

**PROSPECTUS**  
**Voya Select Rate**

**Single Premium Deferred Modified Guaranteed Annuity Contracts**

Issued By Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company

This prospectus sets forth the information you ought to know before investing. You should keep the prospectus for future reference. Additional information has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is available upon written or oral request without charge.

The SEC maintains a web site ([www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)) that contains material incorporated by reference, and other information about us, which we file electronically. The reference number assigned to this contract is 333-203610.

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**The allocation options available under the Contract are Guarantee Periods.** A Guarantee Period is equal to one or more Contract Years during which a declared Guarantee Period Interest Rate is guaranteed to be credited to the Single Premium or Accumulation Value, as applicable. See page 13. The following Guarantee Periods are currently available:

**Initial Guarantee Periods**

**5 to 10 years**

(5, 6, 7 etc.)

You select the Initial Guarantee Period for the Single Premium.

**Guarantee Periods for Renewals**

**1 year**

We automatically apply the Accumulation Value to the 1-year Guarantee Period at the end of the Initial Guarantee Period, or each succeeding Guarantee Period, as applicable, until you give us alternative instructions.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For Contracts issued in Minnesota, the Initial Guarantee Period is limited to 5 years or less if the Owner is age 76 to 80.

*The SEC has not approved or disapproved these securities or passed upon the adequacy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.*

**NOT: FDIC/NCUA INSURED; A DEPOSIT OF A BANK; BANK GUARANTEED; OR INSURED BY ANY FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY. MAY LOSE VALUE.**

**RIGHT TO EXAMINE AND RETURN THIS CONTRACT PERIOD:** You may return the contract within 10 days of its receipt (or longer as state law may require or when issued as a replacement contract). If so returned, we will promptly pay you the Accumulation Value, adjusted for any Market Value Adjustment, where permitted. See page 23.

**PLEASE REFER TO PAGE 5 OF THIS PROSPECTUS FOR A DISCUSSION OF THE RISK FACTORS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONTRACT.**

**EXCHANGES:** Your agent should only recommend an exchange (replacement) if it is in your best interest and only after evaluating your personal and financial situation and needs, tolerance for risk and financial ability to pay for the contract.

*We pay compensation to broker/dealers whose registered representatives sell the contract. See page 24.*

**May 1, 2015**

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# Glossary

*This glossary defines the special terms used throughout the prospectus. A special term used in only one section of the prospectus is defined there. The page references are to sections of the prospectus where more information can be found about a special term.*

**Accumulation Value** – On the Contract Date, the Single Premium less any premium tax, if applicable. At the end of each day thereafter, the Accumulation Value equals the Accumulation Value as of the end of the preceding day plus the interest, if any, pursuant to the Guaranteed Period Interest Rate, which is credited from the end of the previous day to the end of the current day, minus the amount of any Withdrawals or Surrender, adjusted for any applicable Market Value Adjustment, and less any applicable Surrender Charge, at the end of the current day on which the Withdrawal is taken or a Surrender occurs. See page 12.

**Annuitant** – The individual designated by you and upon whose life Annuity Payments will be based. There may be two Annuitants. See page 9.

**Annuity Commencement Date** – The date on which Annuity Payments commence.

**Annuity Payments** – Periodic payments made by us to you or, subject to our consent in the event the payee is not a natural person, to a payee designated by you.

**Annuity Plan** – An option elected by you, or the contractually designated default option if none is elected, that determines the frequency, duration and amount of the Annuity Payments. See page 20.

**Beneficiary** – The individual or entity you select to receive the Death Benefit. See page 10.

**Business Day** – Any day that the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) is open for trading, exclusive of federal holidays, or any day the SEC requires that mutual funds, unit investment trusts or other investment portfolios be valued.

**Cash Surrender Value** – The amount you receive upon Surrender of this Contract, which equals the Accumulation Value, as adjusted for any applicable Market Value Adjustment, minus any applicable Surrender Charges. See page 17.

**Code** – The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

**Company, we, our or us** – Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company, a stock company domiciled in Connecticut. See page 6.

**Company Death Benefit Rate** – The effective annual interest rate that we will credit to the Death Benefit from the date of death until the Death Benefit is paid. See page 19.

**Contingent Annuitant** – The individual who is not an Annuitant and will become the Annuitant if all named Annuitants die prior to the Annuity Commencement Date and the Death Benefit is not otherwise payable. See page 9.

**Contract** – This single premium modified guaranteed annuity contract.

**Contract Anniversary** – The same day and month each year as the Contract Date. If the Contract Date is February 29<sup>th</sup>, in non-leap years, the Contract Anniversary shall be March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Contract Date** – The date on which this Contract becomes effective.

**Contract Year** – The period beginning on a Contract Anniversary (or, in the first Contract Year only, beginning on the Contract Date) and ending on the day preceding the next Contract Anniversary.

**Death Benefit** – The amount payable to the Beneficiary upon death of any Owner (or, if the Owner is not a natural person, upon the death of any Annuitant) prior to the Annuity Commencement Date. See page 19.

**Endorsements** – Attachments to this Contract that add, change or supersede its terms or provisions.

**Guarantee Period** – A period equal to one or more Contract Years during which the Guarantee Period Interest Rate we declare is guaranteed to be credited to the Accumulation Value. See page 13.

**Guarantee Period Interest Rate** – The effective annual interest rate that we will credit to the Accumulation Value for a specified Guaranteed Period. The rate for each Guarantee Period will be declared in advance by us, and, except as otherwise provided in the Contract, will apply for the duration of the Guarantee Period. See page 13.

**Hospital or Nursing Home** – A hospital or skilled care or intermediate care nursing facility, operating as such according to applicable law and at which medical treatment is available on a daily basis. This does not include a rest home or other facility whose primary purpose is to provide accommodations, board or personal care services to individuals who do not need medical or nursing care. See page 8.

**Initial Guarantee Period** – The Guarantee Period selected by you for the Single Premium. See page 13.

**Initial Guarantee Period Interest Rate** – The Guarantee Period Interest Rate that we will credit to the Accumulation Value for the Initial Guarantee Period. See page 13.

**Interest Withdrawal Amount** – The interest earned, if any, during the prior 12 months and not previously withdrawn. We will waive the Market Value Adjustment and Surrender Charge on the portion of a Withdrawal representing an Interest Withdrawal Amount. If you subsequently Surrender your Contract, any Market Value Adjustments and Surrender Charges previously waived as a result of any Interest Withdrawal Amounts taken in the same Contract Year as the Surrender will be deducted from, or if applicable, added to the Accumulation Value. Additionally, we will apply the current Market Value Adjustment and Surrender Charge at the time of the Surrender. See pages 7 and 13, respectively.

**Irrevocable Beneficiary** – A Beneficiary whose rights and interests under this Contract cannot be changed without his, her or its consent. See page 10.

**Joint Owner** – An individual who, along with another individual Owner, is entitled to exercise the rights incident to ownership. Both Joint Owners must agree to any change or the exercise of any rights under the Contract. The Joint Owner may not be an entity and may **not** be named if the Owner is an entity. See page 9.

**Market Value Adjustment (“MVA”)** – An adjustment to certain Withdrawals or a Surrender that may increase, decrease or have no impact on the amount paid to you. See page 13. Additionally, the MVA will apply to the Accumulation Value on the date of death in regard to the Death Benefit, or the date the Accumulation Value is applied to an Annuity Plan, but only if the MVA is positive and would result in an increase to the Accumulation Value. See pages 19 and 20, respectively. A Surrender Charge may also apply to certain Withdrawals or to a Surrender. See page 7.

**Notice to Us** – Notice made in a form that: (1) is approved by, or is acceptable to, us; (2) has the information and any documentation we determine in our discretion to be necessary to take the action requested or exercise the right specified; and (3) is received by us at our Customer Service at the address specified on page 1. Under certain circumstances, we may permit you to provide Notice to Us by telephone or electronically.

**Owner** – The individual (or entity) who is entitled to exercise the rights incident to ownership. The terms “you” or “your,” when used in this prospectus, refer to the Owner. See page 9.

**Proof of Death** – The documentation we deem necessary to establish death including, but not limited to: (1) a certified copy of a death certificate; (2) a certified copy of a statement of death from an attending physician; (3) a

finding of a court of competent jurisdiction as to the cause of death; or (4) any other proof that we deem in our sole discretion to be satisfactory to us. See page 19.

**Qualifying Medical Professional** – A legally licensed practitioner of the healing arts who: (1) is acting within the scope of his or her license; (2) is not a resident of your household or that of the Annuitant; and (3) is not related to you or the Annuitant by blood or marriage.

**Right to Examine and Return this Contract Period** – The period of time during which you have the right to return the Contract for any reason, or no reason at all, and receive the Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA, which may be more or less than the Single Premium paid. See page 23.

**Single Premium** – The single payment you make to us to put this Contract into effect. See page 10.

**Surrender** – A transaction in which the entire Cash Surrender Value is taken from the Contract. See page 16.

**Surrender Charge** – A charge applied to certain Withdrawals and to a Surrender during the Initial Guarantee Period and will reduce the amount paid to you. See page 7. A MVA may also apply to certain Withdrawals and to a Surrender and increase, decrease or have no impact on the amount paid to you. See page 13.

**Terminal Condition** – An illness or injury that results in a life expectancy of 12 months or less, as measured from the date of diagnosis by a Qualifying Medical Professional.

**Withdrawal** – A transaction in which only a portion of the Cash Surrender Value is taken from the Contract. See page 16.

# Summary – Contract Charges and Risk Factors

## Surrender Charges

*You will pay no charges in buying or owning the Contract. A Surrender Charge will apply to certain Withdrawals and to a Surrender, but only during the Guarantee Period you select for the Single Premium (which we refer to as the Initial Guarantee Period), according to the schedule below. The rate of the Surrender Charge is a percentage of the Accumulation Value being withdrawn that diminishes each Contract Year. The length of time the Surrender Charge will apply varies with the duration of the Initial Guarantee Period. The Surrender Charge is deducted from the Accumulation Value.*

Guarantee Period	Surrender Charge Schedule – Contract Year									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	0	0	0	0	0
6	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	0	0	0	0
7	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	0	0	0
8	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0	0
9	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0	0
10	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0	0

The Surrender Charge schedule does not restart when your Contract renews into another Guarantee Period. You will pay no Surrender Charge once the Surrender Charge is zero after the first time your Contract renews into another Guarantee Period. We will deduct any Surrender Charge after the MVA is applied. See page 13. A charge for premium taxes may also be deducted. See page 8.

## Risk Factors

Purchasing the Contract involves certain risks as noted below. You should also carefully consider your personal tax situation before you purchase a Contract. See page 27 for a general discussion of the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the Contract.

**Liquidity Risk** – The Contract is designed for long-term investment and should be held for the length of the Initial Guarantee Period or the Guarantee Period, as applicable. The Interest Withdrawal Amount provides some liquidity. However, if you withdraw more than the Interest Withdrawal Amount, a Surrender Charge may apply during the Initial Guarantee Period, which in combination with the MVA, could result in the loss of principal and earnings. Because the Contract provides only limited liquidity during the Surrender Charge period, it is not suitable for short-term investment.

You may request a Withdrawal or Surrender the Contract by providing Notice to Us at any time prior to the Annuity Commencement Date. Notice to Us that is received before the close of business on any Business Day will be processed the same day; otherwise, the Withdrawal or Surrender will be taken as of the close of business on the next Business Day. We will generally pay the Cash Surrender Value within 7 days of receipt of Notice to Us. We reserve the right in the Contract to defer paying a Withdrawal or the Cash Surrender Value (except for Contracts issued in Arizona) for up to 6 months after we receive your request, contingent upon written approval of the insurance supervisory official in the jurisdiction in which the Contract is issued.

**Surrender Charge Risk during the Initial Guarantee Period** – A Surrender Charge may apply to certain Withdrawals or a Surrender during the Initial Guarantee Period only. The Surrender Charge is designed to recover the costs we incur in selling the Contract if you request a Withdrawal or Surrender that is too early. Any Surrender Charge, in combination with the MVA, could result in the loss of principal and earnings. You bear the risk that you may receive less than your Single Premium.

**Interest Rate Risk and the Market Value Adjustment** – The declared interest rate the Company offers may be as low as 0% for some Contracts. A MVA will apply to certain Withdrawals or a Surrender prior to the end of any Guarantee Period. See page 13. We use the MVA to protect us from the risk that we will suffer a loss should we need to liquidate the investments we use to support the Guarantee Period Interest Rate in order to pay you the amount requested. The MVA may be negative, positive or result in no change. The MVA is generally negative when interest rates in the current market are higher than at the beginning of the Guarantee Period. At the time of any transaction involving the Contract, in the event that interest rates in the current market are higher, you bear the risk that you may receive less than your Single Premium.

**Investment Risk** – The Contract's investment risk and return characteristics are similar to those of a zero coupon bond or certificate of deposit. See page 6. Accumulation Value maintained through the end of a Guarantee Period provides a fixed rate of return. The Company guarantees principal and credited interest only when held for the length of the Initial Guarantee Period or the Guarantee Period, as applicable. Otherwise, a Surrender Charge may apply, which in combination with the MVA, could result in the loss of principal and earnings. You bear the risk that you may receive less than your Single Premium.

# Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company

## Organization and Operation

Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company (the “Company,” “we,” “us,” “our”) issues the contracts described in this prospectus and is responsible for providing each contract’s insurance and annuity benefits. All guarantees and benefits provided under the contracts that are not related to the separate account are subject to the claims paying ability of the Company and our general account. We are a stock life insurance company organized under the insurance laws of the State of Connecticut in 1976. Through a merger, our operations include the business of Aetna Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (formerly known as Participating Annuity Life Insurance Company, an Arkansas life insurance company organized in 1954). Prior to January 1, 2002, the Company was known as Aetna Life Insurance and Annuity Company. From January 1, 2002, until August 31, 2014, the Company was known as ING Life Insurance and Annuity Company.

