# PRUDENTIAL DEFINED INCOME ("PDI") VARIABLE ANNUITY

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Supplement dated January 15, 2018 To Prospectuses dated May 1, 2017

This Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement (this "Supplement") should be read and retained with the prospectus for the PDI Variable Annuity. If you would like another copy of the current prospectus, please call us at 1-888-PRU-2888.

We are issuing this Supplement to provide the Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages that we are currently offering. This Supplement replaces and supersedes any previously issued Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement(s), and must be used in conjunction with an effective PDI Prospectus. We also modify your Annuity Prospectus as it relates to the filing of Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplements as follows: "The Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages that are used to determine the Guaranteed Income Amount are disclosed in a prospectus supplement that is filed monthly."

# The rates below apply for applications signed between <u>January 15, 2018</u> and <u>February 14, 2018</u>.

The Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages may be different than those listed below for applicable paperwork signed on or after <u>February 15, 2018</u>. Please visit <u>www.PrudentialAnnuities.com/investor/prospectuses</u> or work with your Financial Professional to confirm the most current Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages.

# **Income Growth Rate:**

# 5.00%

# **Income Percentages**

The applicable guaranteed Income Percentage is based on the attained age of the Annuitant (youngest Designated Life for Spousal) as of the date the purchase payment(s) is received in Good Order, according to the following tables listed below:

Age	Single	Spousal
	Percentage	Percentage
45	3.60%	3.10%
46	3.75%	3.25%
47	3.85%	3.35%
48	4.00%	3.50%
49	4.15%	3.65%
50	4.20%	3.70%
51	4.30%	3.80%
52	4.40%	3.90%
53	4.55%	4.05%
54	4.65%	4.15%
55	4.75%	4.25%
56	4.85%	4.35%
57	4.95%	4.45%
58	5.00%	4.50%
59	5.10%	4.60%
60	5.20%	4.70%
61	5.30%	4.80%
62	5.40%	4.90%
63	5.55%	5.05%
64	5.65%	5.15%
65	5.75%	5.25%

Age	Single	Spousal
	Percentage	Percentage
66	5.80%	5.30%
67	5.85%	5.35%
68	5.85%	5.35%
69	5.90%	5.40%
70	5.95%	5.45%
71	6.05%	5.55%
72	6.10%	5.60%
73	6.20%	5.70%
74	6.25%	5.75%
75	6.35%	5.85%
76	6.40%	5.90%
77	6.45%	5.95%
78	6.55%	6.05%
79	6.60%	6.10%
80	6.65%	6.15%
81	6.75%	6.25%
82	6.85%	6.35%
83	6.95%	6.45%
84	7.05%	6.55%
85+	7.15%	6.65%

**FOR ALL CONTRACTS EXCEPT REPLACEMENT CONTRACTS ISSUED IN NEW YORK:** In order for you to receive the Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages reflected above, your application must be signed within the time period disclosed above. From the date you sign your application, we must also receive your application in Good Order within 15 calendar days, and the annuity must be funded within 45 calendar days. If these conditions are not met, and you decide to proceed with the purchase of the annuity, additional paperwork will be required to issue the contract with the applicable rates in effect at that time. Under certain circumstances we may waive these conditions or extend these time periods in a nondiscriminatory manner.

Subject to the rules stated above, it is important to note that if either (1) the Income Growth Rate; and/or (2) the Income Percentages (collectively the "set of rates") that we are currently offering on the Issue Date is higher than the set of rates we were offering on the date you signed your application and neither the Income Growth Rate nor any Income Percentages have decreased, you will receive that higher set of rates. If any rates have decreased when we compare the set of rates that we were offering on the day you signed your application to the set of rates that we are offering on Issue Date, your contract will be issued with the set of rates that were in effect on the day you signed your application.

FOR REPLACEMENT CONTRACTS ISSUED IN NEW YORK ONLY: If you are applying for this contract as a replacement for an existing life insurance policy or annuity contract, in order for you to receive the Income Growth Rate; and/or the Income Percentages (collectively the "set of rates") reflected in this Supplement: (1) your Authorization to Disclose form must be signed within the time period disclosed above; (2) we must also receive the Authorization to Disclose form within 15 calendar days of the date you sign it; and (3) the replacement process must be complete, you must submit your application and have your contract funded within 85 calendar days from the date you sign the Authorization to Disclose form. Under certain circumstances we may waive these conditions or extend these time periods in a nondiscriminatory manner.

Subject to the rules stated above, it is important to note that if either (1) the Income Growth Rate; and/or (2) the Income Percentage that we are currently offering on either the date you sign your application or the effective date of the benefit is higher than the set of rates we were offering on the date you signed the Authorization to Disclose form and neither the Income Growth Rate nor any Income Percentages have decreased, you will receive the highest set of rates. If any rates have decreased when we compare the set of rates that we were offering on the date you signed the Authorization to Disclose form to the sets of rates we are offering on the date you sign your application and the set of rates we are offering on effective date of the benefit, your contract will be issued with the set of rates that were in effect on the day you signed the Authorization to Disclose form.

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# PRUDENTIAL DEFINED INCOME (PDI) VARIABLE ANNUITY Flexible Premium Deferred Annuity PROSPECTUS: May 1, 2017

This prospectus describes a flexible premium deferred annuity offered by Pruco Life Insurance Company ("Pruco Life", "we", "our", or "us"), which we refer to as the Prudential Defined Income Variable Annuity ("Annuity"). This prospectus is for informational or educational purposes. It is not intended as investment advice and is not a recommendation about managing or investing your retirement savings. In providing these materials Pruco Life is not acting as a fiduciary as defined by any applicable laws and regulations. Please consult with a qualified investment professional if you wish to obtain investment advice. The Annuity will be offered as an individual annuity contract. Financial Professionals may be compensated for the sale of the Annuity. Selling broker-dealer firms through which the Annuity is sold may impose restrictions (e.g., maximum issue age). Please speak to your Financial Professional for further details. Certain features may not be available in all states. Please speak to your Financial Professional for further details. The guarantees provided by the variable annuity contract described in this prospectus are the obligations of and subject to the claims paying ability of Pruco Life. Certain terms are capitalized in this prospectus. Those terms are either defined in the Glossary of Terms or in the context of the particular section.

# THE SUB-ACCOUNT

The Pruco Life Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account is a Separate Account of Pruco Life, and is the investment vehicle in which your Purchase Payments invested in the Sub-account are held. Currently only one Sub-account is available under the Annuity. The Sub-account offered in connection with the Annuity of the Pruco Life Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account invests in the **AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio** ("Portfolio"), a series of the Advanced Series Trust mutual fund.

# PLEASE READ THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus sets forth information about the Annuity that you ought to know before investing. Please read this prospectus and the current prospectus for the underlying mutual fund. Keep them for future reference. If you are purchasing the Annuity as a replacement for an existing variable annuity or variable life policy, or a fixed insurance policy, you should consider any surrender or penalty charges you may incur and any benefits you may also be forfeiting when replacing your existing coverage and that this Annuity may be subject to a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge if you elect to surrender the Annuity or take a partial withdrawal. You should consider your need to access the Annuity's Account Value and whether the Annuity's liquidity features will satisfy that need. Please note that if you purchase this Annuity within a tax advantaged retirement plan, such as an IRA, SEP-IRA, Roth IRA, 401(a) plan, or non-ERISA 403(b) plan, you will get no additional tax advantage through the Annuity itself. Because there is no additional tax advantage when a variable annuity is purchased through one of these plans, the reasons for purchasing the Annuity inside a qualified plan are limited to the Defined Income Benefit and the opportunity to annuitize the contract, which might make the Annuity an appropriate investment for you. You should consult your tax and financial adviser regarding such features and benefits prior to purchasing this Annuity for use with a tax-qualified plan.

When delivered in connection with the potential purchase of a new Annuity, this prospectus must be accompanied by the applicable Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement setting forth the then current Income Growth Rate, Income Percentage Rates. Also, the Defined Income Benefit is neither optional nor revocable.

# **OTHER CONTRACTS**

We offer a variety of fixed and variable annuity contracts. They may offer features, including investment options, and have fees and charges, that are different from the annuity contracts offered by this prospectus. Not every annuity contract we issue is offered through every selling broker-dealer firm. Upon request, your Financial Professional can show you information regarding other Pruco Life annuity contracts that he or she distributes. You can also contact us to find out more about the availability of any of the Pruco Life annuity contracts. You should work with your Financial Professional to decide whether this annuity contract is appropriate for you based on a thorough analysis of your particular needs, financial objectives, investment goals, time horizons and risk tolerance.

# **AVAILABLE INFORMATION**

We have also filed a Statement of Additional Information dated the same date as this prospectus that is available from us, without charge, upon your request. The contents of the Statement of Additional Information are described at the end of this prospectus – see Table of Contents. The Statement of Additional Information is incorporated by reference into this prospectus. This prospectus is part of the registration statement we filed with the SEC regarding this offering. Additional information on us and this offering is available in the registration statement and the exhibits thereto. You may review and obtain copies of these materials at no cost to you by contacting us. These documents, as well as documents incorporated by reference, may also be obtained through the SEC's Internet Website (www.sec.gov) for this registration statement as well as for other registrants that file electronically with the SEC. Please see "How to Contact Us" later in this prospectus for our Service Office address.

In compliance with U.S. law, Pruco Life delivers this prospectus to current contract owners that reside outside of the United States.

This Annuity is NOT a deposit or obligation of, or issued, guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank, is NOT insured or guaranteed by the U.S. government, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the Federal Reserve Board or any other agency. An investment in an annuity involves investment risks, including possible loss of value.

THIS SECURITY HAS NOT BEEN APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED BY THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION NOR HAS THE COMMISSION OR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION PASSED UPON THE ACCURACY OR ADEQUACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.

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# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 1-888-PRU-2888 OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT www.prudentialannuities.com

Prospectus Dated: May 1, 2017

Statement of Additional Information Dated: May 1, 2017

# PLEASE SEE OUR IRA, ROTH IRA AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS ATTACHED TO THE BACK COVER OF THIS PROSPECTUS.

