee Period Accounts (GPAs): A nonunitized separate account to which you may allocate purchase payments or transfer contract value of at least \$1,000. These accounts have guaranteed interest rates for guarantee periods we declare when you allocate purchase payments or transfer contract value to a GPA. These guaranteed rates and periods of time may vary by state. Unless an exception applies, transfers or withdrawals from a GPA done more than 30 days before the end of the guarantee period will receive a market value adjustment, which may result in a gain or loss.

Market Value Adjustment (MVA): A positive or negative adjustment assessed if any portion of a Guarantee Period Account is withdrawn or transferred more than 30 days before the end of its guarantee period.

One-year fixed account: Part of our general account to which you may make allocations. Amounts you allocate to this account earn interest at rates that we declare periodically.

Owner (you, your): The person or persons identified in the contract as owner(s) of the contract, who has or have the right to control the contract (to decide on investment allocations, transfers, payout options, etc.). Usually, but not always, the owner is also the annuitant. During the owner's life, the owner is responsible for taxes, regardless of whether he or she receives the contract's benefits. The owner or any joint owner may be a non-natural person (e.g. irrevocable trust or corporation) or a revocable trust. If any owner is a non-natural person or a revocable trust, the annuitant will be deemed to be the owner for contract provisions that are based on the age or life of the owner. When the contract is owned by a revocable trust or irrevocable grantor trust, the annuitant(s) selected must be the grantor(s) of the trust to assure compliance with Section 72(s) of the Code.

Qualified annuity: A contract that you purchase to fund one of the following tax-deferred retirement plans that is subject to applicable federal law and any rules of the plan itself:

- Individual Retirement Annuities (IRAs) including inherited IRAs under Section 408(b) of the Code
- Roth IRAs including inherited Roth IRAs under Section 408A of the Code
- Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) plans under Section 408(k) of the Code

- Tax-Sheltered Annuity (TSA) rollovers under Section 403(b) of the Code

A qualified annuity will not provide any necessary or additional tax deferral if it is used to fund a retirement plan that is already tax deferred.

All other contracts are considered **nonqualified annuities**.

Retirement date: The date when annuity payouts are scheduled to begin.

Rider effective date: The date a rider becomes effective as stated in the rider.

Separate Account: An insulated segregated account, the assets of which are invested solely in an underlying Fund. We call this the Variable Account.

Service Center: Our department that processes all transaction and service requests for the contracts. We consider all transaction and service requests received when they arrive in good order at the Service Center. Any transaction or service requests sent or directed to any location other than our Service Center may end up delayed or not processed. Our Service Center address and telephone number are listed on the first page of the prospectus.

Subaccount: A division of the Variable Account, each of which invests in one Fund.

Valuation date: Any normal business day, Monday through Friday, on which the NYSE is open, up to the time it closes. At the NYSE close, the next valuation date

begins. We calculate the accumulation unit value of each subaccount on each valuation date. If we receive your purchase payment or any transaction request (such as a transfer or withdrawal request) in good order at our Service Center before the close of business, we will process your payment or transaction using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the valuation date we received your payment or transaction request. On the other hand, if we receive your purchase payment or transaction request in good order at our Service Center at or after the close of business, we will process your payment or transaction using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the next valuation date. If you make a transaction request by telephone (including by fax), you must have completed your transaction by the close of business in order for us to process it using the accumulation unit value we calculate on that valuation date. If you were not able to complete your transaction before the close of business for any reason, including telephone service interruptions or delays due to high call volume, we will process your transaction using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the next valuation date.

Variable Account: Refers to the RiverSource Variable Annuity Account, a Separate Account established to hold contract owners' assets allocated to the Subaccounts, each of which invests in a particular Fund.

Withdrawal value: The amount you are entitled to receive if you make a full withdrawal from your contract. It is the contract value minus any applicable charges.

Overview of the Contract

Purpose: The purpose of the contract is to allow you to accumulate money for retirement or a similar long-term goal. You do this by making one or more purchase payments.

We no longer offer new contracts. However, you have the option of making additional purchase payments in the future, subject to certain limitations.

The contract offers various optional features and benefits that may help you achieve financial goals.

It may be appropriate for you if you have a long-term investment horizon and your financial goals are consistent with the terms and conditions of the contract.

It is not intended for investors whose liquidity needs require frequent withdrawals in excess of free amount. If you plan to manage your investment in the contract by frequent or short-term trading, the contract is not suitable for you.

Phases of the Contract:

The contracts have two phases: the Accumulation Phase and the Income Phase.

Accumulation Phase. During the Accumulation Phase, you make purchase payments. For contract Option L, you may allocate your purchase payments to the Subaccounts, one-year fixed account, special dollar cost averaging ("SDCA") fixed account, and GPAs which earn interest at rates that we adjust periodically and declare when you make an allocation to that account. For contract Option C, you may allocate purchase payments to the Subaccounts. Each Subaccount has a particular investment objective, investment strategies, fees and expenses. These accounts, in turn, may earn returns that increase the value of the contract. If the contract value goes to zero due to underlying fund's performance or deduction of fees, the contract will no longer be in force and the contract (including any death benefit riders) will terminate. The GPAs have guaranteed interest rates for guarantee periods we declare when you allocate purchase payments or transfer contract value to them. A positive or negative MVA is assessed if any portion of a Guarantee Period Account is withdrawn or transferred more than thirty days before the end of its guarantee period. You may be able to purchase an optional benefit to reduce the investment risk you assume under your contract.

A list of Investment Options and additional information regarding each Investment option available under the contract is provided in Appendix A – Investment Options Available Under the Contract.

The amount of money you accumulate under your contract depends (in part) on the performance of the Subaccounts you choose or the rates you earn on allocations to the one-year fixed account, special dollar cost averaging ("SDCA") fixed account, and GPAs. A positive or negative MVA is assessed if any portion of a Guarantee Period Account is withdrawn or transferred more than 30 days before the end of its guarantee period. You could lose up to 100% of the amount withdrawn from a GPA as a result of a negative MVA. The following transactions, which we refer to as "early withdrawals," are subject to an MVA when they occur more than 30 days prior to the end of the guarantee period, unless an exception applies: (i) withdrawals (including full and partial withdrawals, systematic withdrawals, and required minimum distributions), (ii) transfers, and (iii) annuitization. An MVA may increase the death benefit but will not decrease it. You may transfer money between investment options during the Accumulation Phase, subject to certain restrictions. Your contract value impacts the value of your contract's benefits during the Accumulation Phase, including any optional benefits, as well as the amount available for withdrawal, annuitization and death benefits.

Income Phase. The Income Phase begins when you (or your beneficiary) choose to annuitize the contract. You can apply your contract value (less any applicable premium tax and/or other charges) to an annuity payout plan that begins on the retirement date or any other date you elect. You may choose from a variety of plans that can help meet your retirement or other income needs. We can make payouts on a fixed or variable basis, or both. You cannot take withdrawals of contract value or withdraw the contract during the Income Phase.

All optional death and living benefits terminate after the retirement start date.

Contract features:

- **Contract Classes.** This prospectus describes two contract options. Each contract has different expenses. Contract Option L offers a four year withdrawal charge schedule and investment options in the GPAs, one-year fixed account and/or the Subaccounts. Contract Option C eliminates the withdrawal charge schedule in exchange for a higher mortality and expense risk fee and allows investment in the Subaccounts only.
- **Death Benefits.** If you die during the Accumulation Phase, we will pay to your beneficiary or beneficiaries an amount based on the death benefit selected. You may have elected one of the death benefits under the contract. Death benefits must be elected at the time that the contract is purchased. Each optional death benefit is designed to provide a greater amount payable upon death. After the death benefit is paid, the contract will terminate.

- **Optional Living Benefits.** You may have elected one of the optional living benefits under the contract for an additional fee at the time of application. You cannot add optional benefits to your contract after it has been issued. Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit riders are designed to provide a guaranteed minimum lifetime income, regardless of the volatility inherent in the investments in the Subaccounts.
- **Withdrawals.** You may withdraw all or part of your contract value at any time during the Accumulation Phase. If you request a full withdrawal, the contract will terminate. You also may establish automated partial withdrawals. Withdrawals may be subject to charges and income taxes (including an IRS penalty that may apply if you withdraw prior to reaching age 59½) and may have other tax consequences. Early withdrawals of contract value invested in a GPA are subject to an MVA and could result in a significant negative contract adjustment. Throughout this prospectus when we use the term “Surrender” it includes the term “Withdrawal”.
- **Tax Treatment.** You can transfer money between Subaccounts, the one-year Fixed Account and GPAs without tax implications, and earnings (if any) on your investments are generally tax-deferred. Generally, earnings are not taxed until they are distributed, which may occur when making a withdrawal, upon receiving an annuity payment, or upon payment of the death benefit.

Additional Services:

- **Dollar Cost Averaging Programs.** Automated Dollar Cost Averaging allows you, at no additional cost, to transfer a set amount monthly between Subaccounts or from the one-year fixed account to one or more eligible Subaccounts. Special Dollar Cost Averaging (SDCA), only available for Contract Option L and new purchase payments of at least \$10,000, allows the systematic transfer from the Special DCA fixed account to one or more eligible Subaccounts over a 6 or 12 month period.
- **Asset Rebalancing.** Allows you, at no additional cost, to automatically rebalance the Subaccount portion of your contract value on a periodic basis.
- **Automated Partial Withdrawals.** An optional service allowing you to set up automated partial withdrawals from the GPAs, one-year fixed account, special dollar cost averaging (“SDCA”) fixed account, or the Subaccounts.
- **Electronic Delivery.** You may register for the electronic delivery of your current prospectus and other documents related to your contract.

Important Information You Should Consider About the Contract

FEES, EXPENSES, AND ADJUSTMENTS		Location in Statutory Prospectus
Are There Charges or Adjustments for Early Withdrawals?	<p>Yes</p> <p>Contract Option L. If you withdraw money during the first 4 contract years, you may be assessed a withdrawal charge of up to 8%. For example, if you make an early withdrawal, you could pay a withdrawal charge of up to \$8,000 on a \$100,000 withdrawal. This loss will be greater if there is a negative MVA, taxes, or tax penalties.</p> <p>Contract Option C. No withdrawal charges.</p> <p>A positive or negative MVA is assessed if any portion of a GPA is withdrawn or transferred more than 30 days before the end of its guarantee period. You could lose up to 100% of the amount withdrawn from a GPA as a result of a negative MVA.</p> <p>For example, if you allocate \$100,000 to a GPA with a 3-year guarantee period and later withdraw the entire amount before the 3 years have ended, you could lose up to \$100,000 of your investment. This loss will be greater if you also have to pay a withdrawal charge, taxes, and tax penalties.</p> <p>The following transactions when applied to a GPA, which we refer to as "early withdrawals," are subject to an MVA when they occur more than 30 days prior to the end of the guarantee period, unless an exception applies: (i) withdrawals (including full and partial withdrawals, systematic withdrawals, and required minimum distributions), (ii) transfers, and (iii) annuitization. We will not apply a negative MVA to the payment of the death benefit. An MVA may increase the death benefit but will not decrease it.</p>	<p>Fee Table and Examples</p> <p>Charges and Adjustments – Transaction Expenses – Withdrawal Charge</p> <p>Charges and Adjustments – Adjustments – Market Value Adjustments</p>
Are There Transaction Charges?	<p>No. Other than withdrawal charges and negative MVAs, we do not assess any transaction charges.</p>	

FEES, EXPENSES, AND ADJUSTMENTS			Location in Statutory Prospectus		
Are There Ongoing Fees and Expenses?	Yes. The table below describes the current fees and expenses that you may pay each year, depending on the options you choose. Please refer to your Contract specifications page for information about the specific fees you will pay each year based on the options you have elected.		Fee Table and Examples Charges and Adjustments – Annual Contract Expenses Appendix A: Investment Options Available Under the Contract		
	Annual Fee	Minimum		Maximum	
	Base Contract ⁽¹⁾ (varies by death benefit option, size of contract value, and contract option)	1.42%		1.82%	
	Fund options (funds fees and expenses) ⁽²⁾	0.51%		1.42%	
	Optional benefits available for an additional charge ⁽³⁾	0.25%		0.70%	
	<p>(1) As a percentage of average daily contract value in the variable account. Includes the Mortality and Expense Fee, Variable Account Administrative Charge, and Contract Administrative Charge.</p> <p>(2) As a percentage of Fund net assets.</p> <p>(3) As a percentage of adjusted Contract Value or the applicable guaranteed benefit amount (varies by optional benefit). The Minimum is a percentage of contract value. The Maximum is a percentage of the GMIB Benefit Base.</p> <p>Because your Contract is customizable, the choices you make affect how much you will pay. To help you understand the cost of owning your Contract, the following table shows the lowest and highest cost you could pay each year, based on current charges. This estimate assumes that you do not take withdrawals from the Contract, which could add withdrawal charges and negative MVAs that substantially increase costs.</p>				
	Lowest Annual Cost: \$1,798			Highest Annual Cost: \$3,343	
	Assumes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment of \$100,000 5% annual appreciation Least expensive combination of Contract features and Fund fees and expenses No optional benefits No additional purchase payments, transfers or withdrawals No sales charge 			Assumes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment of \$100,000 5% annual appreciation Most expensive combination of Contract features, optional benefits and Fund fees and expenses No sales charge No additional purchase payments, transfers or withdrawals 	
RISKS					
Is There a Risk of Loss from Poor Performance?	Yes. You can lose money by investing in this Contract including loss of principal.		Principal Risks of Investing in the Contract		

RISKS		Location in Statutory Prospectus
Is this a Short-Term Investment?	<p>No.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Contract is not a short-term investment and is not appropriate for an investor who needs ready access to cash. • The Contract Option L has withdrawal charges which may reduce the value of your Contract if you withdraw money during withdrawal charge period. Withdrawals may also reduce or terminate contract guarantees. • Withdrawals may also be subject to taxes and tax penalties. • Withdrawals from a GPA prior to 30 days before the end of the guarantee period may also result in a negative MVA. During the 30-day period ending on the last day of the guarantee period, you may choose to start a new guarantee period of the same length, transfer the contract value from the current GPA to any of the investment options available under the Contract, apply the contract value to an annuity payout plan, or withdraw the value from the current GPA (all subject to applicable withdrawal, transfer, and annuitization provisions). If we do not receive any instructions by the end of the guarantee period, we will automatically transfer the contract value from the current GPA into the shortest GPA term available. • The benefits of tax deferral, long-term income and optional living benefit guarantees, mean the contract is generally more beneficial to investors with a long term investment horizon. 	<p>Principal Risks of Investing in the Contract</p> <p>Charges and Adjustments – Transaction Expenses – Withdrawal Charge</p> <p>Charges and Adjustments – Adjustments – Market Value Adjustments</p>
What Are the Risks Associated with the Investment Options?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An investment in the Contract is subject to the risk of poor investment performance and can vary depending on the performance of the investment options available under the Contract. • Each investment option, including the one-year fixed account and the Guarantee Period Accounts (GPAs) investment options, available for Contract Option L only, has its own unique risks. • You should review the investment options before making any investment decisions. 	<p>Principal Risks of Investing in the Contract</p> <p>The Variable Account and the Funds</p> <p>The “Nonunitized” Separate Account and the Guarantee Period Accounts (GPAs)</p> <p>The One-Year Fixed Account</p>
What Are the Risk Related to Insurance Company?	<p>An investment in the Contract is subject to the risks related to us. Any obligations (including under the one-year fixed account) or guarantees and benefits of the Contract that exceed the assets of the Separate Account are subject to our claims-paying ability. If we experience financial distress, we may not be able to meet our obligations to you. More information about RiverSource Life, including our financial strength ratings, is available by contacting us at 1-800-862-7919.</p>	<p>Principal Risks of Investing in the Contract</p> <p>The General Account</p>

RESTRICTIONS		Location in Statutory Prospectus
Are There Restrictions on the Investment Options?	<p>Yes.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Subject to certain restrictions, you may transfer your Contract value among the subaccounts without charge at any time before the retirement date and once per contract year after the retirement date. • Certain transfers out of the GPAs will be subject to an MVA. • GPAs and the one-year fixed account are subject to certain restrictions. • We reserve the right to modify, restrict or suspend your transfer privileges if we determine that your transfer activity constitutes market timing. • We reserve the right to add, remove or substitute Funds as investment options. We also reserve the right, upon notification to you, to close or restrict any Funds. 	<p>Making the Most of Your Contract – Transferring Among Accounts</p> <p>Substitution of Investments</p>
Are There Any Restrictions on Contract Benefits?	<p>Yes. Certain optional benefits may limit allocations to the subaccounts investing in the Money Market funds.</p>	<p>Optional Benefits – Optional Living Benefits – GMIB – Investment Selection</p> <p>Optional Benefits – Optional Living Benefits – PCR – Investment Selection</p>
TAXES		
What Are the Contract's Tax Implications?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consult with a tax advisor to determine the tax implications of an investment in and payments and withdrawals received under this Contract. • If you purchase the Contract through a tax-qualified plan or individual retirement account, you do not get any additional tax benefit. • Earnings under your contract are taxed at ordinary income tax rates generally when withdrawn. You may have to pay a tax penalty if you take a withdrawal before age 59½. 	Taxes
CONFLICTS OF INTEREST		
How Are Investment Professionals Compensated?	<p>Your investment professional may receive compensation for selling this Contract to you, in the form of commissions, additional cash benefits (e.g., bonuses), and non-cash compensation. This financial incentive may influence your investment professional to recommend this Contract over another investment for which the investment professional is not compensated or compensated less.</p>	About the Service Providers
Should I Exchange My Contract?	<p>If you already own an annuity or insurance Contract, some investment professionals may have a financial incentive to offer you a new Contract in place of the one you own. You should only exchange a Contract you already own if you determine, after comparing the features, fees, and risks of both Contracts, that it is better for you to purchase the new Contract rather than continue to own your existing Contract.</p>	Buying Your Contract – Contract Exchanges

Fee Table and Examples

The following tables describe the fees, expenses and adjustments that you will pay when buying, owning and making a withdrawal from an investment option or from the Contract. Please refer to your Contract specifications page for information about the specific fees you will pay each year based on the options you have elected.

The first table describes the fees and expenses that you paid at the time that you bought the Contract and will pay when you make a withdrawal from the Contract. State premium taxes also may be deducted.

Transaction Expenses

Withdrawal Charges

You select either contract Option L or Option C at the time of application. Option C contracts have no withdrawal charge schedule but they carry higher mortality and expense risk fees than Option L contracts.

Contract year for Contract Option L	Withdrawal charge percentage
1-2	8%
3	7
4	6
5 and later	0

Liquidation charge under Variable Annuity Payout Plan E – Payouts for a specified period: If you are receiving variable annuity payments under this annuity payout plan, you can choose to withdraw those payments. The amount that you can withdraw is the present value of any remaining variable payouts. The discount rate we use in the calculation will be 5.17% if the assumed investment return is 3.5% and 6.67% if the assumed investment return is 5%. The liquidation charge equals the present value of the remaining payouts using the assumed investment return minus the present value of the remaining payouts using the discount rate. (See “Charges and Adjustments – Transaction Expenses – Withdrawal Charge” and “The Annuity Payout Period – Annuity Payout Plans.”)

Withdrawal charge for Fixed Annuity Payout Plan E – Payouts for a specified period:

Number of Completed Years Since Annuitization	Withdrawal charge percentage
0	Not applicable*
1	5%
2	4
3	3
4	2
5	1
6 and thereafter	0

*We do not permit withdrawals in the first year after annuitization.

The next table describes the adjustments, in addition to any transaction expenses, that apply if all or a portion of contract value is removed from an investment option before expiration of a specified period.

Adjustments

MVA Maximum Potential Loss (as a percentage of amount withdrawn from a GPA)⁽¹⁾ 100%

⁽¹⁾ The following transactions when applied to a GPA, which we refer to as “early withdrawals,” are subject to an MVA when they occur more than 30 days prior to the end of the guarantee period, unless an exception applies: (i) withdrawals (including full and partial withdrawals, systematic withdrawals, and required minimum distributions), (ii) transfers, and (iii) annuitization. We will not apply a negative MVA to the payment of the death benefit. An MVA may increase the death benefit but will not decrease it.

The next table shows the minimum and maximum total operating expenses charged by the funds that you may pay periodically during the time that you own the contract. Expenses shown may change over time and may be higher or lower in the future. A complete list of investment options available under the contract, including their annual expenses, may be found in Appendix A.

Annual Contract Expenses

You can choose either contract Option L or Option C and the death benefit guarantee provided. The combination you choose determines the fees you pay. The table below shows the combinations available to you and their cost.

Withdrawal Charges (continued)

If you select contract Option L and:	Variable account administrative charge	Total mortality and expense risk fee	Total variable account expense
Return of Purchase Payment (ROP) death benefit	0.15%	1.25%	1.40%
Maximum Anniversary Value (MAV) death benefit	0.15	1.35	1.50
Enhanced Death Benefit (EDB)	0.15	1.55	1.70

If you select contract Option C and:	Variable account administrative charge	Total mortality and expense risk fee	Total variable account expense
ROP death benefit	0.15	1.35	1.50
MAV death benefit	0.15	1.45	1.60
EDB	0.15	1.65	1.80

Administrative Expenses

(assessed annually and upon full surrender)

Annual contract administrative charge	\$40
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(We will waive this charge when your contract value is \$100,000 or more on the current contract anniversary. Upon full surrender of the contract, we will assess this charge even if your contract value equals or exceeds \$100,000.)

Optional Benefit Expenses

Optional Death Benefits

Benefit Protector Death Benefit Rider (Benefit Protector) fee	Maximum/Current: 0.25% ⁽¹⁾
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(As a percentage of the contract value charged annually on the contract anniversary.)

Benefit Protector Plus Death Benefit Rider (Benefit Protector Plus) fee	Maximum/Current: 0.40% ⁽¹⁾
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(As a percentage of the contract value charged annually on the contract anniversary.)

Optional Living Benefits

Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit Rider (GMIB) fee	0.70% ^{(1),(2)}
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(As a percentage of the GMIB benefit base charged annually on the contract anniversary.)

⁽¹⁾ This fee applies only if you elect this optional feature.

⁽²⁾ For applications signed prior to May 1, 2003, the following annual current rider charges apply: GMIB — .30%.

Annual Fund Expenses⁽¹⁾

Minimum and maximum annual operating expenses for the funds

(Including management, distribution (12b-1) and/or service fees and other expenses)⁽¹⁾

Total Annual Fund Expenses	Minimum(%)	Maximum(%)
(expenses deducted from the Fund assets, including management fees, distribution and/or service (12b-1) fees and other expenses)	0.51	1.42

⁽¹⁾ Total annual fund operating expenses are deducted from amounts that are allocated to the fund. They include management fees and other expenses and may include distribution (12b-1) fees. Other expenses may include service fees that may be used to compensate service providers, including us and our affiliates, for administrative and contract owner services provided on behalf of the fund. The amount of these payments will vary by fund and may be significant. See "The Variable Account and the Funds" for additional information, including potential conflicts of interest these payments may create. Distribution (12b-1) fees are used to finance any activity that is primarily intended to result in the sale of fund shares. Because 12b-1 fees are paid out of fund assets on an ongoing basis, you may pay more if you select subaccounts investing in funds that have adopted 12b-1 plans than if you select subaccounts investing in funds that have not adopted 12b-1 plans. For a more complete description of each fund's fees and expenses and important disclosure regarding payments the fund and/or its affiliates make, please review the fund's prospectus and SAI.

Examples

These examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in these contracts with the cost of investing in other variable annuity contracts. These costs include Transaction Expenses, Annual Contract Expenses, and Annual Fund expenses.

The examples assume all contract value is allocated to the subaccounts. The examples do not reflect the MVA that only applies to GPAs. Your costs could differ from those shown below if you invest in the GPAs or fixed account investment options.

