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Retirement Cornerstone®
variable annuity

Features and flexibility

A cornerstone of retirement income

Retirement Cornerstone® is a multistage variable annuity built to adapt to the client's changing needs. When they're ready, it helps clients seamlessly transition from growth potential to protected income, which can be tailored to their needs. In addition, it provides a range of advantages not typically found in the marketplace.

Retirement Cornerstone® Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit (GMIB)[1] offers	The industry offers[2]
No age bands • No less than 7%, up to 10%, withdrawals at any age for Single/Joint[3]	**Age bands** • Single-life bands, may be 4% or lower when starting before age 65 • Joint-life bands have lower payouts
Same cost for Single or Joint	**Pay more for Joint**
Built-in Spousal Continuation	**Usually no continuation of Single-life contracts**
Roll-up compounding to earlier of 20 years and age 95[4]	**Limited roll-up duration** • Normally 10–15 years unless withdrawals begin earlier • No crediting in years withdrawals are taken • Simple interest crediting is common
More ways to increase income 1. Market resets 2. Interest rate roll-up 3. Withdraw less than Annual Withdrawal Amount and bank the difference	**Limited ways to increase income** • Market resets in most cases
Multiple death benefit options	**Limited death benefit options**
Annual resets to 95 regardless of withdrawals	
Start and stop withdrawals	

Retirement Cornerstone® has the only GMIB in the marketplace.

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Retirement Cornerstone® GMIB Roll-Up Rates

Whether clients are deferring income or taking it now, their benefit bases are guaranteed by the following rates with the GMIB. Withdrawals can continue until age 95.

Years 1-7:

Compounded

7%

(if deferring or taking income)

Years 8+:

10-year Treasury + 2%, between

7% and 10%

(Roll-Up Rates apply to the benefit base until the earlier of 20 years and age 95.[4] Withdrawals continue to age 95.)

Growth as high as 10% per year and at least 5% for life.

With Retirement Cornerstone®, clients can enjoy 7% guaranteed growth for the first 7 contract years. After that, their benefit base will grow by 7%–10% annually, depending on interest rates at the time. They also have the guarantee of a 5% lifetime income payout floor, even if their account value goes to zero starting at age 70.[5]

Rates are effective July 6, 2026. New business rates are declared periodically, may change as frequently as monthly and may differ between deferral and annual Roll-up rates. The deferral and annual Roll-Up Rates compound annually and are guaranteed to be locked in for the first 7 contract years. After the lock-in period, the rate becomes a flexible rate, tied to the recent average 10-year Treasury rates plus 2%, and is recalculated each contract year. Both the deferral and annual Roll-Up Rates can be as high as 10% and will never be less than 7% during the GMIB Roll-Up period. If the GMIB rider is exercised, lifetime income rates will be based on a GMIB annuity payout factor. When lifetime income begins (at exercise) there is a mortality-based rate table that applies where the rate could be lower or higher than the current annual Roll-Up (withdrawal) rate depending on your age. Refer to the GMIB annuity payout factors for more information. GMIB Roll-Up Rates are applied to the benefit base during the GMIB Roll-Up Period, which is until the earlier of the 20th contract anniversary from when the Protected Benefit Account was initially funded and the contract anniversary following the owner's 95th birthday. The Annual Withdrawal Amount is determined by the annual Roll-Up Rate formula and is available until the contract anniversary following the owner's 95th birthday. Excess withdrawals will adversely affect the benefit base.

1 The GMIB guarantees lifetime payments when a client annuitizes the GMIB Benefit Base after the specified waiting period. The GMIB Benefit Base is used to generate a minimum lifetime income or withdrawal amount and is not a cash value. Generally, **income** refers to withdrawals from the GMIB, and **lifetime income** refers to annuitization, meaning converting a certain sum into a series of lifetime payments.

2 Comparison features are not product-specific but represent general product features in the industry.

3 Refers to the Annual Withdrawal Amount available prior to annuitization.

4 GMIB Roll-Up Rates are applied to the benefit base during the GMIB Roll-Up Period.

5 The lifetime floor of 5% for Single Life and 4% for Joint Life begins at age 70. GMIB rates, funding ages and annuity purchase factors and floor are effective July 6, 2026. New business rates, ages, factors and floors are declared periodically and may change as frequently as monthly. Refer to the GMIB annuity payout factors for more information on Single and Joint rates.

Important information

This material was designed as an informational and educational resource. It does not cover all material provisions of the Retirement Cornerstone® contract and must be preceded or accompanied by a current Retirement Cornerstone® prospectus, which contains more complete information, including investment objectives, risks, charges and expenses. Please encourage clients to read the prospectus carefully before they invest or send any money.

A variable annuity, like Retirement Cornerstone®, is a long-term financial product designed for retirement purposes. In essence, it is a contractual agreement between the client and an insurance company in which the insurer agrees to pay out lifetime income or a lump-sum amount at a later date. Variable annuities contain limitations, fees and charges that include (but are not limited to) operations fees, sales and withdrawal charges, administrative fees and charges for optional benefits. Withdrawals may reduce death and living benefits and the cash surrender value and may be subject to a contractual withdrawal charge. The Series B product includes a contractual withdrawal charge that declines from 7% over a 7-year period. For tax purposes, distributions and withdrawals taken prior to annuitization are considered to come from the gain in the contract first. If withdrawals are from a qualified contract, they are treated as distributions of gain. Gains are taxed as ordinary income and, if taken prior to age 59½, may be subject to an additional 10% federal tax penalty. Amounts in the variable investment portfolios may fluctuate in value to the point of principal loss. See the prospectus for more details.

Clients must be a certain age to be eligible for the GMIB and should be aware that their lifetime income is not protected until they begin paying for the rider. Clients can fund the GMIB starting at age 50 by making a contribution or transfer to the Protected Benefit Account. Once the first contribution or transfer is made, it is subject to a waiting period (10 years) before it can exercise the benefit to avoid reducing the benefit. Each time the benefit base is reset, a new waiting period applies. We reserve the right to increase or decrease the charge for GMIB in the third year. Clients may also discontinue or make changes to the requirements and limitations for contributions and transfers among investment options or the Protected Benefit Account. If we discontinue contributions and transfers into the Protected Benefit Account, they will no longer be able to fund their guaranteed benefits.

Taking a withdrawal from the Protected Benefit Account greater than the Annual Withdrawal Amount (an excess withdrawal) in any given year will have an adverse effect on the benefit bases. The GMIB may be elected only at contract issue. Clients will be enrolled in an automatic annual reset program at the time of application unless a different reset option is selected.

All contract and rider guarantees, optional benefits, fixed subaccount crediting rates and annuity payout rates are backed by the claims-paying ability of the issuing life insurance company. They are not backed by the broker-dealer, insurance agency or other entity from which this annuity is purchased.

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