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# **GLOSSARY OF TERMS**

We set forth here definitions of some of the key terms used throughout this prospectus. In addition to the definitions here, we also define certain terms in the section of the prospectus that uses such terms.

Account Value: The total value of all allocations to the Sub-account on any Valuation Day.

Accumulation Period: The period of time from the Issue Date through the last Valuation Day immediately preceding the Annuity Date.

Annuitant: The natural person upon whose life annuity payments made to the Owner are based.

Annuitization: The process by which you direct us to apply the Account Value to one of the available annuity options to begin making periodic payments to the Owner.

**Annuity Date:** The date on which we apply your Account Value to the applicable annuity option and begin the payout period. As discussed in the Annuity Options section, there is an age by which you must begin receiving annuity payments, which we call the "Latest Annuity Date."

Annuity Year: The first Annuity Year begins on the Issue Date and continues through and includes the day immediately preceding the first anniversary of the Issue Date. Subsequent Annuity Years begin on the anniversary of the Issue Date and continue through and include the day immediately preceding the next anniversary of the Issue Date.

Beneficiary(ies): The natural person(s) or entity(ies) designated as the recipient(s) of the Death Benefit or to whom any remaining period certain payments may be paid in accordance with the annuity payout options section of this Annuity.

Code: The Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time and the regulations promulgated thereunder.

Contingent Deferred Sales Charge ("CDSC"): This is a sales charge that may be deducted when you make a surrender or take a partial withdrawal from your Annuity. We refer to this as a "contingent" charge because it is imposed only if you surrender or take a withdrawal from your Annuity. The charge is a percentage of each applicable Purchase Payment that is being surrendered or withdrawn.

**Due Proof of Death:** Due Proof of Death is satisfied when we receive all of the following in Good Order: (a) a death certificate or similar documentation acceptable to us; (b) all representations we require or which are mandated by applicable law or regulation in relation to the death claim and the payment of death proceeds (representations may include, but are not limited to, trust or estate paperwork (if needed); consent forms (if applicable); and claims forms from at least one beneficiary); and (c) any applicable election of the method of payment of the death benefit, if not previously elected by the Owner, by at least one Beneficiary.

Excess Income: All or any portion of a Lifetime Withdrawal that causes cumulative withdrawals in that Annuity Year to exceed the Guaranteed Income Amount for that Annuity Year. Each withdrawal of Excess Income proportionally reduces the Guaranteed Income Amount available for future Annuity Years.

Free Look: The right to examine your Annuity, during a limited period of time, to decide if you want to keep it or cancel it. The length of this time period, and the amount of refund, depends on applicable law and thus may vary by state. In addition, there is a different Free Look period that applies if your Annuity is held within an IRA or if your Annuity was sold to you as a replacement of a life insurance policy or another annuity contract. In your Annuity contract, your Free Look right is referred to as your "Right to Cancel."

First Death: The first of the Spousal Designated Lives to die.

Good Order: Good Order is the standard that we apply when we determine whether an instruction is satisfactory. An instruction will be considered in Good Order if it is received at our Service Office: (a) in a manner that is satisfactory to us such that it is sufficiently complete and clear that we do not need to exercise any discretion to follow such instruction and complies with all relevant laws and regulations; (b) on specific forms, or by other means we then permit (such as via telephone or electronic submission); and/or (c) with any signatures and dates as we may require. We will notify you if an instruction is not in Good Order.

**Guaranteed Income Amount ("GIA"):** This is the annual amount of income you are eligible to receive for life under the Guaranteed Income Amount Option described in the section of the Prospectus entitled "Defined Income Benefit." The initial Guaranteed Income Amount is determined by multiplying the applicable Income Percentage by the Account Value on the Issue Date.

**Income Growth Rate:** The Income Growth Rate is the guaranteed compounded rate of return credited to your Guaranteed Income Amount up until your first Lifetime Withdrawal. The Income Growth Rate is set at Annuity issue, and will not change for the life of your Annuity.

**Income Percentage:** The Income Percentage is used to determine the Guaranteed Income Amount associated with each Purchase Payment when it is allocated to the Annuity. The percentage is based on the attained age of the Single Designated Life, or the younger of the Spousal Designated Lives on the date each Purchase Payment is allocated to the annuity. The Income Percentages are set at Annuity issue and will not change for the life of your Annuity.

Investment Option: The Sub-account as of any given time to which Account Value may be allocated.

Issue Date: The effective date of your Annuity.

**Lifetime Withdrawal:** Any withdrawal of assets from your Annuity that you do not designate as a Non-Lifetime Withdrawal under the Guaranteed Income Amount. Once you have taken your first Lifetime Withdrawal from the Annuity, all further withdrawals will be deemed to be Lifetime Withdrawals.

**Owner:** With an Annuity issued as an individual annuity contract, the Owner is either an eligible entity or person named as having ownership rights in relation to the Annuity.

Purchase Payment: A cash consideration in currency of the United States of America given to us in exchange for the rights, privileges, and benefits of the Annuity.

Non-Lifetime Withdrawal: A withdrawal of assets from your Annuity that you elect and designate as such by you.

Remaining Designated Life: A natural person who must have been listed as one of the Spousal Designated Lives on the Issue Date. A Spousal Designated Life will become the Remaining Designated Life upon the earlier of the First Death or divorce from the other Spousal Designated Life while the Defined Income Benefit is in effect.

Service Office: The place to which all requests and payments regarding the Annuity are to be sent. We may change the address of the Service Office at any time, and will notify you in advance of any such change of address. Please see "How to Contact Us" later in this prospectus for the Service Office address.

Separate Account: Referred to as the "Variable Separate Account" in your Annuity, this is the variable Separate Account(s) shown in the Annuity.

**Single Designated Life:** The natural person who is the measuring life for the Defined Income Benefit that is designated at purchase of the annuity and cannot be changed for the life of the contract.

**Spousal Designated Lives:** The natural persons who are the measuring lives for the Defined Income Benefit that are designated at purchase of the annuity and cannot be changed for the life of the contract.

**Sub-Account:** A division of the Separate Account.

Surrender Value: The Account Value, less any applicable CDSC, any applicable tax charges, and any Annual Maintenance Fee.

Traditional Annuity Payment: A payment under an Annuity Payout Option other than the Guaranteed Income Amount option.

Unit: A share of participation in the Sub-account used to calculate your Account Value prior to the Annuity Date.

Valuation Day: Every day the New York Stock Exchange is open for trading or any other day the Securities and Exchange Commission requires mutual funds or unit investment trusts to be valued, not including any day: (1) trading on the NYSE is restricted; (2) an emergency, as determined by the SEC, exists making redemption or valuation of securities held in the Separate Account impractical; or (3) the SEC, by order, permits the suspension or postponement for the protection of security holders.

we, us, our: Pruco Life Insurance Company.

you, your: The Owner(s) shown in the Annuity.

# **SUMMARY OF CONTRACT FEES AND CHARGES**

The following tables describe the fees and expenses that you will pay when buying, owning, and surrendering the Annuity.

The first table describes the fees and expenses that you will pay at the time you surrender the Annuity, or take a partial withdrawal. State premium taxes also may be deducted. Important additional information about these fees and expenses is contained in "Fees, Charges and Deductions" later in this Prospectus.

# **ANNUITY OWNER TRANSACTION EXPENSES**

Contingent Deferred Sales Charge (CDSC) 1

Age of Purchase Payment Being Withdrawn	Percentage Applied Against Purchase Payment being Withdrawn
Less than 1 year old	7.0%
1 year old or older, but not yet 2 years old	7.0%
2 year old or older, but not yet 3 years old	6.0%
3 year old or older, but not yet 4 years old	6.0%
4 year old or older, but not yet 5 years old	5.0%
5 year old or older, but not yet 6 years old	5.0%
6 year old or older, but not yet 7 years old	5.0%
7 years old or older	0.0%

State Premium Tax Charge	0% to 3.50%

<sup>1</sup> The years referenced in the above CDSC tables refer to the length of time since a Purchase Payment was made (i.e., the age of the Purchase Payment). Contingent Deferred Sales Charges are applied against the Purchase Payment(s) being withdrawn. Thus, the appropriate percentage is multiplied by the Purchase Payment(s) being withdrawn to determine the amount of the CDSC. Purchase Payments are withdrawn on a "first-in, first-out" basis.

The following table describes the fees and charges that you will pay periodically during the time that you own your Annuity, not including the underlying portfolio annual fees and expenses.

#### PERIODIC FEES AND CHARGES

(assessed annually as a percentage of Account Value)

Annual Maintenance Fee<sup>2</sup>

Lesser of \$50 or 2% of Account Value

ANNUALIZED INSURANCE FEES/CH/ (assessed daily as a percentage of the Sul		
	MAXIMUM	CURRENT
Mortality & Expense Risk Charge	0.95%	0.95%
Administration Charge	0.15%	0.15%
Defined Income Benefit Charge 3,4	1.5%	0.80%
Total Insurance Charge	2.60%	1.90%

- 2 Only applicable if the sum of the Purchase Payments at the time the fee is due is less than \$100,000.
- 3 The charge for the Defined Income Benefit covers the Guaranteed Income Amount Option and will continue to apply after annuity payments begin until the Annuity is fully surrendered, a death benefit is payable, or Traditional Annuity Payments begin.
- The Defined Income Benefit Charge may be increased one or more times on or after the 7th anniversary of the Issue Date up to the maximum annual rate of 1.50%. We will notify you in advance of any charge to the charge and you will be given an opportunity to "opt out" of any charge increase subject to certain conditions.

# TOTAL ANNUAL UNDERLYING PORTFOLIO OPERATING EXPENSES

The next item shows the total annual operating expenses charged by the underlying mutual fund ("Portfolio") for the year ended December 31, 2016 and do not necessarily reflect the fees you may incur. There is only one Portfolio offered in the Annuity. The "Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses" reflect the combination of the underlying Portfolio's investment management fee, other expenses, 12b-1 fees, and certain other expenses. Each figure is stated as a percentage of the underlying Portfolio's average daily net assets. See the prospectus or statement of additional information of the underlying Portfolio can be obtained by calling 1-888-PRU-2888.

