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RMD Wealth Guard

Guaranteed Minimum Death Benefit

Plan for a future beyond your own

Retirement Cornerstone® variable annuity

✓ Take required distributions without reducing the death benefit (after first contract anniversary).

✓ Build assets to pass along to loved ones.

✓ Participate in market performance to potentially increase a legacy.

Variable Annuities: • Are Not a Deposit of Any Bank • Are Not FDIC Insured • Are Not Insured by Any Federal Government Agency
• Are Not Guaranteed by Any Bank or Savings Association • May Go Down in Value

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RMD Wealth Guard helps you take the income required by the IRS, without reducing your death benefit, while still giving you the opportunity to build what you pass along by capturing any market growth.

- **Participate in market performance to potentially increase what your loved ones will receive** — Take only the RMDs required by the IRS, without reducing the death benefit, while still potentially building the amount you want to pass along by participating in potential market growth.
- **Required distributions can be taken without reducing the Death Benefit Base** — Beginning at age 70½, any RMD withdrawals from the Protected Benefit Account up to your annual RMD Wealth Guard withdrawal amount will be deemed an RMD withdrawal for purposes of the RMD Wealth Guard benefit and will not reduce the Death Benefit Base.¹

What is the impact of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) on retirement savings?

RMDs — which are calculated according to IRS rules — typically reduce the value of retirement savings.

What is a Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) withdrawal within the RMD Wealth Guard Benefit?

After you turn a certain age, the IRS requires that you begin taking annual distributions from retirement plans and contracts, such as IRAs. In accordance with a change in federal law effective January 1, 2023, your RMD age may be different depending on your birth date; **however, for purposes of RMD Wealth Guard, we treat all withdrawals after age 70½ as RMD withdrawals for purposes of your benefit.** The RMD Wealth Guard benefit defines an RMD Wealth Guard withdrawal as the annual amount that you are allowed to withdraw starting at age 70½ without reducing the RMD Wealth Guard benefit base. The maximum annual RMD Wealth Guard withdrawal amount is determined by your age at the time of withdrawal using the 2014 RMD table, and will apply for **all** withdrawals taken after age 70½ even if your RMD starting age is greater. At the time the first RMD Wealth Guard withdrawal is taken (i.e., the first withdrawal after you turn 70½), the contract will no longer be eligible for market resets, and the death benefit base will be locked in (assuming no excess withdrawals).

What is Retirement Cornerstone®?

Retirement Cornerstone® is a deferred variable annuity that can help you grow and protect your income stream — and what you'll leave behind — with flexibility designed to fit your life.

Find two approaches in one, working together seamlessly

Grow your wealth — As you're building your savings, investment options available through Retirement Cornerstone® offer flexibility to match your portfolio to your own goals, needs and tolerance for risk now and in the future. With the **Investment Account**, you can access over 100 investment options to build a customized portfolio without being locked into any decisions you make today about what you might need in the future. With the **Protected Benefit Account**, you'll choose from a focused range of investment options built to adapt to your changing needs, particularly as your tolerance for risk may change as you get closer to

retirement. Both accounts offer a well-diversified set of investments that may help smooth the effect of market ups and downs and keep you focused on the long term. Most importantly, you can pursue tax-deferred growth, which allows your original investment, plus your earnings, to compound and grow without having to pay taxes on your growth until later.²

Invest in one account or both, and enjoy tax-free transfers from the Investment Account to the Protected Benefit Account.³

¹ Due to a federal law change effective January 1, 2023, the age when Lifetime Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) must begin was changed from age 72 to age 73. This age will further increase to age 75 starting on January 1, 2033. However, for purposes of withdrawals of the RMD Wealth Guard amount under the RMD Wealth Guard benefit, the age remains 70½.

² Earnings are taxable as ordinary income when distributed and may be subject to a 10% additional federal tax if withdrawn before age 59½.

³ Transfers from the Protected Benefit Account to the Investment Account are not permitted.

