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Inheritance Enhancer

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The Inheritance Enhancer℠, a guaranteed death benefit rider from Great American Life Insurance Company®, features:

- ★ Guaranteed growth of your death benefit base
- ★ A death benefit to help build a legacy for your heirs
- ★ Death benefit payment options for your beneficiaries

Adding the Inheritance Enhancer rider

When you choose to add the Inheritance Enhancer to your fixed-indexed annuity, there are two amounts to keep in mind to understand how the rider works: the account value and the rider death benefit base.

Account value–We use this value to calculate the amount that is payable upon surrender, annuitization or death. The account value equals the value of your fixed-indexed annuity, which includes purchase payments plus interest at rates determined by your strategy selections.

Death benefit base–This is the amount on which your rider death benefit will be based. We calculate the rider death benefit by taking the account value and increasing it by a percentage of the difference between the death benefit base under the rider and the account value.

! *The rider's death benefit amount will **never** be less than the death benefit otherwise payable under your annuity contract.*

Guaranteed growth for your legacy

With the Inheritance Enhancer rider, your death benefit base is guaranteed to grow. This amount can increase two ways: through rollup credits and resets.

Rollup credits–During the 10-year rollup period, your death benefit base accumulates rollup credits. Here's how it works: At the end of each year during the rollup period, your death benefit base will increase by 7% of all of the purchase payments that we receive from you in the first contract year, including any applicable purchase payment bonuses.

Please note: The rollup amount for a purchase payment received after the start of the first contract year will be prorated. Rollup amounts are subject to the limitations set out in the rider.

Resets–You also have the opportunity to reset your death benefit base to the account value, if it is greater. You may do this on any contract anniversary. If you choose to reset this amount, a new 10-year rollup period will begin and the rider charge may increase.

! *If you take a withdrawal that **exceeds** your fixed-indexed annuity contract's free withdrawal allowance, your death benefit base will stop accumulating rollup credits. Additionally, rollup credits cannot increase the death benefit base to more than the rollup cap.*

See the back page of this brochure for information about the rollup cap and how the annuity commencement date impacts this rider.

About the "Insured"

The "Insured" is the principal person whose death may cause the death benefit to be payable under the rider. The name of the "Insured" is set out on the rider specifications page. Generally, the "Insured" is the owner of the contract. If there are joint owners, the "Insured" is the owner you designate.

What happens at death

If the "Insured" dies…

If the "Insured" dies **before** the fifth contract anniversary and before the contract is annuitized or surrendered:

- ★ If there is no successor owner, then the rider terminates and only the base contract death benefit is payable. Additionally, all rider charges will be refunded.
- ★ If there is a successor owner, then the rider continues and the successor owner will be the "Insured" for purposes of the rider death benefit.

If the "Insured" dies **on or after** the fifth contract anniversary, but before the contract is annuitized or surrendered:

- ★ If there is no successor owner, then the rider death benefit is payable.
- ★ If there is a successor owner, then the rider continues and the successor owner will be the "Insured" for purposes of the rider death benefit. The rider death benefit will not be payable until the death of the successor owner.

If the "Non-Insured" joint owner dies…

- ★ If the "Non-Insured" joint owner dies and the "Insured" elects to become the successor owner and continue the base contract, then the rider continues with the existing "Insured."

Continued–In that case, no rider death benefit or refund of charges will be paid on account of the death of the "Non-Insured" joint owner.

- If the "Non-Insured" joint owner dies at any time before the contract is annuitized or surrendered and the "Insured" does not elect to become the successor owner, then the rider terminates and only the base contract death benefit is payable. No rider death benefit will be paid but all rider charges will be refunded.

How the rider death benefit works

With this rider, you can leave a legacy by providing your beneficiaries with a guaranteed death benefit.

Here's how it works: After the fifth contract anniversary, the death benefit under this rider is available and may replace the death benefit under your annuity contract. At the time of settlement, your beneficiaries have the flexibility of choosing between two death benefit payment options:

Lump sum–Your heirs may receive the death benefit amount as a one-time payment. This amount is the average of the account value and death benefit base at the time of death.

To calculate this amount, we:

- Subtract the account value from the death benefit base;
- Multiply this amount by 50%; and
- Add it to the account value.

For example, let's say your account value is $150,000 and your death benefit base is $200,000. Your beneficiaries would receive the account value plus $25,000 ($50,000 x 0.50), making the lump sum death benefit $175,000.

Annuitization–Your beneficiaries may also choose to take the death benefit as an annuitization. With this option, the death benefit must be taken as payments for life or over a fixed period of at least five years. Five beginning of period equal annual payments will satisfy this requirement.

To determine the death benefit, we use the entire difference (100%) between the account value and the death benefit base.

In our example, the death benefit under this payment option would be $200,000. This amount would be annuitized at the guaranteed settlement option rate (1%) in your base contract over the selected period of time. Your beneficiaries may receive payments on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis.

Learn from Joe

To understand how the Inheritance Enhancer rider can provide a legacy for your heirs, consider Joe in the hypothetical example below.