Total Annual Underlying Portfolio Operating Expenses	0.76%

# UNDERLYING PORTFOLIO ANNUAL EXPENSES

(as a percentage of the average daily net assets of the underlying Portfolios)

For the year ended December 31, 2016

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FUNDS	Management Fees	Other Expenses	Distribution (12b-1) Fees	Dividend Expense on Short Sales	Broker Fees and Expenses on Short Sales	Acquired Portfolio Fees & Expenses	Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses	Fee Waiver or Expense Reimburseme	Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses
FUNDS	1 663	Lxhelises	1 663	SHOIL Sales	Sales	Lxhelises	Lxhelises	nt	Lxperises
AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio	0.50%	0.01%	0.25%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.76%	0.00%	0.76%

# **EXPENSE EXAMPLES**

These examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in this Annuity with the cost of investing in other variable annuity contracts. Below are examples showing what you would pay cumulatively in expenses at the end of the stated time periods had you invested \$10,000 in the Annuity and your investment has a 5% return each year. The examples reflect the following fees and charges as described in "Summary of Contract Fees and Charges."

- Maximum Total Insurance Charge
- Contingent Deferred Sales Charge (if applicable)
- Annual Maintenance Fee

The examples also assume the following for the period shown:

- Investment of Account Value in the Sub-account, with the total annual portfolio operating expenses (before any fee waiver or expense reimbursement) remaining the same each year.
- You make no withdrawals of your Account Value.
- No tax charge applies.

Amounts shown in the examples are rounded to the nearest dollar.

THE EXAMPLES ARE ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY. THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A REPRESENTATION OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES OF THE UNDERLYING PORTFOLIO.

	Assuming Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses of the Available Portfolio			
	1 Year	3 Years	5 Years	10 Years
If you surrender your annuity at the end of the applicable time period:	\$1,093	\$1,789	\$2,499	\$4,089
If you annuitize your annuity at the end of the applicable time period: 1	\$393	\$1,189	\$1,999	\$4,089
If you do not surrender your annuity:	\$393	\$1,189	\$1,999	\$4,089

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Your ability to annuitize in the first 3 Annuity Years may be limited.

# **ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUES**

Please see Appendix A for a table of Accumulation Unit Values.

# **SUMMARY**

This Summary describes key features of the Annuity offered in this prospectus. It is intended to give you an overview, and to point you to sections of the prospectus that provide greater detail. You should not rely on the Summary alone for all the information you need to know before purchasing the Annuity. You should read the entire prospectus for a complete description of the Annuity. Your Financial Professional can also help you if you have questions.

The Annuity: The variable annuity contract issued by Pruco Life is a contract between you, the Owner, and Pruco Life, an insurance company. It is designed for retirement purposes, or other long-term investing, to help you save money for retirement, on a tax deferred basis, and provide income during your retirement. Although this prospectus describes key features of the variable annuity contract, the prospectus is a distinct document, and is not part of the Annuity.

Investing in a variable annuity involves risk and you can lose your money. On the other hand, investing in a variable annuity can provide you with the opportunity to grow your money through participation in an underlying Portfolio.

Generally speaking, variable annuities are investments designed to be held for the long term. Working with your Financial Professional, you should carefully consider whether a variable annuity is appropriate for you, given your life expectancy, need for income, and other pertinent factors.

**Investment Option:** The AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio is the only Investment Option available under the Annuity. The Sub-account invests in the AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio, an underlying mutual fund of Advanced Series Trust. The underlying mutual fund is described in its own prospectus, which you should read before investing. There is no assurance that the Investment Option will meet its investment objective.

Please note that the Annuity has only the one Investment Option; the AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio, which seeks to maximize total return consistent with the preservation of capital. Unlike many other annuity contracts, the Annuity does not provide a diverse set of investment choices that would provide the option to allocate money among a variety of investment choices with different investment styles, objectives, strategies and risks.

Please see "Investment Option" for information.

Living Benefit: The Defined Income Benefit is a guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefit, under which, subject to the terms of the benefit, we guarantee you the ability to take an annual withdrawal amount until the death of a certain designated life (or lives) regardless of the impact of Sub-account performance on the Account Value, subject to our rules regarding the timing and amount of withdrawals. Payments are available as an income option (the "Guaranteed Income Option"). The Defined Income Benefit also provides for a death benefit equal to the greater of the Account Value and the Return of Purchase Payments Amount, subject to its terms.

While the Defined Income Benefit is in effect, a change in the Owner/Annuitant designations may cause the Defined Income Benefit to terminate, and you would lose all associated benefits. You should carefully consider whether to purchase the Annuity if you anticipate changing the Owner/Annuitant designations. Please see "Change of Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations" and "Termination of Benefits" for more information. **The Defined Income Benefit is neither optional nor revocable.** Please speak to your Financial Professional for further details.

**Purchase:** Your eligibility to purchase is based on your age and the amount of your initial Purchase Payment. See your Financial Professional to complete an application.

Minimum Age for	Maximum Age for	Minimum Initial	
Initial Purchase	Initial Purchase	Purchase Payment	
45	85	\$25,000	

We limit additional Purchase Payments to the first Annuity Year, however at any time during this year, with prior notice to you, we may further limit your right to add additional Purchase Payments to the Annuity. If we exercise this right, your ability to invest in your Annuity, increase your Account Value and, consequently, increase your Guaranteed Income Amount or death benefit will be limited. This would also impact your ability to make annual contributions to certain qualified plans.

The "Minimum Age for Initial Purchase" applies to the age of the Designated Life or youngest age of the Spousal Designated Lives, and the "Maximum Age for Initial Purchase" applies to the age of the Designated Life or oldest of the Spousal Designated Lives as of the day we would issue the Annuity. If the Annuity is to be owned by an entity, the maximum age applies to the Annuitant as of the day we would issue the Annuity. After you purchase your Annuity, you will have a limited period of time during which you may cancel (or "Free Look") the purchase of your Annuity. Your request for a Free Look must be received in Good Order within the applicable time period.

Please see "Requirements for Purchasing The Annuity" for more detail.

Access To Your Money: You can receive income by taking withdrawals or electing Traditional Annuity Payments. Withdrawals may be subject to tax, and may be subject to a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge (discussed below). If you elect to receive Traditional Annuity Payments, you convert your Account Value into a stream of future payments. This means you no longer have an Account Value and therefore cannot make withdrawals. We offer different types of annuity options to meet your needs as described in "Annuity Options" later in this prospectus.

Under the Defined Income Benefit, you can elect to receive guaranteed lifetime income under the Guaranteed Income Amount Option. Taking lifetime income under this option is different from receiving income through Traditional Annuity Payments over your lifetime. Under the Defined Income Benefit's payout options, you will receive fixed payments for life that are based on an Income Percentage and Income Growth Rate at the time you purchase

your Annuity. You will also have the ability to fully surrender at any time. Payments under either option are not subject to a Contingent Deferred Sales Charge. The Tax Efficient Annuity Payout Option is only available for nonqualified annuity contracts. Please see the "Defined Income Benefit" section of this prospectus for further details on these payout options.

**Death Benefit:** During the Accumulation Period, you may name a Beneficiary(ies) to receive the proceeds of your Annuity upon your death provided you still have an Account Value. Your Death Benefit must be distributed within the time period required by the tax laws.

Please see "Death Benefit" for more information.

Fees and Charges: The Annuity, including the living benefit, is subject to certain fees and charges, as discussed in the "Summary of Contract Fees and Charges" table earlier in this prospectus. In addition, there are fees and expenses of the underlying Portfolio.

What does it mean that your Annuity is "tax deferred"? Variable annuities are "tax deferred", meaning you pay no taxes on any earnings from your Annuity until you withdraw the money. When you take your money out of the Annuity, however, you will be taxed on the earnings at ordinary income tax rates. If you withdraw money before you reach age 59 1/2, you also may be subject to a 10% federal tax penalty.

Please note that if you purchase this Annuity within a tax advantaged retirement plan, such as an IRA, SEP-IRA, Roth IRA, 401(a) plan, or non-ERISA 403(b) plan, you will get no additional tax advantage through the Annuity itself. Because there is no additional tax advantage when a variable annuity is purchased through one of these plans, the reasons for purchasing the Annuity inside a qualified plan are limited to the Defined Income Benefit and the opportunity to annuitize the contract which might make the Annuity an appropriate investment for you. You should consult your tax and financial adviser regarding such features and benefits prior to purchasing this Annuity for use with a tax-qualified plan.

**Other Information:** Please see the section entitled "Other Information" for more information about the Annuity, including legal information about Pruco Life, the Separate Account, and underlying fund.

# INVESTMENT OPTION

The AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio is the only Investment Option available under the Annuity. The Sub-account invests in the underlying Portfolio whose share price generally fluctuates each Valuation Day. You bear the investment risk for amounts allocated to the Sub-account. If in the future we make two or more Investment Options available under the Annuity, we may allow transfer privileges and we may impose transfer restrictions and transfer fees. In addition, if we make more than one Investment Option available with the Annuity, we may impose investment restrictions and/or conditions on Purchase Payments or allocations to one or more Investment Options.

Because one Investment Option is currently available under the Annuity, an investment in the Annuity involves certain additional limitations and risks. For example, the Annuity does not provide a diverse set of investment choices providing the option to allocate your Purchase Payments or Account Value among a variety of investment choices with different investment styles, objectives, strategies and risks. The performance of your Account Value will depend entirely on the performance of the one underlying Portfolio. The Annuity currently does not offer certain standard investment product features such as portfolio rebalancing, dollar-cost-averaging or transfer privileges. An investment in the Annuity, by itself, generally does not provide a complete investment program but rather is intended to serve as part of an investor's overall portfolio of investments. The Annuity may not be suitable for all investors. You may want to consult with your Financial Professional to determine if this Annuity is suitable for you.

Variable Investment Option: The Investment Option is a Sub-account of the Pruco Life Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account (see "Pruco Life and the Separate Account" for more detailed information). The Sub-account invests exclusively in the AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio. You should carefully read the prospectus for the AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio.