RMD Wealth Guard Death Benefit — A way to take the income required by the IRS without reducing your death benefit

Meet Carl



- Nearing retirement
- Married with two kids
- Looking to grow his qualified retirement assets to pass on to his beneficiaries
- In a few years, he will begin to take his RMDs¹

Career and retirement goals:

Carl is looking to grow his assets to pass on to his beneficiaries. In retirement, he will begin taking RMDs. By electing the RMD Wealth Guard GMDB, he is able to take withdrawals without reducing his legacy.

This fictional and hypothetical illustration is intended only to show how the performance of the underlying investment accounts could affect Retirement Cornerstone®'s account value and contractual benefits, and is not intended to predict or project investment results.



Resets



RMDs

Restrictions apply. Refer to the prospectus for details. Under IRA rules, RMDs for any year are based on the prior year's account value, adjusted for certain guaranteed benefits, such as RMD Wealth Guard GMDb. Each year this adjusted value is divided by a life expectancy factor from IRS tables. In the event that tax reform measures change those RMD requirements, unless we agree otherwise, we will not allow your RMD Wealth Guard withdrawal amount to be greater than the RMD Wealth Guard withdrawal amount calculated using the IRS RMD rules that were in effect on December 31, 2019.

RMD Wealth Guard — How Carl can preserve his legacy while taking RMDs

1 Contribute

Carl rolls over a portion of his 401(k) into the Protected Benefit Account.

2 Grow

Carl's future death benefit amount could increase with market growth, which gets locked in by annual resets. Since his funds are allocated to the Protected Benefit Account, Carl's initial benefit base would still be preserved even if the market was down.

3 RMDs begin and the Death Benefit Base is locked in

When Carl begins taking RMDs, his death benefit base for his beneficiaries is locked in.

4 Wealth transfer

- When Carl passes away, he will have taken RMDs according to the required withdrawal percentage, which increases annually.

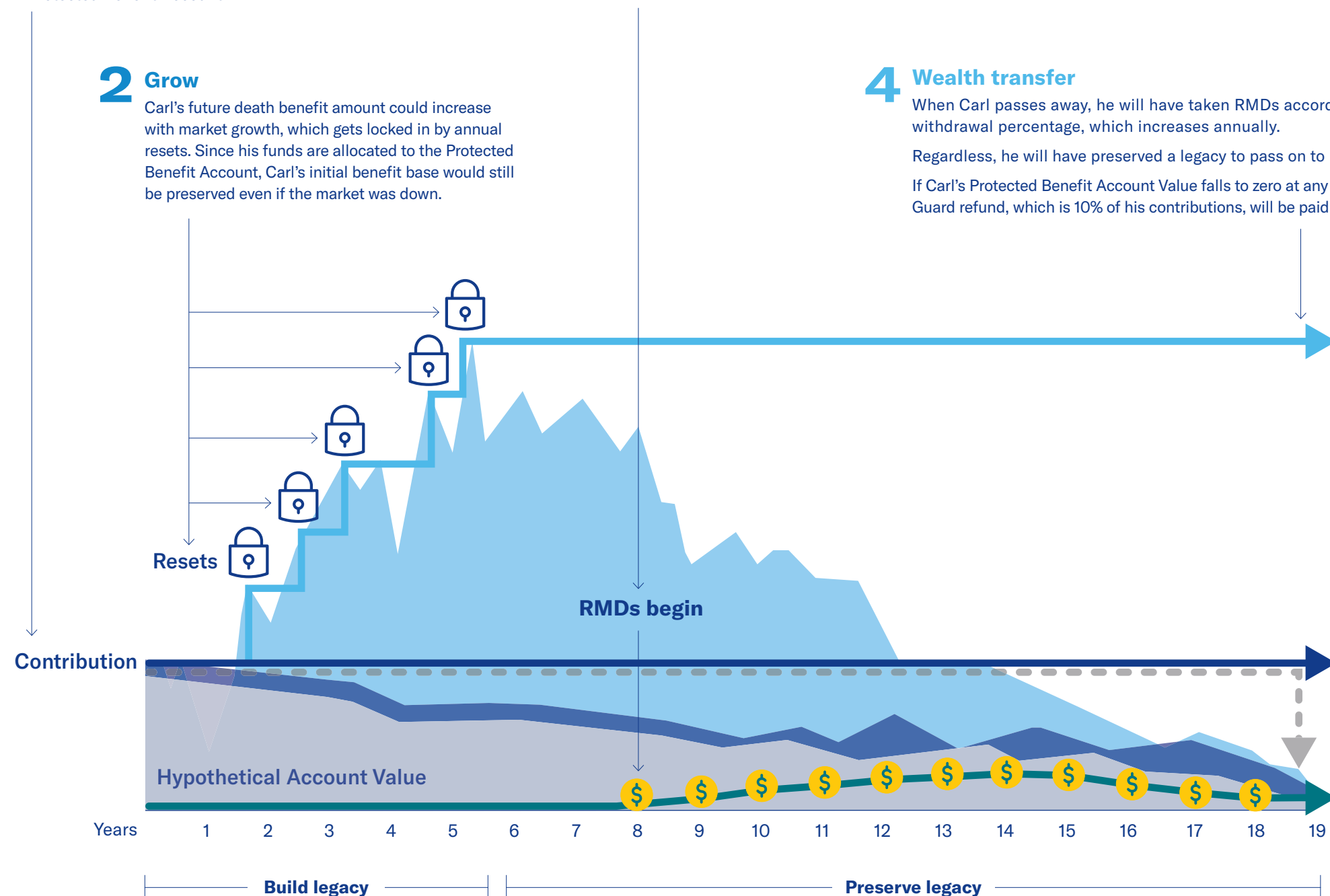
Regardless, he will have preserved a legacy to pass on to his beneficiaries.