We are an indirect, wholly owned subsidiary of Voya Financial, Inc. (“Voya<sup>®</sup>”), which until April 7, 2014, was known as ING U.S., Inc. In May 2013, the common stock of Voya began trading on the NYSE under the symbol “VOYA” and Voya completed its initial public offering of common stock.

Prior to March 9, 2015, Voya was an affiliate of ING Groep N.V. (“ING”), a global financial institution active in the fields of insurance, banking and asset management. On March 9, 2015, ING completed a public secondary offering of Voya common stock (the “March 2015 Offering”) and also completed the sale of Voya common stock to Voya pursuant to the terms of a share repurchase agreement (the “March 2015 Direct Share Buyback”) (the March 2015 Offering and the March 2015 Direct Share Buyback collectively, the “March 2015 Transactions”). Upon completion of the March 2015 Transactions, ING has exited its stake in Voya common stock. As a result of the completion of the March 2015 Transactions, ING has satisfied the provisions of its agreement with the European Union regarding the divestment of its U.S. insurance and investment operations, which required ING to divest 100% of its ownership interest in Voya together with its subsidiaries, including the Company by the end of 2016.

We are engaged in the business of issuing life insurance and annuities. Our principal executive offices are located at:

One Orange Way  
Windsor, Connecticut 06095-4774

**Product Regulation.** Our annuity, retirement and investment products are subject to a complex and extensive array of state and federal tax, securities, insurance and employee benefit plan laws and regulations, which are administered and enforced by a number of different governmental and self-regulatory authorities, including state insurance regulators, state securities administrators, state banking authorities, the SEC, the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”), the Department of Labor (“DOL”), the IRS and the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (“OCC”). For example, U.S. federal income tax law imposes requirements relating to insurance and annuity product design, administration and investments that are conditions for beneficial tax treatment of such products under the Tax Code. (See page 27 for further discussion of some of these requirements.) Additionally, state and federal securities and insurance laws impose requirements relating to insurance and annuity product design, offering and distribution and administration. Failure to administer product features in accordance with contract provisions or applicable law, or to meet any of these complex tax, securities, or insurance requirements could subject us to administrative penalties imposed by a particular governmental or self-regulatory authority, unanticipated costs associated with remedying such failure or other claims, harm to our reputation, interruption of our operations or adversely impact profitability.

## Separate Account

We allocate to a separate account the Single Premium you make to put this Contract into effect, which we refer to as the Guaranteed Annuity Account (“GAA”). The GAA is a non-unitized separate account, which means there are no discrete units of ownership of the assets of GAA. We own the assets held in GAA. We are not the trustee of these assets. The income, gains and losses, realized or unrealized, from the assets of GAA shall be credited to or charged against the separate account, without regard to other income, gains or losses of Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company. The assets of GAA, equal to the reserves and other contract liabilities with respect to the separate account, shall not be chargeable with liabilities arising out of any other business of Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company.

We established and administer GAA according to Section 38a-433 of the Connecticut General Statutes and its related regulations that are applicable. Although the offering of the Contract is registered with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, we are not required to also register this separate account with the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

We intend to invest primarily in investment-grade fixed income securities, including:

- Securities issued by the U.S. government;
- Issues of U.S. government agencies or instrumentalities (these issues may or may not be guaranteed by the U.S. government);
- Debt securities that have an investment grade, at the time of purchase, within the four highest grades assigned by Moody's Investors Services, Inc. (Aaa, Aa, A or Baa), Standard & Poor's Corporation (AAA, AA, A or BBB) or any other nationally recognized rating service;
- Other debt instruments, including those issued or guaranteed by banks or bank holding companies, and of corporations, which although not rated by Moody's, Standard & Poor's, or other nationally recognized rating services, are deemed by the Company's management to have an investment quality comparable to securities that may be purchased as stated above; or
- Commercial paper, cash or cash equivalents, and other short-term investments having a maturity of less than one year that are considered by the Company's management to have investment quality comparable to securities, which may be purchased as stated above.

We may invest in futures and options. We purchase financial futures, related options and options on securities solely for non-speculative hedging purposes. Should securities prices be expected to decline, we may sell a futures contract or purchase a put option on futures or securities to protect the value of securities held in or to be sold for GAA. Similarly, if securities prices are expected to rise, we may purchase a futures contract or a call option against anticipated positive cash flow or may purchase options on securities.

We are not obligated to invest the assets attributable to the Contract according to any particular strategy, except as required by Connecticut and other state insurance laws. The Initial Guarantee Period Interest Rate and Guarantee Period Interest Rate we declare may not necessarily relate to the performance of GAA.

## Charges

You pay no charges in buying or owning the Contract. A Surrender Charge may apply to a Withdrawal or upon Surrender of the Contract. A charge for premium taxes may also be deducted.

### Surrender Charge

During the Initial Guarantee Period only, a Surrender Charge may be deducted from the portion of the Accumulation Value being withdrawn in the following events:

- A Withdrawal during the Initial Guarantee Period in an amount that is greater than the interest earned, if any, during the prior 12 months and not previously withdrawn, which we refer to as the Interest Withdrawal Amount; or
- A Surrender of the Contract that occurs outside of the 30-day period following the end of the Initial Guarantee Period.

The Surrender Charge is designed to recover the costs we incur in selling the Contract if you request a Withdrawal or Surrender that is too early. The rate of the Surrender Charge is a percentage of the Accumulation Value being withdrawn that diminishes each Contract Year. The length of time the Surrender Charge will apply varies by the duration of the Initial Guarantee Period. The Surrender Charge is deducted from the Accumulation Value, after the MVA, according to the below schedule:

Guarantee Period	Surrender Charge Schedule – Contract Year									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	0	0	0	0	0
6	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	0	0	0	0
7	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	0	0	0
8	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0	0
9	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0	0
10	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	0	0

The Surrender Charge schedule will only apply to the Initial Guarantee Period and does not restart when your Contract renews into another Guarantee Period.

No Surrender Charge applies to:

- The Interest Withdrawal Amount, which is the maximum amount you may withdraw without incurring a Surrender Charge; **IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you subsequently Surrender your Contract, any Surrender Charges previously waived as a result of any Interest Withdrawal Amounts taken in the same Contract Year as the Surrender will be deducted from the Accumulation Value.
- Payment of the Death Benefit;
- The commencement of Annuity Payments that begin after the first Contract Year; or
- Any Withdrawal or Surrender after the Initial Guarantee Period ends.

Explanatory Example:

A Contract is purchased with \$30,000 of Single Premium. The Initial Guarantee Period is five years with an annual effective rate of 3% (which we refer to as the Initial Guarantee Period Interest Rate). After three Contract Years, the Accumulation Value equals \$32,782 of which \$955 (3% interest on \$31,827, accumulated over the prior 12 months) is available at the end of the third Contract Year to withdraw without incurring Surrender Charges.

The Contract has a waiver of Surrender Charge for Extended Medical Care or a Terminal Condition. Extended Medical Care means confinement in a Hospital or Nursing Home prescribed by a Qualifying Medical Professional. Terminal Condition means an illness or injury that results in a life expectancy of 12 months or less, as measured from the date of diagnosis by a Qualifying Medical Professional. For purposes of this waiver:

A **Hospital or Nursing Home** is defined as a hospital or a skilled care or intermediate care nursing facility:

- Operating as such according to applicable law; and
- At which medical treatment is available on a daily basis.

A Hospital or Nursing Home does **not** include a rest home or other facility whose primary purpose is to provide accommodations, board or personal care services to individuals who do not need medical or nursing care.

A **Qualifying Medical Professional** is defined as a legally licensed practitioner of the healing arts who:

- Is acting within the scope of his or her license;
- Is **not** a resident of your household or that of the Annuitant; and
- Is **not** related to you or the Annuitant by blood or marriage.

To qualify for a waiver as a result of Extended Medical Care:

- You (or any Annuitant, if the Owner is a non-natural person) begin receiving Extended Medical Care on or after the first Contract Anniversary and receive such Extended Medical Care for at least 45 days during any continuous 60-day period; and
- Your request for a Surrender or Withdrawal, together with satisfactory proof of such Extended Medical Care, must be provided by Notice to Us during the term of such Extended Medical Care or within 90 days after the last day that you received Extended Medical Care.

To qualify for a waiver as a result of a Terminal Condition:

- You (or any Annuitant, if the Owner is a non-natural person) must first be diagnosed by a Qualifying Medical Professional as having a Terminal Condition on or after the first Contract Anniversary; and
- Your request for a Surrender or Withdrawal, together with satisfactory proof of such Terminal Condition, must be provided by Notice to Us.

We require the proof of Extended Medical Care or a Terminal Condition to be in writing and, where applicable, attested to by a Qualifying Medical Professional. We reserve the right in the Contract to require a secondary medical opinion by a Qualifying Medical Professional of our choosing. We will pay for any such secondary medical opinion.

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** The waiver of Surrender Charge for Extended Medical Care or a Terminal condition is not available for contracts issued in Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington.

Any Withdrawal or Surrender of the Contract that is eligible for waiver of the Surrender Charges as a result of Extended Medical Care or a Terminal Condition will remain subject to the MVA, as applicable. See page 13.

### **Overnight Charge**

You may choose to have a \$20 overnight charge deducted from the net amount of a Surrender or Withdrawal you would like sent to you by overnight delivery service.

### **Premium Tax and Other Taxes**

In certain states, the Single Premium you pay for the Contract is subject to a premium tax. A premium tax is generally any tax or fee imposed or levied on us by any state government or political subdivision thereof in consideration of your Single Premium received by us. Currently, the premium tax ranges from zero to 3.5%, depending on your state of residence. We reserve the right in the Contract to recoup the amount of any premium tax from the Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA, if and when:

- The premium tax is incurred by us; or
- The Accumulation Value is applied to an Annuity Plan on the Annuity Commencement Date.

We reserve the right in the Contract to change the amount we charge for the premium tax if you change your state of residence. We do not expect to incur any other tax liability attributable to the Contract. We also reserve the right to charge for any other taxes as a result of any changes in applicable law.

## **The Annuity Contract**

The Contract described in this prospectus is a single premium deferred modified guaranteed annuity contract. The Contract is non-participating, which means it will not pay dividends resulting from any of the surplus or earnings of the Company. The Contract consists of any attached application, amendment or Endorsements that are issued in consideration of the Single Premium paid. We urge you to read the Contract, which details your rights as the Owner. The Contract provides a means for you to allocate the Single Premium to a Guarantee Period (which we refer to as the Initial Guarantee Period). A Guarantee Period is equal to one or more Contract Years during which a declared Guarantee Period Interest Rate is guaranteed to be credited to the Single Premium or Accumulation Value, as applicable. Initial Guarantee Periods of 5 to 10 years are currently available (5, 6, 7 etc.) for the Single Premium. At the end of the Initial Guarantee Period, the Contract will automatically renew into another Guarantee Period, until you give us alternative instructions. The Guarantee Periods available for renewals, where permitted, are limited to 1 year.

### **Owner**

The Owner is the individual (or entity) entitled to exercise the rights incident to ownership. The Owner may be an individual or a non-natural person (e.g., a corporation or trust). We require the Owner to have an insurable interest in the Annuitant. See page 22. Two individuals may own the Contract, which we refer to as Joint Owners. Joint Owners must agree to any changes or exercise of the rights under the Contract. The Death Benefit becomes payable if any Owner dies prior to the Annuity Commencement Date. If the Owner is a non-natural person, the Death Benefit becomes payable if any Annuitant dies prior to the Annuity Commencement Date. See page 19. We will pay the Death Benefit to the Beneficiary (see below).

### **Joint Owner**

For Contracts purchased with after-tax money, which we refer to as nonqualified Contracts, Joint Owners may be named in a written request to us at any time before the Contract is in effect. A Joint Owner may not be an entity, however, and may not be named if the Owner is an entity. In the case of Joint Owners, all Owners must agree to any change or exercise of the rights under the Contract. All other rights of ownership must be exercised jointly by both Owners. Joint Owners own equal shares of any benefits accruing or payments made to them. In the case of Joint Owners, upon the death of a Joint Owner, we will designate the surviving Joint Owner as the Beneficiary, and the Death Benefit is payable. See page 19. This Beneficiary change will override any previous Beneficiary designation. All rights of a Joint Owner terminate upon the death of that Owner, so long as the other Joint Owner survives, and the deceased Joint Owner's entire interest in the Contract will pass to the surviving Joint Owner. The Death Benefit is either payable to the surviving Joint Owner, or in the case of a surviving Joint Owner who is the spouse of the deceased Joint Owner, will be payable if the surviving Joint Owner dies prior to the Annuity Commencement Date. See page 19.

### **Annuitant and Contingent Annuitant**

The Annuitant is the individual upon whose life the Annuity Payments are based. The Annuitant must be a natural person, who is designated by you at the time the Contract is issued. There may be two Annuitants. If you do not designate the Annuitant, the Owner will be the Annuitant. In the case of Joint Owners, we will not issue a Contract if you have not designated the Annuitant. If the Owner is a non-natural person, an Annuitant must be named. We require the Owner to have an insurable interest in the Annuitant. See page 22.

You may name a Contingent Annuitant. A Contingent Annuitant is the individual who will become the Annuitant if the named Annuitant dies prior to the Annuity Commencement Date.

Neither the Annuitant nor the Contingent Annuitant can be changed while he or she is still living. Permitted changes to the Annuitant:

- If the Owner is an individual, and the Annuitant dies before the Annuity Commencement Date, the Contingent Annuitant, if any, will become the Annuitant, if two Owners do not exist.
- Otherwise, the Owner will become the Annuitant if the Owner is a natural person.
- If two individual Owners exist, the youngest Owner will become the Annuitant.
- The Owner, or joint Owners, must name an individual as the Annuitant if the Owner is age 90 or older (or age 85 or older if the Contract was issued prior to January 3, 2011 or for Contracts issued in Minnesota) as of the date of the Annuitant's death. We require the Owner to have an insurable interest in the Annuitant. See page 22.