The Portfolio is not a publicly traded mutual fund. The Portfolio is only available as an Investment Option in variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies issued by insurance companies, or in some cases, to participants in certain qualified retirement plans. Details about the investment objective, policies, risks, costs and management of the Portfolio are found in the prospectus for the Portfolio. There is no guarantee that the Portfolio will meet its investment objective. The current prospectus and statement of additional information for the underlying Portfolio can be obtained by calling 1-888-PRU-2888. Please read the prospectus carefully before investing.

The investment objective and name of the advisor/sub-advisor for the Portfolio appears in the table below.

PORTFOLIO	INVESTMENT	PORTFOLIO	
NAME	OBJECTIVE(S)	ADVISER/SUBADVISER(S)	
AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio	Seeks to maximize total return, consistent with the preservation of capital. Total return is comprised of current income and capital appreciation.	PGIM Fixed Income	

PGIM Fixed Income was formerly known as Prudential Fixed Income. PGIM Fixed Income is a business unit of PGIM, Inc.

The Portfolio is a series of the Advanced Series Trust. The Portfolio is managed by Prudential Investments LLC, which is an affiliated company of Pruco Life (the "Affiliated Portfolio"). Pruco Life and its affiliated companies receive fees and payments from the Affiliated Portfolio, which may be greater than the fees and payments Pruco Life would receive if we offered unaffiliated portfolios. Because of the potential for greater profits earned by Pruco Life and its affiliated companies with respect to the Affiliated Portfolio, we have an incentive to offer the Affiliated Portfolio over other portfolios sponsored and advised by companies not affiliated with Pruco Life. We have an incentive to offer portfolios with certain subadvisers, either because the subadviser is a Prudential Company or because the subadviser provides payments or support, including distribution and marketing support, to Prudential Companies. We may consider those subadviser financial incentive factors in determining which Portfolios to offer under the Annuity. Also, in some cases, we offer portfolios based on the recommendations made by selling broker-dealer firms. These firms may receive payments from the portfolios they recommend and may benefit accordingly from allocations of Account Value to the sub-accounts that invest in these Portfolios. Allocations made to the Affiliated Portfolio benefit us financially. Pruco Life has selected the Portfolio for inclusion as an investment option under this Annuity in Pruco Life's role as the issuer of this Annuity, and Pruco Life does not provide investment advice or recommend any particular Portfolio. See "Other Information" under the heading concerning "Fees and Payments Received by Pruco Life" for more information about fees and payments we may receive from underlying Portfolios and/or their affiliates.

In addition, we may consider whether the Portfolio's objectives and investment strategy create additional risk to us in light of the guaranteed benefits provided by the Annuity.

# **DEFINED INCOME BENEFIT**

The Defined Income Benefit is a guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefit, under which, subject to the terms of the benefit, we guarantee your ability to receive periodic income payments over your lifetime ("Single Designated Life"), or over your and your spouse's lives ("Spousal Designated Lives"). Generally, if your Account Value is reduced to zero and you meet certain requirements, we pay a remaining value based on the "Guaranteed Income Amount." This benefit also provides for a death benefit equal to the greater of the Account Value and the Return of Purchase Payments Amount (described below), subject to the terms of the benefit. **The Defined Income Benefit is part of your Annuity and is not an optional benefit and may not be revoked.** You may not terminate the Defined Income Benefit. The Defined Income Benefit will terminate only upon specified events (see "Termination of the Benefit," below).

When you purchase the Annuity, you must make a permanent decision whether you wish to own the Single or Spousal version of the Defined Income Benefit. Based upon your decision, the Defined Income Benefit guarantees the ability to withdraw the Guaranteed Income Amount. Each Annuity Year, you may withdraw this amount until the death of the Single Designated Life or Remaining Designated Life regardless of the impact of Sub-account performance on the Account Value. The Defined Income Benefit is subject to our rules regarding the timing and amount of withdrawals. Please see below under "Impact of Non-Lifetime Withdrawals on the Guaranteed Income Amount."

# The Defined Income Benefit's Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement

The current Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages that are used to determine the Guaranteed Income Amount under the Guaranteed Income Amount Option are disclosed in the Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement. The applicable Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement is attached to the prospectus you receive at the time you purchase your Annuity. Rates and effective dates reflected in the Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement each month replace and supersede those reflected in any prior month's Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement. Please refer to the dates on the Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement at the time you purchase the annuity. If the dates on the Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement have expired, we will deliver the current Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement to you.

Please note, in order to receive the applicable Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages stated in a Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement, your application must be signed and received by us in Good Order within the stated time period during which such rates will be applicable. The rates applicable to your Annuity will not change for the life of your Annuity. This means that the Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages for your Annuity will not change once established. Rates reflected in any Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement with an effective period that does not include the date you signed your Annuity application and the date we receive it in Good Order will not apply to your Annuity. You should not purchase the Annuity without first obtaining the applicable Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement, containing the available Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages applicable at the time.

Please see Appendix C to this Prospectus for examples demonstrating how the Guaranteed Income Amount is calculated using various assumed Income Growth Rates and Income Percentages. The examples are purely hypothetical and are intended to illustrate how we would determine the Guaranteed Income Amount for an Annuity. Your Guaranteed Income Amount would be different than the examples in the Appendix depending on the Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages effective at the time you signed your application, your age at the time the initial Purchase Payment is applied, the amount of your initial Purchase Payment, and whether you have elected the single or the spousal version of the Defined Income Benefit. For more information about currently available Income Percentages and Income Growth Rates, please see the current Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement.

# The Guaranteed Income Amount Option

#### This option is available for both nonqualified and qualified annuities.

You are guaranteed to be able to withdraw the Guaranteed Income Amount for the lifetime of the designated life (or lives) provided that you do not take withdrawals of Excess Income that result in your Account Value being reduced to zero. (See "Living Benefit – Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations" below for details regarding the designated life (or lives).) Withdrawals are taken first from your own Account Value. We are only required to begin making lifetime income payments to you under our guarantee when and if your Account Value is reduced to zero for any reason other than a withdrawal of Excess Income ("Guarantee Payments"). The Defined Income Benefit may be appropriate if you intend to make periodic withdrawals from your Annuity, and wish to ensure that Sub-account performance will not affect your ability to receive annual payments, and also wish to provide a death benefit to your beneficiaries. You are not required to take withdrawals as part of the benefit – the guarantees are not lost if you withdraw less than the maximum allowable amount each year under the rules of the benefit.

Although you are guaranteed the ability to withdraw your Guaranteed Income Amount for life even if your Account Value falls to zero, if any withdrawal is a withdrawal of Excess Income (as described below) and brings your Account Value to zero, your Guaranteed Income Amount also would fall to zero, and the benefit and the Annuity then would terminate. In that scenario, no further amount would be payable under the Defined Income Benefit (and the Death Benefit would not be payable upon death). In marketing and other materials, we may refer to Excess Income as "Excess Withdrawals".

Please note that your Account Value is not guaranteed, can fluctuate and may lose value.

# **Guaranteed Income Amount**

The initial Guaranteed Income Amount is determined on the Issue Date. It is determined by applying the applicable Income Percentage to the Account Value on the Issue Date. The applicable Income Percentage is based on the age of the Single Designated Life, or the younger of the Spousal Designated Lives, on the Issue Date.

On each Valuation Day thereafter, until the date of the first Lifetime Withdrawal, the Guaranteed Income Amount is equal to:

- the Guaranteed Income Amount on the immediately preceding Valuation Day (the "Prior Valuation Day"), appreciated at the daily equivalent of the Income Growth Rate for each calendar day between the Prior Valuation Day and the Current Valuation Day,
- reduced for any Non-Lifetime Withdrawals and increased for any Purchase Payments, if any, made on the Current Valuation Day, as described in the "Impact of Non-Lifetime Withdrawals on the Guaranteed Income Amount" and "Additional Purchase Payments(s)" sections below.

Once you have taken the first Lifetime Withdrawal, in any Annuity Year, the remaining Guaranteed Income Amount for that Annuity Year is reduced for Lifetime Withdrawals and increased for Purchase Payments as described in the "Impact of Lifetime Withdrawals on the Guaranteed Income Amount" and "Additional Purchase Payment(s)" sections below. However, once you have made the first Lifetime Withdrawal, the Guaranteed Income Amount will no longer increase based on the Income Growth Rate and will not increase due to fluctuations in your Account Value. On each anniversary of the Issue Date, your remaining Guaranteed Income Amount is increased to equal your then current Guarantee Income Amount. Lifetime Withdrawals that exceed the Guaranteed Income Amount in an Annuity Year will be considered Excess Income and will proportionally reduce the Guaranteed Income Amount available for future Annuity Years.

The applicable guaranteed Income Percentage is based on the attained age of the Designated Life (youngest Designated Life for Spousal) as of the date the purchase payment(s) is received in Good Order, as specified in the applicable Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement.

If you are receiving this prospectus as a current Owner of the Annuity, for the Income Growth Rate and Income Percentages that apply to your Annuity, please refer to your Annuity contract. Also, we maintain a record of historical Income Growth Rates and Income Percentages in the Statement of Additional Information which is available upon request.

# Additional Purchase Payment(s):

You may make additional Purchase Payments to your Annuity at any time within the first Annuity Year, however at any time during that year, with prior notice to you, we may further limit your right to add additional Purchase Payments. Additional Purchase Payments increase the Guaranteed Income Amount by an amount obtained by multiplying the Purchase Payment we accept by the applicable Income Percentage. The applicable Income Percentage is based on the attained age of the Single Designated Life, or the younger of the Spousal Designated Lives, on the date the Purchase Payment is allocated to the Annuity. If this Defined Income Benefit has been issued on a Spousal Designated Lives basis, and one of the Spousal Designated Lives becomes the Remaining Designated Life, we will continue to use the date of birth of the younger of the Spousal Designated Lives for purposes of determining the applicable Income Percentage.

Please see "Purchasing Your Annuity - Purchase Payment Limitation" below.

