

NORTHSTAR VARIABLE ANNUITY

AN INDIVIDUAL DEFERRED VARIABLE/FIXED ANNUITY CONTRACT

issued by

ReliaStar Life Insurance Company

and its

Northstar Variable Account

Supplement Dated May 9, 2016

This supplement updates and amends certain information contained in your prospectus dated August 8, 1997, and subsequent supplements thereto. Please read it carefully and keep it with your prospectus for future reference.

UNCLAIMED PROPERTY

Every state has some form of unclaimed property laws that impose varying legal and practical obligations on insurers and, indirectly, on Contract Owners, insureds, beneficiaries and other payees of proceeds. Unclaimed property laws generally provide for escheatment to the state of unclaimed proceeds under various circumstances.

Contract Owners are urged to keep their own, as well as their beneficiaries' and other payees', information up to date, including full names, postal and electronic media addresses, telephone numbers, dates of birth, and Social Security numbers. Such updates should be communicated to Customer Service in writing at P.O. Box 5050, Minot, ND 58702-5050 or by calling 1-877 884-5050.

CYBER SECURITY

Like others in our industry, we are subject to operational and information security risks resulting from "cyber-attacks," "hacking" or similar illegal or unauthorized intrusions into computer systems and networks. These risks include, among other things, the theft, misuse, corruption and destruction of data maintained online or digitally, denial of service attacks on websites and other operational disruption and unauthorized release of confidential customer information. Although we seek to limit our vulnerability to such risks through technological and other means and we rely on industry standard commercial technologies to maintain the security of our information systems, it is not possible to anticipate or prevent all potential forms of cyber-attack or to guarantee our ability to fully defend against all such attacks. In addition, due to the sensitive nature of much of the financial and similar personal information we maintain, we may be at particular risk for targeting.

Cyber-attacks affecting us, any third party administrator, the underlying Investment Funds ("Funds"), intermediaries and other affiliated or third-party service providers may adversely affect us and your Contract Value. For instance, cyber-attacks may interfere with our processing of Contract transactions, including the processing of orders from our website or with the underlying Funds, impact our ability to calculate Accumulation Unit Values, cause the release and possible destruction of confidential customer or business information, impede order processing, subject us and/or our service providers and intermediaries to regulatory fines and financial losses and/or cause reputational damage. Cyber security risks may also affect the issuers of securities in which the underlying Funds invest, which may cause the Funds underlying your Contract to lose value. There can be no assurance that we or the underlying Funds or our service providers will avoid losses affecting your Contract that result from cyber-attacks or information security breaches in the future.

ORDER PROCESSING

In certain circumstances, we may need to correct the pricing associated with an order that has been processed. In such circumstances, we may incur a loss or receive a gain depending upon the price of the Fund when the order was executed and the price of the Fund when the order is corrected. Losses may be covered from our assets and gains that may result from such order correction will be retained by us as additional compensation associated with order processing.

SAME SEX MARRIAGES

The Contract provides that upon your death a surviving spouse may have certain continuation rights that he or she may elect to exercise for the Contract's death benefit and any joint-life coverage under a living benefit. All Contract provisions relating to spousal continuation are available only to a person who meets the definition of "spouse" under federal law. The U.S. Supreme Court has held that same-sex marriages must be permitted under state law and that marriages recognized under state law will be recognized for federal law purposes. Domestic partnerships and civil unions that are not recognized as legal marriages under state law, however, will not be treated as marriages under federal law. Please consult your tax and/or legal adviser for further information about this subject.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE INVESTMENT FUNDS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE VARIABLE ACCOUNT

The following chart lists the Funds that are available through the Northstar Variable Account, along with each Fund's investment adviser/subadviser and investment objective. More detailed information about these Funds can be found in the current prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for each Fund. If you received a summary prospectus for any of the Funds available through your Contract, you may obtain a full prospectus and other Fund information free of charge by either accessing the internet address, calling the telephone number or sending an email request to the email address shown on the front of the Fund's summary prospectus.

There is no assurance that the stated investment objectives of any of the Funds will be achieved. Shares of the Funds will rise and fall in value and you could lose money by allocating Contract Value to the Sub-Accounts that invest in the Funds. Shares of the Funds are not bank deposits and are not guaranteed, endorsed or insured by any financial institution, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or any other government agency.

Fund Name	Investment Objective(s)
Investment Adviser/Subadviser	
Voya Balanced Portfolio (Class I)	Seeks total return consisting of capital appreciation (both realized and unrealized) and current income; the secondary investment objective is long-term capital appreciation.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	
Voya Global Equity Portfolio (Class I)*	Seeks long-term capital growth and current income.
Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC	
Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	

* Prior to May 1, 2016, this Fund was known as the Voya Global Advantage Portfolio.

Fund Name	Investment Objective(s)
Investment Adviser/Subadviser Voya Growth and Income Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks to maximize total return through investments in a diversified portfolio of common stock and securities convertible into common stocks. It is anticipated that capital appreciation and investment income will both be major factors in achieving total return.
Voya International Index Portfolio (Class S) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks investment results (before fees and expenses) that correspond to the total return (which includes capital appreciation and income) of a widely accepted international index.
Voya SmallCap Opportunities Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.
VY[®] Pioneer High Yield Portfolio (Class I) Investment Adviser: Directed Services LLC Subadviser: Pioneer Investment Management, Inc.	Seeks to maximize total return through income and capital appreciation.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT FUNDS CLOSED TO NEW INVESTMENT

The Sub-Accounts that invest in the following Funds are closed to new investment:

Fund Name	Investment Objective(s)
Investment Adviser/Subadviser Fidelity[®] VIP Index 500 Portfolio (Initial Class) Investment Adviser: Fidelity Management & Research Company Subadvisers: Geode Capital Management, LLC and FMR Co., Inc.	Seeks investment results that correspond to the total return of common stocks publicly traded in the United States, as represented by the S&P 500 [®] Index.

Fund Name	Investment Objective(s)
Voya MidCap Opportunities Portfolio (Class I)	Seeks long-term capital appreciation.

Investment Adviser: Voya Investments, LLC

Subadviser: Voya Investment Management Co. LLC

Contract Owners who have Contract Value allocated to one or more of the Sub-Accounts that correspond to these Funds may leave their Contract Value in those Sub-Accounts, but future allocations and transfers into them are prohibited. If your most recent premium allocation instructions includes a Sub-Account that corresponds to one of these Funds, premium received that would have been allocated to a Sub-Account corresponding to one of these Funds may be automatically allocated among the other available Sub-Accounts according to your most recent premium allocation instructions. If your most recent allocation instructions do not include any available Funds, you must provide us with alternative allocation instructions or the premium payment will be returned to you. You may give us alternative allocation instructions by contacting Customer Service at P.O. Box 5050, Minot, ND 58702-5050, 1-877-884-5050. **See the “Transfers” section beginning on page 21 of your Contract prospectus for information about making Fund allocation changes.**

MORE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE

More information about the Funds available through your Contract, including information about the risks associated with investing in them, can be found in the current prospectus and Statement of Additional Information for each Fund. You may obtain these documents by contacting:

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