If Carl's Protected Benefit Account Value falls to zero at any time, the RMD Wealth Guard refund, which is 10% of his contributions, will be paid to him in a lump sum.

If the market goes up,
Carl's death benefit
base will lock in the
market growth.

If there are no market resets or the market goes down, Carl's beneficiaries will still receive the initial contribution as the minimum death benefit.

If Carl's account value falls to zero, the RMD Wealth Guard refund will be paid in a lump sum.



Frequently asked questions

What you need to know about the RMD Wealth Guard Guaranteed Minimum Death Benefit (GMDB).

1 How can RMD Wealth Guard be purchased?

This optional Death Benefit is available with the Retirement Cornerstone® variable annuity in the traditional IRA, SEP IRA or defined contribution plan markets.

The RMD Wealth Guard Death Benefit is not available in New York and may not be elected in conjunction with a Guaranteed Minimum Income Benefit. There are other death benefits available through Retirement Cornerstone®, one of which, the Return of Principal Death Benefit, is available without an additional fee.

2 When can RMD Wealth Guard be purchased? Ages 20–73 (up to one day before 74th birthday):

For issue ages 20–64, contributions to the Protected Benefit Account are allowed through age 64 or the first contract anniversary date, if later. If you choose to allocate your contributions to the Investment Account, you have through age 73 to transfer funds into the Protected Benefit Account to fund the RMD Wealth Guard, excluding contributions made from ages 65–73 (except for contributions within the first contract year). For contract issue ages 65–73, contributions are allowed through age 73 or 90 days into the Protected Benefit Account through age 73, or until 90 days after the contract is issued if later. You do not pay for the benefit until you fund it.

3 How long can annual resets be received?

Annual resets (where your RMD Wealth Guard Benefit Base steps up to equal the higher Protected Benefit Account Value on a contract anniversary) can happen until the earlier of when RMDs begin or age 85 is reached.