About Joe:

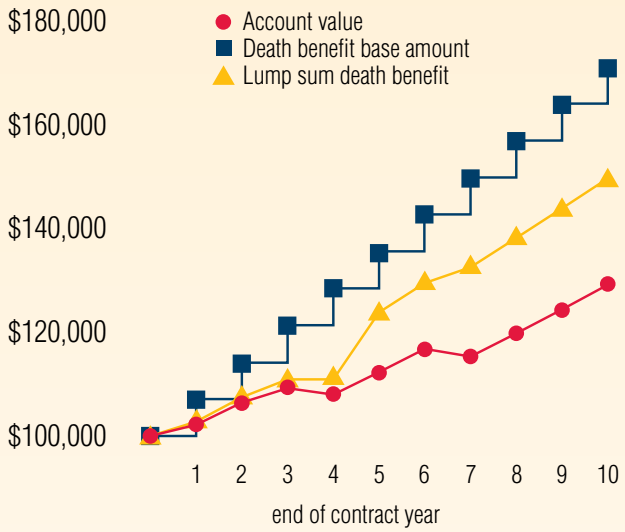
- He is 62 years old and retired.
- He uses income from Social Security and personal savings to cover his costs.
- He wants to protect and grow his assets, while leaving a legacy for his family.

Finding a solution

After researching options with his financial professional, Joe decides to purchase a fixed-indexed annuity with a $100,000 purchase payment and add the Inheritance Enhancer rider. Here's how Joe leaves a legacy with this rider:

Step 1: Joe's death benefit base grows

Rollup credits are applied to the death benefit base during the 10-year rollup period. At the end of this period, Joe's death benefit base has grown to **$170,000** because he did not take any withdrawals.



Example assumes no withdrawals are taken, and a 7% simple interest rollup credit. Account values do not reflect actual market performance. For the lump sum death benefit, this graph shows the contract death benefit before the end of contract year five. It shows the rider death benefit as a lump sum after the end of contract year five.

Step 2: Joe leaves a legacy for his family

When Joe purchased the rider, he designated his daughter, Lisa, as the beneficiary. After a number of years, Joe dies. At the time of death, his account value is **$128,189** and his death benefit base is **$170,000**.

Step 3: Joe's daughter receives income

Lisa has the option of receiving the rider death benefit as a lump sum or as an annuitization. If she takes a lump sum, she'll receive a one-time payment of **$149,094**. If she annuitizes it over a fixed period of five years and requests annual payments, we'll use $170,000 to calculate the payments and she'll receive **$34,679** each year for five years (for a total of **$173,395**).

Inheritance Enhancer details	
Issue ages	You may purchase the rider with your Great American Life® fixed-indexed annuity contract if you are between the ages of 50–85. The rider must be added at the time of issue of the fixed-indexed annuity.
Impact of withdrawals	Your death benefit base will accumulate rollup credits as long as your withdrawal(s) does not exceed the free withdrawal allowance or required minimum distribution. Your death benefit base will be reduced for withdrawals taken. This rider uses a proportionality concept. If you take a withdrawal (other than to pay rider charges), the death benefit base will be reduced by the same percentage that you withdraw from your annuity's account value. Withdrawals greater than the free withdrawal amount or the required minimum distribution will stop rollup credits and may be subject to early withdrawal charges. If you take a withdrawal that does not exceed the greater of the 10% free withdrawal allowance or the required minimum distribution, your rollup credit will be reduced dollar for dollar for that year. Rollup credits will continue to accumulate thereafter until the end of the rollup period.
Impact of annuity commencement date	Your rider will terminate and all rights under it will end if you annuitize your annuity. Your annuity generally requires that you annuitize your annuity no later than the contract anniversary following the date you or a joint owner reaches age 95. This means that no rider death benefit will be available if the "Insured" dies after the required annuitization date. In this case, we will refund 50% of all rider charges if your contract is annuitized for life or over a fixed period of at least five years. This refund may not be available in all states.
Rollup cap	The rollup cap equals 250% of the rollup base. The rollup base is generally the sum of all of the purchase payments you make in the first contract year, including any applicable purchase payment bonuses. However, if you take a withdrawal that exceeds your fixed-indexed annuity contract's free withdrawal allowance or required minimum distribution, then your rollup base for any future rollups will be reduced to the account value of your annuity immediately after the withdrawal, if lower.
Rider charge	An annual rider charge of 0.95% will be taken at the end of each contract year. The charge is based on your death benefit base and is deducted from your account value. If you surrender the contract or terminate the rider, the rider charge will be prorated. The rider charge may also increase upon a reset, a withdrawal that is more than your annuity's free withdrawal allowance or a required minimum distribution, or a permitted transfer of your contract. Please contact your financial professional for additional information about the rider charge. **A refund of all rider charges will be given if we pay a death benefit under the base contract because the "Insured" dies during the first five years or because the "Non-Insured" joint owner dies at any time.**
Rider cancellation	You may decline or cancel the rider at any time by written request. See your rider for more details.
Terms used in your rider contract	★ Death benefit base is referred to as *benefit base amount* in the rider. ★ Rollup credits are referred to as *rollup amounts* in the rider.

Frequently Asked Questions

Can multiple beneficiaries select different rider death benefit options?
Yes, beneficiaries may choose to take either a lump sum or an annuitization. For example, at the time of death, one beneficiary can choose the lump sum option, while another can select an annuitization.

Can the owner or joint owner restrict the rider death benefit payment option?
Yes, the owner or joint owner may restrict the payment option by completing the Beneficiary Designation and Restricted Death Benefit Election form.

Is this rider available with inherited IRAs?
No, because the required distributions adversely affect the rider death benefit.

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