Impact of Non-Lifetime Withdrawals on the Guaranteed Income Amount: You may designate one or more withdrawals as a Non-Lifetime Withdrawal before you take your first Lifetime Withdrawal. Non-Lifetime Withdrawals, including any Required Minimum Distribution amount you designate as a Non-Lifetime Withdrawal, proportionally reduce the Guaranteed Income Amount by the ratio of the Non-Lifetime Withdrawal amount to the Account Value immediately prior to the Non-Lifetime Withdrawal. Non-Lifetime Withdrawals that are not Required Minimum Distribution amounts are subject to any applicable Contingent Deferred Sales Charge. There is no limit on the number of Non-Lifetime Withdrawals that you can take. However, Non-Lifetime Withdrawals are subject to the minimum Surrender Value.

Impact of Lifetime Withdrawals on the Guaranteed Income Amount: If you have elected the Guaranteed Income Amount Option, any Lifetime Withdrawal you take will reduce the remaining Guaranteed Income Amount available during an Annuity Year by the amount of the withdrawal on a dollar-for-dollar basis in that Annuity Year. If your cumulative Lifetime Withdrawals in an Annuity Year are less than or equal to the Guaranteed Income Amount, they will not reduce your Guaranteed Income Amount in subsequent Annuity Years and you cannot carry over the unused portion of the Guaranteed Income Amount to subsequent Annuity Years. Such withdrawals are not subject to Contingent Deferred Sales Charges, are not treated as withdrawals of Purchase Payments and are not subject to the minimum Surrender Value.

All or any portion of a Lifetime Withdrawal that causes cumulative withdrawals in that Annuity Year to exceed the Guaranteed Income Amount for that Annuity Year, called "Excess Income," will impact the value of the benefit, including a permanent reduction in future guaranteed amounts. Each withdrawal of Excess Income proportionally reduces the Guaranteed Income Amount available for future Annuity Years. Each proportional reduction is calculated by multiplying the Guaranteed Income Amount by the ratio of the Excess Income to the Account Value immediately subsequent to the withdrawal of any Guaranteed Income Amount and prior to the withdrawal of the Excess Income (even if both withdrawals occurred in the same day or as one withdrawal request). Each withdrawal of Excess Income is subject to any applicable Contingent Deferred Sales Charge.

In general, withdrawals made from the Annuity during an Annuity Year to meet the Required Minimum Distributions will not be treated as Excess Income if you meet the requirements outlined in the Required Minimum Distributions section.

For examples of the impact of Lifetime and Non-Lifetime Withdrawals on the Guaranteed Income Amount, please see the section below entitled "Examples of Withdrawals Under the Guaranteed Income Amount Option."

Withdrawal Flexibility: Lifetime Withdrawals are not required. However, once you take the first Lifetime Withdrawal, the Guaranteed Income Amount is not increased in subsequent Annuity Years if you decide not to take a Lifetime Withdrawal in an Annuity Year or take Lifetime Withdrawals in an Annuity Year that, in total, are less than the Guaranteed Income Amount.

You may use the systematic withdrawal program to make withdrawals of the Guaranteed Income Amount (any systematic withdrawal will be deemed a Lifetime Withdrawal under this benefit).

The Guaranteed Income Amount Option does not affect your ability to take partial withdrawals under your Annuity, or limit your ability to take partial withdrawals that exceed the Guaranteed Income Amount, subject to the minimum Surrender Value (see "Surrender Value" below for more detail). Because the Guaranteed Income Amount is determined in a way that is not related to Account Value, it is possible for the Account Value to fall to zero, even though the Guaranteed Income Amount remains.

Please note that there is a possibility you may pass away before receiving lifetime payments from the Defined Income Benefit, or may not receive enough lifetime income to exceed the amount of fees you have paid us for the benefit. However when you pass away, your beneficiaries may receive a death benefit as described in this prospectus. Please see "Death Benefit" in the prospectus. If you purchased the spousal version of this Annuity, then your spousal designated life will have the option to continue the Annuity provided he/she is the sole primary beneficiary and opts to receive the Guaranteed Income Amount.

# Account Value is Reduced to Zero under the Guaranteed Income Amount Option

To the extent that your Account Value was reduced to zero as a result of withdrawals in an Annuity Year that are less than or equal to the Guaranteed Income Amount, and Guarantee Payments are still payable under the Defined Income Benefit, we will make an additional payment, if any, for that Annuity Year equal to the remaining Guaranteed Income Amount for the Annuity Year. Thus, in that scenario, the remaining Guaranteed Income Amount would be payable even though your Account Value was reduced to zero. In subsequent Annuity Years we make payments that equal the Guaranteed Income Amount as described in this section. We will make payments until the death of the Single Designated Life, the simultaneous deaths of both Spousal Designated Lives, or the death of the Remaining Designated Life, as applicable. After the Account Value is reduced to zero, you will not be permitted to make additional Purchase Payments to your Annuity. If you take a withdrawal of Excess Income (i.e., a Lifetime Withdrawal that exceeds the Guaranteed Income Amount) that reduces your Account Value to zero or if you take a Non-Lifetime Withdrawal that reduces your Account Value to zero, the Annuity terminates and we will pay no additional amounts to you.

Unless you request an alternate mode of payment we make available, we make such Guarantee Payments once each Annuity Year.

We will commute any Guarantee Payments due and pay you a lump sum if the total Guarantee Payment due each Annuity Year is less than \$100. We commute the Guarantee Payments in a manner equivalent to commuting payments for:

- a joint life and last survivor fixed annuity if both Spousal Designated Lives are living and each other's spouse when Guarantee Payments would begin, or
- a single life fixed annuity if there is a Remaining Designated Life under this Rider, or if the Defined Income Benefit was issued with a Single Designated Life.

We use the same basis that is used to calculate the guaranteed annuity rates in the Annuity.

Please note that if your Account Value is reduced to zero, all subsequent payments will be treated as Guarantee Payments. Further, payments that we make under this benefit after the Latest Annuity Date will be treated as annuity payments. If your Account Value is reduced to zero due to withdrawals of Excess Income or annuitization, any Death Benefit value, including the Return of Purchase Payments Amount, will terminate and no Death Benefit amount is payable. This means that any Death Benefit is terminated and no Death Benefit is payable if your Account Value is reduced to zero as the result of either a withdrawal in excess of your Guaranteed Income Amount or less than or equal to, your Guaranteed Income Amount. (See "Death Benefits" for more information.)

In addition to the guaranteed lifetime income feature, the Defined Income Benefit also provides for annuity payments and a Death Benefit. Please see the "Annuity Options – Annuity Payments under the Defined Income Benefit" section below for a description of annuity options that apply under the Defined Income Benefit. Please see the "Death Benefit – Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit" section below for a description of the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit that applies under the Defined Income Benefit.

# **Example of Withdrawals Under the Guaranteed Income Amount Option**

Examples of dollar-for-dollar and proportional reductions are set forth below. The values shown here are purely hypothetical, and do not reflect the charges for the Defined Income Benefit or any other fees and charges under the Annuity. We assume the following for the first two examples:

- The Issue Date is November 1st
- The first withdrawal is a Lifetime Withdrawal under the Guaranteed Income Amount Option
- On October 24th of the following calendar year, \$2,500 is withdrawn from the Annuity
- On October 29<sup>th</sup> of the same year, \$5,000 is also withdrawn from the Annuity,

# Example of dollar-for-dollar reductions

On October 24th, Guaranteed Income Amount is \$6,000. The Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount is \$115,420. When \$2,500 is withdrawn from the Annuity on this date, the remaining Guaranteed Income Amount for that Annuity Year (up to and including October 31st) is \$3,500 and the

Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount is \$112,920. This is the result of a dollar-for-dollar reduction of the Guaranteed Income Amount (\$6,000 less \$2,500 = \$3,500) and the Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount (\$115,420 less \$2,500 = \$112,920).

# **Example of proportional reductions**

Continuing the previous example, when the withdrawal of \$5,000 occurs on October 29th, the Account Value at the time and immediately prior to this withdrawal is \$118,000. The first \$3,500 of this withdrawal reduces the Guaranteed Income Amount for that Annuity Year to \$0 and the Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount to \$109,420 (\$112,920 less \$3,500 = \$109,420). The remaining withdrawal amount of \$1,500 reduces the Guaranteed Income Amount in future Annuity Years and the Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount on a proportional basis based on the ratio of the Excess Income to the Account Value immediately prior to the Excess Income. (Note that if there are other future withdrawals in that Annuity Year, each would result in another proportional reduction to the Guaranteed Income Amount and the Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount).

# Here is the calculation:

Account Value before Lifetime Withdrawal	\$118,000.00
Less amount of "non" Excess Income	\$3,500.00
Account Value immediately before Excess Income of \$1,500	\$114,500.00
Excess Income amount	\$1,500.00
Ratio	1.31%
Guaranteed Income Amount	\$6,000.00
Less ratio of 1.31%	\$78.60
Guaranteed Income Amount for future Annuity Years	\$5,921.40
Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount after "non" Excess Income	\$109,420.00
Less ratio of 1.31%	\$1,433.40
Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount after Excess Income	\$107,986.60

# Example – Non-Lifetime Withdrawal (proportional reduction)

This example is purely hypothetical and does not reflect the charges for the benefit or any other fees and charges under the Annuity. It is intended to illustrate the proportional reduction of the Non-Lifetime Withdrawal under this benefit. Assume the following:

- The Issue Date is December 3<sup>rd</sup>
- On October 3<sup>rd</sup> of the following calendar year, the Guaranteed Income Amount is \$6,000, the Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit
  Amount is \$115,420, and the Account Value is \$120,000.
- Also on that same October 3<sup>rd</sup>, \$15,000 is withdrawn from the Annuity and is designated as a Non-Lifetime Withdrawal.

All guarantees associated with the Annuity will be reduced by the ratio the total withdrawal amount represents of the Account Value just prior to the withdrawal being taken.

