

Lifetime Income and Legacy Benefits



EstateShield 9 Enhanced Death Benefit Rider Options

Fixed Index Annuity
For use in California only



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Benefits Account Value and Enhanced Death Benefits

As life changes, so do income needs. We don't always know what those changes will be, so it's important that our retirement income options can keep pace with life's changes. The EstateShield 9 offers multiple ways to optimize your income for a lifetime of changes and the changing lives you leave behind:



Guaranteed Lifelong Income

No Fee Lifetime Income Benefit Rider



Potential for Increasing Income

Income payments have potential to increase after Lifetime Income Payments begin



Ensure Beneficiary Benefit Options

No fee enhanced death benefits

EstateShield 9 Basics

The EstateShield 9 fixed index annuity is a retirement income product with a 9-year surrender charge period. It is designed to protect hard-earned dollars, while offering long-term growth potential for income later and legacy benefits.

As an insurance product, the money is not directly invested in an index or stock and protected from market volatility. There is ongoing growth potential and index-linked crediting strategies with interest earning opportunities. Plus, a built-in Lifetime Income Benefit Rider which offers guaranteed lifetime income.

Benefits Account Value: Accumulation and Income

The money used to purchase an EstateShield 9 is not invested in the markets and establishes your initial contract value bonus. Any money placed in the contract in the first year, receives a benefits account value bonus. This bonus is credited to a featured called the Benefits Account Value (BAV). Over time, the contract value and BAV grow together, with the BAV increasing at an accelerated rate based on EstateShield 9 benefits like the BAV bonus and enhanced crediting rates with the BAV Multiplier. The BAV amount is only used to calculate lifetime income payments and/or enhanced death benefits. It cannot be withdrawn as a lump sum.

Enhanced Death Benefits

The BAV is an important value for understanding the enhanced death benefit options available with the EstateShield 9. The annuity includes a base death benefit where named beneficiaries have immediate access to the contract value at the date of death. Or, the enhanced death benefit is available at no fee and allows beneficiaries to receive income payouts from the BAV, and they have two choices for how that income is received.

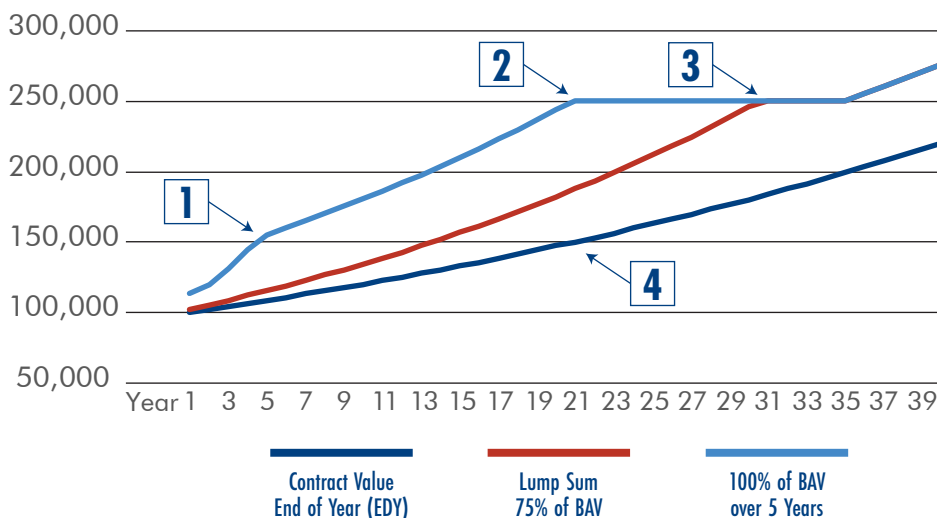
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	Enhanced Death Benefit Options	
Base Death Benefit	Lump Sum	Multiple Payments
100% Contract Value Paid in lump sum	75% BAV amount Paid in lump sum	100% BAV amount Paid in equal payments over five years
Does not include BAV bonus or enhanced interest credits	Includes BAV bonus and enhanced interest rate credits	Includes BAV bonus and enhanced interest rate credits
	Limited to the greater of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 125% of the surrender value provided under the base contract, and • Premiums received accumulated at 10% annual effective rate, but not exceeding 250% of all premiums received (minus any withdrawals including withdrawal charges) 	

Benefits Account Value and Enhanced Death Benefits

To demonstrate the potential advantages of the BAV for income and enhanced death benefits, let's look at a hypothetical EstateShield 9 FIA with an initial premium of \$100,000, receiving a 35% BAV Bonus and 150% BAV Multiplier applied to hypothetical annual interest credit of 2% in a 40 year period, without taking any withdrawals. As you can see, the chart below shows the increased growth potential of the BAV in that time period and the enhanced death benefit options that would be available at the date of death after 40 years.



1. If the multiple payment enhanced death benefit option were chosen, 100% of the BAV is available after year 5.
2. Multiple payment enhanced death benefit option for 100% of BAV over 5 years is capped at \$250,000.
3. Lump sum enhanced death benefit for 75% of BAV is capped at \$250,000.
4. Ongoing growth of Contract Value and BAV.

This hypothetical example is shown for illustrative purposes only and is not guaranteed. Actual results will vary and potential interest earned will fluctuate each year.

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Excellence

Our dedication to going above and beyond in every facet of our business has established us as a top-tier fixed index annuity provider.

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Our products assurance for contract owners so that they can trust their principal is protected and their income is guaranteed for life.

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The enhanced death benefit is limited to the greater of: 125% of the surrender value provided under the base contract; and premiums received (minus any withdrawals including withdrawal charges) accumulated at 10% annual effective rate; not to exceed 250% of all premiums received (minus any withdrawals including withdrawal charges). Additional payment option details can be found in the contract. | Annuities and Rider issued under form series CA21 BASE-IDX-MSP, 21 MSP-9, 20 E-MPTP-C, 20 E-PTP-C, 20 E-PTP-PR, CA19 R-MVA-9, and 21 R-LIBR-BAV. | Benefits Account Value is only used to calculate income payments and/or the enhanced death benefit amount. It is not part of the underlying Contract Value and is not available for partial withdrawal or in a lump sum. Income payments may begin 10 years after contract issue.

This is not a comprehensive overview of all the relevant features and benefits of the EstateShield 9 fixed index annuity. This advertisement presents specific examples of the income and death benefit options available and how they work. Please read the sales brochure and disclosure for complete details and limitations.

Any withdrawal from the contract value during the income period in excess of the income payment is considered an excess withdrawal and will reduce future income payment amount and the BAV on a pro-rata basis. Guarantees are based on the financial strength and claims paying ability of American Equity and are not guaranteed by any bank or insured by the FDIC.

Possible interest credits for money allocated to an index-linked crediting strategy are based upon performance of the specific index; however, fixed index annuities are not an investment, but an insurance product, and do not directly invest in the stock market or the index itself.

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