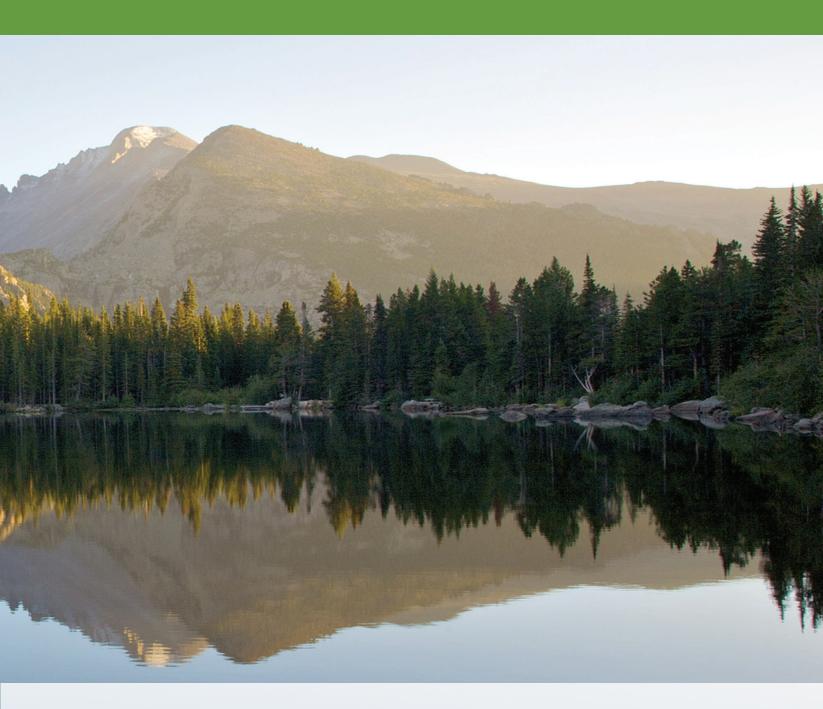
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ProOption Multi-Year Guaranteed Annuity is a single premium deferred annuity that offers multiple guarantee periods to align with your specific needs. The interest rates at the time of premium payment are guaranteed for the entire guarantee period. The ProOption return of premium feature offers you your original premium value, less the sum of early withdrawals, should you decide to surrender your annuity at any time.

Whether you are retired now, retiring soon, or retiring years from now, ProOption Multi-Year Guaranteed Annuity is particularly well-suited for growing your retirement savings and will help secure your personal financial future.

# **ProOption Multi-Year Guaranteed Annuity Details**

#### **Accumulation Phase**

The Accumulation Phase is the period when the annuity's interest grows on a tax-deferred basis. This is the period when Tax Deferral is most valuable; growing as time passes and compounding becomes a powerful ally.

#### **Payout Phase**

The Payout Phase is the period during which money is regularly dispersed from the Annuity, usually in the form of monthly, quarterly, semi-annual, or annual payments.









# Penalty-Free Withdrawals

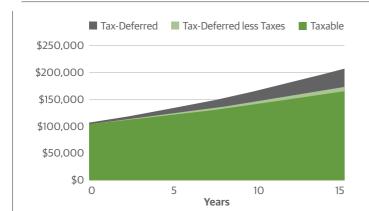
ProOption Multi-Year Guaranteed Annuity provides a single penalty-free withdrawal each year beginning in the second year of the contract. The maximum free withdrawal amount will be 10% of your account value on the previous contract anniversary. A penalty-free withdrawal waives any surrender charges or market value adjustment on the withdrawn amount.

# May Avoid Probate

By naming a beneficiary (other than your estate), your deferred annuity will be paid directly to the beneficiary, therefore avoiding inclusion in a probated estate. This benefit may minimize the delays, expenses and publicity often associated with probate. Your designated beneficiary receives death proceeds in either a lump sum or a series of income payments.

# Lifetime Income

An important feature of annuity contracts is the ability to have an income that you cannot outlive. Guggenheim Life can provide you with a guaranteed income stream with the purchase of your tax-deferred annuity, through the ability to annuitize, which turns the deferred account into a scheduled stream of income payments. If this feature can meet your future income needs, you will have the ability to choose from several different annuity payout options.



# **Nursing Home Care Rider**

Should the need arise, ProOption will provide full liquidity to assist with nursing home care expenses subject to the rider provisions which are: contract purchased prior to age 76 and confinement to a nursing home for 90 continuous days. The Nursing Home Care Rider is not available in Massachusetts.<sup>1</sup>

# **Terminal Illness Rider**

If the owner of the contract is diagnosed with a critical illness (heart attack, stroke or life threatening cancer) or is deemed terminally ill by a physician, ProOption will provide full liquidity to assist with the additional expenses that may arise. Eligibility is subject to rider provisions which are: Terminal illness; physician must certify that the owner's life expectancy is nine months or less; for one of the critical illness conditions to take effect, the contract must have been purchased prior to the owner's age 70.<sup>1</sup>

# **Benefits of Tax-Deferred Growth**

Tax-deferred growth allows your money to grow faster because you earn interest in dollars that would otherwise be immediately taxable. Your premium earns interest, the interest compounds within the contract and the money you would have paid in taxes earns interest. Income taxes are deferred until funds are withdrawn from the contract.