#### Here is the calculation:

Withdrawal amount	\$15,000.00
Divided by Account Value before withdrawal	\$120,000.00
Equals ratio	12.5%
All guarantees will be reduced by the above ratio (12.5%)	
Guaranteed Income Amount before Non-Lifetime withdrawal	\$6,000.00
Less ratio of 12.5%	\$750.00
Guaranteed Income Amount for future Annuity Years	\$5,250.00
Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount before Non-Lifetime withdrawal	\$115,420.00
Less ratio of 12.5%	\$14,427.50
Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit Amount after Non-Lifetime withdrawal	\$100,992.50

When you make a partial withdrawal that is subject to a CDSC and/or tax withholding, we will identify the amount that includes not only the amount you actually receive, but also the amount of the CDSC and/or tax withholding, to determine whether your withdrawal has exceeded the Guaranteed Income Amount. When you take a partial withdrawal, you may request a "gross" withdrawal amount (e.g., \$2,000) but then have any CDSC and/or tax withholding deducted from the amount you actually receive. The portion of a withdrawal that exceeded your Guaranteed Income Amount (if any) would be treated as Excess Income and thus would reduce your Guaranteed Income Amount in subsequent years. Alternatively, you may request that a "net" withdrawal amount actually be paid to you (e.g., \$2,000), with the understanding that any CDSC and/or tax withholding (e.g., \$240) be applied to your remaining Account Value. In the latter scenario, we determine whether any portion of the withdrawal is to be treated as Excess Income by looking to the sum of the net amount you actually receive (e.g., \$2,000) and the amount of any CDSC and/or tax withholding (in this example, a total of \$2,240). The amount of that sum (e.g., the \$2,000 you received plus the \$240 for the CDSC and/or tax withholding) that exceeds your Guaranteed Income Amount will be treated as Excess Income – thereby reducing your Guaranteed Income Amount in subsequent years. You should carefully consider whether you should take a net withdrawal because it

may negatively impact your Defined Income Benefit. Net withdrawals are not available for withdrawals of your Guaranteed Income Amount through our systematic withdrawal program.

# **Other Important Considerations**

- You should carefully consider when to begin taking Lifetime Withdrawals. If you begin taking withdrawals shortly after you purchase the Annuity, you may maximize the time during which you may take Lifetime Withdrawals due to longer life expectancy, but may limit your ability to take advantage of the opportunity to increase your future Guaranteed Income Amount by the Income Growth Rate. You should discuss with your Financial Professional when it may be appropriate for you to begin taking Lifetime Withdrawals.
- The current annualized charge for the Defined Income Benefit is 0.80% of the average daily net assets of the Sub-account. You will begin paying this charge on the Issue Date even if you do not begin taking withdrawals for many years, or ever. We will not refund the charges you have paid if you choose never to take any withdrawals and/or if you never receive any lifetime income payments. We may increase the Defined Income Benefit Charge one or more times at any time on or after the 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary of your Issue Date. The maximum annualized charge for the Defined Income Benefit is 1.50% of the average daily net assets of the Sub-account. We will notify you in advance of any change in the charge and will be given an opportunity to "opt out" of any charge increase subject to certain conditions. If you decide to "opt out" of the charge increase, your Guaranteed Income Amount will be reduced as of the next anniversary of your Issue Date. Please see "Fees, Charges and Deductions" later in this prospectus for more information on the "opt out" process.

**Facility of Payment:** We reserve the right, in settlement of full liability, to make Guarantee Payments to a guardian, relative, or other person deemed eligible by us if a Designated Life payee is deemed to be legally incompetent, as permitted by law.

**Proof of Survival:** Any Guarantee Payment is subject to evidence we receive in Good Order that the Single Designated Life, at least one of the Spousal Designated Lives, or the Remaining Designated Life is then alive. We may withhold such Guarantee Payments until we receive such evidence or evidence satisfactory to us of the life of the Single Designated Life, at least one of the Spousal Designated Lives or the Remaining Designated Life. We credit interest on such withheld Guarantee Payments at the rate required by law. Should we subsequently determine withheld Guarantee Payments are payable, we will pay the withheld Guarantee Payments and any applicable interest credited in a lump sum.

**Recovery of Excess Guarantee Payments:** We may recover from you or your estate any Guarantee Payments made after the death of the Single Designated Life or the Remaining Designated Life.

# **Termination of the Defined Income Benefit**

You may not elect to cancel the Defined Income Benefit.

The benefit automatically terminates upon the first to occur of the following:

- (i) your surrender of the Annuity;
- (ii) when annuity payments begin (although if you have elected to receive the Guaranteed Income Amount in the form of annuity payments, we will continue to pay the Guaranteed Income Amount);
- (iii) our receipt of Due Proof of Death of the First Death who is an Owner (or who is the Annuitant if entity owned), if the Remaining Designated Life elects not to continue the Annuity:
- (iv) our receipt of Due Proof of Death of the Owner (or the Annuitant, if the Annuity is entity owned) and there is still an Account Value available in the Annuity and the surviving Spouse is not eligible to continue the benefit because such Spouse is not a Spousal Designated Life;
- (v) the date of receipt of Due Proof of Death of the Single Designated Life or the Remaining Designated Life if a Death Benefit is payable under the Defined Income Benefit;
- (vi) the date of death of the Single Designated Life or the Remaining Designated Life when Account Value is reduced to zero as of the date of death:
- (vii) both the Account Value and Guaranteed Income Amount equal zero; and
- (viii) we process a request to change the Annuitant, Owner or Beneficiary in the certain situations that would cause termination, as discussed in the "Change of Owner, Annuitant, and Beneficiary Designations" section of this Prospectus. (Subject to state law please see Appendix B for Special Contract Provisions for Annuities Issued in Certain States.)

# **Additional Tax Considerations**

If you purchase an annuity as an investment vehicle for "qualified" investments, including an IRA, SEP-IRA, Tax Sheltered Annuity (or 403(b)) or employer plan under Code Section 401(a), the Required Minimum Distribution rules under the Code provide that you begin receiving periodic amounts beginning after age 70 ½. For a Tax Sheltered Annuity or a 401(a) plan for which the participant is not a greater than five (5) percent Owner of the employer, this required beginning date can generally be deferred to retirement, if later. Roth IRAs are not subject to these rules during the Owner's lifetime. In addition, the amount and duration of payments under the annuity payment provision may be adjusted so that the payments do not trigger any penalty or excise taxes due to tax considerations such as Required Minimum Distribution rules under the tax law. As indicated, withdrawals made while this benefit is in effect will be treated, for tax purposes, in the same way as any other withdrawals under the Annuity. We do not address each potential tax scenario that could arise with respect to this benefit here. However, we do note that if you participate in the Defined Income Benefit through a nonqualified annuity, as with all withdrawals, once all Purchase Payments are returned under the Annuity, all subsequent withdrawal amounts will be taxed as ordinary income.

# **PURCHASING YOUR ANNUITY**

# REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASING THE ANNUITY

We may apply certain limitations, restrictions, and/or underwriting standards as a condition of our issuance of the Annuity and/or acceptance of Purchase Payments. The current conditions are described below. We may change these conditions in the future.

Age Restrictions: Unless we agree otherwise and subject to our rules, in order to issue the annuity we must receive the application, in Good Order, while the Single Designated Life or Spousal Designated Lives, each, are not younger than 45 or older than age 85. The broker-dealer firm through which you are purchasing the Annuity may impose a younger maximum issue age than what is described above – check with the broker-dealer firm for details. The "Annuitant" refers to the natural person upon whose life annuity payments payable to the Owner are based.

**Initial Purchase Payment:** An initial Purchase Payment is considered the first Purchase Payment received by us in Good Order and in an amount sufficient to issue your Annuity. All subsequent Purchase Payments allocated to the Annuity will be considered Additional Purchase Payments. Unless we agree otherwise and subject to our rules, you must make a minimum initial Purchase Payment of \$25,000.

We must approve any initial and additional Purchase Payments where the total amount of Purchase Payments equals \$1,000,000 or more with respect to this Annuity and any other annuities you are purchasing from us (or that you already own) and/or our affiliates. To the extent allowed by state law, that required approval also will apply to a proposed change of owner of the Annuity, if as a result of the ownership change, total Purchase Payments with respect to this Annuity and all other annuities owned by the new Owner would equal or exceed that \$1,000,000 threshold. We may limit additional Purchase Payments under other circumstances, as explained in "Additional Purchase Payments," below.

Applicable laws designed to counter terrorists and prevent money laundering might, in certain circumstances, require us to block an Annuity Owner's ability to make certain transactions, and thereby refuse to accept Purchase Payments or requests for transfers (if applicable), partial withdrawals, total withdrawals, death benefits, or income payments until instructions are received from the appropriate regulator. We also may be required to provide additional information about you and your Annuity to government regulators.

Additional Purchase Payments: You may make additional purchase payments to the Annuity during the first Annuity Year provided the Account Value has not been reduced to zero, however at any time during this year, with prior notice to you, we may limit your right to allocate additional Purchase Payments to the Annuity. Additional Purchase Payments are subject to the maximum total Purchase Payment amount of \$1,000,000 as noted above, and a minimum amount of \$100. Purchase payments are not permitted on or after the Annuity Date. We may limit, restrict, suspend or reject any Purchase Payment, but would do so only on a non-discriminatory basis. See "Purchase Payment Limitation," below, for more information.

During the time you are permitted to make additional Purchase Payments to the Annuity, on a non-discriminatory basis, we may limit, restrict, suspend or reject any Purchase Payment: (i) if we determine that as a result of the timing and amounts of your additional Purchase Payments and withdrawals, the Guaranteed Income Amount is being increased in an unintended fashion. A factor we will use in making a determination as to whether an action is designed to increase the Guaranteed Income Amount in an unintended fashion is the relative size of additional Purchase Payment(s); and (ii) if the Income Percentages and/or Income Growth Rates have changed for new purchasers of the Annuity.

If we exercise this right to limit your Purchase Payment(s), your ability to invest in your Annuity, increase your Account Value and, consequently, increase your Guarantee Income Amount or death benefit will be limited. This would also impact your ability to make annual contributions to certain qualified plans. When you purchase this Annuity and determine the amount of your initial Purchase Payment, you should consider the fact that we may suspend, reject or limit additional Purchase Payments at some point in the future.

While the Annuity is offered in tax-qualified markets that have annual contribution limits under the Code, please note that this Annuity does not allow for additional Purchase Payments after the first Annuity Year. Please see the Tax Considerations section for additional information on these contribution limits.