If the Owner is a non-natural person, and any Annuitant dies before the Annuity Commencement Date, we will pay the Death Benefit to the designated Beneficiary (see below). There are different distribution requirements under the Code for paying the Death Benefit on a Contract that is owned by a non-natural person. You should consult your tax and/or legal adviser for more information if the Owner is a non-natural person.

### **Beneficiary**

The Beneficiary is the individual or entity designated by you to receive the Death Benefit. The Beneficiary may become the successor Owner if the Owner, who is a spouse, as defined under U.S. federal law, dies before the Annuity Commencement Date. The Owner may designate a Contingent Beneficiary, who will become the Beneficiary if all primary Beneficiaries die before any Owner (or any Annuitant if the Owner is a non-natural person). The Owner may designate one or more primary Beneficiaries and Contingent Beneficiaries. The Owner may also designate any Beneficiary to be an Irrevocable Beneficiary. An Irrevocable Beneficiary is a Beneficiary whose rights and interest under the Contract cannot be changed without the consent of such Irrevocable Beneficiary.

Payment of the Death Benefit to the Beneficiary:

- We pay the Death Benefit to the primary Beneficiary (unless there are Joint Owners, in which case the Death Benefit is paid to the surviving Owner(s)).
- If all primary Beneficiaries die before any Annuitant or any Owner, as applicable, we pay the Death Benefit to any Contingent Beneficiary.
- If there is a sole natural Owner and no surviving Beneficiary (or no Beneficiary is designated), we pay the Death Benefit to the Owner's estate.
- If the Owner is not a natural person and all Beneficiaries die before the Annuitant (or no Beneficiary is designated), the Owner will be deemed to be the primary Beneficiary.
- One or more individuals may be a Beneficiary or Contingent Beneficiary.
- In the case of more than one Beneficiary, we will assume any Death Benefit is to be paid in equal shares to all surviving Beneficiaries in the same class (primary or contingent), unless you provide Notice to Us directing otherwise.

We will deem a Beneficiary to have predeceased the Owner if:

- The Beneficiary died at the same time as the Owner;
- The Beneficiary died within 24 hours after the Owner's death; or
- There is insufficient evidence to determine that the Beneficiary and Owner died other than at the same time.

The Beneficiary may decide how to receive the Death Benefit, subject to the distribution requirements under Section 72(s) of the Code. You may restrict a Beneficiary's right to elect an Annuity Plan or receive the Death Benefit in a single lump-sum payment.

### **Change of Owner or Beneficiary**

You may transfer ownership of a nonqualified Contract before the Annuity Commencement Date. We require any new Owner to have an insurable interest in the Annuitant. See page 19. You have the right to change the Beneficiary unless you have designated such person as an Irrevocable Beneficiary at any time prior to the Annuity Commencement Date. Notice to Us is required for any changes pursuant to the Contract. Except as noted below, any such change will take effect as of the date Notice to Us is received and not affect any payment made or action taken by us before recording the change. For Contracts issued in Iowa, Indiana, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington, any such change will take effect as of the date Notice to Us is signed by you, subject to any payments we make or actions we take prior to our receipt of such Notice to Us. A change of Owner likely has tax consequences. See page 27 for more information.

## Contract Purchase Requirements

We will issue a Contract so long as the Annuitant and the Owner (if a natural person) are age 80 or younger at the time of application. An insurable interest must exist at the time we issue the Contract. In purchasing the Contract, you will represent and acknowledge that the Owner has an insurable interest in the Annuitant. We require the agent/registered representative to confirm on the application that the Owner has an insurable interest in the Annuitant. Insurable interest means the Owner has a lawful and substantial economic interest in the continued life of the Annuitant. See page 22.

The payment (which we refer to as the Single Premium) for nonqualified (purchased with after-tax money) Contracts must be at least \$15,000, and the Single Premium for qualified (purchased with pre-tax money) Contracts must be at least \$15,000. We will accept as the Single Premium payments from multiple sources involving transfers and exchanges identified on the application and received no more than 45 days after our receipt of the application. In the case of multiple transfers and exchanges, the Contract Date will be the weighted average of when each payment is received:

### Example

Three transfers are indicated on the application. We receive the first transfer, in the amount of \$10,000, on January 16, 2009. We receive the second transfer, in the amount of \$6,000, on February 12, 2009. We receive the third transfer, in the amount of \$5,000, on February 15, 2009.

Step 1 is to determine the date differences, using the date of the first transfer received as day 0 and calculating the number of days between the first transfer and the subsequent transfers. We received the second transfer 27 days after January 16, 2009. We received the third transfer 30 days after January 16, 2009.

Step 2 is to weight the days by the amount of each transfer received. The calculation for this purpose equals the sum of the amount of each transfer multiplied by the number of days difference between the first transfer and the subsequent transfer, and divided by the sum of the amount of each transfer, as follows:

$$\frac{(10,000 * 0) + (6,000 * 27) + (5,000 * 30) = 312,000}{10,000 + 6,000 + 5,000 = 21,000} = 14.85714 \text{ days, rounded to 15 days, as the weighted average}$$

Step 3 is to add the weighted average additional days to the date the first transfer was received, which in this case is January 16, 2009. January 16, 2009 plus 15 days results in the Contract Date of January 31, 2009 in this example.

We may refuse to accept certain forms of payment (e.g., travelers' checks). We may also require information as to why a particular form of payment was used (e.g., third party checks), and the source of the funds, before we decide to accept it. We will not issue a Contract when you use an unacceptable form of payment. We will return to the source any payments we determine to be unacceptable.

If your Single Premium payment was transmitted by wire order from your agent/registered representative (broker-dealer), we will follow one of the following two procedures after we receive and accept the wire order and investment instructions. The procedure we will follow depends on whether your state or agent/registered representative (broker-dealer) requires a paper application to issue the Contract:

- If an application is required, we will issue the Contract along with a Contract acknowledgement and delivery statement, but we reserve the right to void the Contract if we are not in receipt of a properly completed application within 5 days of receiving the Single Premium. We will refund the Accumulation Value plus any charges we deducted, and the Contract will be voided. We will return the Single Premium when required.
- When an application is not required, we will issue the Contract along with a Contract acknowledgement and delivery statement. We require you to execute and return the Contract acknowledgement and delivery statement. Until you do, we will require a signature guarantee, or notarized signature, on certain transactions prior to processing.

Our prior approval is required for a Single Premium that would cause the premiums of all annuities you maintain with us to exceed \$1,000,000.

### **Availability of the Contract**

The Contract is designed for people seeking long-term tax-deferred accumulation of assets, generally for retirement or other long-term purposes. The tax-deferred feature is more attractive to people in high federal and state tax brackets. You should **not** buy this Contract if:

- You are looking for a short-term investment;
- You cannot risk getting back an amount less than your initial investment; or
- Your assets are in a plan that already provides for tax-deferral and you can identify no other benefits in purchasing this Contract.

**When considering an investment in the Contract, you should consult with your investment professional about your financial goals, investment time horizon and risk tolerance.**

**Replacing an existing insurance contract with this Contract may not be beneficial to you. Before purchasing the Contract, you should determine whether your existing contract will be subject to any fees or penalties upon termination of such contract. You should also compare the fees and charges, coverage provisions and limitations, if any, of your existing contract to this Contract.**

Individual Retirement Accounts, or IRAs, and other qualified plans already have the tax-deferral feature found in this Contract. For an additional cost, the Contract provides other features and benefits, which other plans may not provide. You should not purchase a qualified Contract unless you want these other features and benefits, taking into account their cost. See page 31 for more information.

### **Crediting of Premium Payments**

We will process your Single Premium within 2 Business Days of receipt and allocate it according to the instructions you specify, so long as the application and all information necessary for processing the Contract is complete.

In the event that your application is incomplete for any reason, we are permitted to retain your Single Premium for up to 5 Business Days while attempting to complete it. If the application cannot be completed during this time, we will inform you of the reasons for the delay. We will also return the Single Premium promptly. Once you complete the application, we will process your Single Premium within 2 Business Days and allocate it to the Guarantee Period that you have specified.

### **Accumulation Value**

On the Contract Date, the Accumulation Value equals the Single Premium less any premium tax. We calculate the Accumulation Value at the end of each day thereafter:

- Accumulation Value as of the end preceding of the preceding day; plus
- Interest, if any, pursuant to the Initial Guarantee Period Interest Rate or the Guarantee Period Interest Rate, as applicable (see below), to be credited from the end of the previous day to the end of the current day; minus
- The amount of any Withdrawals or Surrender (see page 16); adjusted for
- The MVA (see page 13) at the end of the current day on which the Withdrawal is taken or a Surrender occurs; minus
- Any Surrender Charges (see page 7) at the end of the current day on which the Withdrawal is taken or a Surrender occurs.

### **Anti-Money Laundering**

In order to protect against the possible misuse of our products in money laundering or terrorist financing, we have adopted an anti-money laundering program satisfying the requirements of the USA PATRIOT Act and other current anti-money laundering laws. Among other things, this program requires us, our agents and customers to comply with certain procedures and standards that serve to assure that our customers' identities are properly verified and that premiums and loan repayments are not derived from improper sources.

Under our anti-money laundering program, we may require policy owners, insured persons and/or beneficiaries to provide sufficient evidence of identification, and we reserve the right to verify any information provided to us by accessing information databases maintained internally or by outside firms.

We may also refuse to accept certain forms of premium payments or loan repayments (traveler's cheques, cashier's checks, bank drafts, bank checks and treasurer's checks, for example) or restrict the amount of certain forms of premium payments or loan repayments (money orders totaling more than \$5,000.00, for example). In addition, we may require information as to why a particular form of payment was used (third party checks, for example) and the source of the funds of such payment in order to determine whether or not we will accept it. Use of an unacceptable form of payment may result in us returning the payment and not issuing the Contract.

**Applicable laws designed to prevent terrorist financing and money laundering might, in certain circumstances, require us to block certain transactions until authorization is received from the appropriate regulator. We may also be required to provide additional information about you and your policy to government regulators.**

Our anti-money laundering program is subject to change without notice to take account of changes in applicable laws or regulations and our ongoing assessment of our exposure to illegal activity.

#### **Administrative Procedures**

We may accept a request for Contract service in writing, by telephone, or other approved electronic means, subject to our administrative procedures, which vary depending on the type of service requested and may include proper completion of certain forms, providing appropriate identifying information, and/or other administrative requirements. Please be advised that the risk of a fraudulent transaction is increased with telephonic or electronic instructions (for example, a facsimile Surrender request form), even if appropriate identifying information is provided.

#### **Other Contracts**

We and our affiliates offer various other products with different features and terms than the Contract. These products may have different benefits, fees and charges, and may or may not better match your needs. Please consult your agent/registered representative if you are interested in learning more information about these other products.

## **Guarantee Periods and Market Value Adjustment**

#### **Initial Guarantee Periods and Guarantee Periods for Renewals**

A Guarantee Period is equal to one or more Contract Years during which a declared Guarantee Period Interest Rate is guaranteed to be credited to the Single Premium or Accumulation Value, as applicable. The following Guarantee Periods are currently available:

##### **Initial Guarantee Periods**

**5 to 10 years**

(5, 6, 7 etc.)

You select the Initial Guarantee Period for the Single Premium.

##### **Guarantee Periods for Renewals**

**1 year**

We automatically apply the Accumulation Value to the 1-year Guarantee Period at the end of the Initial Guarantee Period, or each succeeding Guarantee Period, as applicable, until you give us alternative instructions.

You select the Guarantee Period for the Single Premium. You may only select one Guarantee Period to allocate the Single Premium (which we refer to as the Initial Guarantee Period). At the end of the Initial Guarantee Period you selected for the Single Premium, we automatically apply the Accumulation Value to the 1-year Guarantee Period. With each renewal thereafter, **we will continue to automatically apply your Accumulation Value to successive Guarantee Periods, each lasting no more than one year, until you give us alternative instructions.**

We may offer Guarantee Periods of different durations for the Initial Guarantee Periods. The Guarantee Periods available for renewals, if available, are limited to 1 year each.

#### **Initial Guarantee Period Interest Rate and Guarantee Period Interest Rate**

Each of the Initial Guarantee Period Interest Rate and the Guarantee Period Interest Rate is the effective annual rate that we will credit to the Accumulation Value when held for the duration of the Initial Guarantee Period and Guarantee Period, respectively. We credit interest daily at a rate that yields the Initial Guarantee Period Interest Rate and the Guarantee Period Interest Rate for the Initial Guarantee Period and the Guarantee Period, respectively. In the event of a Withdrawal, Surrender, the Death Benefit becomes payable or you elect to receive Annuity Payments, interest, if any, will be credited to the portion of the Accumulation Value applied to the transaction, including the day the transaction is processed. We will declare the Guaranteed Period Interest Rate in advance of the applicable Guarantee Period. Your agent/registered representative should have the guaranteed rates of return currently available. You can also find them out by contacting us. Our contact information appears on page 1. The minimum Guarantee Period Interest Rate is 0% (except for Contracts issued in Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington, where the Guaranteed Period Interest Rate is 0.25%).

We do not use a specific formula to set these guaranteed rates of interest. We determine the interest rates in our sole discretion. We may, but are not required to consider, factors, including but not limited to the interest rate on the fixed income investments we use to support our guarantees (in which you have no direct or indirect interest), regulatory and tax requirements, sales commissions and administrative expenses borne by us, general economic trends and competitive factors. We cannot predict the level of future interest rates.

#### **Market Value Adjustment**

A MVA will apply to certain Withdrawals or to a Surrender. Additionally, the MVA will apply to the Accumulation Value on the date of death in regard to the Death Benefit, or the date the Accumulation Value is applied to an Annuity Plan, but only if the adjustment would be positive and result in an increase to the Accumulation Value.

