

NATIONAL GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

SUMMARY

COVERAGE, LIMITATIONS AND EXCLUSIONS UNDER

RHODE ISLAND LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION ACT
("Act")

A resident of Rhode Island who purchases life insurance, annuities, or accident and health insurance should know that an insurance company licensed in Rhode Island to write these types of insurance is a member of the Rhode Island Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association ("Association"). The purpose of the Association is to assure that a policyholder will be protected within the statutory limits, if a member insurer becomes financially unable to meet its obligations. If this should happen, the Association will, within the statutory limits, pay the claims of insured persons who live in this state, and, in some cases, keep coverage in force. However, the protection provided through the Association is not unlimited. This protection is not a substitute for your care in selecting a company that is well managed and financially stable.

IMPORTANT DISCLAIMER

RHODE ISLAND LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION
235 PROMENADE STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02908
TEL (401) 273-2921

The Association may not provide coverage for this policy. If coverage is provided, it may be subject to substantial limitations or exclusions, and require continued residency in Rhode Island. You should not rely on coverage by the Association in selecting an insurance company or an insurance policy.

Coverage is NOT provided for your policy or any portion of it that is not guaranteed by the insurer or for which you have assumed the risk, such as a variable contract sold by prospectus or self-funded plans.

Insurance companies or their agents are required by law to give or send you this summary. However, they are prohibited by law from using the existence of the Association to induce you to purchase any kind of insurance policy. Should you seek information as to the financial condition of any insurer or should you have any complaint as to an insurer's violation of the Act, you may contact the Division of Insurance at the address listed below.

RHODE ISLAND LIFE DIVISION OF INSURANCE
222 RICHMOND STREET, PROVIDENCE, RI 02903
TEL (401) 222-2223

The full text of the state law that provides for this safety net coverage, Rhode Island Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association Act, (“the Act”), can be found beginning at R.I. Gen. Laws §27-34.3-1. A brief summary of the Act is provided below. This summary does not cover all provisions of the law, nor does it in any way change your rights or obligations or those of the Association under the Act.

COVERAGE: Generally, individuals will be protected by the Association if the individual lives in Rhode Island and: Holds a life or health insurance contract or annuity contract; or is insured under a group insurance contract issued by a member insurer. The beneficiaries, payees, or assignees of insured persons are protected as well, even if they live elsewhere.

EXCLUSIONS FROM COVERAGE: The Association does **NOT** protect a person holding a policy if:

- the individual is eligible for protection under a similar law of another state;
- the insurer was not authorized to do business in this state;
- the policy is issued by an organization that is not a member of the Association;
- the policy was issued by a nonprofit hospital or medical service organization (such as, the “Blues”), an HMO, a fraternal benefit society, a mandatory state pooling plan, a mutual assessment company or similar plan in which the policyholder is subject to future assessments or by an insurance exchange.

The Association does not provide coverage for:

- a policy or portion of a policy not guaranteed by the insurer or for which the individual has assumed the risk, such as variable contract sold by prospectus; a policy of reinsurance (unless an assumption certificate was issued);
- interest rate yields that exceed a rate specified by statute;
- dividends;
- credits given in connection with the administration of a policy by a group contract holder;
- an employer’s plan to the extent that it is self-funded (that is, not insured by an insurance company, even if an insurance company administers the plan);
- an unallocated annuity contract issued to an employee benefit plan protected under the United States Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation;

- the part of an unallocated annuity contract not issued to a specific employee, union, association of natural persons benefit plan, or a government lottery;
- certain contracts which establish benefits by reference to a portfolio of assets not owned by the insurer;
- any portion of a policy or contract to the extent that the required assessments are preempted by federal or state law;
- an obligation that does not arise under the express written terms of the policy or contract issued by the insurer.

LIMITATIONS ON COVERAGE: The Act limits the amount the Association is obligated to pay. The Association cannot pay more than what the insurer would have owned under a policy or contract. Also, for any one insured life, no matter how many policies or contracts were in force with the same insurer, the Association will pay no more than:

- \$300,000 in net life insurance death benefits and no more than \$100,000 in net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values for life insurance;
- \$100,000 for health insurance benefits, coverages not defined as disability, basic hospital, medical, and surgical, or major medical insurance, including any net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values;
- \$300,000 for disability insurance;
- \$500,000 for basic hospital, medical and surgical or major medical insurance;
- \$100,000 in the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal value;
- \$100,000 in present value per payee with respect to a structured settlement annuity benefits, in the aggregate, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values;
- \$100,000 in the aggregate, of the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values, with respect to an individual participating in a governmental retirement plan established under 26 U.S.C. §§401, 403(b), or 457 and covered by an unallocated annuity contract, or to a beneficiary of the individual if the individual is deceased;
- \$5,000,000 in unallocated annuity contract benefits, irrespective of the number of contracts with respect to the contract owner or plan sponsor whose plan owns, directly or in trust, one or more unallocated annuity contracts.

Note to benefit plan trustees or other holders of unallocated annuities (GICs, DACs, etc.) covered by the Act: for unallocated annuities that fund governmental retirement plans under sections 401(k), 403(b), or 457 of the Internal Revenue Code, the limit is \$100,000 in present value of annuity benefits including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal per participating individual. In no event shall the Association be liable to spend more than \$300,000 in the aggregate per individual except hospital insurance up to \$500,000 per individual. For covered unallocated annuities that fund other plans, a special limit of \$5,000,000 applies to each contract holder, regardless of the number of contracts held with the same company or number of persons covered. In all cases, the contract limits also apply.

These general statements as to Limitations on Coverage are only summaries of the law. The actual limitations are set forth in R.I. Gen. Laws §27-34.3-3.

This information is provided by: The Association and by the Division of Insurance, whose respective addresses are provided in the Important Disclaimer, above.