These examples assume that you invest \$100,000 in the contract for the time periods indicated. These examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year. The “Maximum” example further assumes the most expensive combination of Annual Contract Expenses reflecting the maximum charges, Annual Fund Expenses and optional benefits available. The “Minimum” example further assumes the least expensive combination of Annual Contract Expenses reflecting the current charges, Annual Fund Expenses and that no optional benefits are selected. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions your maximum and minimum costs would be:

Maximum Expenses. These examples assume that you select the EDB and the GMIB. Although your actual costs may be lower, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	If you withdraw your contract at the end of the applicable time period:				If you do not withdraw your contract or if you select an annuity payout plan at the end of the applicable time period:			
	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Contract Option L	\$11,255	\$17,627	\$20,427	\$42,717	\$3,933	\$12,013	\$20,387	\$42,677
Contract Option C	4,076	12,353	20,915	43,625	4,036	12,313	20,875	43,585

Minimum Expenses. These examples assume that you select the ROP Death Benefit and do not select any optional benefits. Although your actual costs may be higher, based on these assumptions your costs would be:

	If you withdraw your contract at the end of the applicable time period:				If you do not withdraw your contract or if you select an annuity payout plan at the end of the applicable time period:			
	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years	1 year	3 years	5 years	10 years
Contract Option L	\$9,438	\$12,019	\$10,443	\$22,527	\$1,958	\$6,054	\$10,403	\$22,487
Contract Option C	2,100	6,404	10,965	23,593	2,060	6,364	10,925	23,553

THE EXAMPLES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY. YOU SHOULD NOT CONSIDER THESE EXAMPLES AS A REPRESENTATION OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES. ACTUAL EXPENSES WILL BE HIGHER OR LOWER THAN THOSE SHOWN DEPENDING UPON WHICH OPTIONAL BENEFIT YOU ELECT OTHER THAN INDICATED IN THE EXAMPLES OR IF YOU ALLOCATE CONTRACT VALUE TO ANY OTHER AVAILABLE SUBACCOUNTS.

Principal Risks of Investing in the Contract

Risk of Loss. Variable annuities involve risks, including possible loss of principal. Your losses could be significant. This contract is not a deposit or obligation of, or guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank. This contract is not federally insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Reserve Board, or any other agency.

Short-Term Investment Risk. This contract is not designed for short-term investing and may not be appropriate for an investor who needs ready access to cash. The benefits of tax deferral, long-term income, and the option to purchase a living benefit mean that this contract is more beneficial to investors with a long-term investment horizon.

Withdrawal Risk. You should carefully consider the risks associated with withdrawals under the contract. Withdrawals may be subject to a significant withdrawal charge, depending on the option you select. If you make a withdrawal prior to age 59½, there may be adverse tax consequences, including a 10% IRS penalty tax. A positive or negative MVA is assessed if any portion of a Guarantee Period Account is withdrawn or transferred more than thirty days before the end of its guarantee period. You could lose up to 100% of your investment in a GPA as a result of a negative MVA. A withdrawal may reduce the value of your standard and optional benefits. A total withdrawal (surrender) will result in the termination of your contract.

Subaccount Risk. Amounts that you invest in the subaccounts are subject to the risk of poor investment performance. You assume the investment risk. Generally, if the subaccounts that you select make money, your contract value goes up, and if they lose money, your contract value goes down. Each subaccount's performance depends on the performance of its underlying Fund. Each underlying Fund has its own investment risks, and you are exposed to the Fund's investment risks when you invest in a subaccount. You are responsible for selecting subaccounts that are appropriate for you based on your own individual circumstances, investment goals, financial situation, and risk tolerance. For risks associated with any Fixed Account options, see Financial Strength and Claims-Paying Ability Risk below.

GPA Risk. Each GPA pays an interest rate declared by us when you make an allocation to that account and is fixed for the guarantee period you choose. We will periodically change the declared interest rate for future allocations to these accounts at our discretion based, in part, on various factors including, but not limited to, the interest rate environment returns earned on investments backing these annuities, the rates currently in effect for new and existing RiverSource Life annuities, product design, competition, and RiverSource Life's revenues and expenses.

We guarantee the contract value allocated to the GPAs, including interest credited, if you do not make any transfers or withdrawals from the GPA prior to 30 days before the end of the guarantee period. At all other times, and unless an exception applies, we will apply a MVA if you withdraw or transfer contract value from a GPA or you elect an annuity payout plan while you have contract value invested in a GPA. The MVA may be negative, positive or result in no change depending on how the guaranteed interest rate on your GPA compares to the new interest rate of a new GPA for the same number of years as the guarantee period remaining on your GPA. You bear the risk of loss of principal due to a negative MVA. Partial withdrawals will reduce certain death benefits proportionally based on the percentage of contract value that is withdrawn and if you request a partial withdrawal from the GPAs that will give you the net amount you requested after we apply any applicable MVA and withdrawal charge, a negative MVA will increase the impact of the partial withdrawal on the value of the death benefit.

Selection Risk. The optional benefits under the contract were designed for different financial goals and to protect against different financial risks. There is a risk that you may not choose, or may not have chosen, the benefit or benefits (if any) that are best suited for you based on your present or future needs and circumstances, and the benefits that are more suited for you (if any) may not be elected after your contract is issued. In addition, if you elected an optional benefit and do not use it, or if the contingencies upon which the benefit depend never occur, you will have paid for an optional benefit that did not provide a financial benefit. There is also a risk that any financial return of an optional benefit, if any, will ultimately be less than the amount you paid for the benefit.

Investment Restrictions Risk. Certain optional benefits limit the investment options that are available to you and limit your ability to take certain actions under the contract. These investment requirements are designed to reduce our risk that we will have to make payments to you from our own assets. In turn, they may also limit the potential growth of your contract value and the potential growth of your guaranteed benefits. This may conflict with your personal investment objectives.

Purchase Payment Risk. Your ability to make subsequent purchase payments is subject to restrictions. We reserve the right to limit or restrict purchase payments in certain contract years or based on age, and in conjunction with certain optional living and death benefit riders with advance notice. Also, our prior approval may be required before accepting certain purchase payments. We reserve the right to limit certain annuity features (for example, investment options) if prior approval is required. There is no guarantee that you will always be permitted to make purchase payments.

Contract Changes Risk. We reserve the right to make certain changes in the future, subject to applicable law. We reserve the right to (i) limit transfers to the regular one-year Fixed Account or (ii) change the percentage allowed to be transferred from the regular one-year Fixed Account. During the annuity payout period, we reserve the right to limit the

number of subaccounts in which you may invest. We reserve the right to add, remove or substitute approved investment options at any time and in our sole discretion. We reserve the right to close or restrict approved investment options in our sole discretion. For certain optional living benefits, we also reserve the right to add, remove or modify allocation plans and requirements in our sole discretion.

Financial Strength and Claims-Paying Ability Risk. All guarantees under the contract that are paid from our general account (including under any Fixed Account option) are subject to our financial strength and claims-paying ability. If we experience financial distress, we may not be able to meet our obligations to you.

Cybersecurity Risk. Increasingly, businesses are dependent on the continuity, security, and effective operation of various technology systems. The nature of our business depends on the continued effective operation of our systems and those of our business partners.

This dependence makes us susceptible to operational and information security risks from cyber-attacks. These risks may include the following:

- the corruption or destruction of data;
- theft, misuse or dissemination of data to the public, including your information we hold; and
- denial of service attacks on our website or other forms of attacks on our systems and the software and hardware we use to run them.

These attacks and their consequences can negatively impact your contract, your privacy, your ability to conduct transactions on your contract, or your ability to receive timely service from us. The risk of cyberattacks may be higher during periods of geopolitical turmoil (such as the Russian invasion of Ukraine and the responses by the United States and other governments). There can be no assurance that we, the underlying funds in your contract, or our other business partners will avoid losses affecting your contract due to any successful cyber-attacks or information security breaches.

Potential Adverse Tax Consequences. Tax considerations vary by individual facts and circumstances. Tax rules may change without notice. Generally, earnings under your contract are taxed at ordinary income tax rates when withdrawn. You may have to pay a tax penalty if you take a withdrawal before age 59 ½. If you purchase a qualified annuity to fund a retirement plan that is tax-deferred, your contract will not provide any necessary or additional tax deferral beyond what is provided in that retirement plan. Consult a tax professional.

The Variable Account and the Funds

Variable Account. The variable account was established under Indiana law on July 15, 1987. The variable account, consisting of Subaccounts, is registered together as a single unit investment trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the 1940 Act). This registration does not involve any supervision of our management or investment practices and policies by the SEC. All obligations arising under the contracts are general obligations of RiverSource Life.

The variable account meets the definition of a separate account under federal securities laws. Income, gains, and losses credited to or charged against the variable account reflect the variable account's own investment experience and not the investment experience of RiverSource Life's other assets. The variable account's assets are held separately from RiverSource Life's assets and are not chargeable with liabilities incurred in any other business of RiverSource Life. RiverSource Life is obligated to pay all amounts promised to contract owners under the contracts. The variable account includes other Subaccounts that are available under contracts that are not described in this prospectus.

The IRS has issued guidance on investor control but may issue additional guidance in the future. We reserve the right to modify the contract or any investments made under the terms of the contract so that the investor control rules do not apply to treat the contract owner as the owner of the Subaccount assets rather than the owner of an annuity contract. If the contract is not treated as an annuity contract for tax purposes, the owner may be subject to current taxation on any current or accumulated income credited to the contract.

We intend to comply with all federal tax laws so that the contract qualifies as an annuity for federal tax purposes. We reserve the right to modify the contract as necessary in order to qualify the contract as an annuity for federal tax purposes.

The Funds: The contract currently offers subaccounts investing in shares of the Funds. Contract value allocated to a Subaccount will vary based on the investment experience of the corresponding Fund in which the Subaccount invests. There is a risk of loss of the entire amount invested. Information regarding each Fund, including (i) its name, (ii) its investment objective, (iii) its investment adviser and any sub-investment adviser, (iv) current expenses, and (v) performance may be found in the Appendix A to this prospectus.

Please read the Funds' prospectuses carefully for facts you should know before investing. These prospectuses containing more detailed information about the Funds are available by contacting us at 70100 Ameriprise Financial Center, Minneapolis, MN 55474, telephone: 1-800-862-7919, website: Ameriprise.com/variableannuities.

- **Investment objectives:** The investment managers and advisers cannot guarantee that the Funds will meet their investment objectives.
- **Fund name and management:** An underlying Fund in which a subaccount invests may have a name, portfolio manager, objectives, strategies and characteristics that are the same or substantially similar to those of a publicly-traded retail mutual fund. Despite these similarities, an underlying fund is not the same as any publicly-traded retail mutual fund. Each underlying fund will have its own unique portfolio holdings, fees, operating expenses and operating results. The results of each underlying fund may differ significantly from any publicly-traded retail mutual fund.
- **Eligible purchasers:** All Funds are available to serve as the underlying investment options for variable annuities and variable life insurance policies. The Funds are not available to the public (see "Fund Name and Management" above). Some Funds also are available to serve as investment options for tax-deferred retirement plans. It is possible that in the future for tax, regulatory or other reasons, it may be disadvantageous for variable annuity accounts and variable life insurance accounts and/or tax-deferred retirement plans to invest in the available Funds simultaneously. Although we and the Funds' providers do not currently foresee any such disadvantages, the boards of directors or trustees of each Fund will monitor events in order to identify any material conflicts between annuity owners, policy owners and tax-deferred retirement plans and to determine what action, if any, should be taken in response to a conflict. If a board were to conclude that it should establish separate Fund providers for the variable annuity, variable life insurance and tax-deferred retirement plan accounts, you would not bear any expenses associated with establishing separate Funds. Please refer to the Funds' prospectuses for risk disclosure regarding simultaneous investments by variable annuity, variable life insurance and tax-deferred retirement plan accounts. Each Fund intends to comply with the diversification requirements under Section 817(h) of the Code.
- **Private label:** This contract is a "private label" variable annuity. This means the contract includes funds affiliated with the distributor of this contract. Purchase payments and contract values you allocate to subaccounts investing in any of the Wells Fargo Variable Trust Funds available under this contract are generally more profitable for the distributor and its affiliates than allocations you make to other subaccounts. In contrast, purchase payments and contract values you allocate to subaccounts investing in any of the affiliated funds are generally more profitable for us and our affiliates (see "Revenue we receive from the funds may create conflicts of interest"). These relationships may influence recommendations your investment professional makes regarding whether you should invest in the contract, and whether you should allocate purchase payments or contract values to a particular subaccount.

Asset allocation programs may impact fund performance: Asset allocation programs in general may negatively impact the performance of an underlying fund. Even if you do not participate in an asset allocation program, a fund in which your subaccount invests may be impacted if it is included in an asset allocation program. Rebalancing or reallocation under the terms of the asset allocation program may cause a fund to lose money if it must sell large amounts of securities to meet a redemption request. These losses can be greater if the fund holds securities that are not as liquid as others, for example, various types of bonds, shares of smaller companies and securities of foreign issuers. A fund may also experience higher expenses because it must sell or buy securities more frequently than it otherwise might in the absence of asset allocation program rebalancing or reallocations. Because asset allocation programs include periodic rebalancing and may also include reallocation, these effects may occur under the asset allocation program we offer or under asset allocation programs used in conjunction with the contracts and plans of other eligible purchasers of the funds.

- **Funds available under the contract:** We seek to provide a broad array of underlying funds taking into account the fees and charges imposed by each fund and the contract charges we impose. We select the underlying funds in which the subaccounts initially invest and when there is substitution (see “Substitution of Investments”). We also make all decisions regarding which funds to retain in a contract, which funds to add to a contract and which funds will no longer be offered in a contract. In making these decisions, we may consider various objective and subjective factors. Objective factors include, but are not limited to fund performance, fund expenses, classes of fund shares available, size of the fund and investment objectives and investing style of the fund. Subjective factors include, but are not limited to, investment sub-styles and process, management skill and history at other funds and portfolio concentration and sector weightings. We also consider the levels and types of revenue, including but not limited to expense payments and non-cash compensation of a fund, its distributor, investment adviser, subadviser, transfer agent or their affiliates pay us and our affiliates. This revenue includes but is not limited to compensation for administrative services provided with respect to the fund and support of marketing and distribution expenses incurred with respect to the fund.
- **Money Market fund yield:** In low interest rate environments, money market fund yields may decrease to a level where the deduction of fees and charges associated with your contract could result in negative net performance, resulting in a corresponding decrease in your contract value.
- **Revenue we receive from the funds and potential conflicts of interest:**

Expenses We May Incur on Behalf of the Funds

When a subaccount invests in a fund, the fund holds a single account in the name of the variable account. As such, the variable account is actually the shareholder of the fund. We, through our variable account, aggregate the transactions of numerous contract owners and submit net purchase and redemption requests to the funds on a daily basis. In addition, we track individual contract owner transactions and provide confirmations, periodic statements, and other required mailings. These costs would normally be borne by the fund, but we incur them instead.

Besides incurring these administrative expenses on behalf of the funds, we also incur distributions expenses in selling our contracts. By extension, the distribution expenses we incur benefit the funds we make available due to contract owner elections to allocate purchase payments to the funds through the subaccounts. In addition, the funds generally incur lower distribution expenses when offered through our variable account in contrast to being sold on a retail basis.

A complete list of why we may receive this revenue, as well as sources of revenue, is described in detail below.

Payments the Funds May Make to Us

We or our affiliates may receive from each of the funds, or their affiliates, compensation including but not limited to expense payments. These payments are designed in part to compensate us for the expenses we may incur on behalf of the funds. In addition to these payments, the funds may compensate us for wholesaling activities or to participate in educational or marketing seminars sponsored by the funds.

We or our affiliates may receive revenue derived from the 12b-1 fees charged by the funds. These fees are deducted from the assets of the funds. This revenue and the amount by which it can vary may create conflicts of interest. The amount, type, and manner in which the revenue from these sources is computed vary by fund.

Conflicts of Interest These Payments May Create

When we determined the charges to impose under the contracts, we took into account anticipated payments from the funds. If we had not taken into account these anticipated payments, the charges under the contract would have been higher. Additionally, the amount of payment we receive from a fund or its affiliate may create an incentive for us to include that fund as an investment option and may influence our decision regarding which funds to include in the variable account as subaccount options for contract owners. Funds that offer lower payments or no payments may also have corresponding expense structures that are lower, resulting in decreased overall fees and expenses to shareholders.

We offer funds managed by our affiliates Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC (Columbia Management) and Columbia Wanger Asset Management, LLC (Columbia Wanger). We have additional financial incentive to offer our affiliated funds because additional assets held by them generally results in added revenue to us and our parent

company, Ameriprise Financial, Inc. Additionally, employees of Ameriprise Financial, Inc. and its affiliates, including our employees, may be separately incented to include the affiliated funds in the products, as employee compensation and business unit operating goals at all levels are tied to the success of the company. Currently, revenue received from our affiliated funds comprises the greatest amount and percentage of revenue we derive from payments made by the funds.

The Amount of Payments We Receive from the Funds

We or our affiliates receive revenue which ranges up to 0.65% of the average daily net assets invested in the funds through this and other contracts we and our affiliates issue.

Why revenues are paid to us: In accordance with applicable laws, regulations and the terms of the agreements under which such revenue is paid, we or our affiliates may receive revenue, including, but not limited to expense payments and non-cash compensation, for various purposes:

- Compensating, training and educating investment professionals who sell the contracts.
- Granting access to our employees whose job it is to promote sales of the contracts by authorized selling firms and their investment professionals, and granting access to investment professionals of our affiliated selling firms.
- Activities or services we or our affiliates provide that assist in the promotion and distribution of the contracts including promoting the funds available under the contracts to contract owners, authorized selling firms and investment professionals.
- Providing sub-transfer agency and shareholder servicing to contract owners.
- Promoting, including and/or retaining the fund's investment portfolios as underlying investment options in the contracts.
- Advertising, printing and mailing sales literature, and printing and distributing prospectuses and reports.
- Furnishing personal services to contract owners, including education of contract owners regarding the funds, answering routine inquiries regarding a fund, maintaining accounts or providing such other services eligible for service fees as defined under the rules of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).
- Subaccounting services, transaction processing, recordkeeping and administration.
- **Sources of revenue received from affiliated funds:** The affiliated funds are managed by Columbia Management or Columbia Wanger. The sources of revenue we receive from these affiliated funds, or the funds' affiliates, may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - Assets of the fund's adviser, sub-adviser, transfer agent, distributor or an affiliate of these. The revenue resulting from these sources may be based either on a percentage of average daily net assets of the fund or on the actual cost of certain services we provide with respect to the fund. We may receive this revenue either in the form of a cash payment or it may be allocated to us.
 - Compensation paid out of 12b-1 fees that are deducted from fund assets.
- **Sources of revenue received from unaffiliated funds:** The unaffiliated funds are not managed by an affiliate of ours. The sources of revenue we receive from these unaffiliated funds, or the funds' affiliates, may include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
 - Assets of the fund's adviser, sub-adviser, transfer agent, distributor or an affiliate of these. The revenue resulting from these sources may be based either on a percentage of average daily net assets of the fund or on the actual cost of certain services we provide with respect to the fund. We receive this revenue in the form of a cash payment.
 - Compensation paid out of 12b-1 fees that are deducted from fund assets.

The “Nonunitized” Separate Account and the Guarantee Period Accounts (GPAs)

The “Nonunitized” separate account: We hold amounts You allocate to the GPAs in a “nonunitized” separate account, which is maintained by Us and segregated from Our general assets and the Variable Account. This separate account provides an additional measure of assurance that We will make full payment of amounts due under the GPAs. Unlike the Variable Account (i.e., a unitized separate account), which has subaccounts and accumulation units, We own the assets of this separate account as well as any favorable investment performance of those assets. You do not participate in the performance of the assets held in this separate account. We guarantee all benefits relating to Your value in the GPAs. This guarantee is based on the continued claims-paying ability of the company's general account. See “The General Account” for more information.

The GPAs: The contract currently offers GPAs that earn fixed interest during guarantee periods. The available guarantee periods may vary by state. The GPAs may not be available for contracts in some states.

Investment in the GPAs is not available under contract Option C⁽¹⁾.

⁽¹⁾ For applications dated May 1, 2003 or after, investment in the GPAs for contract Option C is not allowed in most states. For applications dated prior to May 1, 2003, investment in the GPAs is not restricted in most states. Please check with your investment professional to determine which applies in your state.

For Contract Option L, you may allocate purchase payments to one or more of the GPAs. The required minimum investment in each GPA is \$1,000. Information regarding each GPA, including (i) its name, and (ii) its term may be found in Appendix A to this prospectus.

These accounts are not offered after annuity payouts begin.

Each GPA pays an interest rate that is declared at the time of your allocation to that account. Interest is credited daily. That interest rate is fixed for the guarantee period that you chose. We may periodically change the declared interest rate for any future allocations to these accounts, but we will not change the rate paid on any Contract Value already allocated to a GPA. The interest rates that we will declare as guaranteed rates in the future are determined by us at our discretion. These rates generally will be based on factors including, but not limited to, the interest rate environment, returns earned on investments backing these annuities, the rates currently in effect for new and existing RiverSource Life annuities, product design, competition, and RiverSource Life's revenues and expenses. Contact our Service Center at the number listed on the cover page of this prospectus for current interest rates.

A positive or negative MVA is assessed if any portion of a GPA is withdrawn or transferred more than thirty days before the end of its guarantee period. You could lose up to 100% of the amount withdrawn from a GPA as a result of a negative MVA. The following transactions, which we refer to as "early withdrawals," are subject to an MVA when they occur more than 30 days prior to the end of the guarantee period, unless an exception applies: (i) withdrawals (including full and partial withdrawals, systematic withdrawals, and required minimum distributions), (ii) transfers, and (iii) annuitization. An MVA may increase the death benefit but will not decrease it. We will not apply an MVA to Contract Value you transfer or withdraw out of the GPAs during the 30-day period ending on the last day of the guarantee period. For more information about the MVA, see "Charges and Adjustments – Adjustments – Market Value Adjustments."

During the 30 day window, which precedes the end of your GPA investment's guarantee period, you may elect one of the following options: (i) reinvest the Contract Value in a new GPA with the same guarantee period; (ii) transfer the Contract Value to a GPA with a different guarantee period; (iii) transfer the Contract Value to any of the subaccounts or the one-year fixed account, or withdraw the Contract Value (subject to applicable withdrawal and transfer provisions). We will send you a letter prior to the end of your guarantee period that lists the available GPAs or you can contact our Service Center at the number listed on the cover page of this prospectus for the GPAs currently available to you. If we do not receive any instructions by the end of your guarantee period, we will automatically transfer the Contract Value into the shortest GPA term offered in your state.

The General Account

The general account includes all assets owned by RiverSource Life, other than those in the Variable Account and our other separate accounts. Subject to applicable state law, we have sole discretion to decide how assets of the general account will be invested. The assets held in our general account support the guarantees under your contract including any optional benefits offered under the contract. These guarantees are subject to the claims-paying ability and financial strength of RiverSource Life. You should be aware that our general account is exposed to many of the same risks normally associated with a portfolio of fixed-income securities including interest rate, option, liquidity and credit risk. You should also be aware that we issue other types of annuities and financial instruments and products as well, and these obligations are satisfied from the assets in our general account. Our general account is not segregated or insulated from the claims of our creditors. The financial statements contained in the SAI include a further discussion of the risks inherent within the investments of the general account. The fixed account is supported by our general account that we make available under the contract.

The One-Year Fixed Account

Investment in the one-year fixed account is not available for contract Option C.⁽¹⁾

For Contract Option L, you may allocate purchase payments or transfer accumulated value to the one-year fixed account. Some states may restrict the amount you can allocate to this account. We back the principal and interest guarantees relating to the one-year fixed account. These guarantees are subject to the creditworthiness and continued claims-paying ability of the company's general account. The value of the one-year fixed account increases as we credit interest to the account. Purchase payments and transfers to the one-year fixed account become part of our general account. You should be aware that our general account is exposed to the risks normally associated with a portfolio of fixed-income securities, including interest rate, option, liquidity and credit risk. The financial statements contained in the SAI include a further discussion of the risks inherent within the investments of the general account. We credit and compound interest daily based on a 365-day year (366 in a leap year) so as to produce the annual effective rate which we declare. The interest rate we apply to each purchase payment or transfer to the one-year fixed account is guaranteed for one year. Thereafter we will change the rates from time-to-time at our discretion. Interest rates credited in excess of the guaranteed rate generally will be based on various factors related to future investment earnings. The guaranteed minimum interest rate offered will never be less than the fixed account minimum interest rate required under state law. Interest rates credited in excess of the guaranteed rate generally will be based on various factors related to future investment earnings. The guaranteed minimum interest rate offered will never be less than the fixed account minimum interest rate required under state law. There are restrictions on the amount you can allocate to this account as well as on transfers from this account (see "Making the Most of Your Contract – Transfer policies").