We apply the MVA to the Accumulation Value, before deducting any Surrender Charges, as follows:

- The MVA will apply to a Withdrawal in an amount that is greater than the interest earned, if any, during the prior 12 months and not previously withdrawn, which we refer to as the Interest Withdrawal Amount.
- If you request a Surrender, the MVA will be calculated on the total Accumulation Value.  
**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you subsequently Surrender your Contract, any MVA previously waived as a result of any Interest Withdrawal Amounts taken in the same Contract Year as the Surrender will be deducted from, or if applicable, added to the Accumulation Value prior to the application of the current MVA at the time of Surrender.
- In the event of a Death Benefit or commencement of Annuity Payments under an Annuity Plan, the MVA will apply to, and increase the Accumulation Value as a result, but only if positive. Any negative MVA is waived.

The MVA will **not** apply to:

- The Interest Withdrawal Amount; or
- A Withdrawal or Surrender that takes place during the 30-day period following the end of the Initial Guarantee Period or any such succeeding Guarantee Period.  
**IMPORTANT NOTE:** If you subsequently Surrender your Contract, any MVA previously waived as a result of any Interest Withdrawal Amounts taken in the same Contract Year as the Surrender will be deducted from, or if applicable, added to the Accumulation Value prior to the application of the current MVA at the time of Surrender.

The MVA is determined by a mathematical formula that measures the changes in the interest rate environment since the beginning of the Guarantee Period. We use the MVA to protect us from the risk that we will suffer a loss should we need to liquidate the investments we use to support the Guarantee Period Interest Rate in order to pay you the amount requested. The MVA will generally cause the Accumulation Value to be adjusted, either upward or downward, depending on whether interest rates in the market at that time are higher or lower than when the Guarantee Period began. The MVA could also result in no adjustment to the Accumulation Value. The MVA formula appears below followed by hypothetical examples illustrating both a negative and positive MVA.

The MVA may be negative, positive or result in no change. The MVA is generally negative when interest rates in the current market are higher than at the beginning of the Guarantee Period (the Accumulation Value or Cash Surrender Value, as applicable, is adjusted downward by the MVA Factor). The MVA is generally positive when the interest rates in the current market are lower than at the beginning of the Guarantee Period (the Accumulation Value or Cash Surrender Value, as applicable, is adjusted upward by the MVA Factor). The MVA Factor is a composite of index rates and corporate spreads with the values based on different external indexes, as reported by a national quoting service. The index for the index rate is the Treasury Constant Maturity Series, as published by the Federal Reserve. The corporate spread is based on the option adjusted spread (“OAS”) of the Barclays U.S. Aggregate Corporate Index.

We currently set the index rate and corporate spread once a week. We reserve the right in the Contract to set these values more frequently. We also reserve the right in the Contract to substitute the index in the event the Treasury Constant Maturity Series or Barclays U.S. Aggregate Corporate Index is no longer available. For Contracts issued in Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington, this right is subject to approval of the Interstate Insurance Product Regulation Commission.

The MVA Factor has a bias of 0.25%, which means the MVA formula is weighted in our favor, except in the following states. This bias will cause the MVA Factor to be slightly more negative or less positive, as applicable. For Contracts issued in Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington, the MVA Factor does not have a bias. Also, the bias is zero during the Right to Examine and Return this Contract period. See page 23.

## MVA Formula

For Contracts issued in Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington, and during the Right to Examine and Return this Contract period for all other Contracts:

$$\text{MVA Factor} = \left[ \frac{(1+a+i)}{(1+b+j)} \right]^{\frac{n}{12}} - 1$$

After the Right to Examine and Return this Contract period has expired for Contracts issued outside of Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas, and Washington:

$$\text{MVA Factor} = \left[ \frac{(1+a+i)}{(1+b+j+0.25\%)} \right]^{\frac{n}{12}} - 1$$

### Variables

<p>a = the index rate, determined at the beginning of the Guarantee Period, based on time to maturity equal to the Guarantee Period.</p>	<p>i = value of the corporate spread index at the beginning of the Guarantee Period.</p>	<p>n = number of months (including the current month) remaining in the Guarantee Period, determined on: the date of the Withdrawal or Surrender; the date of death in regard to the Death Benefit; or the date the Accumulation Value is applied to an Annuity Plan, as applicable.</p>
<p>b = the index rate based on time to maturity equal to the number of years (including the current year) remaining in the Guarantee Period, determined on: the date of the Withdrawal or Surrender; the date of death in regard to the Death Benefit; or the date the</p>	<p>j = value of the corporate spread index determined on: the date of the Withdrawal or Surrender; the date of death in regard to the Death Benefit; or the date the Accumulation Value is</p>	

## MVA Examples

The examples in the left-hand column below show the impact of the MVA on the Cash Surrender Value for both a Surrender and Withdrawal. These examples assume Surrender of a Contract with \$100,000 of Accumulation Value in the fourth Contract Year of a 10-year Guarantee Period. The MVA factor and dollar amount of the MVA is determined by applying the values indicated in the right-hand column below to the MVA formula above.

In addition to the MVA, the Accumulation Value in these examples is also subject to a 5% Surrender Charge. The dollar amount of the Surrender Charge, as indicated to the left below, is deducted from the Accumulation Value after the MVA is applied.

### Example #1 – Surrender

	<i>Negative MVA</i>	<i>Positive MVA</i>
Accumulation Value	\$100,000	\$100,000
MVA Factor	-3.49013%	0.32437%
MVA Amount	(\$3,490.13)	\$324.37
Surrender Charge	(\$4,825.29)	(\$5,016.22)
<b>Cash Surrender Value</b>	<b>\$91,684.38</b>	<b>\$95,308.16</b>

The MVA is **NEGATIVE** when current values are **higher** than the values at the beginning of the Guarantee Period...

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 a = 5.00\% & j = 3.05\% \\
 b = 5.35\% & n = 84 \\
 i = 3.10\% &
 \end{array}$$

The MVA is **POSITIVE** when current values are **lower** than the values at the beginning of the Guaranteed Period...

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 a = 5.00\% & j = 3.15\% \\
 b = 4.65\% & n = 84 \\
 i = 3.10\% &
 \end{array}$$

### Example #2 – Withdrawal of \$20,000

Note: The first \$5,000 withdrawn constitutes a Withdrawal of interest earned during the prior 12 months that is not previously withdrawn (which we refer to as the Interest Withdrawal Amount). Consequently, a Surrender Charge is payable on, and the MVA is applied to, \$15,000, which is the amount by which the Withdrawal is greater than the Interest Withdrawal Amount (which we refer to as an Excess Withdrawal).

	<i>Negative MVA</i>	<i>Positive MVA</i>
Accumulation Value	\$100,000	\$100,000
Withdrawal Amount	(\$20,000)	(\$20,000)
Interest Withdrawal Amount	\$5,000	\$5,000
Excess Withdrawal	(\$15,000)	(\$15,000)
MVA Factor	-3.49013%	1.96439%
MVA Amount	(\$571.00)	\$304.19
Surrender Charge	(789.47)	789.47
<b>Portion of Cash Surrender Value</b>	<b>\$21,360.48</b>	<b>\$20,485.28</b>

The MVA is **NEGATIVE** when current values are **higher** than the values at the beginning of the Guarantee Period...

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 a = 5.00\% & j = 3.05\% \\
 b = 5.35\% & n = 84 \\
 i = 3.10\% &
 \end{array}$$

The MVA is **POSITIVE** when current values are **lower** than the values at the beginning of the Guaranteed Period...

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 A = 5.00\% & j = 3.15\% \\
 B = 4.65\% & n = 84 \\
 i = 3.10\% &
 \end{array}$$

# Surrender and Withdrawals

Except under certain qualified Contracts, you may Surrender the Contract for the Cash Surrender Value, or make a Withdrawal of a portion of the Accumulation Value any time before the earlier of:

- The date on which Annuity Payments begin; and
- The death of the Owner (or, if the Owner is not a natural person, the death of the Annuitant).

A Surrender or Withdrawal before the Owner or Annuitant, as applicable, reaches age 59 ½ may be subject to a U.S. federal income tax penalty equal to 10% of the amount treated as income, for which you would be responsible. See page 27 for a general discussion of the U.S. federal income tax treatment of the Contract, which discussion is **not** intended to be tax advice. **You should consult a tax and/or legal adviser** for advice about the effect of U.S. federal income tax laws, state laws or any other tax laws affecting the Contract, or any transaction involving the Contract.

## Cash Surrender Value

Upon a Surrender of the Contract, you will receive the full cash value of the Contract (which amount we refer to as the Cash Surrender Value). We do not guarantee a minimum Cash Surrender Value. On any date during the Contract's accumulation phase, we calculate the Cash Surrender Value as follows:

- The Accumulation Value;
- *Adjusted* by the MVA, if any.  
**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any MVA previously waived as a result of any Interest Withdrawal Amounts taken in the same Contract Year as the Surrender will be deducted from, or if applicable, added to the Accumulation Value prior to the application of the current MVA at the time of Surrender. The MVA will not apply to a Surrender that takes place during the 30-day period following the end of the Initial Guarantee Period or any succeeding Guarantee Period.
- *Minus* any Surrender Charges.  
**IMPORTANT NOTE:** Any Surrender Charges previously waived as a result of any Interest Withdrawal Amounts taken in the same Contract Year as the Surrender will be deducted from the Accumulation Value prior to the Surrender Charges applicable at the time of Surrender. No Surrender Charges will apply after the Initial Guarantee Period ends.

To Surrender the Contract, you must provide Notice to Us of such Surrender. If we receive your Notice to Us before the close of business on any Business Day, we will determine the Cash Surrender Value at the close of business on such Business Day; otherwise, we will determine the Cash Surrender Value as of the close of the next Business Day. We will generally pay the Cash Surrender Value within 7 days of receipt of Notice to Us of such Surrender. See page 22.

## Withdrawals

You may take a portion of the Accumulation Value from the Contract (which we refer to as a Withdrawal). To make a Withdrawal, you must provide Notice to Us of such Withdrawal. If we receive your Notice to Us before the close of business on any Business Day, we will determine the amount of the Accumulation Value at the close of business on such Business Day; otherwise, we will determine the amount of the Accumulation Value as of the close of the next Business Day. A Withdrawal may be subject to a Surrender Charge. The Surrender Charge is a percentage of and deducted from the Accumulation Value, after the MVA.

We currently offer the following Withdrawal options:

- Regular Withdrawals; and
- Systematic Withdrawals.

## Regular Withdrawals and the Minimum Withdrawal Amount

After your Right to Examine and Return this Contract period has expired (see page 23), you may make one or more regular Withdrawals. Each Withdrawal must be a minimum of the lesser of:

- \$1,000;
- The Interest Withdrawal Amount; and
- The minimum distribution amount for qualified Contracts required by the Code (see page 31).  
**IMPORTANT NOTE:** You will pay applicable Surrender Charges, if any, and the MVA will apply to any such Withdrawals that exceed the Interest Withdrawal Amount.

You are permitted to make regular Withdrawals regardless of whether you have previously elected, or continue to elect, to make systematic Withdrawals. Except for Contracts issued in Arizona, a Withdrawal will be deemed a Surrender and the Cash Surrender Value will be paid if, after giving effect to such Withdrawal, the Cash Surrender Value remaining would be less than \$2,500.

### **Systematic Withdrawals**

You may choose to receive automatic systematic Withdrawal payments from the Accumulation Value, provided you are not making IRA withdrawals (see “**Withdrawals from Individual Retirement Annuities**” below). You may take systematic Withdrawals monthly, quarterly or annually. Systematic Withdrawals will incur Surrender Charges, and the MVA may apply, as applicable. There is no additional charge for electing the systematic Withdrawal option.

If you are eligible for systematic Withdrawals, you must provide Notice to Us of the date on which you would like such systematic Withdrawals to start. This date must be no earlier than 30 days after the Contract Date and no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month. For a day that is after the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month, the payment will be made on the first Business Day of the next succeeding calendar month. Subject to these restrictions on timing, if you have not indicated a start date, your systematic Withdrawals will be made starting on the next Business Day after your Contract Date at the frequency you have selected, which may be either monthly, quarterly or annually. If the day on which a systematic Withdrawal is scheduled to occur is not a Business Day, the Withdrawal will be made on the next succeeding Business Day.

The amount of your systematic Withdrawal can be expressed as either:

- A fixed dollar amount; or
- The interest earned, if any, during the prior 12 months not previously withdrawn, which we refer to as the Interest Withdrawal Amount.

The amount withdrawn by each systematic Withdrawal must be a minimum of \$100. You may change your systematic Withdrawal election once per Contract Year, except in a Contract Year during which you have previously made a regular Withdrawal. You may cancel the systematic Withdrawal option at any time. You must provide Notice to Us at least 7 days before the date of the next scheduled systematic Withdrawal to ensure such systematic Withdrawal and successive systematic Withdrawals are not affected.

### **Surrender Charges on Systematic Withdrawals**

Systematic Withdrawals will incur Surrender Charges, unless you elect to limit the amount of your systematic Withdrawals to the Interest Withdrawal Amount. In the event that a systematic Withdrawal incurs a Surrender Charge, we will deduct the Surrender Charge from the Accumulation Value.

### **Market Value Adjustments on Systematic Withdrawals**

A MVA will apply to systematic Withdrawals, unless you elect to limit the amount of your systematic Withdrawals to the Interest Withdrawal Amount. In the event that a systematic Withdrawal is subject to the MVA, we will apply the MVA to the Accumulation Value prior to deducting applicable Surrender Charges, if any.

### **Withdrawals from Individual Retirement Annuities**

If you have an IRA Contract (other than a Roth IRA Contract) and will be at least age 70½ during the current calendar year, you may, pursuant to your IRA Contract, elect to have distributions made to you to satisfy requirements imposed by U.S. federal income tax law. Such IRA Withdrawals provide for the payout of amounts required to be distributed by the Internal Revenue Service rules governing mandatory distributions under qualified plans.