#### The Benefits of Tax-Deferral\*

Paying taxes on investments each year will reduce the amount of funds available for growth and compounding. With a tax-deferred investment, your earnings will accumulate on both your principal and interest which results in greater accumulation over time.

\* Chart is a hypothetical illustration of tax deferral and assumes an initial premium of \$100,000 earning 5.00% compounded annual interest rate for each Guarantee Period on an annuity that renewed for three consecutive 5 year guarantee periods totaling 15 years. For other Guarantee Period combinations, surrender charges may apply using this same hypothetical 15 year period. Not intended to predict or project performance. Tax-deferred value less taxes represents the increase in value due to tax-deferral, less taxes at an assumed rate of 33%, with no surrender charge or Market Value Adjustment applied. Precise measurement of tax benefit will depend upon each owner's individual circumstance.

(1) To meet the criteria for either the Nursing Home Care Rider or the Terminal Illness Rider, the contract must have been in force for a minimum of one year. There is no charge or fee associated with either rider and availability may vary by state of issue. If any of these situations occur, a partial or full withdrawal will be available with no surrender charge or market value adjustment.



#### **Death Benefit**

Prior to annuitization, if an owner dies, the named beneficiary(ies) will be paid a death benefit at the owner's death that is equal to the account value. The death benefit will receive interest at a rate required by the state in which the beneficiary resides between the time Guggenheim Life and Annuity Company receives proof of death and the death benefit is distributed. Alternatively, if the contract is continued by a surviving spouse who is named as the primary sole beneficiary of the contract, the account value will continue according to the terms of the contract.

#### Market Value Adjustment

Any amounts that are assessed a surrender charge will also be subject to a Market Value Adjustment ("MVA"), which may increase or decrease the account value. The MVA generally increases the contract withdrawal value when interest rates fall, and decreases the contract withdrawal value when interest rates rise. The MVA is not applied a) at the end of a guarantee period, b) to free withdrawals, c) to the death benefit at Death of the Owner, d) to any settlement option after the 5th contract year with the payments being made over at least 5 years, or e) in an amount that would violate the Return of Premium Guarantee. The MVA is not applicable in Delaware.

#### **Annuitization Options**

Your contract may be annuitized or put into a payout status at any time, under any annuitization option we offer; some are described in your contract. Your contract contains several annuitization options. Surrender charges and any applicable MVA may be applied when calculating your payout. You may choose whether the payout is based on the life or lives of the annuitant or joint annuitants, or for a certain period. Please Note: The Return of Premium Guarantee does not apply after annuitization. If a life contingent option is chosen, and the annuitant dies soon thereafter, the beneficiary may not receive the full amount of premium back. If this is a concern, Guggenheim Life and Annuity Company suggests adding a certain period to the annuitization option.

#### **Surrender Charges**

(All periods shown below may not be offered at all times.) Surrender Charges are applied at the time of withdrawal or surrender of the contract. They are not applied a) at the end of a guarantee period, b) to free withdrawals, c) to the death benefit for Death of the Owner, d) to any settlement option after the 5th contract year with the payments being made over at least 5 years, or e) in an amount that would violate the Return of Premium Guarantee.

#### **Surrender Charges**

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
5-Year Guarantee Period Option	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%					
7-Year Guarantee Period Option	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%			
10-Year Guarantee Period Option	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	.75%

At Guggenheim Life and Annuity Company, we are dedicated to serving the needs and financial goals of our customers.



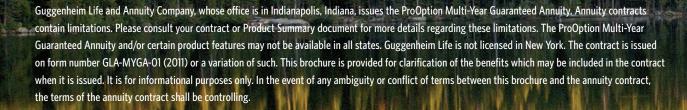
#### **Return of Premium Guarantee**

This guarantee provides that the total amount you receive in withdrawals, surrenders, or death benefits will never be less than the amount of premium paid. This applies during the deferral period of the contract. For the purpose of the Return of Premium Guarantee, withdrawals of any kind, including interest withdrawals, are considered return of your premium and will reduce the remaining amount of premium in your contract. Surrender Charges and the Market Value Adjustment cannot reduce the Surrender Value below this guaranteed amount. There is no additional charge for this benefit. [Please Note: IRS regulations require us to report distributions as earnings to the extent they exceed the cost basis. This differs from our calculation of the Return of Premium Guarantee.]

#### **Renewal Feature**

At the end of each guarantee period, you will have the option to elect to renew your annuity for another guaranteed interest rate period. Depending on your circumstances and financial goals at that time, this convenient option assures you of a current, competitive interest rate and an easy transition to a new guarantee period. Renewal rates for subsequent guarantee periods will be based on current, competitive interest rates and financial circumstances, and may differ from the initial guaranteed interest rate. The renewal feature is not available in Delaware.

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