Because of exemptive and exclusionary provisions, we have not registered interests in the one-year fixed account as securities under the Securities Act of 1933 nor have any of these accounts been registered as investment companies under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Accordingly, neither the one-year fixed account nor any interests in the one-year fixed account are subject to the provisions of these Acts.

The one-year fixed account has not been registered with the SEC. Disclosures regarding the one-year fixed account, however, are subject to certain generally applicable provisions of the federal securities laws relating to the accuracy and completeness of statements made in a prospectus.

⁽¹⁾ For applications dated May 1, 2003 or after, investment in the one-year fixed account for Contract Option C is not allowed in most states. For applications dated prior to May 1, 2003, investment in the one-year fixed account was not restricted in most states. Please check with your investment professional to determine if this restriction applies to your state.

Buying Your Contract

New contracts as described in this prospectus are not currently being offered. Information about applying for the contract and issuing the contract is provided for informational purposes only.

We are required by law to obtain personal information from you which we used to verify your identity. If you do not provide this information we reserve the right to refuse to issue your contract or take other steps we deem reasonable.

As the owner, you have all rights and may receive all benefits under the contract. You can own a qualified or nonqualified annuity. You can own a nonqualified annuity in joint tenancy with rights of survivorship only in spousal situations. You cannot own a qualified annuity in joint tenancy. You can become an owner if you are 90 or younger. (The age limit may be younger for qualified annuities in some states.)

When you applied, you selected (if available in your state):

- contract Option L or Option C;
- a death benefit option⁽¹⁾;

- the optional Benefit Protector Death Benefit Rider⁽²⁾;
- the optional Benefit Protector Plus Death Benefit Rider⁽²⁾;
- the optional Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit Rider⁽³⁾;
- the GPAs, the one-year fixed account and/or subaccounts in which you want to invest⁽⁴⁾;
- how you want to make purchase payments; and
- a beneficiary.

⁽¹⁾ If you and the annuitant are 79 or younger at contract issue, you may select from either the ROP death benefit, MAV death benefit or EDB. If you or the annuitant are 80 or older at contract issue, the ROP death benefit will apply. EDB may not be available in all states.

⁽²⁾ Not available with the EDB. May not be available in all states.

⁽³⁾ Available at the time you purchase your contract if the annuitant is 75 or younger at contract issue and you also select the EDB. May not be available in all states.

⁽⁴⁾ For applications dated May 1, 2003 or after, investment in the GPA account and the one-year fixed account for Contract Option C is not allowed in most states. For applications dated prior to May 1, 2003, investment in the GPA account and the one-year fixed account was not restricted in most states. Please check with your investment professional to determine whether this restriction applies to your state. GPAs may not be available in some states.

The contract provides for allocation of purchase payments to the subaccounts of the variable account, to the GPAs and/or to the one-year fixed account in even 1% increments subject to the \$1,000 minimum investment for the GPAs. For Contract Option L contracts with applications signed on or after June 16, 2003, the amount of any purchase payment allocated to the one-year fixed account in total cannot exceed 30% of the purchase payment. More than 30% of a purchase payment may be so allocated if you establish a dollar cost averaging arrangement with respect to the purchase payment according to procedures currently in effect, or you are participating according to the rules of an asset allocation model portfolio program available under the contract, if any.

We applied your initial purchase payment to the GPAs, one-year fixed account and subaccounts you selected within two business days after we received it at our Service Center. We will credit additional eligible purchase payments you make to your accounts on the valuation date we receive them. If we receive your purchase payment at our Service Center before the close of business, we will credit any portion of that payment allocated to the subaccounts using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the valuation date we received the payment. If we receive an additional purchase payment at our Service Center at or after the close of business, we will credit any portion of that payment allocated to the subaccounts using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the next valuation date after we received the payment.

You may make monthly payments to your contract under a SIP. To begin the SIP, you will complete and send a form and your first SIP payment along with your application. There is no charge for SIP. You can stop your SIP payments at any time.

In most states, you may make additional purchase payments to nonqualified and qualified annuities until the retirement date.

Householding and delivery of certain documents

With your prior consent, RiverSource Life and its affiliates may use and combine information concerning accounts owned by members of the same household and provide a single paper copy of certain documents to that household. This householding of documents may include prospectuses, supplements, annual reports, semiannual reports and proxies. Your authorization remains in effect unless we are notified otherwise. If you wish to continue receiving multiple copies of these documents, you can opt out of householding by calling us at 1.866.273.7429. Multiple mailings will resume within 30 days after we receive your opt out request.

Contract Exchanges

You should only exchange a contract you already own if you determine, after comparing the features, fees, and risks of both contracts, that it is better for you to purchase the new contract rather than continue to own your existing contract. Generally, you can exchange one annuity for another or for a qualified long-term care insurance policy in a “tax-free” exchange under Section 1035 of the Code. You can also do a partial exchange from one annuity contract to another annuity contract, subject to Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules. You also generally can exchange a life insurance policy for an annuity. However, before making an exchange, you should compare both contracts carefully because the features and benefits may be different. Fees and charges may be higher or lower on your old contract than on the new contract. You may have to pay a surrender charge when you exchange out of your old contract and a new surrender charge period may begin when you exchange into the new contract. If the exchange does not qualify for Section 1035 treatment, you also may have to pay federal income tax on the distribution. State income taxes may also apply. You should not exchange your old contract for the new contract or buy the new contract in addition to your old contract, unless you determine it is in your best interest. (See “Taxes — 1035 Exchanges.”)

The Retirement Date

Annuity payouts begin on the retirement date. This means that the contract will be annuitized or converted to a stream of monthly payments. If your contract is annuitized, the contract goes into payout and only the annuity payout provisions continue. You will no longer have access to your contract value. This means that the death benefit and any optional benefits you have elected will end. When we processed your application, we established the retirement date to be the maximum age then in effect (or contract anniversary if applicable). Unless otherwise elected by you, all retirement dates are now automatically set to the maximum age of 95 now in effect. You also can change the retirement date, provided you send us written instructions at least 30 days before annuity payouts begin.

The retirement date must be:

- no earlier than the 30th day after the contract's effective date; and no later than
- the annuitant's 95th birthday or the tenth contract anniversary, if later,
- or such other date as agreed to by us but not later than the owner's 105th birthday.

Six months prior to your retirement start date, we will contact you with your options including the option to postpone your retirement start date to a future date. You can choose to delay the retirement start date of your contract to a date beyond age 95, to the extent allowed by applicable state law and tax laws.

If you do not make an election, annuity payouts using the contract's default option of annuity payout Plan B – Life with 10 years certain will begin on the retirement start date and your monthly annuity payments will continue for as long as the annuitant lives. If the annuitant does not survive 10 years, we will continue to make payments until 10 years of payments have been made.

Generally, if you own a qualified annuity (for example, an IRA) and tax laws require that you take distributions from your annuity prior to your retirement start date, your contract will not be automatically annuitized (subject to state requirements). However, if you choose, you can elect to request annuitization or take surrenders to meet your required minimum distributions.

Beneficiary

We will pay to your named beneficiary the death benefit if it becomes payable while the contract is in force and before annuity payouts begin. If there is more than one beneficiary, we will pay each beneficiary's designated share when we receive their completed claim. A beneficiary will bear the investment risk of the variable account until we receive the beneficiary's completed claim. If there is no named beneficiary, the default provisions of your contract will apply. (See "Benefits in Case of Death" for more about beneficiaries.)

Purchase Payments

Purchase payment amounts and purchase payment timing may vary by state and be limited under the terms of your contract.

Minimum purchase payments

If paying by SIP: \$50 for additional payments.

If paying by any other method: \$100 for additional payments.

Maximum total allowable purchase payments*

\$100,000 for issue ages 86 to 90.

* This limit applies in total to all RiverSource Life annuities you own. We reserve the right to waive or increase the maximum limit. For qualified annuities, the Code's limits on annual contributions also apply.

How to Make Purchase Payments

1 Electronically and By SIP

Contact your investment professional to move money electronically or to complete the necessary SIP paperwork.

2 By letter

Send your check along with your name and contract number to:

RiverSource Life Insurance Company
829 Ameriprise Financial Center
Minneapolis, MN 55474

Limitations on Use of Contract

If mandated by applicable law, including, but not limited to, federal anti-money laundering laws, we may be required to reject a purchase payment. We may also be required to block an owner's access to contract values or to satisfy other statutory obligations. Under these circumstances, we may refuse to implement requests for transfers, withdrawals or death benefits until instructions are received from the appropriate governmental authority or a court of competent jurisdiction.

Charges and Adjustments

Transaction Expenses

Withdrawal Charge

You select either contract Option L or Option C at the time of application. Option C contracts have no withdrawal charge schedule but they carry higher mortality and expense risk fees than Option L contracts.

If You select contract Option L and You withdraw all or part of Your contract, We may deduct a withdrawal charge from the contract value that is withdrawn. The withdrawal charge helps Us cover sales and distribution expenses. A withdrawal charge applies if You make a withdrawal in the first four contract years. You may withdraw amounts totaling up to 10% of your prior anniversary's contract value free of charge during the first four years of Your contract. (We consider your initial purchase payment to be the prior anniversary's contract value during the first contract year.) We do not assess a withdrawal charge on this amount. The withdrawal charge percentages that apply to You are shown below and are stated in your contract. In addition, amounts withdrawn from a GPA more than 30 days before the end of the applicable Guarantee Period are generally subject to an MVA. (See "The 'Nonunitized' Separate Account and the Guarantee Period Accounts (GPAs).")

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Contract year for Contract Option L	Withdrawal charge percentage
1-2	8%
3	7
4	6
5 and later	0

For a partial withdrawal that is subject to a withdrawal charge, the amount we actually deduct from your contract value will be the amount you request plus any applicable withdrawal charge. The withdrawal charge percentage is applied to this total amount. We pay you the amount you requested.

Example: Assume you requested a withdrawal of \$1,000 and there is a withdrawal charge of 7%. The total amount we actually deduct from your contract is \$1,075.27. We determine this amount as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Amount requested}}{1.00 - \text{withdrawal charge}} \text{ or } \frac{\$1,000}{.93} = \$1,075.27$$

By applying the 7% withdrawal charge to \$1,075.27, the withdrawal charge is \$75.27. We pay you the \$1,000 you requested. If you make a full withdrawal of your contract, we also will deduct the applicable contract administrative charge.

Waiver of withdrawal charges

We do not assess withdrawal charges for:

- withdrawals of amounts totaling up to 10% of your prior contract anniversary's contract value;
- required minimum distributions from a qualified annuity to the extent that they exceed the free amount. The amount on which withdrawal charges are waived can be no greater than the RMD amount calculated under your specific contract currently in force;
- contracts settled using an annuity payout plan;
- withdrawals made as a result of one of the "Contingent events" described below to the extent permitted by state law; and
- death benefits.

Contingent events

- Withdrawals you make if you or the annuitant are confined to a hospital or nursing home and have been for the prior 60 days. Your contract will include this provision when you and the annuitant are under age 76 at contract issue. You must provide proof satisfactory to us of the confinement as of the date you request the withdrawal.
- To the extent permitted by state law, withdrawals you make if you or the annuitant are diagnosed in the second or later contract years as disabled with a medical condition that with reasonable medical certainty will result in death within 12 months or less from the date of the licensed physician's statement. You must provide us with a licensed physician's statement containing the terminal illness diagnosis and the date the terminal illness was initially diagnosed.
- Withdrawals you make if you or the annuitant become disabled within the meaning of the Code Section 72(m)(7) after contract issue. The disabled person must also be receiving Social Security disability or state long term disability benefits. The disabled person must be age 70 or younger at the time of withdrawal. You must provide us with a signed letter from the disabled person stating that he or she meets the above criteria, a legible photocopy of Social Security disability or state long term disability benefit payments and the application for such payments.

Liquidation charge under Annuity Payout Plan E – Payouts for a specified period: If you are receiving variable annuity payments under this annuity payout plan, you can choose to withdraw those payments. The amount that you can withdraw is the present value of any remaining variable payouts. The discount rate we use in the calculation will be 5.17% if the assumed investment return is 3.5% and 6.67% if the assumed investment return is 5%. The liquidation charge equals the present value of the remaining payouts using the assumed investment return minus the present value of the remaining payouts using the discount rate.

Fixed Payouts: Withdrawal charge for Fixed Annuity Payout Plan E – Payouts for a specified period: If you are receiving annuity payments under this annuity payout plan, you can choose to take a withdrawal and a withdrawal charge may apply.

A withdrawal charge will be assessed against the present value of any remaining guaranteed payouts withdrawn. The discount rate we use in determining present values varies based on: (1) the contract value originally applied to the fixed annuitization; (2) the remaining years of guaranteed payouts; (3) the annual effective interest rate and periodic payment amount for new immediate annuities of the same duration as the remaining years of guaranteed payouts; and (4) the interest spread (currently 1.50%). If we do not currently offer immediate annuities, we will use rates and values applicable to new annuitizations to determine the discount rate.

Once the discount rate is applied and we have determined the present value of the remaining guaranteed payouts you have withdrawn, the present value determined will be multiplied by the withdrawal charge percentage in the table below and deducted from the present value to determine the net present value you will receive.

Number of Completed Years Since Annuitization	Withdrawal charge percentage
0	Not applicable*
1	5%
2	4
3	3
4	2
5	1
6 and thereafter	0

*We do not permit withdrawals in the first year after annuitization.

We will provide a quoted present value (which includes the deduction of any withdrawal charge). You must then formally elect, in a form acceptable to us, to receive this value. The remaining guaranteed payouts following withdrawal will be reduced to zero.

Possible group reductions: In some cases we may incur lower sales and administrative expenses due to the size of the group, the average contribution and the use of group enrollment procedures. In such cases, we may be able to reduce or eliminate the contract administrative and withdrawal charges. However, we expect this to occur infrequently.

Annual Contract Expenses

Base Contract Expenses

Base Contract Expenses consist of the contract administrative charge and mortality and expense risk fee.

Contract Administrative Charge

We charge this fee for establishing and maintaining your records. We deduct \$40 from the contract value on your contract anniversary or, if earlier, when the contract is fully withdrawn. We prorate this charge among the GPAs, the one-year fixed account and the subaccounts in the same proportion your interest in each account bears to your total contract value. Some states also limit any contract charge allocated to the fixed account.

We will waive this charge when your contract value is \$100,000 or more on the current contract anniversary.

If you take a full withdrawal from your contract, we will deduct the charge at the time of withdrawal regardless of the contract value. We cannot increase the annual contract administrative charge and it does not apply after annuity payouts begin or when we pay death benefits.

Variable Account Administrative Charge

We apply this charge daily to the subaccounts. It is reflected in the unit values of your subaccounts and it totals 0.15% of their average daily net assets on an annual basis. It covers certain administrative and operating expenses of the subaccounts such as accounting, legal and data processing fees and expenses involved in the preparation and distribution of reports and prospectuses. We cannot increase the variable account administrative charge.

Mortality and Expense Risk Fee

We charge these fees daily to the subaccounts as a percentage of the daily contract value in the variable account. The unit values of your subaccounts reflect these fees. These fees cover the mortality and expense risk that we assume. These fees do not apply to the GPAs or the one-year fixed account. We cannot increase these fees. These fees are based on the contract you select (either Option L or Option C) and the death benefit that applies to your contract:

	Contract Option L	Contract Option C
ROP death benefit	1.25%	1.35%
MAV death benefit	1.35	1.45
EDB	1.55	1.65

Mortality risk arises because of our guarantee to pay a death benefit and our guarantee to make annuity payouts according to the terms of the contract, no matter how long a specific owner or annuitant lives and no matter how long our entire group of owners or annuitants live. If, as a group, owners or annuitants outlive the life expectancy we assumed in our actuarial tables, then we must take money from our general assets to meet our obligations. If, as a group, owners or annuitants do not live as long as expected, we could profit from the mortality risk fee. We deduct the mortality risk fee from the subaccounts during the annuity payout period even if the annuity payout plan does not involve a life contingency.

Expense risk arises because we cannot increase the contract administrative charge or the variable account administrative charge and these charges may not cover our expenses. We would have to make up any deficit from our general assets. We could profit from the expense risk fee if future expenses are less than expected.

The subaccounts pay us the mortality and expense risk fee they accrued as follows:

- first, to the extent possible, the subaccounts pay this fee from any dividends distributed from the funds in which they invest;
- then, if necessary, the funds redeem shares to cover any remaining fees payable.

We may use any profits we realize from the subaccounts' payment to us of the mortality and expense risk fee for any proper corporate purpose, including, among others, payment of distribution (selling) expenses. We do not expect that the withdrawal charge will cover sales and distribution expenses.

Adjustments

Market Value Adjustments

We guarantee the contract value allocated to the GPAs, including interest credited, if you do not make any transfers or withdrawals from the GPAs prior to 30 days before the end of the guarantee period. At all other times, and unless one of the exceptions described below applies, we will apply an MVA if you make certain transactions while you have contract value invested in a GPA. The following transactions when applied to a GPA, which we refer to as "early withdrawals," are subject to an MVA when they occur more than 30 days prior to the end of the guarantee period, unless an exception applies: (i) withdrawals (including full and partial withdrawals, systematic withdrawals, and required minimum distributions), (ii) transfers, and (iii) annuitization. We will not apply a negative MVA to the payment of the death benefit. An MVA may increase the death benefit but will not decrease it.

No MVA will apply to:

- amounts withdrawn under contract provisions that waive withdrawal charges for Hospital or Nursing Home Confinement and Terminal Illness Diagnosis;
- automatic transfers from the two-year GPA as part of a dollar-cost averaging program or an Interest Sweep Strategy. In some states, the MVA is limited; and
- amounts deducted for fees and charges.

The application of an MVA may result in either a gain or loss. You could lose up to 100% of the amount withdrawn as a result of a negative MVA. Under certain death benefits, the value of the death benefit is reduced proportionally when you take a partial withdrawal based on the percentage of contract value that is withdrawn. If you request a partial withdrawal from the GPAs that will give you the net amount you requested after we apply any applicable MVA and withdrawal charge, the MVA could increase or decrease the percentage of contract value that is withdrawn. *In these circumstances, a negative MVA would increase the impact of a partial withdrawal on the value of the death benefit.*

When you request an early withdrawal, we adjust the early withdrawal amount by an MVA formula. The MVA is sensitive to changes in current interest rates. The MVA, which can be zero, positive or negative, reflects the relationship between the guaranteed interest rate that applies to the GPA from which you are taking an early withdrawal and the interest rate we are then currently crediting on new GPAs that mature at the same time. The magnitude of any applicable MVA will depend on the difference in these current guaranteed interest rates at the time of the early withdrawal corresponding to the time remaining in your guarantee period and your guaranteed interest rate. If interest rates have increased, the MVA will generally be negative and the early withdrawal amount will be less; if interest rates have decreased, the MVA will generally be positive and the early withdrawal amount will be increased. This is summarized in the following table:

If your GPA rate is:	The MVA is:
Less than the new GPA rate + 0.10%	Negative
Equal to the new GPA rate + 0.10%	Zero
Greater than the new GPA rate + 0.10%	Positive

The precise MVA formula we apply is as follows:

$$\text{Early withdrawal amount} \times \left[\left(\frac{1+i}{1+j+.001} \right)^{(n/12)} - 1 \right] = \text{MVA}$$

Where i = rate earned in the GPA from which amounts are being transferred or withdrawn.

j = current rate for a new Guaranteed Period equal to the remaining term in the current Guarantee Period (rounded up to the next year).

n = number of months remaining in the current Guarantee Period (rounded up to the next month).

Withdrawal charges and other charges applicable to your contract and optional benefit riders you have elected may also apply to an early withdrawal. As noted above, we do not apply MVAs to the amounts we deduct for fees and charges, including withdrawal charges. We will deduct any applicable withdrawal charge from your early withdrawal after applying the MVA. Please note that when you request an early withdrawal, we withdraw an amount from your GPA that will give you the net amount you requested after we apply the MVA and any applicable withdrawal charge, unless you request otherwise.

Contact our Service Center at the number listed on the cover page of this prospectus for a quote of the impact an early withdrawal would have on your contract value. Values fluctuate daily and the actual MVA applied at the time an early withdrawal is processed may be more or less than the values quoted at the time of your call. Additional information about MVAs, including MVA examples, is located in the Statement of Additional Information (“SAI”).

The MVA is intended to protect us from losses on the investments we hold to support our guaranteed interest rates when we must pay out amounts that are removed from the GPAs early.

Optional Benefit Charges

Optional Living Benefit Charges

Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit Rider (GMIB) Fee*

We deduct a charge (currently 0.70%) based on adjusted Contract value for this optional feature only if you select it⁽¹⁾. If selected, we deduct the charge from the contract value on your contract anniversary at the end of each contract year. We prorate the GMIB charge among the subaccounts, the GPAs and the one-year fixed account in the same proportion your interest in each account bears to your total contract value.

* For applications signed prior to May 1, 2003, the following current annual rider charges apply: GMIB – 0.30%.

If the contract is terminated for any reason or when annuity payouts begin, we will deduct the appropriate GMIB fee from the proceeds payable adjusted for the number of calendar days coverage was in place. We cannot increase either GMIB fee after the rider effective date and it does not apply after annuity payouts begin or the GMIB terminates.

Optional Death Benefit Charges

Benefit Protector Death Benefit Rider Fee

We deduct a charge for the optional feature only if you select it. The current annual fee is 0.25% of your contract value on each contract anniversary. We prorate this charge among all accounts and subaccounts in the same proportion your interest in each account bears to your total contract value. We will modify this prorated approach to comply with state regulations where necessary.

If the contract is terminated for any reason other than death or when annuity payouts begin, we will deduct the charge from the proceeds payable adjusted for the number of calendar days coverage was in place since we last deducted the charge. We cannot increase this annual charge after the rider effective date and it does not apply after annuity payouts begin or when we pay death benefits.

Benefit Protector Plus Death Benefit Rider Fee

We charge a fee for the optional feature only if you select it. The current annual fee is 0.40% of your contract value on each contract anniversary. We prorate this fee among all accounts and subaccounts in the same proportion your interest in each account bears to your total contract value. We will modify this prorated approach to comply with state regulations where necessary.

If the contract is terminated for any reason other than death or when annuity payouts begin, we will deduct the fee from the proceeds payable adjusted for the number of calendar days coverage was in place since we last deducted the fee. We cannot increase this annual charge after the rider effective date and it does not apply after annuity payouts begin or when we pay death benefits.

Fund Fees and Expenses

There are deductions from and expenses paid out of the assets of the funds that are described in the prospectuses for those funds.

Premium Taxes

Certain state and local governments impose premium taxes on us (up to 3.5%). These taxes depend upon your state of residence or the state in which the contract was issued. Currently, we deduct any applicable premium tax when annuity payouts begin, but we reserve the right to deduct this tax at other times such as when you make purchase payments or when you make a full withdrawal from your contract.

Valuing Your Investment

We value your accounts as follows:

GPA's and One-Year Fixed Account

We value the amounts you allocate to the GPA's and the one-year fixed account directly in dollars. The value of the GPA's and the one-year fixed account equals:

- the sum of your purchase payments and transfer amounts allocated to the GPA's and the one-year fixed account (including any positive or negative MVA on amounts transferred from the GPA's to the one-year fixed account);
- plus interest credited;
- minus the sum of amounts withdrawn (including any applicable withdrawal charges) and amounts transferred out;
- minus any prorated portion of the contract administrative charge; and
- minus the prorated portion of the fee for any of the following optional benefits you have selected:
 - Benefit Protector rider;
 - Benefit Protector Plus rider; and/or
 - Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit rider.

Subaccounts

We convert amounts you allocated to the subaccounts into accumulation units. Each time you make a purchase payment or transfer amounts into one of the subaccounts, we credit a certain number of accumulation units to your contract for that subaccount. Conversely, we subtract a certain number of accumulation units from your contract each time you take a partial withdrawal; transfer amounts out of a subaccount; or we assess a contract administrative charge, a withdrawal charge, or fee for any optional contract riders with annual charges (if applicable).

The accumulation units are the true measure of investment value in each subaccount during the accumulation period. They are related to, but not the same as, the net asset value of the fund in which the subaccount invests. The dollar value of each accumulation unit can rise or fall daily depending on the variable account expenses, performance of the fund and on certain fund expenses.