If you elect to make IRA Withdrawals, we will send you a notice. You may elect to make IRA Withdrawals at that time, or at a later date. Any IRA Withdrawals will be made at the frequency you have selected (which may be monthly, quarterly or annually) and will commence on the start date you have selected, which must be no earlier than 30 days after the Contract Date and no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> day of any calendar month. For a day that is after the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the calendar month, the payment will be made on the first Business Day of the next succeeding month. Subject to these restrictions on timing, if you have not indicated a start date, your IRA Withdrawals will begin on the first Business Day following your Contract Date at the frequency you have selected.

At your discretion, you may request that we calculate the amount that you are required to withdraw from your IRA Contract each year based on the information you give us and the various options under the IRA Contract that you have chosen. This amount will be a minimum of \$100 per IRA Withdrawal. Alternatively, we will accept your written instructions setting forth your calculation of the required amount to be withdrawn from your IRA Contract each year, also subject to the \$100 minimum per IRA Withdrawal. If at any time the IRA Withdrawal amount is greater than the Accumulation Value, we will immediately terminate the IRA Contract and promptly send you an amount equal to the Cash Surrender Value.

You may not elect to make IRA Withdrawals if you have already elected to make systematic Withdrawals. Additionally, since only one systemic Withdrawal option may be elected at a time, if you have elected to make such systematic Withdrawals, the distributions thereunder must be sufficient to satisfy the mandatory distribution rules imposed by U.S. federal income tax law; otherwise, we may alter such distributions to comply with U.S. federal income tax law. You are permitted to change the frequency of your IRA Withdrawals once per Contract Year, and you may cancel IRA Withdrawals altogether at any time by providing Notice to Us at least 7 days before the next scheduled IRA Withdrawal date to ensure such scheduled IRA Withdrawal and successive IRA Withdrawals are not affected.

## Death Benefit

### Death Benefit prior to the Annuity Commencement Date

The Contract provides for a Death Benefit equal to the Accumulation Value, plus the MVA, but only if the adjustment would be positive. The Death Benefit is calculated as of the date of death of any Owner (or, if the Owner is not a natural person, upon any Annuitant's death) and payable upon:

- Our receipt of Proof of Death (provided the Accumulation Value has not been applied to an Annuity Plan); and
- Our receipt of all required claim forms.

Proof of Death is the documentation we deem necessary to establish death, including, but not limited to:

- A certified copy of a death certificate;
- A certified copy of a statement of death from an attending physician;
- A finding of a court of competent jurisdiction as to the cause of death; or
- Any other proof that we deem in our sole discretion to be satisfactory to us.

From the date of death until the Death Benefit is paid, we will credit the Death Benefit with interest at the greater of:

- The Company Death Benefit Rate, which is the effective annual interest rate, determined solely in our discretion and subject to change; or
- The applicable state interest rate required to be paid on annuity death claims, if any.

The Company Death Benefit Rate may be less than the Guarantee Period Interest Rate in effect as of the date of death, but shall not be less than zero percent, and for Contracts issued in Virginia, shall not be greater than 6%. Your Beneficiaries may contact us to determine the current Company Death Benefit Rate. Contact information for our Customer Service is specified on page 1.

Once we have received Proof of Death and all required documentation necessary to process the claim, we will generally pay the Death Benefit within 7 days of such date. We will pay the Death Benefit under a nonqualified Contract according to Section 72(s) of the Code. Only one Death Benefit is payable under the Contract. The Death Benefit will be paid to the named Beneficiary, unless the Contract has joint Owners (or if the Owner is not a natural person, two Annuitants), in which case any surviving Owner (or Annuitant, as applicable) will take the place of, and be deemed to be, the Beneficiary entitled to collect the Death Benefit. The Owner may restrict how the Beneficiary is to receive the Death Benefit (e.g., by requiring a lump-sum payment, installment payments or that any amount be applied to an Annuity Plan). See page 10.

### Spousal Beneficiary Contract Continuation

Any surviving spouse of a deceased Owner who is a named Beneficiary (or deemed Beneficiary) has the option, but is not required, to continue the Contract under the same terms existing prior to such Owner's death. Such election would be in lieu of payment of the Death Benefit. The surviving spouse's right to continue the Contract is limited by our use of the term "spouse," as it is defined under U.S. federal law, which refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife. Also, the surviving spouse may not continue the Contract if he or she is age 90 or older on the date of the Owner's death (age 85 or older for Contracts issued in Minnesota).

If the surviving spouse elects to continue the Contract, the following will apply:

- The surviving spouse will replace the deceased Owner as the Annuitant (if the deceased Owner was the Annuitant);
- The age of the surviving spouse will be used as the Owner's age under the continued Contract as the surviving spouse will become the new Owner of the Contract;
- The Initial Guarantee Period may not extend beyond the latest Annuity Commencement Date for the surviving spouse;
- All rights of the surviving spouse as the Beneficiary under the Contract in effect prior to such continuation election will cease;
- Any Surrender Charge applicable to the Single Premium paid prior to the original Owner's death will be waived (the MVA will continue to apply, however, to a subsequent Surrender or any Withdrawals);

- All rights and privileges granted by the Contract or allowed by us will belong to the surviving spouse as the Owner of the continued Contract; and
- Upon the death of the surviving spouse as the Owner of the Contract, the Death Benefit will be distributed to the Beneficiary or Beneficiaries as described below, and the Contract will terminate.

#### **Payment of the Death Benefit to a Spousal or Non-spousal Beneficiary**

Subject to any payment restriction imposed by the Owner, the Beneficiary may decide to receive the Death Benefit:

- In one lump sum payment or installment payments; or
- By applying the Death Benefit to an Annuity Plan

The Beneficiary may receive the Death Benefit in one lump sum payment or installment payments, provided the Death Benefit is distributed to the Beneficiary within 5 years of the Owner's death. The Beneficiary has until 1 year after the Owner's death to decide to apply the Death Benefit to an Annuity Plan. If the Death Benefit is applied to an Annuity Plan, the Beneficiary is deemed to be the Annuitant, and the Annuity Payments must:

- Be distributed in substantially equal installments over the life of such Beneficiary or over a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of such Beneficiary; and
- Begin no later than 1 year after the date of the Owner's death.

If we do not receive a request to apply the Death Benefit to an Annuity Plan, we will make a single lump-sum payment to the Beneficiary. Unless you elect otherwise, the payment will generally be made into an interest bearing account, backed by our general account. This account is not FDIC insured and can be accessed by the Beneficiary through a draftbook feature. The Beneficiary may access the Death Benefit proceeds at any time without penalty. For information on required distributions under U.S. federal income tax laws, see "Required Distributions upon Contract Owner's Death" below. At the time of death benefit election, the Beneficiary may elect to receive the Death Benefit directly by check rather than through the draftbook feature of the interest bearing account by notifying the Customer Service.

The Beneficiary may elect to receive the Death Benefit in payments over a period of time based on his or her life expectancy. These payments are sometimes referred to as stretch payments. Stretch payments for each calendar year will vary in amount because they are based on the Accumulation Value and the Beneficiary's remaining life expectancy. The first stretch payment must be made by the first anniversary of the Owner's date of death. Each succeeding stretch payment is required to be made by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each calendar year. Stretch payments are subject to the same conditions and limitations as systematic Withdrawals. See page 18. The rules for, and tax consequences of, stretch payments are complex and contain conditions and exceptions not covered in this prospectus. **You should consult a tax and/or legal adviser** for advice about the effect of U.S. federal income tax laws, state laws or any other tax laws affecting the Contract, or any transactions involving the Contract.

#### **Death Benefit after the Annuity Commencement Date**

There is no Death Benefit once the Owner decides to begin receiving Annuity Payments (see below). In the event that the Owner dies (or, in the event that the Owner is not a natural person, the Annuitant dies) before all guaranteed Annuity Payments have been made pursuant to any applicable Annuity Plan, we will continue to make the Annuity Payments until all such guaranteed payments have been made. The Annuity Payments will be paid to the Beneficiary according to the Annuity Plan at least as frequently as before the death of the Owner or Annuitant, as applicable.

## **Annuity Payments and Annuity Plans**

#### **Annuity Payments**

The Contract provides for Annuity Payments. You can apply the Accumulation Value, plus the MVA (only if the adjustment would be positive), less any premium tax owed, to an Annuity Plan on any date following the first Contract Anniversary, which date we refer to as the Annuity Commencement Date. The Annuity Commencement Date cannot be later than the Contract Anniversary on or next following the oldest Annuitant's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (or the Contract Anniversary on or next following the oldest Annuitant's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday if the Contract was issued prior to January 3, 2011, or if the Contract was issued in Minnesota), unless:

- We agree to a later date; or
- The Internal Revenue Service publishes a final regulation or a revenue ruling concluding that an annuity contract with an Annuity Commencement Date that is later than the Contract Anniversary following the oldest Annuitant's 90th birthday (or the Contract Anniversary on or next following the oldest Annuitant's 85th birthday if the Contract was issued prior to January 3, 2011, or if the Contract was issued in Minnesota) will be treated as an annuity for U.S. federal tax purposes.

Notice to Us is required at least 30 days in advance of the date you wish to begin receiving Annuity Payments after we issue the Contract. If you do not select an Annuity Commencement Date, you will be deemed to have selected the Contract Anniversary on or immediately following the oldest Annuitant's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday (or the Contract Anniversary on or next following the oldest Annuitant's 85<sup>th</sup> birthday if the Contract was issued prior to January 3, 2011, or if the Contract was issued in Minnesota).

On the Annuity Commencement Date, we will apply the Accumulation Value, plus any positive MVA, less any premium tax owed, to an Annuity Plan so long as the Annuitant is then living. If the Accumulation Value plus any positive MVA is less than \$2,000 on the Annuity Commencement Date, we will pay such amount in a single lump-sum payment. Each Annuity Payment must be at least \$20. We will make the Annuity Payments in monthly installments (although you can direct us to make the Annuity Payments quarterly, semi-annually or annually instead). We reserve the right in the Contract to make the Annuity Payments less frequently, as necessary, to make the Annuity Payment equal to at least \$20. We may also change the \$2,000 and \$20 minimums based upon increases reflected in the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) since January 1, 2005. There is no Death Benefit once you begin to receive Annuity Payments under an Annuity Plan.

We will determine the amount of the Annuity Payments on the Annuity Commencement Date as follows:

Accumulation Value

- Plus the MVA (positive MVA only)
- Minus any premium tax that may apply
- Multiplied by the applicable payment factor, which depends on:
  - ▷ The Annuity Plan;
  - ▷ The frequency of Annuity Payments;
  - ▷ The age of the Annuitant (and sex, where appropriate under applicable law); and
  - ▷ A net investment return of 1.0% is assumed (we may pay a higher return at our discretion).

**IMPORTANT NOTE:** For Contracts issued in Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington, the net investment return will be the greater of 1% and the net investment return assumed under a single premium immediate annuity available for purchase at the time, using the Cash Surrender Value of this Contract, to the same class of Annuitants.

- Divided by 1,000.

### **Annuity Plans**

You may elect one of the Annuity Plans described below, which provide for Annuity Payments of a fixed dollar amount only, using the Annuity 2000 Mortality Tables. In addition, you may elect any other Annuity Plan we may be offering on the Annuity Commencement Date. The Annuity Plan may be changed at any time before the Annuity Commencement Date upon 30 days prior Notice to Us. If you do not elect an Annuity Plan, Annuity Payments will be made automatically each month for a minimum of 120 months and as long thereafter as the Annuitant is living, based on the oldest Annuitant's life, unless otherwise limited by applicable law.

Your election of an Annuity Plan is subject to the following additional terms and conditions:

- Annuity Payments will be made to the Owner, unless you provide Notice to us directing otherwise;
- You must obtain our consent if the payee is not a natural person; and
- Any change in the payee will take effect as of the date we receive Notice to Us.

### **Payments for a Period Certain**

Annuity Payments are made in equal installments for a fixed number of years. The number of years cannot be less than 10 or more than 30, unless otherwise required by applicable law.

### **Payments for Life with a Period Certain**

Annuity Payments are made for a fixed number of years and as long thereafter as the Annuitant is living. The number of years cannot be less than 10 or more than 30, unless otherwise required by applicable law.

**Life Only Payments**

Annuity Payments are made for as long as the Annuitant is living.

**Joint and Last Survivor Life Payments**

Annuity Payments are made for as long as either of two Annuitants is living.

**Death of the Annuitant who is not an Owner**

In the event the Annuitant dies on or after the Annuity Commencement Date but before all Annuity Payments have been made pursuant to the Annuity Plan elected, we will continue the Annuity Payments until all guaranteed payments have been made. The Annuity Payments will be paid at least as frequently as before the Annuitant's death until the end of any guaranteed period certain. We may require Proof of Death in regard to the Annuitant before continuing the Annuity Payments.

## Other Important Information

**Annual Report to Owners**

At least once a year, we will send you, without charge, a report showing the current Accumulation Value and the Cash Surrender Value. This report will also show of the amounts deducted from, or added to, the Accumulation Value since the last report. This report will include any other information that is required by law or regulation.

In addition we will provide you with any other reports, notices or documents that we are required by applicable law to furnish to you. We will send this report to you at your last known address within 60 days after the report date. Upon your request, we will provide additional reports, but we reserve the right in the Contract to assess a reasonable charge for each such additional report.

**Suspension of Payments**

We reserve the right to suspend or postpone the date of any payment or determination of any value (including the Accumulation Value) under the Contract, beyond the 7 permitted days, on any Business Day that:

- The NYSE is closed;
- Trading on the NYSE is restricted;
- An emergency exists as determined by the SEC; or
- The SEC so permits for the protection of security holders.

We have the right to delay payment for up to 6 months, contingent upon written approval by the insurance supervisory official in the jurisdiction in which this Contract is issued.