**Speculative Investing:** Do not purchase this Annuity if you, anyone acting on your behalf, and/or anyone providing advice to you plan to use it, or any of its riders, for speculation, arbitrage, viatication or any other type of collective investment scheme now or at any time prior to termination of the Annuity. Your Annuity may not be traded on any stock exchange or secondary market. By purchasing this Annuity, you represent and warrant that you are not using this Annuity, or any of its riders, for speculation, arbitrage, viatication or any other type of collective investment scheme.

Currently, we will not issue an Annuity, permit changes in ownership or allow assignments to certain ownership types, including but not limited to: corporations, partnerships and endowments. Further, we will only issue an Annuity, allow changes of ownership and/or permit assignments to certain ownership types if the Annuity is held exclusively for the benefit of the designated Annuitant. You may name as Owner of the Annuity a grantor trust with one grantor only if the grantor is designated as the Annuitant. You may name as Owner of the Annuity, subject to state availability, a grantor trust with two grantors only if the oldest grantor is designated as the Annuitant. We will not issue Annuities to grantor trusts with more than two grantors and we will not permit co-grantors to be designated as either joint Annuitants during the Accumulation Period or Contingent Annuitants.

Where the Annuity is owned by a grantor trust, the Annuity must be distributed within 5 years after the date of death of the first grantor's death under Section 72(s) of the Code. If a non-Annuitant grantor predeceases the Annuitant, the Surrender Value will be payable. The Surrender Value will be payable to the trust and there is no Death Benefit provided under the Annuity except as otherwise described below. Between the date of death of the non-Annuitant grantor and the date that we distribute the Surrender Value, the Account Value is subject to fluctuation in value due to the investment performance of the Sub-account. If the Annuitant dies after the death of the first grantor, but prior to the distribution of the Surrender Value of the Annuity,

then the Death Benefit amount will be payable as a lump sum to the Beneficiary(ies) as described in the "Death Benefits" section of this prospectus. See the "Death Benefits" section later in this prospectus for information on the amount payable if the Annuitant predeceases the non-Annuitant grantor.

We may issue an Annuity in ownership structures where the annuitant is also the participant in a Qualified or Nonqualified employer sponsored plan and the Annuity represents his or her segregated interest in such plan. Further, please be aware that we do not provide administrative services for employer sponsored plans, and may limit the number of plan participants that may elect to use our Annuity as a funding vehicle.

Except as noted below, Purchase Payments must be submitted by check drawn on a U.S. bank, in U.S. dollars, and made payable to Pruco Life. Purchase Payments may also be submitted via 1035 exchange or direct transfer of funds. Under certain circumstances, Purchase Payments may be transmitted to Pruco Life via wiring funds through your Financial Professional's broker-dealer firm. We may reject any payment if it is received in an unacceptable form. Our acceptance of a check is subject to our ability to collect funds.

# **SETTING UP YOUR ANNUITY**

# If you elect the Single version of the Defined Income Benefit:

**Single Designated Life:** If the Owner is a natural person, the Owner must also be the Annuitant and the Single Designated Life. If the Owner is an entity that we permit, the Annuitant must be the Single Designated Life. You may not name multiple Owners if a Single Designated Life is listed in the Schedule Supplement.

# If you elect the Spousal version of the Defined Income Benefit:

Spousal Designated Lives: Such persons must be each other's Spouse on the Issue Date. If the Owner is a natural person, he/she must be the Annuitant, and one of the Spousal Designated Lives. The sole primary Beneficiary must be the other Spousal Designated Life for as long as the first Spousal Designated Life Owner is alive. If two Owners are named, each must be a Spousal Designated Life. No additional Owners may be named. While both Spousal Designated Lives are alive, each Owner must be designated as the other Owner's primary Beneficiary. If the Owner is an entity that we permit, the Annuitant must be a Spousal Designated Life, and the Annuitant's Spouse must be the other Spousal Designated Life. This benefit cannot be utilized when the Owner is an entity unless we allow for the continuation of the Annuity and the Defined Income Benefit by the Remaining Designated Life after the First Death.

# Remaining Designated Life

A Remaining Designated Life must be a natural person and must have been listed as one of the Spousal Designated Lives on the Issue Date. A Spousal Designated Life will become the Remaining Designated Life on the earlier of the First Death, or divorce from the other Spousal Designated Life while the Defined Income Benefit is in effect. In the event of the divorce of the Spousal Designated Lives, and the resulting removal of one of the Spousal Designated Lives as an Owner, Annuitant or Beneficiary under the Annuity, the other Spousal Designated Life will become the Remaining Designated Life under the Defined Income Benefit if we receive notice of the divorce, and any other documentation we require, in Good Order, at our Service Office. Any new Beneficiary(ies) named by the Remaining Designated Life will not be a Spousal Designated Life.

**General Information Regarding Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations:** The selections you make for these designations are dependent upon your decision to purchase lifetime income for your life or your and your spouse's lives.

- Owner: Each Owner holds all rights under the Annuity. You may name up to two Owners in which case all ownership rights are held jointly. Generally, joint Owners are required to act jointly; however, if both Owners instruct us in a written form that we find acceptable to allow one Owner to act independently on behalf of both Owners, we will permit one Owner to do so. All information and documents that we are required to send you will be sent to the first named Owner. Co-ownership by entity Owners or an entity Owner and an individual is not permitted. Refer to the Glossary of Terms for additional information regarding the term "Owner." Prior to Annuitization, there is no right of survivorship (other than any spousal continuance right that may be available to a surviving spouse).
- Annuitant: The Annuitant is the person upon whose life we make annuity payments. You must name an Annuitant who is a natural person. We do not accept a designation of joint Annuitants during the Accumulation Period. In limited circumstances and where allowed by law, we may allow you to name one or more "Contingent Annuitants" with our prior approval. Generally, a Contingent Annuitant will become the Annuitant if the Annuitant dies before the Annuity Date. Please refer to the discussion of "Considerations for Contingent Annuitants" in the Tax Considerations section of the prospectus.
- Beneficiary: The Beneficiary is the person(s) or entity you name to receive the Death Benefit. Your Beneficiary designation should be the exact name of your Beneficiary, not only a reference to the Beneficiary's relationship to you. If you use a class designation in lieu of designating individuals (e.g. "surviving children"), we will pay the class of Beneficiaries as determined at the time of your death and not the class of Beneficiaries that existed at the time the designation was made. If no Beneficiary is named, the Death Benefit will be paid to you or your estate. For Annuities that designate a custodian or a plan as Owner, the custodian or plan must also be designated as the Beneficiary. If an Annuity is co-owned by spouses, we will assume that the sole primary Beneficiary is the surviving spouse that was named as the co-Owner, unless you elect an alternative Beneficiary designation.

Your right to make certain designations may be limited if your Annuity is to be used as an IRA or other "qualified" investment that is given beneficial tax treatment under the Code. You should seek competent tax advice on the income, estate and gift tax implications of your designations.

Please see "Tax Considerations" for information on the effect of applicable law if you are in a civil union, domestic partnership or same-sex marriage.

# **RIGHT TO CANCEL**

You may cancel (or "Free Look") your Annuity for a refund by notifying us in Good Order or by returning the Annuity to our Service Office or to the representative who sold it to you within 10 days after you receive it (or such other period as may be required by applicable law). The Annuity can be mailed or delivered either to us, at our Service Office, or to the representative who sold it to you. Return of this Annuity by mail is effective on being postmarked, properly addressed and postage prepaid.

Subject to applicable law, the amount of the refund will equal the Account Value as of the Valuation Day we receive the returned Annuity at our Service Office or the cancellation request in Good Order, plus any fees or tax charges deducted from the Purchase Payment upon allocation to the Annuity or imposed under the Annuity, less any applicable federal and state income tax withholding. However, where we are required by applicable law to return Purchase Payments, we will return the greater of Account Value and Purchase Payments.

# **MANAGING YOUR ANNUITY**

# CHANGE OF OWNER, ANNUITANT AND BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

Subject to the limitations described below, in general, you may change the Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary designations by sending us a request in Good Order, which will be effective upon receipt at our Service Office. As of the Valuation Day we receive an ownership change, including an assignment, any withdrawal programs will be canceled. The new Owner must submit the applicable program enrollment if they wish to participate in such a program. Where allowed by law, such changes will be subject to our acceptance. Any change we accept is subject to any transactions processed by us before we receive the notice of change at our Service Office.

# While the Defined Income Benefit is in Effect

If you have the Single version of the Defined Income Benefit, any change of the Annuitant under the Annuity will result in the cancellation of the Defined Income Benefit. Similarly, any change of Owner will result in cancellation of the Defined Income Benefit, except if (a) the new Owner has the same taxpayer identification number as the previous Owner, (b) ownership is transferred from a custodian or other entity to the Annuitant, or vice versa or (c) ownership is transferred from one entity to another entity that satisfies our administrative ownership guidelines.

If you have the Spousal version of the Defined Income Benefit, a change to the Owner or Annuitant will result in the cancellation of the Defined Income Benefit in all cases, except as follows: (a) if one Owner dies and the Remaining Designated Life assumes the Annuity, or (b) if the Annuity initially is co-owned, but thereafter the Owner who is not the Annuitant is removed as Owner. We permit changes of Beneficiary designations under this benefit, however, if the Beneficiary is changed, the benefit may not be eligible to be continued upon the First Death. If the Spousal Designated Lives divorce, the Defined Income Benefit may not be divided as part of the divorce settlement or judgment. Nor may the divorcing spouse who retains ownership of the Annuity appoint a new Spousal Designated Life upon re-marriage.

# If the Defined Income Benefit Terminates

If the Defined Income Benefit terminates, you would lose all guarantees provided by the Defined Income Benefit, and thus the ability to withdraw the Guaranteed Income Amount and receive the Death Benefit with the Return of Purchase Payments Amount. We will cease to deduct the Defined Income Benefit charge after the Benefit terminates. However we will not refund any Defined Income Benefit charges previously assessed. If the Defined Income Benefit terminates, you will not be able to re-elect the benefit later. If the Defined Income Benefit terminates, you will still have the right to annuitize the Account Value. Depending on the tax status of the annuity, you may receive tax deferral prior to annuitization. You should carefully consider purchasing the Annuity if you anticipate changing the Owner/Annuitant designations. You may name a new Beneficiary(ies), subject to the other limitations on Beneficiary designations noted above with respect to Spousal Designated Lives and a Remaining Designated Life. However, such new Beneficiary (ies) will not be a Spousal Designated Life, and would therefore result in the Defined Income Benefit terminating at the death of the Remaining Designated Life.