Here is how we calculate accumulation unit values:

Number of units: To calculate the number of accumulation units for a particular subaccount, we divide your investment by the current accumulation unit value.

Accumulation unit value: The current accumulation unit value for each subaccount equals the last value times the subaccount's current net investment factor.

We determine the net investment factor by:

- adding the fund's current net asset value per share, plus the per share amount of any accrued income or capital gain dividends to obtain a current adjusted net asset value per share; then
- dividing that sum by the previous adjusted net asset value per share; and
- subtracting the percentage factor representing the mortality and expense risk fee and the variable account administrative charge from the result.

Because the net asset value of the fund may fluctuate, the accumulation unit value may increase or decrease. You bear all the investment risk in a subaccount.

Factors that affect subaccount accumulation units: Accumulation units may change in two ways — in number and in value.

The number of accumulation units you own may fluctuate due to:

- additional purchase payments you allocate to the subaccounts;
- transfers into or out of the subaccounts (including any positive or negative MVA on amounts transferred from the GPAs);
- partial withdrawals;
- withdrawal charges (for contract Option L);

and the deduction of a prorated portion of:

- the contract administrative charge; and
- the fee for any of the following optional benefits you have selected:
 - Benefit Protector rider;
 - Benefit Protector Plus rider; and/or
 - Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit rider.

Accumulation unit values will fluctuate due to:

- changes in fund net asset value;
- fund dividends distributed to the subaccounts;
- fund capital gains or losses;
- fund operating expenses; and
- mortality and expense risk fee and the variable account administrative charge.

Making the Most of Your Contract

Automated Dollar-Cost Averaging

Currently, you can use automated transfers to take advantage of dollar-cost averaging (investing a fixed amount at regular intervals). For example, you might transfer a set amount monthly from a relatively conservative subaccount to a more aggressive one, or to several others, or from the one-year fixed account or the two-year GPA (without a MVA) to one or more subaccounts. The three to ten year GPAs are not available for automated transfers. You can also obtain the

benefits of dollar-cost averaging by setting up regular automatic SIP payments or by establishing an Interest Sweep strategy. Interest Sweeps are a monthly transfer of the interest earned from either the one-year fixed account or the two-year GPA into the subaccounts of your choice. If you participate in an Interest Sweep strategy the interest you earn will be less than the annual interest rate we apply because there will be no compounding. There is no charge for dollar-cost averaging.

This systematic approach can help you benefit from fluctuations in accumulation unit values caused by fluctuations in the market values of the funds. Since you invest the same amount each period, you automatically acquire more units when the market value falls and fewer units when it rises. The potential effect is to lower your average cost per unit.

How dollar-cost averaging works

Month	Amount invested	Accumulation unit value	Number of units purchased
Jan	\$100	\$20	5.00
Feb	100	18	5.56
Mar	100	17	5.88
Apr	100	15	6.67
May	100	16	6.25
Jun	100	18	5.56
Jul	100	17	5.88
Aug	100	19	5.26
Sept	100	21	4.76
Oct	100	20	5.00

By investing an equal number of dollars each month

you automatically buy more units when the per unit market price is low



and fewer units when the per unit market price is high.



You paid an average price of \$17.91 per unit over the 10 months, while the average market price actually was \$18.10.

Dollar-cost averaging does not guarantee that any subaccount will gain in value nor will it protect against a decline in value if market prices fall. Because dollar-cost averaging involves continuous investing, your success will depend upon your willingness to continue to invest regularly through periods of low price levels. Dollar-cost averaging can be an effective way to help meet your long-term goals. For specific features contact your investment professional.

Special Dollar-Cost Averaging (Special DCA) Program for Contract Option L Only

If you select contract Option L and your net contract value⁽¹⁾ is at least \$10,000, you can choose to participate in the Special DCA program. There is no charge for the Special DCA program. Under the Special DCA program, you can allocate a new purchase payment to a six-month or twelve-month Special DCA account.

You may only allocate a new purchase payment of at least \$10,000 to a Special DCA account. You cannot transfer existing contract values into a Special DCA account. Each Special DCA account lasts for either six or twelve months (depending on the time period you select) from the time we receive your first purchase payment. We make monthly transfers of your total Special DCA account value into the GPAs, one-year fixed account and/or the subaccounts you select over the time period you select (either six or twelve months). If you elect to transfer into a GPA, you must meet the \$1,000 minimum required investment limitation for each transfer.

⁽¹⁾ Net contract value equals your current contract value plus any new purchase payment. If this is a new contract funded by purchase payments from multiple sources, we determine your net contract value based on the purchase payments, withdrawal requests and exchange requests submitted with your application.

We reserve the right to credit a lower interest rate to each Special DCA account if you select the GPAs or one-year fixed account as part of your Special DCA transfers. We will change the interest rate on each Special DCA account from time to time at our discretion. From time to time, we may credit interest to the Special DCA account at promotional rates that are higher than those we credit to the one-year fixed account. We base these rates on competition and on the interest rate we are crediting to the one-year fixed account at the time of the change. Once we credit interest to a particular purchase payment, that rate does not change even if we change the rate we credit on new purchase payments or if your net contract value changes.

We credit each Special DCA account with current guaranteed annual rate that is in effect on the date we receive your purchase payment. However, we credit this annual rate over the six or twelve-month period on the balance remaining in your Special DCA account. Therefore, the net effective interest rate you receive is less than the stated annual rate. We do not credit this interest after we transfer the value out of the Special DCA account into the accounts you selected.

If you make additional purchase payments while a Special DCA account term is in progress, the amounts you allocate to an existing Special DCA account will be transferred out of the Special DCA account over the remainder of the term. If you are funding a Special DCA account from multiple sources, we apply each purchase payment to the account and credit interest on that purchase payment on the date we receive it. This means that all purchase payments may not be in the Special DCA account at the beginning of the six or twelve-month period. Therefore, you may receive less total interest than you would have if all your purchase payments were in the Special DCA account from the beginning. If we receive any of your multiple payments after the six or twelve-month period ends, you can either allocate those payments to a new Special DCA account (if available) or to any other accounts available under your contract.

You cannot participate in the Special DCA program if you are making payments under a Systematic Investment Plan. You may simultaneously participate in the Special DCA program and the asset-rebalancing program as long as your subaccount allocation is the same under both programs. If you elect to change your subaccount allocation under one program, we automatically will change it under the other program so they match. If you participate in more than one Special DCA account, the asset allocation for each account may be different as long as you are not also participating in the asset-rebalancing program.

You may terminate your participation in the Special DCA program at any time. If you do, we will not credit the current guaranteed annual interest rate on any remaining Special DCA account balance. We will transfer the remaining balance from your Special DCA account to the other accounts you selected for your DCA transfers or we will allocate it in any manner you specify, subject to the 30% limitation rule (see "Transfer Policies"). Similarly, if we cannot accept any additional purchase payments into the Special DCA program, we will allocate the purchase payments to the other accounts you selected for your DCA transfers or in any other manner you specify.

We can modify the terms or discontinue the Special DCA program at any time. Any modifications will not affect any purchase payments that are already in a Special DCA account. For more information on the Special DCA program, contact your investment professional.

The Special DCA Program does not guarantee that any subaccount will gain in value nor will it protect against a decline in value if market prices fall. Because dollar-cost averaging involves continuous investing, your success will depend upon your willingness to continue to invest regularly through periods of low price levels. Dollar-cost averaging can be an effective way to help meet your long-term goals.

Asset Rebalancing

You can ask us in writing to automatically rebalance the subaccount portion of your contract value either quarterly, semiannually, or annually. The period you select will start to run on the date we record your request. On the first valuation date of each of these periods, we automatically will rebalance your contract value so that the value in each subaccount matches your current subaccount percentage allocations. These percentage allocations must be in whole numbers. There is no charge for asset rebalancing. The contract value must be at least \$2,000.

You can change your percentage allocations or your rebalancing period at any time by contacting us in writing. If you are also participating in the Special DCA program and you change your subaccount asset allocation for the asset rebalancing program, we will change your subaccount asset allocation under the Special DCA program to match. We will restart the rebalancing period you selected as of the date we record your change. You also can ask us in writing to stop rebalancing your contract value. You must allow 30 days for us to change any instructions that currently are in place. For more information on asset rebalancing, contact your investment professional.

Transferring Among Accounts

You may transfer contract value from any one subaccount, GPAs or the one-year fixed account, to another subaccount before annuity payouts begin. Certain restrictions apply to transfers involving the GPAs and the one-year fixed account.

The date your request to transfer will be processed depends on when and how we receive it:

For transfer requests received in writing:

- If we receive your transfer request at our Service Center in good order before the close of the NYSE (4:00pm Eastern time unless the NYSE closes earlier), we will process your transfer using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the valuation date we received your transfer request.
- If we receive your transfer request at our Service Center in good order at or after the close of the NYSE (4:00pm Eastern time unless the NYSE closes earlier), we will process your transfer using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the next valuation date after we received your transfer request.

For transfer requests received by phone:

- If we receive your transfer request at our Service Center in good order before the close of the NYSE (4:00pm Eastern time unless the NYSE closes earlier), we will process your transfer using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the valuation date we received your transfer request.

- If we receive your transfer request at our Service Center in good order at or after the close of the NYSE (4:00pm Eastern time unless the NYSE closes earlier), we will process your transfer using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the next valuation date after we received your transfer request.

There is no charge for transfers. Before making a transfer, you should consider the risks involved in changing investments. Transfers out of the GPAs will be subject to an MVA if done more than 30 days before the end of the guarantee period.

We may suspend or modify transfer privileges at any time.

For information on transfers after annuity payouts begin, see “Transfer Policies” below.

Transfer Policies

- Before annuity payouts begin, you may transfer contract values between the subaccounts, or from the subaccounts to the GPAs and the one-year fixed account at any time. However, if you made a transfer from the one-year fixed account to the subaccounts or the GPAs, you may not make a transfer from any subaccount or GPA back to the one-year fixed account for six months following that transfer. We reserve the right to further limit transfers to the GPAs and one-year fixed account if the interest rate we are then currently crediting to the one-year fixed account is equal to the minimum interest rate stated in the contract.
- For Contract Option L, it is our general policy to allow you to transfer contract values from the one-year fixed account to the subaccounts or the GPAs once a year on or within 30 days before or after the contract anniversary (except for automated transfers, which can be set up at any time for certain transfer periods subject to certain minimums). Transfers from the one-year fixed account are not subject to a MVA. For contracts issued before June 16, 2003, we have removed this restriction, and you may transfer contract values from the one-year fixed account to the subaccounts at any time. We will inform you at least 30 days in advance of the day we intend to reimpose this restriction. For contracts with applications signed on or after June 16, 2003, the amount of contract value transferred to the GPAs and the one-year fixed account cannot result in the value of the GPAs and the one-year fixed account in total being greater than 30% of the contract value. The time limitations on transfers from the GPAs and one-year fixed account will be enforced, and transfers out of the GPAs and one-year fixed account are limited to 30% of the GPA and one-year fixed account values at the beginning of the contract year or \$10,000, whichever is greater. Because of this limitation, it may take you several years to transfer all your contract value from the one-year fixed account. You should carefully consider whether the one-year fixed account meets your investment criteria before you invest.
- For Contract Option C applications dated on or after May 1, 2003, one-year fixed account and GPAs are not available in most states.
- For Contract Option C applications dated prior to May 1, 2003, one-year fixed account and GPAs are not restricted in most states and our transfer policies stated above are applicable.
- You may transfer contract values from a GPA any time after 60 days of transfer or payment allocation to the account. Transfers made more than 30 days before the end of the Guarantee Period will receive an MVA*, which may result in a gain or loss of contract value unless an exception applies (see “Charges and Adjustments – Adjustments – Market Value Adjustments”).
- If we receive your request on or within 30 days before or after the contract anniversary date, the transfer from the one-year fixed account to the GPAs will be effective on the valuation date we receive it.
- If you select a variable payout, once annuity payouts begin, you may make transfers once per contract year among the subaccounts and we reserve the right to limit the number of subaccounts in which you may invest.
- Once annuity payouts begin, you may not make any transfers to the GPAs.

* Unless the transfer is an automated transfer from the two-year GPA as part of a dollar-cost averaging program or an Interest Sweep strategy.

Market Timing

Market timing can reduce the value of your investment in the contract. If market timing causes the returns of an underlying fund to suffer, contract value you have allocated to a subaccount that invests in that underlying fund will be lower too. Market timing can cause you, any joint owner of the contract and your beneficiary(ies) under the contract a financial loss.

We seek to prevent market timing. Market timing is frequent or short-term trading activity. We do not accommodate short-term trading activities. Do not buy a contract if you wish to use short-term trading strategies to manage your investment. The market timing policies and procedures described below apply to transfers among the subaccounts within the contract. The underlying funds in which the subaccounts invest have their own market timing policies and procedures. The market timing policies of the underlying funds may be more restrictive than the market timing policies and procedures we apply to transfers among the subaccounts of the contract, and may include redemption fees. We reserve the right to modify our market timing policies and procedures at any time without prior notice to you.

Market timing may hurt the performance of an underlying fund in which a subaccount invests in several ways, including but not necessarily limited to:

- diluting the value of an investment in an underlying fund in which a subaccount invests;
- increasing the transaction costs and expenses of an underlying fund in which a subaccount invests; and,
- preventing the investment adviser(s) of an underlying fund in which a subaccount invests from fully investing the assets of the fund in accordance with the fund's investment objectives.

Funds available as investment options under the contract that invest in securities that trade in overseas securities markets may be at greater risk of loss from market timing, as market timers may seek to take advantage of changes in the values of securities between the close of overseas markets and the close of U.S. markets. Also, the risks of market timing may be greater for underlying funds that invest in securities such as small cap stocks, high yield bonds, or municipal securities, that may be traded infrequently.

In order to help protect you and the underlying funds from the potentially harmful effects of market timing activity, we apply the following market timing policy to discourage frequent transfers of contract value among the subaccounts of the variable account:

We try to distinguish market timing from transfers that we believe are not harmful, such as periodic rebalancing for purposes of an asset allocation, dollar-cost averaging and asset rebalancing program that may be described in this prospectus. There is no set number of transfers that constitutes market timing. Even one transfer in related accounts may be market timing. We seek to restrict the transfer privileges of a contract owner who makes more than three subaccount transfers in any 90-day period. We also reserve the right to refuse any transfer request, if, in our sole judgment, the dollar amount of the transfer request would adversely affect unit values.

If we determine, in our sole judgment, that your transfer activity constitutes market timing, we may modify, restrict or suspend your transfer privileges to the extent permitted by applicable law, which may vary based on the state law that applies to your contract and the terms of your contract. These restrictions or modifications may include, but not be limited to:

- requiring transfer requests to be submitted only by first-class U.S. mail;
- not accepting hand-delivered transfer requests or requests made by overnight mail;
- not accepting telephone or electronic transfer requests;
- requiring a minimum time period between each transfer;
- not accepting transfer requests of an agent acting under power of attorney;
- limiting the dollar amount that you may transfer at any one time;
- suspending the transfer privilege; or
- modifying instructions under an automated transfer program to exclude a restricted fund if you do not provide new instructions.

Subject to applicable state law and the terms of each contract, we will apply the policy described above to all contract owners uniformly in all cases. We will notify you in writing after we impose any modification, restriction or suspension of your transfer rights.

Because we exercise discretion in applying the restrictions described above, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to identify and restrict all market timing activity. In addition, state law and the terms of some contracts may prevent us from stopping certain market timing activity. Market timing activity that we are unable to identify and/or restrict may impact the performance of the underlying funds and may result in lower contract values.

In addition to the market timing policy described above, which applies to transfers among the subaccounts within your contract, you should carefully review the market timing policies and procedures of the underlying funds. The market timing policies and procedures of the underlying funds may be materially different than those we impose on transfers among the subaccounts within your contract and may include mandatory redemption fees as well as other measures to discourage frequent transfers. As an intermediary for the underlying funds, we are required to assist them in applying their market timing policies and procedures to transactions involving the purchase and exchange of fund shares. This assistance may include, but not be limited to, providing the underlying fund upon request with your Social Security Number, Taxpayer Identification Number or other United States government-issued identifier, and the details of your contract transactions involving the underlying fund. An underlying fund, in its sole discretion, may instruct us at any time to prohibit you from making further transfers of contract value to or from the underlying fund, and we must follow this instruction. We reserve the right to administer and collect on behalf of an underlying fund any redemption fee imposed by an underlying fund. Market timing policies and procedures adopted by underlying funds may affect your investment in the contract in several ways, including but not limited to:

- Each fund may restrict or refuse trading activity that the fund determines, in its sole discretion, represents market timing.

- Even if we determine that your transfer activity does not constitute market timing under the market timing policies described above which we apply to transfers you make under the contract, it is possible that the underlying fund's market timing policies and procedures, including instructions we receive from a fund may require us to reject your transfer request. For example, while we will attempt to execute transfers permitted under any asset allocation, dollar-cost averaging and asset rebalancing programs that may be described in this prospectus, we cannot guarantee that an underlying fund's market timing policies and procedures will do so. Orders we place to purchase fund shares for the variable account are subject to acceptance by the fund. We reserve the right to reject without prior notice to you any transfer request if the fund does not accept our order.
- Each underlying fund is responsible for its own market timing policies, and we cannot guarantee that we will be able to implement specific market timing policies and procedures that a fund has adopted. As a result, a fund's returns might be adversely affected, and a fund might terminate our right to offer its shares through the variable account.
- Funds that are available as investment options under the contract may also be offered to other intermediaries who are eligible to purchase and hold shares of the fund, including without limitation, separate accounts of other insurance companies and certain retirement plans. Even if we are able to implement a fund's market timing policies, we cannot guarantee that other intermediaries purchasing that same fund's shares will do so, and the returns of that fund could be adversely affected as a result.

For more information about the market timing policies and procedures of an underlying fund, the risks that market timing pose to that fund, and to determine whether an underlying fund has adopted a redemption fee, see that fund's prospectus.

How to Request a Transfer or Withdrawal

1 By automated transfers and automated partial withdrawals

Your investment professional can help you set up automated transfers or partial withdrawals among your GPAs, one-year fixed account or the subaccounts.

You can start or stop this service by written request or other method acceptable to us.

You must allow 30 days for us to change any instructions that are currently in place.

- Automated transfers from the one-year fixed account to any one of the subaccounts may not exceed an amount that, if continued, would deplete the one-year fixed account within 12 months. For contracts issued before June 16, 2003, we have removed this restriction, and you may transfer contract values from the one-year fixed account to the subaccounts at any time. We will inform you at least 30 days in advance of the day we intend to reimpose this restriction.

For contracts with applications signed on or after June 16, 2003, the time limitations on transfers from the one-year fixed account will be enforced, and transfers out of the one-year fixed account are limited to 30% of the one-year fixed account values at the beginning of the contract year or \$10,000, whichever is greater.

- Automated withdrawals may be restricted by applicable law under some contracts.
- You may not make systematic purchase payments if automated partial withdrawals are in effect.
- Automated partial withdrawals may result in income taxes and penalties on all or part of the amount withdrawn.

Minimum amount

Transfers or withdrawals: \$100 monthly
\$250 quarterly, semiannually or annually

2 By phone

Call:

1-800-333-3437

Minimum amount

Transfers or withdrawals: \$500 or entire account balance

Maximum amount

Transfers: Contract value or entire account balance

Withdrawals: \$100,000

We answer telephone requests promptly, but you may experience delays when the call volume is unusually high. If you are unable to get through, use the mail procedure as an alternative.

We will honor any telephone transfer or withdrawal requests that we believe are authentic and we will use reasonable procedures to confirm that they are. This includes asking identifying questions and recording calls. As long as we follow the procedures, we (and our affiliates) will not be liable for any loss resulting from fraudulent requests.

Telephone transfers and withdrawals are automatically available. You may request that telephone transfers and withdrawals not be authorized from your account by writing to us.

3 By letter

Send your name, contract number, Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number* and signed request for a transfer or withdrawal to our Service Center:

RiverSource Life Insurance Company
829 Ameriprise Financial Center
Minneapolis, MN 55474

Minimum amount

Transfers or withdrawals: \$500 or entire account balance

Maximum amount

Transfers or withdrawals: Contract value or entire account balance

* Failure to provide a Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number may result in mandatory tax withholding on the taxable portion of the distribution.

Withdrawals

You may withdraw all or part of your contract at any time before the retirement date by sending us a written request or calling us.

The date your withdrawal request will be processed depends on when and how we receive it:

For withdrawal requests received in writing:

- If we receive your withdrawal request at our Service Center in good order before the close of the NYSE (4:00pm Eastern time unless the NYSE closes earlier), we will process your withdrawal using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the valuation date we received your withdrawal request.
- If we receive your withdrawal request at our Service Center in good order at or after the close of the NYSE (4:00pm Eastern time unless the NYSE closes earlier), we will process your withdrawal using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the next valuation date after we received your withdrawal request.

For withdrawal requests received by phone:

- If we receive your withdrawal request at our Service Center in good order before the close of the NYSE (4:00pm Eastern time unless the NYSE closes earlier), we will process your withdrawal using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the valuation date we received your withdrawal request.
- If we receive your withdrawal request at our Service Center in good order at or after the close of the NYSE (4:00pm Eastern time unless the NYSE closes earlier), we will process your withdrawal using the accumulation unit value we calculate on the next valuation date after we received your withdrawal request.

We may ask you to return the contract. You may have to pay a contract administrative charge, withdrawal charges or any applicable optional rider charges (see “Charges and Adjustments”), federal income taxes and penalties. State and local income taxes may also apply (see “Taxes”). You cannot make withdrawals after annuity payouts begin except under Annuity Payout Plan E. (See “The Annuity Payout Period – Annuity Payout Plans.”)

Any partial withdrawals you take under the contract will reduce your contract value. As a result, the value of your death benefit or any optional benefits you have elected will also be reduced (see “Optional Benefits”). In addition, withdrawals you are required to take to satisfy RMDs under the Code may reduce the value of certain death benefits and optional benefits (see “Taxes – Qualified Annuities – Required Minimum Distributions”).

Withdrawal Policies

If you have a balance in more than one account and you request a partial withdrawal, we will automatically withdraw from all your subaccounts, GPAs and/or the one-year fixed account in the same proportion as your value in each account correlates to your total contract value, unless requested otherwise. After executing a partial withdrawal, the value in each subaccount, one-year fixed account or GPA must be either zero or at least \$50.

Receiving Payment

1 By electronic payment

- request that payment be sent electronically to your bank payable to you;
- pre-authorization required.

2 By regular or express mail

- payable to you;
- mailed to address of record.

NOTE: We will charge you a fee if you request express mail delivery.

We may choose to permit you to have checks issued and delivered to an alternate payee or to an address other than your address of record. We may also choose to allow you to direct wires or other electronic payments to accounts owned by a third-party. We may have additional good order requirements that must be met prior to processing requests to make any payments to a party other than the owner or to an address other than the address of record. These requirements will be designed to ensure owner instructions are genuine and to prevent fraud.

Normally, we will send the payment within seven days after receiving your request in good order. However, we may postpone the payment if:

- the NYSE is closed, except for normal holiday and weekend closings;
- trading on the NYSE is restricted, according to SEC rules;
- an emergency, as defined by SEC rules, makes it impractical to sell securities or value the net assets of the accounts; or
- the SEC permits us to delay payment for the protection of security holders.

We may also postpone payment of the amount attributable to a purchase payment as part of the total withdrawal amount until cleared from the originating financial institution.

TSA – Special Provisions

Participants in Tax-Sheltered Annuities

If the contract is intended to be used in connection with an employer sponsored 403(b) plan, additional rules relating to this contract can be found in the annuity endorsement for tax sheltered 403(b) annuities. Unless we have made special arrangements with your employer, the contract is not intended for use in connection with an employer sponsored 403(b) plan that is subject to the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended (“ERISA”). In the event that the employer either by affirmative election or inadvertent action causes contributions under a plan that is subject to ERISA to be made to this contract, we will not be responsible for any obligations and requirements under ERISA and the regulations thereunder, unless we have prior written agreement with the employer. You should consult with your employer to determine whether your 403(b) plan is subject to ERISA.

In the event we have a written agreement with your employer to administer the plan pursuant to ERISA, special rules apply as set forth in the TSA endorsement.