**Misstatement Made by Owner in Connection with Purchase of this Contract**

We may require proof of the age and sex of the person upon whose life certain benefit payments are determined (i.e., the Death Benefit or Annuity Payments). If the Owner misstates the age or sex of a person in connection with the purchase of the Contract, we reserve the right in the Contract to adjust (either upward or downward) these payments based on the correct age or sex. If an upward adjustment to your benefit payment is required, we will include an amount in your next benefit payment representing the past underpayments by us, with interest credited at the rate of 1.5% annually (where permitted). If a downward adjustment to your benefit payment is required, we will make a deduction from future benefit payments until the past overpayments by us, plus interest at 1.5% annually (where permitted), has been repaid in full by you.

Where permitted, we reserve the right in the Contract to void the Contract and return the Cash Surrender Value in the event of any fraudulent material misrepresentation made by the Owner in connection with the purchase of the Contract.

**Insurable Interest**

We require the Owner of the Contract to have an insurable interest in the Annuitant. Insurable interest means the Owner has a lawful and substantial economic interest in the continued life of the Annuitant. An insurable interest does not exist if the Owner's sole economic interest in the Annuitant arises as a result of the Annuitant's death. A natural person is presumed to have an insurable interest in his or her own life. A natural person is also generally considered to have an insurable interest in his or her spouse and family members. State statutory and case law have established guidelines for circumstances in which an insurable interest is generally considered to exist:

- Relationships between parent and child, brother and sister, and grandparent and grandchild; and
- Certain business relationships and financial dependency situations (e.g., uncle has insurable interest in nephew who runs the uncle's business and makes money for the uncle).

The above list is **not** comprehensive, but instead contains some common examples to help illustrate what it means for the Owner to have an insurable interest in the Annuitant. You should consult your agent/registered representative for advice on whether the Contract Owner would have an insurable interest in the Annuitant to be designated.

An insurable interest must exist at the time we issue the Contract. In purchasing the Contract, you will represent and acknowledge that the Owner has an insurable interest in the Annuitant. We require the agent/registered representative to confirm on the application that the Owner has an insurable interest in the Annuitant. We also require that any new Owner after issuance of the Contract to have an insurable interest in the Annuitant. We will seek to void the Contract if we discover it was applied for and issued (or ownership was transferred) based on misinformation, or information that was omitted, in order to evade state insurable interest and other laws enacted to prevent an Owner from using the Contract to profit from the death of a person in whom such Owner does not have an insurable interest.

**Assignment**

You may assign a nonqualified Contract as collateral security for a loan or other obligation. This kind of assignment is not a change of ownership. But you should understand that your rights, and those of any Beneficiary, are subject to the terms of the assignment. To make, modify or release an assignment, you must provide Notice to Us. Except as noted below, your instructions will take effect as of the date we receive Notice to Us. For Contracts issued in Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Texas and Washington, your instructions will take effect as of the date Notice to Us is signed by you, unless you specify otherwise, subject to any payments we make or actions we take prior to our receipt of such Notice of Us. We require written consent of any Irrevocable Beneficiary before your instructions will take effect. An assignment likely has U.S. federal income tax consequences. You should consult a tax and/or legal adviser for tax advice. We are not responsible for the validity, tax consequences or other effects of any assignment you choose to make.

**Contract Changes — Applicable Tax Law**

We have the right to make changes to the Contract so that it continues to qualify as an annuity under applicable U.S. federal income tax law. If we deem it necessary to make such changes for tax reasons, we will give you advance notice of how and when your Contract will likely change.

**Right to Examine and Return this Contract Period**

For a prescribed period, you may return the Contract for any reason or no reason at all, which we refer to as the Right to Examine and Return this Contract period. Subject to the state requirements specified in the table below, you may return the Contract within 10 days of your receipt of it, and you have up to 30 days if the Contract was issued as a replacement contract. Unless as otherwise noted below, if so returned, we will promptly pay you the Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA. See page 13. In the event that the MVA is negative, the amount we pay you could be less than the Single Premium.

<b>Contract Issue State</b>	<b>Days for New Purchase and Amount Returned</b>	<b>Days for Replacement Purchase and Amount Returned</b>
Arizona	10 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA (30 days if age 65 or older)	Same
Connecticut	10 days Single Premium, plus interest, if any, that has been credited, less the amount of any Withdrawals	Same
Delaware	10 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA	20 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals
District of Columbia	10 days Single Premium paid, less any Withdrawals	Same
Florida	21 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA	Same
Georgia	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	Same
Hawaii	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA
Idaho	20 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	Same
Kentucky	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA
Louisiana	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA

<b>Contract Issue State</b>	<b>Days for New Purchase and Amount Returned</b>	<b>Days for Replacement Purchase and Amount Returned</b>
Massachusetts	10 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA	20 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals
Michigan	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	Same
Minnesota	10 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA	30 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals
Mississippi	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA
Missouri	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	20 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals
Nebraska	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA
New Hampshire	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA
North Dakota	20 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA	Same
Oklahoma	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	20 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals
Rhode Island	20 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA
South Carolina	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA
Tennessee	10 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA	20 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals
Utah	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals
Virginia	10 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA	Same
West Virginia	10 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals	30 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA
Wyoming	10 days Accumulation Value, adjusted for any MVA	20 days Single Premium paid less any Withdrawals

If you decide to return the Contract, you must deliver it:

- To us at our Customer Service (the address of which appears on page 1); or
- To your agent/registered representative.

#### **Non-Waiver**

We may, in our discretion, elect not to exercise a right, privilege or option under the Contract. Such election will not constitute our waiver of the right to exercise the right, privilege or option at a later date, nor will it constitute a waiver of any provision of the Contract.

#### **Special Arrangements**

We may reduce or waive any Contract fees or charges for certain group or sponsored arrangements, under special programs, and for certain employees, agents, and related persons of our parent corporation and its affiliates. We reduce or waive these items based on expected economies, and the variations are based on differences in costs or services.

#### **Selling the Contract**

Our affiliate, Directed Services LLC, 1475 Dunwoody Drive, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380 is the principal underwriter and distributor of the Contract as well as of contracts issued by our affiliate, Voya Insurance and Annuity Company. Directed Services LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, is registered with the SEC as a broker/dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. (“FINRA”).

Directed Services LLC does not retain any commissions or compensation that we pay to it for Contract sales. Directed Services LLC enters into selling agreements with affiliated and unaffiliated broker/dealers to sell the Contracts through their registered representatives who are licensed to sell securities and variable insurance products, which representatives we refer to as selling firms. Selling firms are also registered with the SEC and are FINRA member firms.

The following selling firm is affiliated with the Company and has entered into a selling agreement with Directed Services LLC for the sale of our variable annuity contracts:

- Voya Financial Advisors, Inc.

Directed Services LLC pays selling firms compensation for the promotion and sale of the Contracts. Registered representatives of the selling firms who solicit sales of the Contracts typically receive a portion of the compensation paid by Directed Services LLC to such selling firm in the form of commissions or other compensation, depending on the agreement between the selling firm and the registered representative. This compensation, as well as other incentives or payments, is not paid directly by Owners of the Contract. We intend to recoup this compensation and other sales expenses paid to selling firms through fees and charges imposed under the Contracts.

Directed Services LLC pays selling firms for Contract sales according to one or more schedules. This compensation is generally based on a percentage of premium payments. Selling firms may receive commissions of up to 2.75% of premium payments. Individual representatives may receive all or a portion of the compensation paid to their selling firm, depending on such selling firm's practices. Commissions and annual compensation, when combined with additional compensation or reimbursement of expenses (as more fully described below), could exceed 2.75% of total premium payments.

Directed Services LLC has special compensation arrangements with certain selling firms based on such firms' aggregate or anticipated sales of the Contracts or other specified criteria. These special compensation arrangements will not be offered to all selling firms, and the terms of such arrangements may differ among selling firms based on various factors. Any such compensation payable to a selling firm will not result in any additional direct charge to you by us.

In addition to the direct cash compensation for sales of Contracts described above, Directed Services LLC may also pay selling firms additional compensation or reimbursement of expenses for their efforts in selling the Contracts to you and other customers. These amounts may include:

- Marketing/distribution allowances which may be based on the percentages of premium payments received, the aggregate commissions paid and/or the aggregate assets held in relation to certain types of designated insurance products issued by the Company and/or its affiliates during the calendar year;
- Loans or advances of commissions in anticipation of future receipt of premium payments (i.e., a form of lending to agents/registered representatives). These loans may have advantageous terms such as reduction or elimination of the interest charged on the loan and/or forgiveness of the principal amount of the loan, which terms may be conditioned on fixed insurance product sales;
- Education and training allowances to facilitate our attendance at certain educational and training meetings to provide information and training about our products. We also hold training programs from time to time at our expense;
- Sponsorship payments or reimbursements for broker/dealers to use in sales contests and/or meetings for their agents/registered representatives who sell our products. We do not hold contests based solely on the sales of the Contract;
- Certain overrides and other benefits that may include cash compensation based on the amount of earned commissions, agent/representative recruiting or other activities that promote the sale of Contracts; and
- Additional cash or non-cash compensation and reimbursements permissible under existing law. This may include, but is not limited to, cash incentives, merchandise, trips, occasional entertainment, meals and tickets to sporting events, client appreciation events, business and educational enhancement items, payment for travel expenses (including meals and lodging) to pre-approved training and education seminars, and payment for advertising and sales campaigns.

We may pay commissions, dealer concessions, wholesaling fees, overrides, bonuses, other allowances and benefits and the costs of all other incentives or training programs from our resources, which include the fees and charges imposed under the Contract.

The following is a list of the top 25 selling firms that, during 2014, received the most total dollars of compensation, in the aggregate, from us in connection with the sale of registered annuity contracts issued by us, ranked from greatest compensation to least compensation:

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| 1. Voya Financial Advisors, Inc.                      | 14. Primerica Financial Services, Inc.           |
| 2. Signator Financial Services, Inc.                  | 15. NIA Securities, L.L.C.                       |
| 3. LPL Financial Corporation                          | 16. GWN Securities, Inc.                         |
| 4. Morgan Stanley Smith Barney LLC                    | 17. Cadaret, Grant & Co., Inc.                   |
| 5. American Portfolios Financial Services, Inc.       | 18. TFS Securities, Inc.                         |
| 6. Cetera Financial Group                             | 19. NYLIFE Securities LLC                        |
| 7. Financial Telesis Inc./Jhw Financial Services Inc. | 20. Woodbury Financial Services, Inc.            |
| 8. Lincoln Financial Advisors Corporation             | 21. National Planning Corporation                |
| 9. NFP Advisor Services, LLC                          | 22. Ameriprise Financial Services, Inc.          |
| 10. PlanMember Securities Corporation                 | 23. Northwestern Mutual Investment Services, LLC |
| 11. Securities America, Inc.                          | 24. First Allied Securities, Inc.                |
| 12. Royal Alliance Associates, Inc.                   | 25. Edward D. Jones & Co., L.P.                  |
| 13. MetLife Securities, Inc.                          |  |

Directed Services LLC may also compensate wholesalers/distributors, and their sales management personnel, for Contract sales within the wholesale/distribution channel. This compensation may be based on a percentage of premium payments and/or a percentage of Accumulation Value. Directed Services LLC may, at its discretion, pay additional cash compensation to wholesalers/distributors for sales by certain broker-dealers or “focus firms.”

This is a general discussion of the types and levels of compensation paid by us for sale of our registered annuity contracts. It is important for you to know that the payment of volume- or sales-based compensation to a selling firm or registered representative may provide such selling firm or registered representative a financial incentive to promote our products, such as the Contract, over those of another company, and may also provide a financial incentive to promote one of our contracts over another, such as the Contract.

#### **State Regulation**

We are regulated by the Insurance Department of the State of Connecticut. We are also subject to the insurance laws and regulations of all jurisdictions in which we do business. The Contract offered by this prospectus has been approved where required by such jurisdictions. We are required to submit annual statements of our operations, including financial statements, to the insurance departments of the various jurisdictions in which we do business to allow regulators to access our solvency and compliance with state insurance laws and regulations.

#### **Legal Proceedings**

We are not aware of any pending legal proceedings that are likely to have a material adverse effect upon the Company’s ability to meet its obligations under the contract, Directed Services LLC ability to distribute the contract or upon the separate account.

**Litigation.** Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Company and/or Directed Services LLC, is a defendant in a number of litigation matters arising from the conduct of its business, both in the ordinary course and otherwise. In some of these matters, claimants seek to recover very large or indeterminate amounts, including compensatory, punitive, treble and exemplary damages. Certain claims are asserted as class actions. Modern pleading practice in the U.S. permits considerable variation in the assertion of monetary damages and other relief. The variability in pleading requirements and past experience demonstrates that the monetary and other relief that may be requested in a lawsuit or claim oftentimes bears little relevance to the merits or potential value of a claim.

**Regulatory Matters.** As with other financial services companies, the Company and its affiliates, including Directed Services LLC, periodically receive informal and formal requests for information from various state and federal governmental agencies and self-regulatory organizations in connection with inquiries and investigations of the products and practices of the Company or the financial services industry. It is the practice of the Company to cooperate fully in these matters. Regulatory investigations, exams, inquiries and audits could result in regulatory action against the Company or subject the Company to settlement payments, fines, penalties and other financial consequences, as well as changes to the Company’s policies and procedures.

The outcome of a litigation or regulatory matter and the amount or range of potential loss is difficult to forecast and estimating potential losses requires significant management judgment. It is not possible to predict the ultimate outcome for all pending litigation and regulatory matters and given the large and indeterminate amounts sought and the inherent unpredictability of such matters, it is possible that an adverse outcome in certain litigation or regulatory matters could, from time to time, have a material adverse effect upon the Company’s results of operations or cash flows in a particular quarterly or annual period.

**Legal Matters**

The Company's organization and authority, and the Contract's legality and validity, have been passed on by the Company's legal department.