4 When can I begin taking RMD withdrawals?

You can begin withdrawals in accordance with your RMD age, which is determined by the IRS, after the first contract anniversary.

5 How do withdrawals affect the RMD Wealth Guard Death Benefit?

After the first contract anniversary, withdrawals can be made starting in the calendar year in which an investor turns age 70½, up to the annual RMD Wealth Guard amount (as defined in the prospectus) without reducing their RMD Wealth Guard Death Benefit. However, such withdrawals will reduce the account value.¹ Withdrawals taken before age 70½ or in excess of this RMD Wealth Guard withdrawal amount will reduce your RMD Wealth Guard Death Benefit Base on a pro rata (proportionate) basis. Additionally, applicable withdrawal charges will be waived for any RMD Wealth Guard withdrawal amount that does not reduce the RMD Wealth Guard Death Benefit Base.

6 What happens if a combination of poor market performance and RMD withdrawals cause the account value to go to zero before death?

The RMD Wealth Guard offers a refund feature if the account value depletes before death. Ten percent of the contributions and transfers to the Protected Benefit Account adjusted for excess withdrawals will be paid in a lump sum.

7 Can RMDs be taken automatically?

Yes, a service can be elected that will schedule monthly, quarterly or annual distributions of your annual RMD amount. The RMD Wealth Guard withdrawal service distributes payments up to the RMD amount from the Protected Benefit Account. If an investor chooses to allocate amounts to the Investment Account, the withdrawal service will also make distributions from that account to ensure that the IRS required amount is met.

8 How much does RMD Wealth Guard cost?

Cost: For issue ages 20–64, 0.60% (maximum 1.20%) of the Death Benefit Base is deducted from the Protected Benefit Account Value on each contract anniversary. For issue ages 65–73, 1.25% (maximum 2.0%) is deducted.

We have the discretion to change the current fee after the first 2 contract years; however, it will never exceed the maximum fee. There is a minimum of 30 days' notice before the fee change will apply and in which the decision may be made to opt out of the benefit.

Additional riders do not need to be purchased to elect this benefit.

Available up to the day before your 74th birthday.

A deferred variable annuity, such as Retirement Cornerstone®, is a long-term financial product designed for retirement purposes. It is a contractual agreement in which payment(s) are made to an insurance company, which agrees to pay out an income or lump-sum amount at a later date. Guarantees are based on the claims-paying ability of the issuing life insurance company.

Withdrawals from an annuity contract are taxable as ordinary income and, if made prior to age 59½, may be subject to an additional 10% federal tax. Withdrawals may also be subject to withdrawal charges.

Amounts invested in an annuity's portfolios are subject to fluctuation in value and market risk, including loss of principal. There are fees and charges associated with a variable annuity contract, which include, but are not limited to, operations charges, sales and withdrawal charges, administrative fees and additional charges for optional benefits. See the prospectus for complete details.

The contingent withdrawal charge declines from 7% over a 7-year period for the Series B product. During the first 7 years following the contributions, a charge applies to withdrawals as a percentage of contributions as follows: 7/7/6/6/5/3/1/0. Please see the prospectus for the withdrawal charge scale for other annuities in the Retirement Cornerstone® Series. This brochure is not a complete description of all material provisions of the variable annuity contract. This brochure must be preceded or accompanied by a current Retirement Cornerstone® Series prospectus and any applicable supplements. The prospectus contains more complete information, including investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, limitations and restrictions. Please read the prospectus and any applicable supplements and consider this information carefully before purchasing a contract. There are certain contract limitations and restrictions associated with the Retirement Cornerstone® contract, which include, but are not limited to, a contract fee and additional charges for optional benefits. In addition, the underlying investment portfolios charge management fees and have other expenses.

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We may discontinue contributions and transfers among investment options or make other changes in contribution and transfer requirements and limitations. If we discontinue contributions and transfers into the Protected Benefit Account, you will no longer be able to fund your guaranteed benefits.

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