The employer must comply with certain nondiscrimination requirements for certain types of contributions under a TSA contract to be excluded from taxable income. You should consult your employer to determine whether the nondiscrimination rules apply to you.

The Code imposes certain restrictions on your right to receive early distributions from a TSA:

- Distributions attributable to salary reduction contributions (plus earnings) made after Dec. 31, 1988, or to transfers or rollovers from other contracts, may be made from the TSA only if:
 - you are at least age 59½;

- you are disabled as defined in the Code;
 - you severed employment with the employer who purchased the contract;
 - the distribution is because of your death;
 - you are terminally ill as defined in the Code;
 - you are adopting or are having a baby;
 - you are supplying Personal or Family Emergency Expense;
 - you are a Domestic Abuse Victim;
 - you are in need to cover Expenses and losses on account of a FEMA declared disaster;
 - the distribution is due to plan termination; or
 - you are a qualifying military reservist.
- If you encounter a financial hardship (as provided by the Code), you may be eligible to receive a distribution of all contract values attributable to salary reduction contributions made after Dec. 31, 1988, but not the earnings on them.
 - Even though a distribution may be permitted under the above rules, it may be subject to IRS taxes and penalties (see “Taxes”).
 - The above restrictions on distributions do not affect the availability of the amount credited to the contract as of Dec. 31, 1988. The restrictions also do not apply to transfers or exchanges of contract value within the contract, or to another registered variable annuity contract or investment vehicle available through the employer.

Changing Ownership

You may change ownership of your nonqualified annuity at any time by completing a change of ownership form we approve and sending it to our Service Center. The change will become binding on us when we receive and record it. We will honor any change of ownership request received in good order that we believe is authentic and we will use reasonable procedures to confirm authenticity. If we follow these procedures, we will not take any responsibility for the validity of the change.

If you have a nonqualified annuity, you may incur income tax liability by transferring, assigning or pledging any part of it. (See “Taxes.”)

If you have a qualified annuity, you may not sell, assign, transfer, discount or pledge your contract as collateral for a loan, or as security for the performance of an obligation or for any other purpose except as required or permitted by the Code. However, if the owner is a trust or custodian, or an employer acting in a similar capacity, ownership of the contract may be transferred to the annuitant.

Please consider carefully whether or not you wish to change ownership of your annuity contract. If you elected any optional contract features or riders, the new owner and annuitant will be subject to all limitations and/or restrictions of those features or riders just as if they were purchasing a new contract.

If you have a GMIB and/or Benefit Protector Plus Death Benefit rider, the rider will terminate upon transfer of ownership of your annuity contract. Continuance of the Benefit Protector rider is optional. (see “Optional Benefits”).

Benefits Available Under the Contract

The following table summarizes information about the benefits available under the Contract.

Name of Benefit	Purpose	Maximum Fee	Current Fee	Brief Description of Restrictions/ Limitations
Standard Benefits (no additional charge)				
Dollar Cost Averaging	Allows the systematic transfer of a specified dollar amount among the subaccounts or from the one-year fixed account to one or more eligible subaccounts	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transfers out of the one-year fixed account to any of the subaccounts may not exceed the amount that if continued, would deplete the one-year fixed account within 12 months • For contracts signed prior June 16, 2003, transfers out of the one-year fixed account, are not limited • For contracts signed on or after June 16, 2003, transfers out of the one-year fixed account, including automated transfers, are limited to 30% of one-year fixed account value at the beginning of the contract year or \$10,000, whichever is greater
Special Dollar Cost Averaging (SDCA) Program for Contract Option L Only	Allows the systematic transfer from the Special DCA fixed account to one or more eligible subaccounts	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For contract Option L only. Must be funded with a purchase payment of at least \$10,000, not transferred contract value • Only 6-month and 12-month options may be available • Transfers occur on a monthly basis and the first monthly transfer occurs one day after we receive your purchase payment
Asset Rebalancing	Allows you to have your investments periodically rebalanced among the subaccounts to your pre-selected percentages	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must have \$2,000 in Contract Value to participate. • We require 30 days notice for you to change or cancel the program • You can request rebalancing to be done either quarterly, semiannually or annually
Automated Partial Withdrawals /Systematic Withdrawals	Allows automated partial withdrawals from the contract	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional systematic payments are not allowed with automated partial withdrawals • May result in income taxes and IRS penalty on all or a portion of amounts surrendered
Nursing Home or Hospital Confinement	Allows you to withdraw contract value without a withdrawal charge	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You must be confined to a hospital or nursing home for the prior 60 day • You must be under age 76 on the contract issue date and confinement must start after the contract issue date • Amount withdrawn must be paid directly to you
Terminal Illness	Allows you to withdraw contract value without	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terminal Illness diagnosis must occur in after the first contract year

Name of Benefit	Purpose	Maximum Fee	Current Fee	Brief Description of Restrictions/ Limitations
	a withdrawal charge			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be terminally ill and not expected to live more than 12 months from the date of the licensed physician statement • Must provide us with a licensed physician's statement containing the terminal illness diagnosis and the date the terminal illness was initially diagnosed • Amount withdrawn must be paid directly to you
Disability	Allows you to withdraw contract value without a withdrawal charge	N/A	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disability diagnosis must occur in after contract issue • Must also be receiving Social Security disability or state long term disability benefits • Must provide us with a signed letter containing the statement that all criteria are met • Amount withdrawn must be paid directly to you
Death Benefits				
ROP Death Benefit	Provides a death benefit equal to the greater of these values minus any applicable rider charges: Contract Value or total purchase payments applied to the contract, minus adjusted partial withdrawals	<u>Contract Option L</u> 1.40% of contract value in the variable account <u>Contract Option C</u> 1.50% of contract value in the variable account	<u>Contract Option L</u> 1.40% <u>Contract Option C</u> 1.50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be elected at contract issue • Withdrawals will proportionately reduce the benefit, which means your benefit could be reduced by more than the dollar amount of your withdrawals, and such reductions could be significant • Annuitizing the Contract terminates the benefit
MAV Death Benefit	Provides a death benefit equal to the greatest of these values minus any applicable rider charges: Contract Value, total purchase payments applied to the contract, minus adjusted partial withdrawals, or the maximum anniversary value immediately preceding the date of death plus any purchase payments since that anniversary minus adjusted partial withdrawals	<u>Contract Option L</u> 1.50% of contract value in the variable account <u>Contract Option C</u> 1.60% of contract value in the variable account	<u>Contract Option L</u> 1.50% <u>Contract Option C</u> 1.60%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to owners age 79 and younger • Must be elected at contract issue • No longer eligible to increase on any contract anniversary following your 81st birthday. • Withdrawals will proportionately reduce the benefit, which means your benefit could be reduced by more than the dollar amount of your withdrawals. Such reductions could be significant. • Annuitizing the Contract terminates the benefit
EDB Death Benefit	Provides a death benefit equal to the	<u>Contract Option L</u>	<u>Contract Option L</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to owners age 79 and younger

Name of Benefit	Purpose	Maximum Fee	Current Fee	Brief Description of Restrictions/ Limitations
	greatest of these values minus any applicable rider charges: Contract Value, total purchase payments applied to the contract, minus adjusted partial withdrawals, the maximum anniversary value immediately preceding the date of death plus any purchase payments since that anniversary minus adjusted partial withdrawals, or the 5% rising floor	1.70% of contract value in the variable account <u>Contract Option C</u> 1.80% of contract value in the variable account	1.70% <u>Contract Option C</u> 1.80%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Must be elected at contract issue • No longer eligible to increase on any contract anniversary following your 81st birthday • Not available with Benefit Protector and Benefit Protector Plus • Withdrawals will proportionately reduce the benefit, which means your benefit could be reduced by more than the dollar amount of your withdrawals. Such reductions could be significant • Annuitizing the Contract terminates the benefit
Optional Benefits				
Benefit Protector Death Benefit	Provides an additional death benefit, based on a percentage of contract earnings, to help offset expenses after death such as funeral expenses or federal and state taxes	0.25% of contract value	0.25%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to owners age 75 and younger • Must be elected at contract issue • For contract owners age 70 and older, the benefit decreases from 40% to 15% of earnings • Annuitizing the Contract terminates the benefit
Benefit Protector Plus Death Benefit	Provides an additional death benefit, based on a percentage of contract earnings, to help offset expenses after death such as funeral expenses or federal and state taxes	0.40% of contract value	0.40%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to owners age 75 and younger • Must be elected at contract issue • The percentage of exchange purchase payments varies by age and is subject to a vesting schedule • For contract owners age 70 and older, the benefit decreases from 40% to 15% of earnings • Annuitizing the Contract terminates the benefit
Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit Rider (GMIB)	Provides guaranteed minimum lifetime income regardless of investment performance	0.70% of GMIB benefit base	0.70% or 0.30% Varies by application sign date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Available to owners age 75 or younger • Must be elected at contract issue, but some exceptions apply • Certain withdrawals could significantly reduce the GMIB benefit base, which may reduce or eliminate the amount of annuity payments • Contract Option L investment selection available to subaccounts, GPAs or the one-year fixed account; Contract Option C to the subaccounts • May have limitations on allocation to the Money Market fund

Benefits in Case of Death

There are three death benefit options under this contract:

- ROP Death Benefit;
- MAV Death Benefit; and
- Enhanced Death Benefit.

If either you or the annuitant are 80 or older at contract issue, the ROP death benefit will apply. If both you and the annuitant are 79 or younger at contract issue, you can elect either the ROP death benefit, the MAV death benefit or EDB death benefit rider (if its available in your state) on your application. If you select GMIB you must select either the MAV death benefit or the EDB death benefit rider. Once you elect an option, you cannot change it. We show the option that applies in your contract. The death benefit option that applies determines the mortality and expense risk fee that is assessed against the subaccounts. (See “Charges and Adjustments – Annual Contract Expenses – Mortality and Expense Risk Fee.”)

Under all options, we will pay the death benefit to your beneficiary upon the earlier of your death or the annuitant’s death if you die before the retirement start date while this contract is in force. We will base the benefit paid on the death benefit coverage you chose when you purchased the contract. If a contract has more than one person as the owner, we will pay benefits upon the first to die of any owner or the annuitant.

Return of Purchase Payments (ROP) Death Benefit

The ROP death benefit is intended to help protect your beneficiaries financially in that they will never receive less than your purchase payments adjusted for withdrawals. If you or the annuitant die before annuity payouts begin while this contract is in force, we will pay the beneficiary the greater of these two values, minus any applicable rider charges:

1. contract value; or
2. total purchase payments applied to the contract minus adjusted partial withdrawals.

$$\text{Adjusted partial withdrawals for the ROP or MAV death benefit} = \frac{\text{PW} \times \text{DB}}{\text{CV}}$$

PW = the amount by which the contract value is reduced as a result of the partial withdrawal.

DB = the death benefit on the date of (but prior to) the partial withdrawal.

CV = contract value on the date of (but prior to) the partial withdrawal.

Example

- You purchase the contract with a payment of \$20,000.
- On the first contract anniversary you make an additional purchase payment of \$5,000.
- During the second contract year the contract value falls to \$22,000 and you take a \$1,500 partial withdrawal.
- During the third contract year the contract value grows to \$23,000.

We calculate the ROP death benefit as follows:

Contract value at death:	<u>\$23,000.00</u>
Purchase payments minus adjusted partial withdrawals:	
Total purchase payments:	\$25,000.00
minus adjusted partial withdrawals calculated as:	
$\frac{\$1,500 \times \$25,000}{\$22,000}$	= <u>-1,704.55</u>
for a death benefit of:	<u>\$23,295.45</u>
ROP death benefit, calculated as the greatest of these two values:	\$23,295.45

Maximum Anniversary Value (MAV) Death Benefit

The MAV death benefit is intended to help protect your beneficiaries financially while your investments have the opportunity to grow. The MAV death benefit does not provide any additional benefit before the first contract anniversary and it may not be appropriate for issue ages 75 to 79 because the benefit values may be limited after age 81. Be sure to discuss with your investment professional whether or not the MAV death benefit is appropriate for your situation.

The MAV death benefit provides that if you or the annuitant die before annuity payouts begin while this contract is in force, we will pay the beneficiary the greatest of these three values added in the last 12 months:

1. contract value;
2. total purchase payments applied to the contract minus adjusted partial withdrawals; or

- the maximum anniversary value immediately preceding the date of death plus any purchase payments since that anniversary minus adjusted partial withdrawals since that anniversary.

Maximum Anniversary Value (MAV): We calculate the MAV on each contract anniversary through age 80. There is no MAV prior to the first contract anniversary. On the first contract anniversary we set the MAV equal to the highest of: (a) your current contract value, or (b) total purchase payments minus adjusted partial withdrawals. Every contract anniversary after that, through age 80, we compare the previous anniversary's MAV (plus any purchase payments since that anniversary minus adjusted partial withdrawals since that anniversary) to the current contract value and we reset the MAV if the current contract value is higher. We stop resetting the MAV after you or the annuitant reach age 81. However, we continue to add subsequent purchase payments and subtract adjusted partial withdrawals from the MAV.

Example

- You purchase the contract with a payment of \$20,000.
- On the first contract anniversary the contract value grows to \$29,000.
- During the second contract year the contract value falls to \$22,000, at which point you take a \$1,500 partial withdrawal, leaving a contract value of \$20,500.

We calculate the MAV death benefit as follows:

Contract value at death:		<u>\$20,500.00</u>
Purchase payments minus adjusted partial withdrawals:		
Total purchase payments		\$20,000.00
minus adjusted partial withdrawals, calculated as:		
<u>\$1,500 × \$20,000</u>	=	
\$22,000		-1,363.64
for a ROP death benefit of:		<u>\$18,636.36</u>

The MAV on the anniversary immediately preceding the date of death plus any purchase payments made since that anniversary minus adjusted partial withdrawals made since that anniversary:

The MAV on the immediately preceding anniversary:		\$29,000.00
plus purchase payments made since that anniversary:		+0.00
minus adjusted partial withdrawals made since that anniversary, calculated as:		
<u>\$1,500 × \$29,000</u>	=	
\$22,000		-1,977.27
for a MAV death benefit of:		<u>\$27,022.73</u>

The MAV death benefit, calculated as the greatest of these three values, which is the MAV: **\$27,022.73**

Enhanced Death Benefit (EDB)

The EDB is intended to help protect your beneficiaries financially while your investments have the opportunity to grow.

This is an optional benefit that you may select for an additional charge (see “Charges and Adjustments”). The EDB does not provide any additional benefit before the first contract anniversary and it may not be appropriate for issue ages 75 to 79 because the benefit values may be limited at age 81. Benefit Protector and Benefit Protector Plus are not available with EDB. Be sure to discuss with your investment professional whether or not the EDB is appropriate for your situation.

If the EDB is available in your state and both you and the annuitant are 79 or younger at contract issue, you may choose to add the EDB rider to your contract at the time of purchase. If you choose to add a GMIB rider to your contract, you must elect either the MAV death benefit or the EDB.

The EDB provides that if you or the annuitant die before annuity payouts begin while this contract is in force, we will pay the beneficiary the greatest of these four values, minus any applicable rider charges:

- contract value;
- total purchase payments applied to the contract minus adjusted partial withdrawals;
- the maximum anniversary value immediately preceding the date of death plus any purchase payments applied to the contract since that anniversary minus adjusted partial withdrawals since that anniversary; or
- the 5% rising floor.

5% rising floor: This is the sum of the value of your GPAs, the one-year fixed account and the variable account floor. There is no variable account floor prior to the first contract anniversary. On the first contract anniversary, we establish the variable account floor as:

- the amounts allocated to the subaccounts at issue increased by 5%,
- plus any subsequent amounts allocated to the subaccounts,
- minus adjusted transfers and partial withdrawals from the subaccounts.

Thereafter, we continue to add subsequent amounts allocated to the subaccounts and subtract adjusted transfers and partial withdrawals from the subaccounts. On each contract anniversary after the first, through age 80, we add an amount to the variable account floor equal to 5% of the prior anniversary's variable account floor. We stop adding this amount after you or the annuitant reach age 81.

$$\text{5\% rising floor adjusted transfers or partial withdrawals} = \frac{\text{PWT} \times \text{VAF}}{\text{SV}}$$

PWT = the amount by which the contract is reduced as a result of the partial withdrawal or transfer from the subaccounts.

VAF = variable account floor on the date of (but prior to) the transfer or partial withdrawal.

SV = value of the subaccounts on the date of (but prior to) the transfer or partial withdrawal.

Example

- You purchase the contract with a payment of \$25,000 with \$5,000 allocated to the one-year fixed account and \$20,000 allocated to the subaccounts.
- On the first contract anniversary the one-year fixed account value is \$5,200 and the subaccount value is \$17,000. Total contract value is \$22,200.
- During the second contract year, the one-year fixed account value is \$5,300 and the subaccount value is \$19,000. Total contract value is \$24,300. You take a \$1,500 partial withdrawal all from the subaccounts, leaving the contract value at \$22,800.

The death benefit is calculated as follows:

Contract value at death: \$22,800.00

Purchase payments minus adjusted partial withdrawals:

Total purchase payments: \$25,000.00

minus adjusted partial withdrawals, calculated as:

$\frac{\$1,500 \times \$25,000}{\$24,300} =$ -1,543.21

\$24,300

for a return of purchase payments death benefit of: \$23,456.79

The MAV on the anniversary immediately preceding the date of death plus any purchase payments made since that anniversary minus adjusted partial withdrawals made since that anniversary:

The MAV on the immediately preceding anniversary: \$25,000.00

plus purchase payments made since that anniversary: +0.00

minus adjusted partial withdrawals made since that anniversary, calculated as:

$\frac{\$1,500 \times \$25,000}{\$24,300} =$ -1,543.21

\$24,300

for a MAV death benefit of:

The 5% rising floor: \$23,456.79

The variable account floor on the first contract anniversary, calculated as: $1.05 \times \$20,000 =$

\$21,000.00

plus amounts allocated to the subaccounts since that anniversary:

+0.00

minus the 5% rising floor adjusted partial withdrawal from the subaccounts, calculated as:

$\frac{\$1,500 \times \$21,000}{\$19,000} =$ -1,657.89

\$19,000

variable account floor benefit: \$19,342.11

plus the one-year fixed account value: +5,300.00

5% rising floor (value of the GPAs, one-year fixed account and the variable account floor):

\$24,642.11

EDB, calculated as the greatest of these three values, which is the 5% rising floor:

\$24,642.11

If You Die Before Your Retirement Date

When paying the beneficiary, we will process the death claim on the valuation date our death claim requirements are fulfilled. We will determine the contract's value using the accumulation unit value we calculate on that valuation date. We pay interest, if any, at a rate no less than required by law. We will mail payment to the beneficiary within seven days after our death claim requirements are fulfilled. Death claim requirements generally include due proof of death and will be detailed in the claim materials we send upon notification of death.

Nonqualified annuities

If your spouse is sole beneficiary and you die before the retirement date, your spouse may keep the contract as owner with the contract value equal to the death benefit that would otherwise have been paid. To do this your spouse must give us written instructions to continue the contract as owner. There will be no withdrawal charges on contract Option L from that point forward unless additional purchase payments are made. If you elected any optional contract features or riders, your spouse and the new annuitant (if applicable) will be subject to all limitations and/or restrictions of those features or riders just as if they were purchasing a new contract. The GMIB rider and Benefit Protector Plus rider, if selected, will terminate. Continuance of the Benefit Protector rider is optional. (See "Optional Benefits.")

If your beneficiary is not your spouse, we will pay the beneficiary in a single sum unless you give us other written instructions. Generally, we must fully distribute the death benefit within five years of your death. However, the beneficiary may receive payouts under any annuity payout plan available under this contract if:

- the beneficiary elects in writing, and payouts begin no later than one year after your death, or other date as permitted by the IRS; and
- the payout period does not extend beyond the beneficiary's life or life expectancy.

Qualified annuities

The information below has been revised to reflect proposed regulations issued by the Internal Revenue Service that describe the requirements for required minimum distributions when a person or entity inherit assets held in an IRA, 403(b) or qualified retirement plan. This proposal is not final and may change. Contract owners are advised to work with a tax professional to understand their required minimum distribution obligations under the proposed regulations and federal law. The proposed regulations can be found in the Federal Register, Vol. 87, No. 37, dated Thursday, February 24, 2022.

- **Spouse beneficiary:** If you have not elected an annuity payout plan, and if your spouse is the sole beneficiary, your spouse may either elect to treat the contract as his/her own, so long as he or she is eligible to do so, or elect an annuity payout plan or another plan agreed to by us. If your spouse elects a payout option, the payouts must begin no later than the year in which you would have reached age 73. If you attained age 73 at the time of death, payouts must begin no later than Dec. 31 of the year following the year of your death.

Your spouse may elect to assume ownership of the contract at any time before annuity payouts begin. If your spouse elects to assume ownership of the contract, the contract value will be equal to the death benefit that would otherwise have been paid. There will be no withdrawal charges on contract Option L from that point forward unless additional purchase payments are made. If you elected any optional contract features or riders, your spouse and the new annuitant (if applicable) will be subject to all limitations and/or restrictions of those features or riders just as if they were purchasing a new contract. The GMIB rider and Benefit Protector Plus rider, if selected, will terminate. Continuance of the Benefit Protector rider is optional. (See "Optional Benefits.")

- **Non-spouse beneficiary:** If you have not elected an annuity payout plan, and if death occurs on or after Jan. 1, 2020, the beneficiary is required to withdraw his or her entire inherited interest by December 31 of the 10th year following your date of death unless they qualify as an "eligible designated beneficiary." Your beneficiary may be required to take distributions during the 10-year period if you died after your Required Beginning Date. Eligible designated beneficiaries may continue to take proceeds out over your life expectancy if you died prior to your Required Beginning Date or over the greater of your life expectancy or their life expectancy if you died after your Required Beginning Date. Eligible designated beneficiaries include the surviving spouse: the surviving spouse;
 - a lawful child of the owner under the age of 21 (remaining amount must be withdrawn by the earlier of the end of the year the minor turns 31 or end of the 10th year following the minor's death); disabled within the meaning of Code section 72(m)(7);
 - chronically ill within the meaning of Code section 7702B(c)(2);
 - any other person who is not more than 10 years younger than the owner.

However, non-natural beneficiaries, such as estates and charities, are subject to a five-year rule to distribute the IRA if you died prior to your Required Beginning Date.

We will pay the beneficiary in a single sum unless the beneficiary elects to receive payouts under a payout plan available under this contract and:

- the beneficiary elects in writing, and payouts begin, no later than one year following the year of your death; and
- the payout period does not extend beyond December 31 of the 10th year following your death or the applicable life expectancy for an eligible designated beneficiary.
- **Spouse and Non-spouse beneficiary:** If a beneficiary elects an alternative payment plan which is an inherited IRA, all optional death benefits and living benefits will terminate. In the event of your beneficiary's death, their beneficiary can elect to take a lump sum payment or annuitize the contract to deplete it within 10 years of your beneficiary's death
- **Annuity payout plan:** If you elect an annuity payout plan, the payouts to your beneficiary may continue depending on the annuity payout plan you elect, subject to adjustment to comply with the IRS rules and regulations.

HOW WE HANDLE CONTRACTS UNDER UNCLAIMED PROPERTY LAWS

Every state has unclaimed property laws which generally declare annuity contracts to be abandoned after a period of inactivity of one to five years from either 1) the contract's maturity date (the latest day on which income payments may begin under the contract) or 2) the date the death benefit is due and payable. If a contract matures or we determine a death benefit is payable, we will use our best efforts to locate you or designated beneficiaries. If we are unable to locate you or a beneficiary, proceeds will be paid to the abandoned property division or unclaimed property office of the state in which the beneficiary or you last resided, as shown in our books and records, or to our state of domicile. Generally, this surrender of property to the state is commonly referred to as "escheatment". To avoid escheatment, and ensure an effective process for your beneficiaries, it is important that your personal address and beneficiary designations are up to date, including complete names, date of birth, current addresses and phone numbers, and taxpayer identification numbers for each beneficiary. Updates to your address or beneficiary designations should be sent to our Service Center.

Escheatment may also be required by law if a known beneficiary fails to demand or present an instrument or document to claim the death benefit in a timely manner, creating a presumption of abandonment. If your beneficiary steps forward (with the proper documentation) to claim escheated annuity proceeds, the state is obligated to pay any such proceeds it is holding.