**Experts**

The consolidated financial statements of the Company on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 (including schedules appearing therein), have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such consolidated financial statements are incorporated herein by reference in reliance upon such reports given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The primary business address of Ernst & Young LLP is Suite 1000, 55 Ivan Allen Jr. Boulevard, Atlanta, GA 30308.

**Further Information**

This prospectus does not reflect all of the information contained in the registration statement, of which this prospectus is part. Portions of the registration statement have been omitted from this prospectus as allowed by the SEC. You may obtain the omitted information from the offices of the SEC, as described below. We are required by the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act"), as amended, to file periodic reports and other information with the SEC. You may inspect or copy information concerning the Company at the Public Reference Room of the SEC at:

Securities and Exchange Commission  
100 F Street NE, Room 1580  
Washington, DC 20549

You may also obtain copies of these materials at prescribed rates from the Public Reference Room of the above office. More information on the operation of the Public Reference Room is available by calling the SEC at either 1-800-SEC-0330 or 1-202-551-8090 or by e-mailing [publicinfo@sec.gov](mailto:publicinfo@sec.gov). You may also find more information about the Company by visiting the Company's homepage on the internet at <https://voyaretirement.voyaplans.com>.

Our filings are available to the public on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). (This uniform resource locator (URL) is an inactive textual reference only and is not intended to incorporate the SEC website into this prospectus.) When looking for more information about the Contract, you may find it useful to use the number assigned to the registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933. This number is 333-203610.

**Incorporation of Certain Documents by Reference**

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" information that we file with the SEC into this prospectus, which means that incorporated document is considered part of this prospectus. We can disclose important information to you by referring you to this document. This prospectus incorporates by reference the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. Form 10-K contains additional information about the Company and includes certified financial statements as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2014. We were not required to file any other reports pursuant to Sections 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since December 30, 2014. All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, prior to the termination of the offering shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into the prospectus.

You may request a free copy of any documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus (including any exhibits that are specifically incorporated by reference in them). Please direct your request to:

Voya Retirement Insurance and Annuity Company  
Customer Service  
P.O. Box 10450  
Des Moines, Iowa 50306-0450  
(888) 854-5950

**Inquiries**

You may contact us directly by writing or calling us at the address or phone number shown above.

# United States Federal Tax Considerations

## Introduction

The contract described in this prospectus is designed to be treated as an annuity for federal income tax purposes. This section discusses our understanding of current federal income tax laws affecting the Contract. The federal income tax treatment of the contract is complex and sometimes uncertain. You should keep the following in mind when reading it:

- Your tax position (or the tax position of the designated Beneficiary, as applicable) determines the U.S. federal taxation of amounts held or paid out under the Contract;
- Tax laws change. It is possible that a change in the future could affect contracts issued in the past, including the contract described in this prospectus;
- This section addresses some, but not all, applicable federal income tax rules and does not discuss federal estate and gift tax implications, state and local taxes or any other tax provisions;
- We do not make any guarantee about the tax treatment of the Contract or transactions involving the Contract; and
- No assurance can be given that the IRS would not assert, or that a court would not sustain, a position contrary to any of those set forth below.

**We do not intend this information to be tax advice. No attempt is made to provide more than a general summary of information about the use of the contract with non-tax-qualified and tax-qualified retirement arrangements, and the Tax Code may contain other restrictions and conditions that are not included in this summary. You should consult with a tax and/or legal adviser for advice about the effect of federal income tax laws, state tax laws or any other tax laws affecting the contract or any transactions involving the contract.**

## Types of Contracts: Nonqualified and Qualified

The Contract described in this prospectus may be purchased on a non-tax-qualified basis (nonqualified contracts) or on a tax-qualified basis (qualified contracts).

**Nonqualified Contracts.** Nonqualified Contracts do not receive the same tax benefits as are afforded to contracts funding qualified plans. You may not deduct the amount of your premium payments to a nonqualified Contract. Rather, nonqualified contracts are purchased with after-tax contributions to save money, generally for retirement, with the right to receive annuity payments for either a specified period of time or over a lifetime.

**Qualified Contracts.** Qualified Contracts are designed for use by individuals and/or employers whose premium payments are comprised solely of proceeds from and/or contributions to retirement plans or programs that are intended to qualify as plans or programs entitled to special favorable income tax treatment under Sections 408 or 408A of the Tax Code. **Employers or individuals intending to use the Contract with such plans should seek legal and tax advice.**

## Taxation of Nonqualified Contracts

### Taxation of Gains Prior to Distribution or Annuity Starting Date

**General.** Tax Code Section 72 governs the federal income taxation of annuities in general. We believe that if you are a natural person (in other words, an individual) you will generally not be taxed on increases in the value of a nonqualified contract until a distribution occurs or until annuity payments begin. This assumes that the Contract will qualify as an annuity contract for federal income tax purposes. For these purposes, the agreement to assign or pledge any portion of the Contract value will be treated as a distribution. In order to be eligible to receive deferral of taxation, the following requirements must be satisfied:

- **Required Distributions.** In order to be treated as an annuity contract for federal income tax purposes, the Tax Code requires any nonqualified contract to contain certain provisions specifying how your interest in the Contract will be distributed in the event of your death. The nonqualified contracts contain provisions that are intended to comply with these Tax Code requirements, although no regulations interpreting these requirements have yet been issued. When such requirements are clarified by regulation or otherwise, we intend to review such distribution provisions and modify them if necessary to assure that they comply with the applicable requirements;

- **Non-Natural Owners of a Non-Qualified Contract.** If the owner of the Contract is not a natural person (in other words, is not an individual), a nonqualified contract generally is not treated as an annuity for federal income tax purposes and the income on the Contract for the taxable year is currently taxable as ordinary income. Income on the Contract is any increase in the Contract value over the “investment in the Contract” (generally, the premium payments or other consideration you paid for the Contract less any nontaxable withdrawals) during the taxable year. There are some exceptions to this rule and a non-natural person should consult with a tax and/or legal adviser before purchasing the Contract. When the Contract Owner is not a natural person, a change in the annuitant is treated as the death of the Contract Owner; and
- **Delayed Annuity Starting Date.** If the contract’s annuity starting date occurs (or is scheduled to occur) at a time when the annuitant has reached an advanced age (e.g., after age 95), it is possible that the contract would not be treated as an annuity for federal income tax purposes. In that event, the income and gains under the contract could be currently includible in your income.

### Taxation of Distributions

**General.** When a withdrawal from a nonqualified contract occurs before the contract’s annuity starting date, the amount received will be treated as ordinary income subject to tax up to an amount equal to the excess (if any) of the contract value (unreduced by the amount of any surrender charge) immediately before the distribution over the contract owner’s investment in the contract at that time. Investment in the contract is generally equal to the amount of all premium payments to the contract, plus amounts previously included in your gross income as the result of certain loans, assignments or gifts, less the aggregate amount of non-taxable distributions previously made.

In the case of a surrender under a nonqualified contract, the amount received generally will be taxable only to the extent it exceeds the contract owner’s investment in such contract (cost basis).

**10% Penalty.** A distribution from a nonqualified contract may be subject to a penalty equal to 10% of the amount treated as income. In general, however, there is no penalty on distributions:

- Made on or after the taxpayer reaches age 59½;
- Made on or after the death of the contract owner (or the Annuitant, if the contract owner is a non-natural person);
- Attributable to the taxpayer’s becoming “disabled,” as defined in the Code;
- Made as part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments (at least annually) over your life or life expectancy or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of you and your designated beneficiary; or
- The distribution is allocable to investment in the contract before August 14, 1982.

The 10% penalty does not apply to distributions from an immediate annuity as defined in the Code. Other exceptions may be applicable under certain circumstances and special rules may be applicable in connection with the exceptions enumerated above. A tax and/or legal adviser should be consulted with regard to exception from the penalty tax.

**Tax-Free Exchanges.** Section 1035 of the Code permits the exchange of a life insurance, endowment or annuity contract for an annuity contract on a tax-free basis. In such instance, the “investment in the contract” in the old contract will carry over to the new contract. You should consult with your tax and/or legal adviser regarding the procedures for making a Section 1035 exchange.

If your Contract is purchased through a tax-free exchange of a life insurance, endowment or annuity contract that was purchased prior to August 14, 1982, then any distributions other than annuity payments, will be treated, for tax purposes, as coming:

- First, from any remaining “investment in the contract” made prior to August 14, 1982 and exchanged into the Contract;
- Next, from any “income on the contract” attributable to the investment made prior to August 14, 1982;
- Then, from any remaining “income on the contract”; and
- Lastly, from any remaining “investment in the contract.”

In certain instances, the partial exchange of a portion of one annuity contract for another contract is a tax-free exchange. Pursuant to IRS guidance, receipt of partial withdrawals or surrenders from either the original contract or the new contract during the 180 day period beginning on the date of the partial exchange may retroactively negate the partial exchange. If the partial exchange is retroactively negated, the partial withdrawal or surrender of the original contract will be treated as a withdrawal, taxable as ordinary income to the extent of gain in the original contract and, if the partial exchange occurred prior to you reaching age 59½, may be subject to an additional 10% penalty. We are not responsible for the manner in which any other insurance company, for tax reporting purposes, or the IRS, with respect to the ultimate tax treatment, recognizes or reports a partial exchange. We strongly advise you to discuss any proposed 1035 exchange or subsequent distribution within 180 days of a partial exchange with your tax and/or legal adviser prior to proceeding with the transaction.

**Taxation of Annuity Payments.** Although tax consequences may vary depending on the payment option elected under an annuity contract, a portion of each annuity payment is generally not taxed and the remainder is taxed as ordinary income. The non-taxable portion of an annuity payment is generally determined in a manner that is designed to allow you to recover your investment in the contract ratably on a tax-free basis over the expected stream of annuity payments, as determined when annuity payments start. Once your investment in the contract has been fully recovered, however, the full amount of each subsequent annuity payment is subject to tax as ordinary income.

Annuity contracts that are partially annuitized after December 31, 2010, are treated as separate contracts with their own annuity starting date and exclusion ratio. Specifically, an exclusion ratio will be applied to any amount received as an annuity under a portion of the annuity, provided that annuity payments are made for a period of 10 years or more or for life. Please consult your tax and/or legal adviser before electing a partial annuitization.

**Death Benefit.** Amounts may be distributed from a contract because of your death or the death of the annuitant. Generally, such amounts are includible in the income of the recipient as follows:

- If distributed in a lump sum, they are taxed in the same manner as a surrender of the contract; or
- If distributed under a payment option, they are taxed in the same way as annuity payments.

Special rules may apply to amounts distributed after a beneficiary has elected to maintain the contract value and receive payments.

Different distribution requirements apply if your death occurs:

- After you begin receiving annuity payments under the contract; or
- Before you begin receiving such distributions.

If your death occurs after you begin receiving annuity payments, distributions must be made at least as rapidly as under the method in effect at the time of your death.

If your death occurs before you begin receiving annuity payments, your entire balance must be distributed within five years after the date of your death. For example, if you die on September 1, 2015, your entire balance must be distributed by August 31, 2020. However, if distributions begin within one year of your death, then payments may be made over one of the following timeframes:

- Over the life of the designated beneficiary; or
- Over a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of the designated beneficiary.

If the designated beneficiary is your spouse, the contract may be continued with the surviving spouse as the new contract owner. If the contract owner is a non-natural person and the primary annuitant dies, the same rules apply on the death of the primary annuitant as outlined above for the death of a contract owner.

Some contracts offer a death benefit that may exceed the greater of the premium payments and the contract value. Certain charges are imposed with respect to these death benefits. It is possible that these charges (or some portion thereof) could be treated for federal tax purposes as a distribution from the contract.

**Assignments and Other Transfers.** A transfer, pledge or assignment of ownership of a nonqualified contract, the selection of certain annuity dates, or the designation of an annuitant or payee other than an owner may result in certain tax consequences to you that are not discussed herein. The assignment, pledge or agreement to assign or pledge any portion of the contract value will be treated as a distribution for federal income tax purposes. Anyone contemplating any such transfer, pledge, assignment, or designation or exchange, should consult a tax and/or legal adviser regarding the potential tax effects of such a transaction.

**Immediate Annuities.** Under Section 72 of the Tax Code, an immediate annuity means an annuity:

- That is purchased with a single purchase payment;
- With annuity payments starting within one year from the date of purchase; and
- That provides a series of substantially equal periodic payments made at least annually.

While this contract is not designed as an immediate annuity, treatment as an immediate annuity would have significance with respect to exceptions from the 10% early withdrawal penalty, to contracts owned by non-natural persons, and for certain exchanges.

**Multiple Contracts.** Tax laws require that all nonqualified annuity contracts that are issued by a company or its affiliates to the same contract owner during any calendar year be treated as one annuity contract for purposes of determining the amount includible in gross income under Tax Code Section 72(e). In addition, the Treasury Department has specific authority to issue regulations that prevent the avoidance of Tax Code Section 72(e) through the serial purchase of annuity contracts or otherwise.

**Withholding.** We will withhold and remit to the IRS a part of the taxable portion of each distribution made under a Contract unless the distributee notifies us at or before the time of the distribution that he or she elects not to have any amounts withheld. Withholding is mandatory, however, if the distributee fails to provide a valid taxpayer identification number or if we are notified by the IRS that the taxpayer identification number we have on file is incorrect. The withholding rates applicable to the taxable portion of periodic annuity payments are the same as the withholding rates generally applicable to payments of wages. In addition, a 10% withholding rate applies to the taxable portion of non-periodic payments. Regardless of whether you elect to have federal income tax withheld, you are still liable for payment of federal income tax on the taxable portion of the payment.

Certain states have indicated that state income tax withholding will also apply to payments from the Contracts made to residents. Generally, an election out of federal withholding will also be considered an election out of state withholding. In some states, you may elect out of state withholding, even if federal withholding applies. If you need more information concerning a particular state or any required forms, please contact Customer Service. Contact information appears on page 1.