For nonqualified deferred annuities, non-spousal death benefits are generally required to be distributed and taxed within five years from the date of death of the owner.

Optional Benefits

The assets held in our general account support the guarantees under your contract, including optional death benefits and optional living benefits. To the extent that we are required to pay you amounts in addition to your contract value under these benefits, such amounts will come from our general account assets. You should be aware that our general account is exposed to the risks normally associated with a portfolio of fixed-income securities, including interest rate, option, liquidity and credit risk. You should also be aware that we issue other types of insurance and financial products as well, and we also pay our obligations under these products from assets in our general account. Our general account is not segregated or insulated from the claims of our creditors. The financial statements contained in the SAI include a further discussion of the risks inherent within the investments of the general account.

Optional Death Benefits

Benefit Protector Death Benefit Rider (Benefit Protector)

The Benefit Protector is intended to provide an additional benefit to your beneficiary to help offset expenses after your death such as funeral expenses or federal and state taxes. This is an optional benefit that you may select for an additional annual charge (see "Charges and Adjustments"). The Benefit Protector provides reduced benefits if you or the annuitant are age 70 or older at the rider effective date. The Benefit Protector does not provide any additional benefit before the first rider anniversary.

If this rider is available in your state and both you and the annuitant are age 75 or younger at contract issue, you may choose to add the Benefit Protector to your contract. You must elect the Benefit Protector at the time you purchase your contract and your rider effective date will be the contract issue date. You may not select this rider if you select the Benefit Protector Plus or the EDB.

Qualified annuities have minimum distribution rules that govern the timing and amount of distributions from the annuity contract (see “Taxes – Qualified Annuities – Required Minimum Distributions”). Since the benefit paid by the rider is determined by the amount of earnings at death, the amount of the benefit paid may be reduced as a result of taking any withdrawals including RMDs. Be sure to discuss with your investment professional and tax advisor whether or not the Benefit Protector is appropriate for your situation.

The Benefit Protector provides that if you or the annuitant die after the first rider anniversary, but before annuity payouts begin, and while this contract is in force, we will pay the beneficiary:

- the ROP death benefit
 - 40% of your earnings at death if you and the annuitant were under age 70 on the rider effective date, up to a maximum of 100% of purchase payments not previously withdrawn that are one or more years old; or
 - 15% of your earnings at death if you or the annuitant were age 70 or older on the rider effective date, up to a maximum of 37.5% of purchase payments not previously withdrawn that are one or more years old.

Earnings at death: This is determined by taking the current death benefit, and subtracting any purchase payments not previously withdrawn. Partial withdrawals reduce earnings before reducing purchase payments in the contract. This determines how much of the applicable death benefit is made up of contract earnings. We set maximum earnings at death of 250% of purchase payments not previously withdrawn that are one or more years old. Earnings at death cannot be less than zero.

Terminating the Benefit Protector

- You may terminate the rider within 30 days of the first rider anniversary.
- You may terminate the rider within 30 days of any rider anniversary beginning with the seventh rider anniversary.
- The rider will terminate when you make a full withdrawal from the contract or when annuity payouts begin.

Example of the Benefit Protector

- You purchase the contract with a payment of \$100,000 and you and the annuitant are under age 70. You select an Option L contract with the MAV death benefit.
- During the first contract year the contract value grows to \$105,000. The MAV death benefit equals the contract value. You have not reached the first contract anniversary so the Benefit Protector does not provide any additional benefit at this time.

- On the first contract anniversary the contract value grows to \$110,000. The death benefit equals:

MAV death benefit (contract value):	\$110,000
plus the Benefit Protector benefit which equals 40% of earnings at death (MAV death benefit minus payments not previously withdrawn):	
$0.40 \times (\$110,000 - \$100,000) =$	<u>+4,000</u>
Total death benefit of:	\$114,000

- On the second contract anniversary the contract value falls to \$105,000. The death benefit equals:

MAV death benefit (MAV):	\$110,000
plus the Benefit Protector benefit (40% of earnings at death):	
$0.40 \times (\$110,000 - \$100,000) =$	<u>+4,000</u>
Total death benefit of:	\$114,000

- During the third contract year the contract value remains at \$105,000 and you request a partial withdrawal of \$50,000, including the applicable 7% withdrawal charge. We will withdraw \$10,500 from your contract value free of charge (10% of your prior anniversary’s contract value). The remainder of the withdrawal is subject to a 7% withdrawal charge because your contract is in its third year of the withdrawal charge schedule, so we will withdraw \$39,500 (\$36,735 + \$2,765 in withdrawal charges) from your contract value. Altogether, we will withdraw \$50,000 and pay you \$47,235. We calculate purchase payments not previously withdrawn as \$100,000 – \$45,000 = \$55,000 (remember that \$5,000 of the partial withdrawal is contract earnings). The death benefit equals:

MAV death benefit (MAV adjusted for partial withdrawals):	\$57,619
plus the Benefit Protector benefit (40% of earnings at death):	
$0.40 \times (\$57,619 - \$55,000) =$	<u>+1,048</u>
Total death benefit of:	\$58,667

- On the third contract anniversary the contract value falls to \$40,000. The death benefit equals the previous death benefit. The reduction in contract value has no effect.

- On the ninth contract anniversary the contract value grows to a new high of \$200,000. Earnings at death reaches its maximum of 250% of purchase payments not previously withdrawn that are one or more years old.

The death benefit equals:

MAV death benefit (contract value):	\$200,000
plus the Benefit Protector benefit (40% of earnings at death, up to a maximum of 100% of purchase payments not previously withdrawn that are one or more years old)	<u>+55,000</u>
Total death benefit of:	\$255,000

- During the tenth contract year you make an additional purchase payment of \$50,000. Your new contract value is now \$250,000. The new purchase payment is less than one year old and so it has no effect on the Benefit Protector value. The death benefit equals:

MAV death benefit (contract value):	\$250,000
plus the Benefit Protector benefit (40% of earnings at death, up to a maximum of 100% of purchase payments not previously withdrawn that are one or more years old)	<u>+55,000</u>
Total death benefit of:	\$305,000

- During the eleventh contract year the contract value remains \$250,000 and the “new” purchase payment is one year old and the value of the Benefit Protector changes. The death benefit equals:

MAV death benefit (contract value):	\$250,000
plus the Benefit Protector benefit which equals 40% of earnings at death (MAV death benefit minus payments not previously withdrawn):	
$0.40 \times (\$250,000 - \$105,000) =$	<u>+58,000</u>
Total death benefit of:	\$308,000

If your spouse is the sole beneficiary and you die before the retirement date, your spouse may keep the contract as owner. Your spouse and the new annuitant will be subject to all the limitations and restrictions of the rider just as if they were purchasing a new contract. If your spouse and the new annuitant do not qualify for the rider on the basis of age we will terminate the rider. If they do qualify for the rider on the basis of age we will set the contract value equal to the death benefit that would otherwise have been paid and we will substitute this new contract value on the date of death for “purchase payments not previously withdrawn” used in calculating earnings at death. Your spouse also has the option of discontinuing the Benefit Protector Death Benefit Rider within 30 days of the date of death.

NOTE: For special tax considerations associated with the Benefit Protector, see “Taxes.”

Benefit Protector Plus Death Benefit Rider (Benefit Protector Plus)

The Benefit Protector Plus is intended to provide an additional benefit to your beneficiary to help offset expenses after your death such as funeral expenses or federal and state taxes. This is an optional benefit that you may select for an additional annual charge (see “Charges and Adjustments”). The Benefit Protector Plus provides reduced benefits if you or the annuitant are age 70 or older at the rider effective date. It does not provide any additional benefit before the first rider anniversary and it does not provide any benefit beyond what is offered under the Benefit Protector rider during the second rider year.

If this rider is available in your state and both you and the annuitant are age 75 or younger at contract issue, you may choose to add the Benefit Protector Plus to you contract. You must elect the Benefit Protector Plus at the time you purchase your contract and your rider effective date will be the contract issue date. This rider is only available for transfers, exchanges or rollovers from another annuity or life insurance policy. You may not select this rider if you select the Benefit Protector or the EDB. Qualified annuities have minimum distribution rules that govern the timing and amount of distributions from the annuity contract (see “Taxes – Qualified Annuities – Required Minimum Distributions”). Since the benefit paid by the rider is determined by the amount of earnings at death, the amount of the benefit paid may be reduced as a result of taking any withdrawals including RMDs. Be sure to discuss with your investment professional and tax advisor whether or not the Benefit Protector Plus is appropriate for your situation.

The Benefit Protector Plus provides that if you or the annuitant die after the first rider anniversary, but before annuity payouts begin, and while this contract is in force, we will pay the beneficiary:

- the benefits payable under the Benefit Protector described above, plus
- a percentage of purchase payments made within 60 days of contract issue not previously withdrawn as follows:

Rider Year	Percentage if you and the annuitant are under age 70 on the rider effective date	Percentage if you or the annuitant are age 70 or older on the rider effective date
One and Two	0%	0%

Rider Year	Percentage if you and the annuitant are under age 70 on the rider effective date	Percentage if you or the annuitant are age 70 or older on the rider effective date
Three and Four	10%	3.75%
Five or more	20%	7.5%

Another way to describe the benefits payable under the Benefit Protector Plus rider is as follows:

- the ROP death benefit (see “Benefits in Case of Death”) plus:

Rider Year	If you and the annuitant are under age 70 on the rider effective date, add...	If you or the annuitant are age 70 or older on the rider effective date, add...
One	Zero	Zero
Two	40% × earnings at death (see above)	15% × earnings at death
Three & Four	40% × (earnings at death + 25% of initial purchase payment*)	15% × (earnings at death + 25% of initial purchase payment*)
Five or more	40% × (earnings at death + 50% of initial purchase payment*)	15% × (earnings at death + 50% of initial purchase payment*)

* Initial purchase payments are payments made within 60 days of rider issue not previously withdrawn.

Terminating the Benefit Protector Plus

- You may terminate the rider within 30 days of the first rider anniversary.
- You may terminate the rider within 30 days of any rider anniversary beginning with the seventh rider anniversary.
- The rider will terminate when you make a full withdrawal from the contract or when annuity payouts begin.

Example of the Benefit Protector Plus

- You purchase the contract with a payment of \$100,000 and you and the annuitant are under age 70. You select an Option L contract with the MAV death benefit.
- During the first contract year the contract value grows to \$105,000. The MAV death benefit equals the contract value. You have not reached the first contract anniversary so the Benefit Protector Plus does not provide any additional benefit at this time.
- On the first contract anniversary the contract value grows to \$110,000. You have not reached the second contract anniversary so the Benefit Protector Plus does not provide any benefit beyond what is provided by the Benefit Protector at this time. The death benefit equals:

MAV death benefit (contract value):	\$110,000
plus the Benefit Protector Plus benefit which equals 40% of earnings at death (MAV rider minus payments not previously withdrawn):	
$0.40 \times (\$110,000 - \$100,000) =$	<u>+4,000</u>
Total death benefit of:	\$114,000

- On the second contract anniversary the contract value falls to \$105,000. The death benefit equals:

MAV death benefit (MAV):	\$110,000
plus the Benefit Protector Plus benefit which equals 40% of earnings at death:	
$0.40 \times (\$110,000 - \$100,000) =$	+4,000
plus 10% of purchase payments made within 60 days of contract issue and not previously withdrawn:	
$0.10 \times \$100,000 =$	<u>+10,000</u>
Total death benefit of:	\$124,000

- During the third contract year the contract value remains at \$105,000 and you request a partial withdrawal of \$50,000, including the applicable 7% withdrawal charge. We will withdraw \$10,500 from your contract value free of charge (10% of your prior anniversary’s contract value). The remainder of the withdrawal is subject to a 7% withdrawal charge because your contract is in its third year of the withdrawal charge schedule, so we will withdraw \$39,500 (\$36,735 + \$2,765 in withdrawal charges) from your contract value. Altogether, we will withdraw \$50,000 and pay you \$47,235. We calculate purchase payments not previously withdrawn as \$100,000 – \$45,000 = \$55,000 (remember that \$5,000 of the partial withdrawal is contract earnings). The death benefit equals:

MAV death benefit (MAV adjusted for partial withdrawals):	\$57,619
plus the Benefit Protector Plus benefit which equals 40% of earnings at death:	
$0.40 \times (\$57,619 - \$55,000) =$	+1,048
plus 10% of purchase payments made within 60 days of contract issue and not previously withdrawn:	

0.10 × \$55,000 =	+5,500
Total death benefit of:	\$64,167
• On the third contract anniversary the contract value falls to \$40,000. The death benefit equals the previous death benefit. The reduction in contract value has no effect.	
• On the ninth contract anniversary the contract value grows to a new high of \$200,000. Earnings at death reaches its maximum of 250% of purchase payments not previously withdrawn that are one or more years old. Because we are beyond the fourth contract anniversary the Benefit Protector Plus also reaches its maximum of 20%. The death benefit equals:	
MAV death benefit (contract value):	\$200,000
plus the Benefit Protector Plus benefit which equals 40% of earnings at death, up to a maximum of 100% of purchase payments not previously withdrawn that are one or more years old plus 20% of purchase payments made within 60 days of contract issue and not previously withdrawn:	+55,000
0.20 × \$55,000 =	+11,000
Total death benefit of:	\$266,000
• During the tenth contract year you make an additional purchase payment of \$50,000. Your new contract value is now \$250,000. The new purchase payment is less than one year old and so it has no effect on the Benefit Protector Plus value. The death benefit equals:	
MAV death benefit (contract value):	\$250,000
plus the Benefit Protector Plus benefit which equals 40% of earnings at death, up to a maximum of 100% of purchase payments not previously withdrawn that are one or more years old plus 20% of purchase payments made within 60 days of contract issue and not previously withdrawn:	+55,000
0.20 × \$55,000 =	+11,000
Total death benefit of:	\$316,000
• During the eleventh contract year the contract value remains \$250,000 and the “new” purchase payment is one year old. The value of the Benefit Protector Plus remains constant. The death benefit equals:	
MAV death benefit (contract value):	\$250,000
plus the Benefit Protector Plus benefit which equals 40% of earnings at death (MAV death benefit minus payments not previously withdrawn):	
0.40 × (\$250,000 – \$105,000) =	+58,000
plus 20% of purchase payments made within 60 days of contract issue and not previously withdrawn:	
0.20 × \$55,000 =	+11,000
Total death benefit of:	\$319,000

If your spouse is sole beneficiary and you die before the retirement date, your spouse may keep the contract as owner with the contract value equal to the death benefit that would otherwise have been paid. We will then terminate the Benefit Protector Plus and substitute the applicable death benefit (see “Benefits in Case of Death”).

NOTE: For special tax considerations associated with the Benefit Protector Plus, see “Taxes.”

Optional Living Benefits

Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit Rider (GMIB)

The GMIB is intended to provide you with a guaranteed minimum lifetime income regardless of the volatility inherent in the investments in the subaccounts. If the annuitant is between age 70 and age 75 at contract issue, you should consider whether the GMIB is appropriate for your situation because:

- you must hold the GMIB for 10 years*,
- the GMIB terminates** on the contract anniversary after the annuitant’s 86th birthday,
- you can only exercise the GMIB within 30 days after a contract anniversary*,
- the MAV and the 5% rising floor values we use in the GMIB benefit base to calculate annuity payouts under the GMIB are limited after age 81, and
- there are additional costs associated with the rider.

Be sure to discuss whether or not the GMIB is appropriate for your situation with your investment professional.

* Unless the annuitant qualifies for a contingent event (see “Charges and Adjustments – Transaction Expenses – Withdrawal Charge – Contingent events”).

** The rider and annual fee terminate on the contract anniversary after the annuitant's 86th birthday; however, if you exercise the GMIB rider before this time, your benefits will continue according to the annuity payout plan you have selected.

If you are purchasing the contract as a qualified annuity, such as an IRA, and you are planning to begin annuity payouts after the date on which minimum distributions required by the IRS must begin, you should consider whether the GMIB is appropriate for you. Partial withdrawals you take from the contract, including those taken to satisfy RMDs, will reduce the GMIB benefit base (defined below), which in turn may reduce or eliminate the amount of any annuity payments available under the rider (see "Taxes – Qualified Annuities – Required Minimum Distributions"). Consult a tax advisor before you purchase any GMIB with a qualified annuity, such as an IRA.

If this rider is available in your state and the annuitant is 75 or younger at contract issue, you may choose to add this optional benefit to your contract for an additional annual charge (see "Charges and Adjustments"). If you select the GMIB, you must elect the EDB at the time you purchase your contract and your rider effective date will be the contract issue date.

In some instances, we may allow you to add the GMIB to your contract at a later date if it was not available when you initially purchased your contract. In these instances, we would add the GMIB on the next contract anniversary and this would become the rider effective date. For purposes of calculating the GMIB benefit base under these circumstances, we consider the contract value on the rider effective date to be the initial purchase payment; we disregard all previous purchase payments, transfers and withdrawals in the GMIB calculations.

Investment selection under the GMIB: For contract Option L, you may allocate your purchase payments or transfers to any of the subaccounts, GPAs or the one-year fixed account. For contract Option C, you may allocate payments to the subaccounts. We reserve the right to limit the amount you allocate to subaccounts investing in the Columbia Variable Portfolio – Cash Management Fund to 10% of the total amount in the subaccounts. If we are required to activate this restriction, and you have more than 10% of your subaccount value in this fund, we will send you a notice and ask that you reallocate your contract value so that the 10% limitation is satisfied within 60 days. We will terminate the GMIB if you have not satisfied the limitation after 60 days.

GMIB benefit base: If the GMIB is effective at contract issue, the GMIB benefit base is the greatest of these four values:

1. contract value;
2. total purchase payments minus adjusted partial withdrawals; or
3. the maximum anniversary value at the last contract anniversary plus any payments made since that anniversary minus adjusted partial withdrawals since that anniversary; or
4. the 5% rising floor.

Keep in mind that the MAV and the 5% rising floor values are limited after age 81.

We reserve the right to exclude from the GMIB benefit base any purchase payments you make in the five years before you exercise the GMIB. We would do so only if such payments total \$50,000 or more or if they are 25% or more of total contract payments. If we exercise this right, we:

- subtract each payment adjusted for market value from the contract value and the MAV.
- subtract each payment from the 5% rising floor. We adjust the payments made to the GPAs and the one-year fixed account for market value. We increase payments allocated to the subaccounts by 5% for the number of full contract years they have been in the contract before we subtract them from the 5% rising floor.

For each payment, we calculate the market value adjustment to the contract value, MAV, the GPAs and the one-year fixed account value of the 5% rising floor as:

$$\frac{\text{PMT} \times \text{CVG}}{\text{ECV}}$$

ECV

PMT = each purchase payment made in the five years before you exercise the GMIB.

CVG = current contract value at the time you exercise the GMIB.

ECV = the estimated contract value on the anniversary prior to the payment in question. We assume that all payments and partial withdrawals occur at the beginning of a contract year.

For each payment, we calculate the 5% increase of payments allocated to the subaccounts as:

$$\text{PMT} \times (1.05)^{\text{CY}}$$

CY = the full number of contract years the payment has been in the contract.

Exercising the GMIB

- you may only exercise the GMIB within 30 days after any contract anniversary following the expiration of a ten-year waiting period from the rider effective date. However, there is an exception if at any time the annuitant experiences a “contingent event” (disability, terminal illness or confinement to a nursing home or hospital, see “Charges and Adjustments – Transaction Expenses – Withdrawal Charge – Contingent events” for more details.)
- the annuitant on the retirement date must be between 50 and 86 years old.
- you can only take an annuity payout under one of the following annuity payout plans:
 - Plan A – Life Annuity – no refund
 - Plan B – Life Annuity with ten years certain
 - Plan D – Joint and last survivor life annuity – no refund
- you may change the annuitant for the payouts.

When you exercise your GMIB, you may select a fixed or variable annuity payout plan. Fixed annuity payouts are calculated using the annuity purchase rates based on the “1983 Individual Annuitant Mortality Table A” with 100% Projection Scale G. Your annuity payouts remain fixed for the lifetime of the annuity payout period.

First year variable annuity payouts are calculated in the same manner as fixed annuity payouts. Once calculated, your annuity payouts remain unchanged for the first year. After the first year, subsequent annuity payouts are variable and depend on the performance of the subaccounts you select. Variable annuity payouts after the first year are calculated using the following formula:

$$\frac{P_{t-1} (1 + i)}{1.05} = P_t$$

P_{t-1} = prior annuity payout

P_t = current annuity payout

i = annualized subaccount performance

Each subsequent variable annuity payout could be more or less than the previous variable annuity payout if the subaccount investment performance is greater or less than the 5% assumed investment rate. If your subaccount performance equals 5%, your annuity payout will be unchanged from the previous annuity payout. If your subaccount performance is in excess of 5%, your variable annuity payout will increase from the previous annuity payout. If your subaccount investment performance is less than 5%, your variable annuity payout will decrease from the previous annuity payout.

If you exercise the GMIB under a contingent event, you can take up to 50% of the benefit base in cash. You can use the balance of the GMIB benefit base for annuity payouts calculated using the guaranteed annuity purchase rates under any one of the payout plans listed above as long as the annuitant is between 50 and 86 years old on the retirement date.

The GMIB benchmarks the contract growth at each anniversary against several comparison values and sets the GMIB benefit base equal to the largest value. The GMIB benefit base, less any applicable premium tax, is the value we apply to the guaranteed annuity purchase rates stated in Table B of the contract to calculate the minimum annuity payouts you will receive if you exercise the GMIB. If the GMIB benefit base is greater than the contract value, the GMIB may provide a higher annuity payout level than is otherwise available. However, the GMIB uses guaranteed annuity purchase rates which may result in annuity payouts that are less than those using the annuity purchase rates that we will apply at annuitization under the standard contract provisions. Therefore, the level of income provided by the GMIB may be less than the income the contract otherwise provides. If the annuity payouts through the standard contract provisions are more favorable than the payouts available through the GMIB, you will receive the higher standard payout option. The GMIB does not create contract value or guarantee the performance of any investment option.

Terminating the GMIB

- You may terminate the rider within 30 days after the first and fifth rider anniversaries.
- You may terminate the rider any time after the tenth rider anniversary.
- The rider will terminate on the date:
 - you make a full withdrawal from the contract;
 - a death benefit is payable; or
 - you choose to begin taking annuity payouts under the regular contract provisions.
- The rider will terminate* 30 days following the contract anniversary after the annuitant’s 86th birthday.

* The rider and annual fee terminate 30 days following the contract anniversary after the annuitant’s 86th birthday; however, if you exercise the GMIB rider before this time, your benefits will continue according to the annuity payout plan you have selected.

Example

- You purchase the contract during the 2004 calendar year with a payment of \$100,000 and you allocate all your purchase payments to the subaccounts.
- There are no additional purchase payments and no partial withdrawals.
- Assume the annuitant is male and age 55 at contract issue. For the joint and last survivor option (annuity payout Plan D), the joint annuitant is female and age 55 at contract issue.

Taking into account fluctuations in contract value due to market conditions, we calculate the GMIB benefit base as:

Contract anniversary	Contract value	MAV	5% rising floor	GMIB benefit base
1	\$107,000	\$107,000	\$105,000	
2	125,000	125,000	110,250	
3	132,000	132,000	115,763	
4	150,000	150,000	121,551	
5	85,000	150,000	127,628	
6	120,000	150,000	134,010	
7	138,000	150,000	140,710	
8	152,000	152,000	147,746	
9	139,000	152,000	155,133	
10	126,000	152,000	162,889	\$162,889
11	138,000	152,000	171,034	171,034
12	147,000	152,000	179,586	179,586
13	163,000	163,000	188,565	188,565
14	159,000	163,000	197,993	197,993
15	212,000	212,000	207,893	212,000

NOTE: The MAV and 5% rising floor values are limited after age 81. Additionally, the GMIB benefit base may increase if the contract value increases. However, you should keep in mind that you are always entitled to annuitize using the contract value without exercising the GMIB.

If you annuitize the contract within 30 days after a contract anniversary, the payout under a fixed annuity option (which is the same as the minimum payout for the first year under a variable annuity option) would be:

Contract anniversary at exercise	GMIB benefit base	Minimum Guaranteed Monthly Income		
		Plan A – life annuity – no refund	Plan B – life annuity with ten years certain	Plan D – joint and last survivor life annuity – no refund
10	\$162,889 (5% rising floor)	\$ 840.51	\$ 817.70	\$672.73
15	212,000 (MAV)	1,250.80	1,193.56	968.84

The payouts above are shown at guaranteed annuity rates of 3% stated in Table B of the contract. Payouts under the standard provisions of this contract will be based on our annuity rates in effect at annuitization and are guaranteed to be greater than or equal to the guaranteed annuity rates stated in Table B of the contract. The fixed annuity payout available under the standard provisions of this contract would be at least as great as shown below:

Contract anniversary at exercise	Contract value	Plan A – life annuity – no refund	Plan B – life annuity with ten years certain	Plan D – joint and last survivor life annuity – no refund
10	\$126,000	\$ 650.16	\$ 632.52	\$520.38
15	212,000	1,250.80	1,193.56	968.84

At the 15th contract anniversary you would not experience a benefit from the GMIB as the payout available to you is equal to or less than the payout available under the standard provisions of the contract. When the GMIB payout is less than the payout available under the standard provisions of the contract, you will receive the higher standard payout.

Remember that after the first year, lifetime income payouts under a variable annuity payout option will depend on the investment performance of the subaccounts you select. If your subaccount performance is 5%, your annuity payout will be unchanged from the previous annuity payout. If your subaccount performance is in excess of 5%, your variable annuity payout will increase from the previous annuity payout. If your subaccount investment performance is less than 5%, your variable annuity payout will decrease from the previous annuity payout.

This fee currently costs 0.70% of the GMIB benefit base annually and it is taken in a lump sum from the contract value on each contract anniversary at the end of each contract year. If the contract is terminated or if annuity payouts begin, we will deduct the fee at that time adjusted for the number of calendar days coverage was in place. We cannot increase the GMIB fee after the rider effective date and it does not apply after annuity payouts begin. We calculate the fee as follows:

BB + AT – FAV

BB = the GMIB benefit base.

AT = adjusted transfers from the subaccounts to the GPAs or the one-year fixed account made in the six months before the contract anniversary calculated as:

PT × VAT

SVT

PT = the amount transferred from the subaccounts to the GPAs or the one-year fixed account within six months of the contract anniversary.

VAT = variable account floor on the date of (but prior to) the transfer.

SVT = value of the subaccounts on the date of (but prior to) the transfer.

FAV = the value of the GPAs and the one-year fixed accounts.

The result of AT – FAV will never be greater than zero. This allows us to base the GMIB fee largely on the subaccounts.

Example

- You purchase the contract with a payment of \$100,000 and allocate all of your payment to the subaccounts.
- You make no transfers or partial withdrawals.

Contract anniversary	Contract value	GMIB fee percentage	Value on which we base the GMIB fee	GMIB fee charged to you
1	\$ 80,000	0.70%	5% rising floor = \$100,000 × 1.05	\$ 735
2	150,000	0.70%	Contract value = \$150,000	1,050
3	102,000	0.70%	MAV = \$150,000	1,050

The Annuity Payout Period

As owner of the contract, you have the right to decide how and to whom annuity payouts will be made starting at the retirement date. You may select one of the annuity payout plans outlined below, or we may mutually agree on other payout arrangements. Currently, we make annuity payments on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annually and annual basis. Assuming the initial payment is on the same date, more frequent payments will generally result in higher total payments over the year. As discussed below, certain annuity payout options have a “guaranteed period,” during which payments are guaranteed to continue. Longer guaranteed periods will generally result in lower monthly annuity payment amounts. With a shorter guaranteed period, the amount of each annuity payment will be greater. Payments that occur more frequently will be smaller than those occurring less frequently.

We do not deduct any withdrawal charges upon retirement but withdrawal charges may apply when electing to exercise liquidity features we may make available under certain fixed annuity payout options.

You also decide whether we will make annuity payouts on a fixed or variable basis, or a combination of fixed and variable. The amount available to purchase payouts under the plan you select is the contract value on your retirement date after any rider charges have been deducted. Additionally, we currently allow you to use part of the amount available to purchase payouts, leaving any remaining contract value to accumulate on a tax-deferred basis. Special rules apply for partial annuitization of your annuity contract, see “Taxes – Nonqualified Annuities – Annuity payouts” and “Taxes – Qualified Annuities – Annuity payouts.” If you select a variable annuity payout, we reserve the right to limit the number of subaccounts in which you may invest. The GPAs are not available during this payout period.

Amounts of fixed and variable payouts depend on:

- the annuity payout plan you select;
- the annuitant’s age and, in most cases, sex;
- the annuity table in the contract; and
- the amounts you allocated to the accounts at settlement.

In addition, for variable annuity payouts only, amounts depend on the investment performance of the subaccounts you select. These payouts will vary from month to month because the performance of the funds will fluctuate. Fixed payouts generally remain the same from month to month unless you have elected an option providing for increasing payments.

For information with respect to transfers between accounts after annuity payouts begin, see “Making the Most of Your Contract – Transfer Policies.”

Annuity Tables

The annuity tables in your contract (Table A and Table B) show the amount of the monthly payout for each \$1,000 of contract value according to the age and, when applicable, the annuitant’s sex. (Where required by law, we will use a unisex table of settlement rates.)

Table A shows the amount of the first monthly variable annuity payout assuming that the contract value is invested at the beginning of the annuity payout period and earns a 5% rate of return, which is reinvested and helps to support future payouts. If you ask us at least 30 days before the retirement date, we will substitute an annuity table based on an assumed 3.5% investment rate for the 5% Table A in the contract. The assumed investment rate affects both the amount of the first payout and the extent to which subsequent payouts increase or decrease. For example, annuity payouts will increase if the investment return is above the assumed investment rate and payouts will decrease if the return is below the assumed investment rate. Using a 5% assumed interest rate results in a higher initial payout, but later payouts will increase more slowly when annuity unit values rise and decrease more rapidly when they decline.

Table B shows the minimum amount of each fixed annuity payout. We declare current payout rates that we use in determining the actual amount of your fixed annuity payout. The current payout rates will equal or exceed the guaranteed payout rates shown in Table B. We will furnish these rates to you upon request.

Annuity Payout Plans

We make available variable annuity payouts where payout amounts will vary based on the performance of the variable account. We may also make fixed annuity payouts available where payments of a fixed amount are made for the period specified in the plan, subject to any surrender we may permit. You may choose any one of these annuity payout plans by giving us written instructions at least 30 days before the retirement date. Generally, you may select one of the Plans A through E below or another plan agreed to by us.

- **Plan A – Life annuity – no refund:** We make monthly payouts until the annuitant’s death. Payouts end with the last payout before the annuitant’s death. We will not make any further payouts. This means that if the annuitant dies after we made only one monthly payout, we will not make any more payouts.
- **Plan B – Life annuity with five, ten or 15 years certain:** We make monthly payouts for a guaranteed payout period of five, ten or 15 years that you elect. This election will determine the length of the payout period in the event the annuitant dies before the elected period expires. We calculate the guaranteed payout period from the retirement date. If the annuitant outlives the elected guaranteed payout period, we will continue to make payouts until the annuitant’s death.
- **Plan C – Life annuity – installment refund:** We make monthly payouts until the annuitant’s death, with our guarantee that payouts will continue for some period of time. We will make payouts for at least the number of months determined by dividing the amount applied under this option by the first monthly payout, whether or not the annuitant is living.
- **Plan D – Joint and last survivor life annuity – no refund:** We make monthly payouts while both the annuitant and a joint annuitant are living. If either annuitant dies, we will continue to make monthly payouts at the full amount until the death of the surviving annuitant. Payouts end with the death of the second annuitant.
- **Plan E – Payouts for a specified period:** We make monthly payouts for a specific payout period of ten to 30 years that you elect. We will make payouts only for the number of years specified whether the annuitant is living or not. Depending on the selected time period, it is foreseeable that an annuitant can outlive the payout period selected. During the annuity payout period, you may make full and partial withdrawals. If you make a full withdrawal, you can elect to have us determine the present value of any remaining variable payouts and pay it to you in a lump sum.

For Plan A, if the annuitant dies before the initial payment, no payments will be made. For Plan B, if the annuitant dies before the initial payment, the payments will continue for the guaranteed payout period. For Plan C, if the annuitant dies before the initial payment, the payments will continue for the installment refund period. For Plan D, if both annuitants die before the initial payment, no payments will be made; however, if one annuitant dies before the initial payment, the payments will continue until the death of the surviving annuitant.

In addition to the annuity payout plans described above, we may offer additional payout plans. Terms and conditions of annuity payout plans will be disclosed at the time of election, including any associated fees or charges. It is important to remember that the election and use of liquidity features will result in payouts ceasing.

The annuitant’s age at the time annuity payments commence will affect the amount of each payment for annuity payment plans involving lifetime income. The amount of each annuity payment to older annuitants will be greater than for younger annuitants because payments to older annuitants are expected to be fewer in number. For annuity payment

plans that do not involve lifetime income, the length of the guaranteed period will affect the amount of each payment. With a shorter guaranteed period, the amount of each annuity payment will be greater. Payments that occur more frequently will be smaller than those occurring less frequently.

Utilizing a liquidity feature to withdraw the underlying value of remaining payouts may result in the assessment of a withdrawal charge (See “Charges and Adjustments – Transaction Expenses – Withdrawal Charge”) or a 10% IRS penalty tax. (See “Taxes.”)

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Annuity payout plan requirements for qualified annuities: If your contract is a qualified annuity, you must select a payout plan as of the retirement date set forth in your contract. You have the responsibility for electing a payout plan under your contract that complies with applicable law. Your contract describes your payout plan options. The options will meet certain IRS regulations governing RMDs if the payout plan meets the incidental distribution benefit requirements, if any, and the payouts are made:

- in equal or substantially equal payments over a period not longer than your life expectancy, or over the joint life expectancy of you and your designated beneficiary; or
- over a period certain not longer than your life expectancy or over the joint life expectancy of you and your designated beneficiary.

If we do not receive instructions: You must give us written instructions for the annuity payouts at least 30 days before the annuitant’s retirement date. If you do not, we will make payouts under Plan B, with 120 monthly payouts guaranteed.

If monthly payouts would be less than \$20: We will calculate the amount of monthly payouts at the time the contract value is used to purchase a payout plan. If the calculations show that monthly payouts would be less than \$20, we have the right to pay the contract value to the owner in a lump sum or to change the frequency of the payouts.

Death after annuity payouts begin: If you or the annuitant die after annuity payouts begin, we will pay any amount payable to the beneficiary as provided in the annuity payout plan in effect. Payments to beneficiaries are subject to adjustment to comply with the IRS rules and regulations.

Taxes

Under current law, your contract has a tax-deferral feature. Generally, this means you do not pay income tax until there is a taxable distribution (or deemed distribution) from the contract. We will send a tax information reporting form for any year in which we made a taxable or reportable distribution according to our records.

Nonqualified Annuities

Generally, only the increase in the value of a non-qualified annuity contract over the investment in the contract is taxable. Certain exceptions apply. Federal tax law requires that all nonqualified deferred annuity contracts issued by the same company (and possibly its affiliates) to the same owner during a calendar year be taxed as a single, unified contract when distributions are taken from any one of those contracts.

Annuity payouts: Generally, unlike withdrawals described below, the income taxation of annuity payouts is subject to exclusion ratios (for fixed annuity payouts) or annual excludable amounts (for variable annuity payouts). In other words, in most cases, a portion of each payout will be ordinary income and subject to tax, and a portion of each payout will be considered a return of part of your investment in the contract and will not be taxed. All amounts you receive after your investment in the contract is fully recovered will be subject to tax. Under Annuity Payout Plan A: Life annuity – no refund, where the annuitant dies before your investment in the contract is fully recovered, the remaining portion of the unrecovered investment may be available as a federal income tax deduction to the owner for the last taxable year. Under all other annuity payout plans, where the annuity payouts end before your investment in the contract is fully recovered, the remaining portion of the unrecovered investment may be available as a federal income tax deduction to the taxpayer for the tax year in which the payouts end. (See “The Annuity Payout Period – Annuity Payout Plans.”)

Federal tax law permits taxpayers to annuitize a portion of their nonqualified annuity while leaving the remaining balance to continue to grow tax-deferred. Under the partial annuitization rules, the portion annuitized must be received as an annuity for a period of 10 years or more, or for the lives of one or more individuals. If this requirement is met, the annuitized portion and the tax-deferred balance will generally be treated as two separate contracts for income tax purposes only. If a contract is partially annuitized, the investment in the contract is allocated between the deferred and the annuitized portions on a pro rata basis.

Withdrawals: Generally, if you withdraw all or part of your nonqualified annuity your annuity payouts begin, including withdrawals under any optional withdrawal benefit rider, your withdrawal will be taxed to the extent that the contract value immediately before the withdrawal exceeds the investment in the contract. Different rules may apply if you exchange another contract into this contract.

You also may have to pay a 10% IRS penalty for withdrawals of taxable income you make before reaching age 59½ unless certain exceptions apply.

Withholding: If you receive taxable income as a result of an annuity payout or withdrawal, including withdrawals under any optional withdrawal benefit rider, we may deduct federal, and in some cases state withholding against the payment. Any withholding represents a prepayment of your income tax due for the year. You take credit for these amounts on your annual income tax return. As long as you have provided us with a valid Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number, you have a valid U.S. address and payments are delivered inside the United States, you may be able to elect not to have federal income tax withholding occur.

If the payment is part of an annuity payout plan, we generally compute the amount of federal income tax withholding using payroll tables. You may complete our Form W-4P to use in calculating the withholding if you want withholding other than the default (single filing status with no adjustments). If the distribution is any other type of payment (such as partial or full withdrawal) we compute federal income tax withholding using 10% of the taxable portion unless you elect a different percentage via our Form W-4R or another acceptable method.

The federal income tax withholding requirements differ if we deliver payment outside the United States or you are a non-resident alien.

Some states also may impose income tax withholding requirements similar to the federal withholding described above or may allow you to elect withholding. If this should be the case, we may deduct state income tax withholding from the payment.

Federal and state tax withholding rules are subject to change. Annuity payouts and surrenders are subject to the tax withholding rules in effect at the time that they are made, which may differ from the rules described above.

Death benefits to beneficiaries: The death benefit under a nonqualified contract is not exempt from estate (federal or state) taxes. In addition, for income tax purposes, any amount your beneficiary receives that exceeds the remaining investment in the contract is taxable as ordinary income to the beneficiary in the year he or she receives the payments. (See also “Benefits in Case of Death – If You Die Before the Retirement Date”).

Net Investment Income Tax: Certain investment income of high-income individuals (as well as estates and trusts) is subject to a 3.8% net investment income tax (as an addition to income taxes). For individuals, the 3.8% tax applies to the lesser of (1) the amount by which the taxpayer’s modified adjusted gross income exceeds \$200,000 (\$250,000 for married filing jointly and surviving spouses; \$125,000 for married filing separately) or (2) the taxpayer’s “net investment income.” Net investment income includes taxable income from nonqualified annuities. Annuity holders are advised to consult their tax advisor regarding the possible implications of this additional tax.

Annuities owned by corporations, partnerships or irrevocable trusts: For nonqualified annuities, any annual increase in the value of annuities held by such entities (non-natural persons) generally will be treated as ordinary income received during that year. However, if the trust was set up for the benefit of a natural person(s) only, the income may remain tax-deferred until withdrawn or paid out.

Penalties: If you receive amounts from your nonqualified annuity before reaching age 59½, you may have to pay a 10% IRS penalty on the amount includable in your ordinary income. However, this penalty will not apply to any amount received:

- because of your death or in the event of non-natural ownership, the death of annuitant;
- because you become disabled (as defined in the Code);
- if the distribution is part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments, made at least annually, over your life or life expectancy (or joint lives or life expectancies of you and your beneficiary);
- if it is allocable to an investment before Aug. 14, 1982; or
- if annuity payouts are made under immediate annuities as defined by the Code.

Transfer of ownership: Generally, if you transfer ownership of a nonqualified annuity without receiving adequate consideration, the transfer may be taxed as a withdrawal for federal income tax purposes. If the transfer is a currently taxable event for income tax purposes, the original owner will be taxed on the amount of deferred earnings at the time of the transfer and also may be subject to the 10% IRS penalty discussed earlier. In this case, the new owner’s investment in the contract will be equal to the investment in the contract at the time of the transfer plus any earnings included in the original owner’s taxable income as a result of the transfer. In general, this rule does not apply to transfers between spouses or former spouses. Similar rules apply if you transfer ownership for full consideration. Please consult your tax advisor for further details.

1035 Exchanges: Section 1035 of the Code permits nontaxable exchanges of certain insurance policies, endowment contracts, annuity contracts and qualified long-term care insurance contracts while providing for continued tax deferral of earnings. In addition, Section 1035 permits the carryover of the investment in the contract from the old policy or contract to the new policy or contract. In a 1035 exchange one policy or contract is exchanged for another policy or contract. The following can qualify as nontaxable exchanges: (1) the exchange of a life insurance policy for another life insurance policy or for an endowment, annuity or qualified long-term care insurance contract, (2) the exchange of an endowment contract for an annuity or qualified long-term care insurance contract, or for an endowment contract under which payments will begin no later than payments would have begun under the contract exchanged, (3) the exchange of an annuity contract for another annuity or for a qualified long-term care insurance contract, and (4) the exchange of a qualified long-term care insurance contract for a qualified long-term care insurance contract. Additionally, other tax rules apply. However, if the life insurance policy has an outstanding loan, there may be tax consequences. Depending on the issue date of your original policy or contract, there may be tax or other benefits that are given up to gain the benefits of the new policy or contract. Consider whether the features and benefits of the new policy or contract outweigh any tax or other benefits of the old contract.

For a partial exchange of an annuity contract for another annuity contract, the 1035 exchange is generally tax-free. The investment in the original contract and the earnings on the contract will be allocated proportionately between the original and new contracts. However, per IRS Revenue Procedure 2011-38, if withdrawals are taken from either contract within the 180-day period following a partial 1035 exchange, the IRS will apply general tax principles to determine the appropriate tax treatment of the exchange and subsequent withdrawal. As a result, there may be unexpected tax consequences. You should consult your tax advisor before taking any withdrawal from either contract during the 180-day period following a partial exchange.

Assignment: If you assign or pledge your contract as collateral for a loan, earnings on purchase payments you made after Aug. 13, 1982 will be taxed as a deemed distribution and also may be subject to the 10% penalty as discussed above.

Qualified Annuities

Adverse tax consequences may result if you do not ensure that contributions, distributions and other transactions under the contract comply with the law. Qualified annuities have minimum distribution rules that govern the timing and amount of distributions. You should refer to your retirement plan's Summary Plan Description, your IRA disclosure statement, or consult a tax advisor for additional information about the distribution rules applicable to your situation.

When you use your contract to fund a retirement plan or IRA that is already tax-deferred under the Code, the contract will not provide any necessary or additional tax deferral. If your contract is used to fund an employer sponsored plan, your right to benefits may be subject to the terms and conditions of the plan regardless of the terms of the contract.

Annuity payouts: Under a qualified annuity, except a Roth IRA, Roth 401(k) or Roth 403(b), the entire payout generally is includable as ordinary income and is subject to tax unless: (1) the contract is an IRA to which you made non-deductible contributions; or (2) you rolled after-tax dollars from a retirement plan into your IRA; or (3) the contract is used to fund a retirement plan and you or your employer have contributed after-tax dollars; or (4) the contract is used to fund a retirement plan and you direct such payout to be directly rolled over to another eligible retirement plan such as an IRA. We may permit partial annuitizations of qualified annuity contracts. If we accept partial annuitizations, please remember that your contract will still need to comply with other requirements such as required minimum distributions and the payment of taxes. Prior to considering a partial annuitization on a qualified contract, you should discuss your decision and any implications with your tax adviser. Because we cannot accurately track certain after tax funding sources, we will generally report any payments on partial annuitizations as ordinary income except in the case of a qualified distribution from a Roth IRA.

Annuity payouts from Roth IRAs: In general, the entire payout from a Roth IRA can be free from income and penalty taxes if you have attained age 59½ and meet the five year holding period.

Withdrawals: Under a qualified annuity, except a Roth IRA, Roth 401(k) or Roth 403(b), the entire withdrawal will generally be includable as ordinary income and is subject to tax unless: (1) the contract is an IRA to which you made non-deductible contributions; or (2) you rolled after-tax dollars from a retirement plan into your IRA; or (3) the contract is used to fund a retirement plan and you or your employer have contributed after-tax dollars; or (4) the contract is used to fund a retirement plan and you direct such withdrawal to be directly rolled over to another eligible retirement plan such as an IRA.

Withdrawals from Roth IRAs: In general, the entire payout from a Roth IRA can be free from income and penalty taxes if you have attained age 59½ and meet the five year holding period or another qualifying event such as death or disability.

Required Minimum Distributions: Retirement plans (except for Roth IRAs) are subject to required withdrawals called required minimum distributions ("RMDs") beginning at age 73. RMDs are based on the fair market value of your contract at year-end divided by the life expectancy factor. Certain death benefits and optional riders may be considered

in determining the fair market value of your contract for RMD purposes. This may cause your RMD to be higher. Inherited IRAs (including inherited Roth IRAs) are subject to special required minimum distribution rules. You should consult your tax advisor prior to making a purchase for an explanation of the potential tax implications to you.

Withholding for IRAs, Roth IRAs, SEPs and SIMPLE IRAs: If you receive taxable income as a result of an annuity payout or a withdrawal, including withdrawals under any optional withdrawal benefit rider, we may deduct withholding against the payment. Any withholding represents a prepayment of your tax due for the year. You take credit for these amounts on your annual income tax return. As long as you have provided us with a valid Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number, you can elect not to have any withholding occur.

If the payment is part of an annuity payout plan, we generally compute the amount of federal income tax withholding using payroll tables. You may complete our Form W-4P to use in calculating the withholding if you want withholding other than the default (single filing status with no adjustments). If the distribution is any other type of payment (such as partial or full withdrawal) we compute federal income tax withholding using 10% of the taxable portion unless you elect a different percentage via our Form W-4R or another acceptable method.

The federal income tax withholding requirements differ if we deliver payment outside the United States or you are a non-resident alien.

Some states also may impose income tax withholding requirements similar to the federal withholding described above. If this should be the case, we may deduct state income tax withholding from the payment.

Withholding for all other qualified annuities: If you receive directly all or part of the contract value from a qualified annuity, mandatory 20% federal income tax withholding (and possibly state income tax withholding) generally will be imposed at the time the payout is made from the plan. Any withholding represents a prepayment of your tax due for the year. You take credit for these amounts on your annual income tax return. This mandatory withholding will not be imposed if instead of receiving the distribution check, you elect to have the distribution rolled over directly to an IRA or another eligible plan. Payments made to a surviving spouse instead of being directly rolled over to an IRA are also subject to mandatory 20% income tax withholding.

In the below situations, the distribution is subject to optional withholding instead of the mandatory 20% withholding. We will withhold 10% of the distribution amount unless you elect otherwise.

- the payout is one in a series of substantially equal periodic payouts, made at least annually, over your life or life expectancy (or the joint lives or life expectancies of you and your designated beneficiary) or over a specified period of 10 years or more;
- the payout is a RMD as defined under the Code;
- the payout is made on account of an eligible hardship; or
- the payout is a corrective distribution.

State withholding also may be imposed on taxable distributions.

Penalties: If you receive amounts from your qualified contract before reaching age 59½, you may have to pay a 10% IRS penalty on the amount includable in your ordinary income. However, this penalty generally will not apply to any amount received:

- because of your death;
- because you become disabled (as defined in the Code);
- if the distribution is part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments made at least annually, over your life or life expectancy (or joint lives or life expectancies of you and your beneficiary);
- if the distribution is made following severance from employment during or after the calendar year in which you attain age 55 (TSAs and annuities funding 401(a) plans only);
- to pay certain medical or education expenses (IRAs only); or
- if the distribution is made from an inherited IRA or others as allowed by the IRS.

Death benefits to beneficiaries: The entire death benefit generally is taxable as ordinary income to the beneficiary in the year he/she receives the payments from the qualified annuity. If you made non-deductible contributions to a traditional IRA, the portion of any distribution from the contract that represents after-tax contributions is not taxable as ordinary income to your beneficiary. Under current IRS requirements you are responsible for keeping all records tracking your non-deductible contributions to an IRA. Death benefits under a Roth IRA generally are not taxable as ordinary income to the beneficiary if certain distribution requirements are met. (See also “Benefits in Case of Death – If you Die Before the Retirement Date”).