If you or your designated beneficiary is a non-resident alien, then any withholding is governed by Tax Code Section 1441 based on individual's citizenship, the country of domicile and treaty status, and we may require additional documentation prior to processing any requested transaction.

## **Taxation of Qualified Contracts**

**Eligible Retirement Plans and Programs.** The contract may be purchased with the following retirement plans and programs to accumulate retirement savings:

- **Individual Retirement Annuities (“IRA”) and Roth IRA.** Section 408 of the Tax Code permits eligible individuals to contribute to an individual retirement program known as an Individual Retirement Annuity (“IRA”). Certain employers may establish Simplified Employee Pension (“SEP”) or Savings Incentive Match Plan for Employees (“SIMPLE”) plans to provide IRA contributions on behalf of their employees. Section 408A of the Tax Code permits certain eligible individuals to contribute to a Roth IRA, which provides for tax-free distributions, subject to certain restrictions. **The IRS has not reviewed the contracts described in this prospectus for qualification as IRAs and has not addressed, in a ruling of general applicability, whether the contract's death benefit provisions comply with IRA qualification requirements;**

**Special Considerations for IRAs.** IRAs are subject to limits on the amounts that can be contributed, the deductible amount of the contribution, the persons who may be eligible, and the time when distributions commence. Contributions to IRAs must be made in cash or as a rollover or a transfer from another eligible plan. Also, distributions from IRAs, individual retirement accounts, and other types of retirement plans may be “rolled over” on a tax-deferred basis into an IRA. Beginning in 2015, you will not be able to roll over any portion of an IRA distribution if you rolled over a distribution during the preceding 1-year period. However, the IRS has provided a transition rule for distributions in 2015. Specifically, a distribution occurring in 2014 that was rolled over is disregarded for this purpose if the 2015 distribution is from an IRA other than the IRA that made or received the 2014 distribution. Please note that this one rollover per year rule does not apply to: (1) the conversion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, (2) a rollover to or from a qualified plan, or (3) a trustee-to-trustee transfer between IRAs. Please consult your own tax and/or legal adviser if you have additional questions about these rules.

Sales of the contract for use with IRAs may be subject to special requirements of the IRS. The IRS has not reviewed the contracts described in this prospectus for qualification as IRAs and has not addressed, in a ruling of general applicability, whether the contract's death benefit provisions comply with IRS qualification requirements.

**Special Considerations for Roth IRAs.** Contributions to a Roth IRA are subject to limits on the amount of contributions and the persons who may be eligible to contribute, are not deductible, and must be made in cash or as a rollover or transfer from another Roth IRA or other IRA. Certain qualifying individuals may convert an IRA, SEP, or a SIMPLE to a Roth IRA. Such rollovers and conversions are subject to tax, and other special rules may apply. Beginning in 2015, you will not be able to roll over any portion of a Roth IRA distribution if you rolled over a distribution during the preceding 1-year period. However, the IRS has provided a transition rule for distributions in 2015. Specifically, a distribution occurring in 2014 that was rolled over is disregarded for this purpose if the 2015 distribution is from a Roth IRA other than the Roth IRA that made or received the 2014 distribution. Please note that this one rollover per year rule does not apply to: (1) the conversion of a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, (2) a rollover to or from a qualified plan, or (3) a trustee-to-trustee transfer between Roth IRAs. Please consult your own tax and/or legal adviser if you have additional questions about these rules.

A 10% penalty may apply to amounts attributable to a conversion to a Roth IRA if the amounts are distributed during the five taxable years beginning with the year in which the conversion was made. Sales of a contract for use with a Roth IRA may be subject to special requirements of the IRS. The IRS has not reviewed the contracts described in this prospectus for qualification as IRAs and has not addressed, in a ruling of general applicability, whether the contract's death benefit provisions comply with IRS qualification requirements.

## **Taxation**

The tax rules applicable to qualified contracts vary according to the type of qualified contract, the specific terms and conditions of the qualified contract and the terms and conditions of the qualified plan or program. The ultimate effect of federal income taxes on the amounts held under a qualified contract, or on income phase (i.e., annuity) payments from a qualified contract, depends on the type of qualified contract or program as well as your particular facts and circumstances. Special favorable tax treatment may be available for certain types of contributions and distributions. In addition, certain requirements must be satisfied in purchasing a qualified contract with proceeds from a tax-qualified plan or program in order to continue receiving favorable tax treatment.

Adverse tax consequences may result from:

- Contributions in excess of specified limits;
- Distributions before age 59½ (subject to certain exceptions);
- Distributions that do not conform to specified commencement and minimum distribution rules; and
- Other specified circumstances.

Some qualified plans and programs are subject to additional distribution or other requirements that are not incorporated into the contract described in this prospectus. No attempt is made to provide more than general information about the use of the contract with qualified plans and programs. Contract owners, participants, annuitants, and beneficiaries are cautioned that the rights of any person to any benefit under these qualified plans and programs may be subject to the terms and conditions of the plan or program, regardless of the terms and conditions of the contract. The Company is not bound by the terms and conditions of such plans and programs to the extent such terms contradict the language of the contract, unless we consent in writing.

Contract owners, participants, and beneficiaries generally are responsible for determining that contributions, distributions and other transactions with respect to the contract comply with applicable law. **Therefore, you should seek tax and/or legal advice regarding the suitability of a contract for your particular situation.** The following discussion assumes that qualified contracts are purchased with proceeds from and/or contributions under retirement plans or programs that qualify for the intended special federal tax treatment.

**Tax Deferral.** Under federal tax laws, earnings on amounts held in annuity contracts are generally not taxed until they are withdrawn. However, in the case of a qualified plan (as described in this prospectus), an annuity contract is not necessary to obtain this favorable tax treatment and does not provide any tax benefits beyond the deferral already available to the qualified plan itself. Annuities do provide other features and benefits (such as the guaranteed death benefit or the option of lifetime income phase options at established rates) that may be valuable to you. You should discuss your alternatives with a qualified financial representative taking into account the additional fees and expenses you may incur in an annuity.

## **Contributions**

In order to be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes, total annual contributions to certain qualified plans and programs are limited by the Code. We provide general information on these requirements for certain plans and programs below. You should consult with your tax and/or legal adviser in connection with contributions to a qualified contract.

### **Distributions – General**

Certain tax rules apply to distributions from the Contract. A distribution is any amount taken from your Contract including withdrawals, income phase (i.e., annuity) payments, rollovers, exchanges and death benefit proceeds. We report the gross and taxable portions of all distributions to the IRS.

**IRAs.** All distributions from an IRA are taxed as received unless either one of the following is true:

- The distribution is directly transferred to another IRA or to a plan eligible to receive rollovers as permitted under the Code; or
- You made after-tax contributions to the IRA. In this case, the distribution will be taxed according to the rules detailed in the Tax Code.

**10% Additional Tax.** The Code imposes a 10% additional tax on the taxable portion of any distribution from an IRA unless certain exceptions, including one or more of the following, have occurred:

- You have attained age 59½;
- You have become “disabled,” as defined in the Code;
- You have died and the distribution is to your beneficiary;
- You have separated from service with the plan sponsor at or after age 55;
- The distribution amount is rolled over into another eligible retirement plan or to an IRA in accordance with the terms of the Tax Code;
- You have separated from service with the plan sponsor and the distribution amount is made in substantially equal periodic payment (at least annually) over your life or the life expectancy or the joint lives or joint life expectancies of you and your designated beneficiary;
- The distribution is paid directly to the government in accordance with an IRS levy;
- The withdrawal amount is paid to an alternate payee under a Qualified Domestic Relations Order (“QDRO”); or
- The distribution is a qualified reservist distribution as defined under the Tax Code.

In addition, the 10% additional tax does not apply to the amount of a distribution equal to unreimbursed medical expenses incurred by you during the taxable year that qualify for deduction as specified in the Tax Code. The Tax Code may provide other exceptions or impose other penalty taxes on other circumstances.

**Qualified Distributions - Roth IRA.** A partial or full distribution of premium payments to a Roth IRA account and earnings credited on those premium payments will be excludable from income if it is a qualified distribution. A “qualified distribution” from a Roth IRA account is defined as a distribution that meets the following two requirements:

- The distribution occurs after the five-year taxable period measured from the earlier of:
  - ▷ The first taxable year you made a designated Roth contribution to any designated Roth account established for you under the same applicable retirement plan as defined in Tax Code Section 402A;
  - ▷ If a rollover contribution was made from a designated Roth account previously established for you under another applicable retirement plan, the first taxable year for which you made a designated Roth contribution to such previously established account; or
  - ▷ The first taxable year in which you made an in-plan Roth rollover of non-Roth amounts under the same plan; AND
- The distribution occurs after you attain age 59½, die with payment being made to your beneficiary, or become disabled as defined in the Tax Code.

A distribution from a Roth account that is not a qualified distribution is includible in gross income under the Tax Code in proportion to your investment in the contract (basis) and earnings on the contract.

**Lifetime Required Minimum Distributions (IRAs).** To avoid certain tax penalties, you and any designated beneficiary must also satisfy the required minimum distribution rules set forth in the Tax Code. These rules may dictate the following:

- Start date for distributions;
- The time period in which all amounts in your Contract(s) must be distributed; and
- Distribution amounts.

**Start Date.** Generally, you must begin receiving distributions by April 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year in which you attain age 70½ or retire, whichever occurs later.

**Time Period.** We must pay out distributions from the Contract over a period not extending beyond one of the following time periods:

- Over your life or the joint lives of you and your designated beneficiary; or
- Over a period not greater than your life expectancy or the joint life expectancies of you and your designated beneficiary.

**Distribution Amounts.** The amount of each required distribution must be calculated in accordance with Tax Code Section 401(a)(9). The entire interest in the account includes the amount of any outstanding rollover, transfer, recharacterization, if applicable, and the actuarial present value of other benefits provided under the account, such as guaranteed death benefits.

**50% Excise Tax.** If you fail to receive the minimum required distribution for any tax year, a 50% excise tax may be imposed on the required amount that was not distributed.

Lifetime required minimum distributions are not applicable to Roth IRAs during your lifetime. Further information regarding required minimum distributions may be found in your Contract or certificate.

**Required Distributions upon Death (IRAs and Roth IRAs).** Different distribution requirements apply after your death, depending upon if you have been receiving required minimum distributions. Further information regarding required distributions upon death may be found in your Contract or certificate.

If your death occurs on or after you begin receiving minimum distributions under the Contract, distributions generally must be made at least as rapidly as under the method in effect at the time of your death. Tax Code Section 401(a)(9) provides specific rules for calculating the required minimum distributions after your death.

If your death occurs before you begin receiving minimum distributions under the Contract, your entire balance must be distributed by December 31 of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the date of your death. For example, if you die on September 1, 2015, your entire balance must be distributed to the designated beneficiary by December 31, 2020. However, if distributions begin by December 31 of the calendar year following the calendar year of your death, then payments may be made over either of the following timeframes:

- Over the life of the designated beneficiary; or
- Over a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of the designated beneficiary.

**Start Dates for Spousal Beneficiaries.** If the designated beneficiary is your spouse, distributions must begin on or before the later of the following:

- December 31 of the calendar year following the calendar year of your death; or
- December 31 of the calendar year in which you would have attained age 70½.

**No Designated Beneficiary.** If there is no designated beneficiary, the entire interest generally must be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of the Contract Owner's death.

**Special Rule for IRA Spousal Beneficiaries (IRAs and Roth IRAs Only).** In lieu of taking a distribution under these rules, if the sole designated beneficiary is the Contract Owner's surviving spouse, the spousal beneficiary may elect to treat the Contract as his or her own IRA and defer taking a distribution until his or her own start date. The surviving spouse will be deemed to have made such an election if the surviving spouse makes a rollover to or from the Contract or fails to take a distribution within the required time period.

#### **Withholding**

Any taxable distributions under the Contract are generally subject to withholding. U.S. federal income tax withholding rates vary according to the type of distribution and the recipient's tax status.

**IRAs and Roth IRAs.** Generally, you or, if applicable, a designated beneficiary may elect not to have tax withheld from distributions.

**Non-Resident Aliens.** If you or your designated beneficiary is a non-resident alien, withholding will generally be 30% based on the individual's citizenship, the country of domicile and treaty status, and we may require additional documentation prior to processing any requested distribution.

## **Assignment and Other Transfers**

**IRAs and Roth IRAs.** The Code does not allow a transfer or assignment of your rights under these Contracts except in limited circumstances. Adverse tax consequences may result if you assign or transfer your interest in such a Contract to persons other than your spouse incident to a divorce. Anyone contemplating such an assignment or transfer should consult your tax and/or legal adviser regarding the potential tax effects of such a transaction if you are contemplating such an assignment or transfer.

### **Same-Sex Marriages**

Before June 26, 2013, pursuant to Section 3 of the federal Defense of Marriage Act (“DOMA”), same-sex marriages were not recognized for purposes of federal law. On that date the U.S. Supreme Court held in United States v. Windsor that Section 3 of DOMA is unconstitutional. While valid same-sex marriages are now recognized under federal law and the favorable income-deferral options afforded by federal tax law to an opposite-sex spouse under Tax Code Sections 72(s) and 401(a)(9) are now available to same-sex spouses, there are still unanswered questions regarding the scope and impact of the Windsor decision at a state tax level. Consequently, if you are married to a same-sex spouse you should contact a tax and/or legal adviser regarding spousal rights and benefits under the contract described in this prospectus and your particular tax situation.

### **Possible Changes in Taxation**

Although the likelihood of changes in tax legislation, regulation, rulings and other interpretations thereof is uncertain, there is always the possibility that the tax treatment of the Contract could change by legislation or other means. It is also possible that any change could be retroactive (i.e., effective before the date of the change). You should consult a tax and/or legal adviser with respect to legislative developments and their effect on the Contract.

### **Taxation of Company**

We are taxed as a life insurance company under the Code.

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