Change of retirement plan type: IRS regulations allow for rollovers of certain retirement plan distributions. In some circumstances, you may be able to have an intra-contract rollover, keeping the same features and conditions. If the annuity contract you have does not support an intra-contract rollover, you are able to request an IRS approved rollover to

another annuity contract or other investment product that you choose. If you choose another annuity contract or investment product, you will be subject to new rules, including a new withdrawal charge schedule for an annuity contract, or other product rules as applicable.

Assignment: You may not assign or pledge your qualified contract as collateral for a loan.

Other

Special considerations if you select any optional rider: As of the date of this prospectus, we believe that charges related to these riders are not subject to current taxation. Therefore, we will not report these charges as partial withdrawals from your contract. However, the IRS may determine that these charges should be treated as partial withdrawals subject to taxation to the extent of any gain as well as the 10% tax penalty for withdrawals before the age of 59½, if applicable, on the taxable portion.

We reserve the right to report charges for these riders as partial withdrawals if we, as a withholding and reporting agent, believe that we are required to report them. In addition, we will report any benefits attributable to these riders on the death of you or the annuitant as an annuity death benefit distribution, not as proceeds from life insurance.

Important: Our discussion of federal tax laws is based upon our understanding of current interpretations of these laws. Federal tax laws or current interpretations of them may change. For this reason and because tax consequences are complex and highly individual and cannot always be anticipated, you should consult a tax advisor if you have any questions about taxation of your contract.

RiverSource Life's tax status: We are taxed as a life insurance company under the Code. For federal income tax purposes, the subaccounts are considered a part of our company, although their operations are treated separately in accounting and financial statements. Investment income is reinvested in the fund in which each subaccount invests and becomes part of that subaccount's value. This investment income, including realized capital gains, is not subject to any withholding for federal or state income taxes. We reserve the right to make such a charge in the future if there is a change in the tax treatment of variable annuities or in our tax status as we then understand it.

The company includes in its taxable income the net investment income derived from the investment of assets held in its subaccounts because the company is considered the owner of these assets under federal income tax law. The company may claim certain tax benefits associated with this investment income. These benefits, which may include foreign tax credits and the corporate dividend received deduction, are not passed on to you since the company is the owner of the assets under federal tax law and is taxed on the investment income generated by the assets.

Tax qualification: We intend that the contract qualify as an annuity for federal income tax purposes. To that end, the provisions of the contract are to be interpreted to ensure or maintain such tax qualification, in spite of any other provisions of the contract. We reserve the right to amend the contract to reflect any clarifications that may be needed or are appropriate to maintain such qualification or to conform the contract to any applicable changes in the tax qualification requirements. We will send you a copy of any amendments.

Spousal status: When it comes to your marital status and the identification and naming of any spouse as a beneficiary or party to your contract, we will rely on the representations you make to us. Based on this reliance, we will issue and administer your contract in accordance with these representations. If you represent that you are married and your representation is incorrect or your marriage is deemed invalid for federal or state law purposes, then the benefits and rights under your contract may be different.

If you have any questions as to the status of your relationship as a marriage, then you should consult an appropriate tax or legal advisor.

Voting Rights

As a contract owner with investments in the subaccounts, you may vote on important fund policies until annuity payouts begin. Once they begin, the person receiving them has voting rights. We will vote fund shares according to the instructions of the person with voting rights.

Before annuity payouts begin, the number of votes you have is determined by applying your percentage interest in each subaccount to the total number of votes allowed to the subaccount.

After annuity payouts begin, the number of votes you have is equal to:

- the reserve held in each subaccount for your contract; divided by
- the net asset value of one share of the applicable fund.

As we make annuity payouts, the reserve for the contract decreases; therefore, the number of votes also will decrease.

We calculate votes separately for each subaccount. We will send notice of shareholders' meetings, proxy materials and a statement of the number of votes to which the voter is entitled. We are the legal owner of all fund shares and therefore hold all voting rights. However, to the extent required by law, we will vote the shares of each fund according to instructions we receive from policy owners. We will vote shares for which we have not received instructions and shares that we or our affiliates own in our own names in the same proportion as the votes for which we received instructions. As a result of this proportional voting, in cases when a small number of contract owners vote, their votes will have a greater impact and may even control the outcome.

To the extent that voting rights created under applicable federal securities laws are revised or alter the voting rights described herein, we reserve the right to proceed in accordance with those laws and regulatory guidance.

Substitution of Investments

We may substitute the funds in which the subaccounts invest if:

- laws or regulations change;
- the existing funds become unavailable; or
- in our judgment, the funds no longer are suitable (or are not the most suitable) for the subaccounts.

If any of these situations occur, we have the right to substitute a fund currently listed in this prospectus (existing fund) for another fund (new fund), provided we obtain any required SEC and state insurance law approval. The new fund may have higher fees and/or operating expenses than the existing fund. Also, the new fund may have investment objectives and policies and/or investment advisers which differ from the existing fund.

We may also:

- add new subaccounts;
- combine any two or more subaccounts;
- transfer assets to and from the subaccounts or the variable account; and
- eliminate or close any subaccounts.

We will notify you of any substitution or change.

In the event of any such substitution or change, we may amend the contract and take whatever action is necessary and appropriate without your consent or approval. We will obtain any required prior approval of the SEC or state insurance departments before making any substitution or change.

About the Service Providers

Principal Underwriter

RiverSource Distributors, Inc. (RiverSource Distributors), our affiliate, serves as the principal underwriter and general distributor of the contract. Its offices are located at 70100 Ameriprise Financial Center, Minneapolis, MN 55474. RiverSource Distributors is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

Sales of the Contract

New contracts are not currently being offered.

- Only securities broker-dealers ("selling firms") registered with the SEC and members of the FINRA may sell the contract.
- The contracts are continuously offered to the public through authorized selling firms. We and RiverSource Distributors have a sales agreement with the selling firm. The sales agreement authorizes the selling firm to offer the contracts to the public. RiverSource Distributors pays the selling firm (or an affiliated insurance agency) for contracts its investment professionals sell. The selling firm may be required to return sales commissions under certain circumstances including but not limited to when contracts are returned under the free look period.

Payments We May Make to Selling Firms

- We may use compensation plans which vary by selling firm. For example, some of these plans pay selling firms a commission of up to 4.25% each time a purchase payment is made for contract Option L and 1.00% for Contract Option C. We may also pay ongoing trail commissions of up to 1.00% of the contract value. We do not pay or withhold payment of trail commissions based on which investment options you select.
- We may pay selling firms an additional sales commission of up to 1.00% of purchase payments for a period of time we select. For example, we may offer to pay an additional sales commission to get selling firms to market a new or enhanced contract or to increase sales during the period.

- In addition to commissions, we may, in order to promote sales of the contracts, and as permitted by applicable laws and regulation, pay or provide selling firms with other promotional incentives in cash, credit or other compensation. We generally (but may not) offer these promotional incentives to all selling firms. The terms of such arrangements differ between selling firms. These promotional incentives may include but are not limited to:
 - sponsorship of marketing, educational, due diligence and compliance meetings and conferences we or the selling firm may conduct for investment professionals, including subsidy of travel, meal, lodging, entertainment and other expenses related to these meetings;
 - marketing support related to sales of the contract including for example, the creation of marketing materials, advertising and newsletters;
 - providing service to contract owners; and
 - funding other events sponsored by a selling firm that may encourage the selling firm's investment professionals to sell the contract.

These promotional incentives or reimbursements may be calculated as a percentage of the selling firm's aggregate, net or anticipated sales and/or total assets attributable to sales of the contract, and/or may be a fixed dollar amount. As noted below this additional compensation may cause the selling firm and its investment professionals to favor the contracts.

Sources of Payments to Selling Firms

When we pay the commissions and other compensation described above from our assets. Our assets may include:

- revenues we receive from fees and expenses that you will pay when buying, owning and making a withdrawal from the contract (see "Fee Table and Examples");
- compensation we or an affiliate receive from the underlying funds in the form of distribution and services fees (see "The Variable Account and the Funds – The Funds");
- compensation we or an affiliate receive from a fund's investment adviser, subadviser, distributor or an affiliate of any of these (see "The Variable Account and the Funds – The Funds"); and
- revenues we receive from other contracts we sell that are not securities and other businesses we conduct.

You do not directly pay the commissions and other compensation described above as the result of a specific charge or deduction under the contract. However, you may pay part or all of the commissions and other compensation described above indirectly through:

- fees and expenses we collect from contract owners, including withdrawal charges; and
- fees and expenses charged by the underlying subaccount funds in which you invest, to the extent we or one of our affiliates receive revenue from the funds or an affiliated person.

Potential Conflicts of Interest

Compensation payment arrangements made with selling firms can potentially:

- give selling firms a heightened financial incentive to sell the contract offered in this prospectus over another investment with lower compensation to the selling firm.
- cause selling firms to encourage their investment professionals to sell you the contract offered in this prospectus instead of selling you other alternative investments that may result in lower compensation to the selling firm.
- cause selling firms to grant us access to its investment professionals to promote sales of the contract offered in this prospectus, while denying that access to other firms offering similar contracts or other alternative investments which may pay lower compensation to the selling firm.

Payments to Investment Professionals

- The selling firm pays its investment professionals. The selling firm decides the compensation and benefits it will pay its investment professionals.
- To inform yourself of any potential conflicts of interest, ask the investment professional before you buy, how the selling firm and its investment professionals are being compensated and the amount of the compensation that each will receive if you buy the contract.

Issuer

We issue the contracts. We are a stock life insurance company organized in 1957 under the laws of the state of Minnesota and are located at 829 Ameriprise Financial Center, Minneapolis, MN 55474. We are a wholly-owned subsidiary of Ameriprise Financial, Inc.

We conduct a conventional life insurance business. We are licensed to do business in 49 states, the District of Columbia and American Samoa. Our primary products currently include fixed and variable annuity contracts (including registered indexed linked annuity contracts) and life insurance policies.

We rely on the exemption from the reporting requirements of Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “1934 Act”), provided by Rule 12h-7 under the 1934 Act. We are obligated to pay all amounts promised to you under the Contract, subject to our financial strength and claims paying ability.

Legal Proceedings

RiverSource Life is involved in the normal course of business in legal proceedings which include regulatory inquiries, arbitration and litigation, including class actions, concerning matters arising in connection with the conduct of its activities. These include proceedings specific to the Company as well as proceedings generally applicable to business practices in the industries in which it operates. The Company can also be subject to legal proceedings arising out of its general business activities, such as its investments, contracts, and employment relationships. Uncertain economic conditions, heightened and sustained volatility in the financial markets and significant financial reform legislation may increase the likelihood that clients and other persons or regulators may present or threaten legal claims or that regulators increase the scope or frequency of examinations of the Company or the insurance industry generally.

As with other insurance companies, the level of regulatory activity and inquiry concerning the Company’s businesses remains elevated. From time to time, the Company and its affiliates, including Ameriprise Financial Services, LLC (“AFS”) and RiverSource Distributors, Inc. receive requests for information from, and/or are subject to examination or claims by various state, federal and other domestic authorities. The Company and its affiliates typically have numerous pending matters, which includes information requests, exams or inquiries regarding their business activities and practices and other subjects, including from time to time: sales and distribution of various products, including the Company’s life insurance and variable annuity products; supervision of associated persons, including AFS financial advisors and RiverSource Distributors Inc.’s wholesalers; administration of insurance and annuity claims; security of client information; and transaction monitoring systems and controls. The Company and its affiliates have cooperated and will continue to cooperate with the applicable regulators.

These legal proceedings are subject to uncertainties and, as such, it is inherently difficult to determine whether any loss is probable or even reasonably possible, or to reasonably estimate the amount of any loss. The Company cannot predict with certainty if, how or when any such proceedings will be initiated or resolved. Matters frequently need to be more developed before a loss or range of loss can be reasonably estimated for any proceeding. An adverse outcome in one or more proceedings could eventually result in adverse judgments, settlements, fines, penalties or other sanctions, in addition to further claims, examinations or adverse publicity that could have a material adverse effect on the Company’s consolidated financial condition, results of operations or liquidity.

Financial Statements

The financial statements for the RiverSource Variable Annuity Account, as well as the consolidated financial statements of RiverSource Life, are in the Statement of Additional Information. A current Statement of Additional Information may be obtained, without charge, by calling us at 1-800-862-7919, or can be found online at www.ameriprise.com/variableannuities.

Appendix A: Investment Options Available Under the Contract

The following is a list of funds available under the contract. More information about the funds is available in the prospectuses for the funds, which may be amended from time to time and can be found online at riversource.com. You can also request this information at no cost by calling 1-800-862-7919 or by sending an email request to riversource.annuityservice@ampf.com.

The current expenses and performance information below reflects fee and expenses of the funds, but do not reflect the other fees and expenses that your contract may charge. Expenses would be higher and performance would be lower if these other charges were included. Each fund's past performance is not necessarily an indication of future performance.

Investment Objective	Fund and Adviser/Sub-Adviser	Current Expenses Ratio [NET]	Average Annual Total Returns (as of 12/31/2024)		
			1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Seeks long-term capital appreciation.	Allspring VT Discovery All Cap Growth Fund - Class 2 <i>Allspring Funds Management, LLC, adviser; Allspring Global Investments, LLC, sub-adviser.</i>	1.00% ¹	21.00%	10.75%	12.12%
Seeks long-term total return, consisting of capital appreciation and current income.	Allspring VT Index Asset Allocation Fund - Class 2 <i>Allspring Funds Management, LLC, adviser; Allspring Global Investments, LLC, sub-adviser.</i>	1.00% ¹	14.87%	8.51%	7.94%
Seeks long-term capital appreciation.	Allspring VT Opportunity Fund - Class 2 <i>Allspring Funds Management, LLC, adviser; Allspring Global Investments, LLC, sub-adviser.</i>	1.00% ¹	15.05%	11.72%	10.78%
Seeks long-term capital appreciation.	Allspring VT Small Cap Growth Fund - Class 2 <i>Allspring Funds Management, LLC, adviser; Allspring Global Investments, LLC, sub-adviser.</i>	1.17%	18.70%	6.60%	8.65%
Seeks long-term capital appreciation.	BNY Mellon Sustainable U.S. Equity Portfolio, Inc. - Initial Shares <i>BNY Mellon Investment Adviser, Inc., Adviser; Newton Investment Management North America, LLC, sub-adviser.</i>	0.67%	24.89%	13.46%	11.52%
Seeks to provide shareholders with capital appreciation.	Columbia Variable Portfolio - Disciplined Core Fund (Class 3) <i>Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC</i>	0.80%	25.89%	8.28%	13.92%
Seeks to provide shareholders with a high level of current income and, as a secondary objective, steady growth of capital.	Columbia Variable Portfolio - Dividend Opportunity Fund (Class 3) <i>Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC</i>	0.86% ¹	15.28%	6.12%	8.75%
Seeks to provide shareholders with maximum current income consistent with liquidity and stability of principal.	Columbia Variable Portfolio - Government Money Market Fund (Class 3) <i>Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC</i>	0.49% ¹	4.84%	3.53%	2.16%

Investment Objective	Fund and Adviser/Sub-Adviser	Current Expenses Ratio [NET]	Average Annual Total Returns (as of 12/31/2024)		
			1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Seeks to provide shareholders with high current income as its primary objective and, as its secondary objective, capital growth.	Columbia Variable Portfolio - High Yield Bond Fund (Class 3) <i>Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC</i>	0.77% ¹	6.95%	2.29%	3.64%
Seeks to provide shareholders with long-term capital growth.	Columbia Variable Portfolio - Select Small Cap Value Fund (Class 3) <i>Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC</i>	0.98% ¹	13.81%	3.08%	9.33%
Seeks to provide shareholders with current income as its primary objective and, as its secondary objective, preservation of capital.	Columbia Variable Portfolio - U.S. Government Mortgage Fund (Class 3) <i>Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC</i>	0.59%	1.44%	(2.81%)	(0.95%)
Seeks capital appreciation.	Fidelity® VIP Dynamic Capital Appreciation Portfolio Service Class 2 <i>Fidelity Management & Research Company (the Adviser) is the fund's manager. Fidelity Management & Research Company (UK) Limited, Fidelity Management & Research Company (Hong Kong) Limited, Fidelity Management & Research Company (Japan) Limited, subadvisers.</i>	0.87%	25.19%	16.09%	12.76%
Seeks a high level of current income, while also considering growth of capital.	Fidelity® VIP High Income Portfolio Service Class 2 <i>Fidelity Management & Research Company (the Adviser) is the fund's manager. Fidelity Management & Research Company (UK) Limited, Fidelity Management & Research Company (Hong Kong) Limited, Fidelity Management & Research Company (Japan) Limited, subadvisers.</i>	1.06% ¹	8.62%	2.47%	3.90%
Seeks long-term growth of capital.	Fidelity® VIP Mid Cap Portfolio Service Class 2 <i>Fidelity Management & Research Company (the Adviser) is the fund's manager. Fidelity Management & Research Company (UK) Limited, Fidelity Management & Research Company (Hong Kong) Limited, Fidelity Management & Research Company (Japan) Limited, subadvisers.</i>	0.82%	17.18%	11.06%	8.94%

Investment Objective	Fund and Adviser/Sub-Adviser	Current Expenses Ratio [NET]	Average Annual Total Returns (as of 12/31/2024)		
			1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Seeks high total return. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments of companies located anywhere in the world that operate in the real estate sector.	Franklin Global Real Estate VIP Fund - Class 2 <i>Franklin Templeton Institutional, LLC</i>	1.25% ¹	(0.32%)	(0.30%)	2.30%
Seeks to maximize income while maintaining prospects for capital appreciation. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests in a diversified portfolio of equity and debt securities.	Franklin Income VIP Fund - Class 2 <i>Franklin Advisers, Inc.</i>	0.72% ¹	7.20%	5.29%	5.27%
Seeks capital appreciation, with income as a secondary goal. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests primarily in U.S. and foreign equity securities that the investment manager believes are undervalued.	Franklin Mutual Shares VIP Fund - Class 2 <i>Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC</i>	0.94%	11.27%	5.75%	5.83%
Seeks long-term total return. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments of small capitalization companies.	Franklin Small Cap Value VIP Fund - Class 2 <i>Franklin Mutual Advisers, LLC</i>	0.90% ¹	11.71%	8.36%	8.17%
Seeks long-term capital growth. Under normal market conditions, the fund invests at least 80% of its net assets in investments of small-capitalization and mid-capitalization companies.	Franklin Small-Mid Cap Growth VIP Fund - Class 2 <i>Franklin Advisers, Inc.</i>	1.08% ¹	11.04%	9.75%	9.32%
Seeks long-term capital appreciation.	Goldman Sachs VIT Mid Cap Value Fund - Institutional Shares <i>Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.</i>	0.82% ¹	12.40%	9.85%	7.98%
Seeks long-term growth of capital and dividend income.	Goldman Sachs VIT U.S. Equity Insights Fund - Institutional Shares <i>Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.</i>	0.56% ¹	28.32%	14.15%	12.05%

Investment Objective	Fund and Adviser/Sub-Adviser	Current Expenses Ratio [NET]	Average Annual Total Returns (as of 12/31/2024)		
			1 Year	5 Year	10 Year
Non-diversified fund that seeks capital growth.	Invesco V.I. American Franchise Fund, Series I Shares <i>Invesco Advisers, Inc.</i>	0.85%	34.89%	15.84%	14.16%
Seeks long-term growth of capital.	Invesco V.I. Core Equity Fund, Series I Shares <i>Invesco Advisers, Inc.</i>	0.80%	25.60%	12.35%	9.42%
Seeks capital appreciation.	Invesco V.I. Global Fund, Series II Shares <i>Invesco Advisers, Inc.</i>	1.06%	15.78%	9.21%	9.58%
Seeks total return	Invesco V.I. Global Strategic Income Fund, Series II Shares <i>Invesco Advisers, Inc.</i>	1.18% ¹	3.02%	(0.43%)	1.28%
Seeks capital appreciation.	MFS [®] Investors Trust Series - Initial Class <i>Massachusetts Financial Services Company</i>	0.74% ¹	19.52%	11.39%	11.09%
Seeks total return.	MFS [®] Utilities Series - Initial Class <i>Massachusetts Financial Services Company</i>	0.79% ¹	11.66%	5.88%	6.29%
Seeks capital appreciation.	Putnam VT Global Health Care Fund - Class IB Shares <i>Putnam Investment Management, LLC, investment advisor; Sub-advisers-Franklin Advisers, Inc., Franklin Templeton Investment Management Limited and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC</i>	0.98%	1.43%	7.94%	7.65%
Seeks capital appreciation.	Putnam VT International Equity Fund - Class IB Shares <i>Putnam Investment Management, LLC, investment advisor. Sub-advisers- Franklin Advisers, Inc., Franklin Templeton Investment Management Limited and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC</i>	1.08%	2.97%	4.88%	4.73%
Seeks long-term capital appreciation.	Putnam VT Sustainable Leaders Fund - Class IB Shares <i>Putnam Investment Management, LLC, investment advisor. Sub-advisers- Franklin Advisers, Inc. and Franklin Templeton Investment Management Limited</i>	0.88%	23.02%	13.72%	13.50%
Seeks to provide shareholders with long-term capital appreciation.	Variable Portfolio - Partners Small Cap Value Fund (Class 3) <i>Columbia Management Investment Advisers, LLC, adviser; Segall Bryant & Hamill, LLC and William Blair Investment Management, LLC, subadvisers.</i>	0.97% ¹	7.83%	1.41%	6.11%

¹ This Fund and its investment adviser and/or affiliates have entered into a temporary expense reimbursement arrangement and/or fee waiver. The Fund's annual expenses reflect temporary fee reductions. Please see the Fund's prospectus for additional information.

The following is a list of investment options that earn fixed interest for a specified term currently available under the contract. We may change the features of the fixed interest options listed below and terminate existing options. We will provide you with written notice before doing so. Depending on the optional benefits you choose, you may not be able to invest in certain fixed investment options. See table above "Funds Available Under the Optional Benefits Offered Under the Contract." See "The 'Nonunitized' Separate Account and the Guarantee Period Accounts (GPAs)" and "The One-Year Fixed Account" in the prospectus for more information about the fixed interest investment options.

Note: A positive or negative MVA is assessed if any portion of a GPA is withdrawn or transferred more than thirty days before the end of its guarantee period. This may result in a significant reduction in your contract value. See “Charges and Adjustments – Adjustments – Market Value Adjustments” in the prospectus for more information about the MVA.

Name	Term	Minimum Guaranteed Interest Rate
2 Year Guarantee Period Account	2 Years	3.00%
3 Year Guarantee Period Account	3 Years	3.00%
4 Year Guarantee Period Account	4 Years	3.00%
5 Year Guarantee Period Account	5 Years	3.00%
6 Year Guarantee Period Account	6 Years	3.00%
7 Year Guarantee Period Account	7 Years	3.00%
8 Year Guarantee Period Account	8 Years	3.00%
9 Year Guarantee Period Account	9 Years	3.00%
10 Year Guarantee Period Account	10 Years	3.00%

The following is a list of Fixed Options currently available under the Contract. We may change the features of the Fixed Options listed below or terminate existing Fixed Options. We will provide you with written notice before doing so.

Note: If amounts are withdrawn from a Fixed Option before the end of its term, we will not apply a contract adjustment.

Name	Term	Contract Issue Year	Minimum Guaranteed Interest Rate
One-Year Fixed Account	1 Year	All	3.00%
Special DCA Fixed Account	6 Months	All	3.00%
Special DCA Fixed Account	1 Year	All	3.00%

The Statement of Additional Information (SAI) includes additional information about the Contract. The SAI, dated the same date as this prospectus, is incorporated by reference into this prospectus. The SAI is available, without charge, upon request. For a free copy of the SAI, or for more information about the Contract, call us at 1-800-862-7919, visit our website at riversource.com/annuities or write to us at: 70100 Ameriprise Financial Center Minneapolis, MN 55474.



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Reports and other information about RiverSource Variable Annuity Account and RiverSource Life Insurance Company are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>, and copies of this information may be obtained, upon payment of a duplicating fee, by electronic request at the following email address: publicinfo@sec.gov.

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