In general, you may change the Owner, Annuitant, and Beneficiary designations as indicated above, and also may assign the Annuity. **We will allow** changes of ownership and/or assignments only if the Annuity is held exclusively for the benefit of the Annuitant or Contingent Annuitant. We accept assignments of nonqualified Annuities only. We will reject the following proposed change of Owner, Annuitant, or Beneficiary, as well as any proposed assignment of the Annuity:

- a new Annuitant prior to the Annuity Date if the Owner is an entity;
- a new Owner such that the new Owner is older than the age for which we would then issue the Annuity as of the effective date of such change, unless the change of Owner is the result of spousal continuation;
- a new Owner or Annuitant that is a certain ownership type, including but not limited to corporations, partnerships, endowments, or grantor trusts
  with more than two grantors; and
- a new Annuitant for an Annuity issued to a grantor trust where the new Annuitant is not the oldest grantor of the trust.

We will also reject a proposed change where the proposed Owner, Annuitant, Beneficiary or assignee is any of the following:

- a company(ies) that issues or manages viatical or structured settlements;
- an institutional investment company;
- an Owner with no insurable relationship to the Annuitant or Contingent Annuitant (a "Stranger-Owned Annuity" or "STOA"); or
- a change in designation(s) that does not comply with or that we cannot administer in compliance with Federal and/or state law.

We will implement this right on a non-discriminatory basis and to the extent allowed by state law, but are not obligated to process your request within any particular time frame.

# **Spousal Designations**

If an Annuity is co-owned by spouses, we will assume that the sole primary Beneficiary is the surviving spouse that was named as the co-owner unless you designate a different Beneficiary. Note that any division of your Annuity due to divorce will be treated as a withdrawal and CDSC may apply. If CDSC is applicable, it cannot be divided between the owner and the non-owner ex-spouse. The non-owner ex-spouse may decide whether he or she would like to use the withdrawn funds to purchase a new Annuity that is then available to new contract owners. Depending upon the method used for the division of the Annuity, the CDSC may be applied to the existing or new Annuity. Please consult with your tax advisor regarding your personal situation if you will be transferring or dividing your Annuity pursuant to a divorce.

Prior to a 2013 Supreme Court decision, and consistent with Section 3 of the federal Defense of Marriage Act ("DOMA"), same sex marriages under state law were not recognized as same sex marriages for purposes of federal law. However, in *United States v. Windsor*, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Section 3 of DOMA as unconstitutional, thereby recognizing a valid same sex marriage for federal law purposes. On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled in *Obergefell v. Hodges* that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry, thus requiring all states to allow same-sex marriage. The *Windsor* and *Obergefell* decisions mean that the federal and state tax law provisions applicable to an opposite sex spouse will also apply to a same sex spouse. Please note that a civil union or registered domestic partnership is generally not recognized as a marriage.

Please consult with your tax or legal adviser before electing the Spousal Benefit for a domestic partner or civil union partner.

# **Contingent Annuitant**

Generally, if an Annuity is owned by an entity and the entity has named a Contingent Annuitant, the Contingent Annuitant will become the Annuitant upon the death of the Annuitant, and no death benefit is payable. Unless we agree otherwise, the Annuity is only eligible to have a Contingent Annuitant designation if the entity which owns the Annuity is (1) a plan described in Code Section 72(s)(5)(A)(i) (or any successor Code section thereto); (2) an entity described in Code Section 72(u)(1) (or any successor Code section thereto); or (3) a Custodial Account established to hold retirement assets for the benefit of the natural person Annuitant pursuant to the provisions of Section 408(a) of the Code (or any successor Code section thereto) ("Custodial Account").

Where the Annuity is held by a Custodial Account, the Contingent Annuitant will not automatically become the Annuitant upon the death of the Annuitant. Upon the death of the Annuitant, the Custodial Account will have the choice, subject to our rules, to either elect to receive the Death Benefit or elect to continue the Annuity.

See "Death Benefits - Spousal Continuation of Annuity" for more information about how the Annuity can be continued by a Custodial Account.

# **ACCESS TO YOUR ACCOUNT VALUE**

# TYPES OF DISTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU

During the Accumulation Period you can access your Account Value through partial withdrawals, systematic withdrawals, and where required for tax purposes, Required Minimum Distributions. The minimum amount for each partial withdrawal is \$100. You can also surrender your Annuity at any time. Depending on your instructions, we may deduct a portion of the Account Value being withdrawn or surrendered as a CDSC. Cumulative Lifetime Withdrawals within an Annuity Year that are less than or equal to the Guaranteed Income Amount are not subject to a CDSC. If you surrender your Annuity, in addition to any CDSC, we may deduct the Annual Maintenance Fee, and any Tax Charge that applies. Each of these types of distributions is described more fully below.

# SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWALS FROM YOUR ANNUITY DURING THE ACCUMULATION PERIOD

Our systematic withdrawal program is an administrative program designed for you to withdraw a specified amount from your Annuity on an automated basis at the frequency you select. This program is available to you at no additional charge. We may cease offering this program or change the administrative rules related to the program at any time on a non-discriminatory basis.

You may not have a systematic withdrawal program, as described in this section, if you are receiving substantially equal periodic payments under Sections 72(t) and 72(q) of the Code or Required Minimum Distributions.

You may terminate your systematic withdrawal program at any time. Ownership changes to, and assignment of, your Annuity will terminate any systematic withdrawal program on the Annuity as of the effective date of the change or assignment. Requesting partial withdrawals while you have a systematic withdrawal program may also terminate your systematic withdrawal program as described below.

Systematic withdrawals are made from your Account Value. Systematic withdrawals may be subject to any applicable CDSC. We will determine whether a CDSC applies and the amount in the same way as we would for a partial withdrawal.

The minimum amount for each systematic withdrawal is \$100. If any scheduled systematic withdrawal is for less than \$100, we may postpone the withdrawal and add the expected amount to the amount that is to be withdrawn on the next scheduled systematic withdrawal.

If you elect to receive Lifetime Withdrawals using our systematic withdrawal program, please be advised of the current administrative rules associated with this program:

- If you have or establish a new systematic withdrawal program for an amount less than, or equal to, your Guaranteed Income Amount and we receive a request for a partial withdrawal from your Annuity in Good Order, we will process your partial withdrawal request and may cancel your systematic withdrawal program.
- If you have or establish a new systematic withdrawal program for an amount greater than your Guaranteed Income Amount, it is important to note that these systematic withdrawals may result in Excess Income which will negatively impact your Guaranteed Income Amount available in future Annuity Years and may also reduce the value of your Death Benefit. A combination of partial withdrawals and systematic withdrawals for an amount greater than your Guaranteed Income Amount will further increase the impact on your future Guaranteed Income Amount and Death Benefit value. Please see the "Defined Income Benefit" and "Death Benefit" sections of this prospectus for information on the impact of withdrawals of Excess Income.
- Non-Lifetime Withdrawals may not be taken as systematic withdrawals.

# SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWALS UNDER SECTIONS 72(t)/72(q) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

If your Annuity is used as a funding vehicle for certain retirement plans that receive special tax treatment under Sections 401, 403(b), 408 or 408A of the Code, Section 72(t) of the Code may provide an exception to the 10% penalty tax on distributions made prior to age 59  $\frac{1}{2}$  if you elect to receive distributions as a series of "substantially equal periodic payments." For Annuities issued as nonqualified annuities, the Code may provide a similar exemption from penalty under Section 72(q) of the Code. Systematic withdrawals under Sections 72(t)/72(q) will be subject to a CDSC if they exceed the Guaranteed Income Amount under the Defined Income Benefit. To request a program that complies with Sections 72(t)/72(q), you must provide us with certain required information in writing on a form acceptable to us. We may require advance notice to allow us to calculate the amount of 72(t)/72(q) withdrawals. There is no minimum Surrender Value we require to allow you to begin a program for withdrawals under Sections 72(t)/72(q). The minimum amount for any such withdrawal is \$100 and payments may be made monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

You may also annuitize your Annuity and begin receiving payments for the remainder of your life (or life expectancy) as a means of receiving income payments before age 59 ½ that are not subject to the 10% penalty.

Please note that if a withdrawal under Sections 72(t) or 72(q) was scheduled to be effected between the last Valuation Day prior to December 25<sup>th</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of a given year, then we will implement the withdrawal on December 28<sup>th</sup> or on the last Valuation Day prior to December 28<sup>th</sup> of that year.

# **REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS**

Required Minimum Distributions ("RMDs") are a type of partial withdrawal we allow to meet distribution requirements under Sections 401, 403(b) or 408 of the Code. Under the Code, you may be required to begin receiving periodic amounts from your Annuity. In such case, we will allow you to make systematic withdrawals in amounts that satisfy the minimum distribution rules under the Code. RMDs for this Annuity must be taken by April 1st in the year following the date you turn age 70 ½ and by December 31st for subsequent calendar years.

Unless designated as a Non-Lifetime Withdrawal, an RMD is considered a Lifetime Withdrawal from the Annuity. The following rules apply to determine if any portion of an RMD amount will be treated as Excess Income.

For purposes of this provision, in relation to any Annuity Year, the "Second Calendar Year" is the calendar year following the calendar year in which the Annuity Year began.

In general, withdrawals made from the Annuity during an Annuity Year to meet the RMD provisions of the Code will not be treated as Excess Income. However, if in any Annuity Year, you take a Lifetime Withdrawal in the Second Calendar Year, then the amount which will not be treated as Excess Income is the sum of:

- (1) the remaining Guaranteed Income Amount for that Annuity Year, and
- (2) the Second Calendar Year's remaining RMD amount less the Guaranteed Income Amount. If the Guaranteed Income Amount is greater than the Second Calendar Year's remaining RMD amount, then (2) shall be equal to zero, or \$0.

Any remaining RMD amount for the Second Calendar Year can be taken in the following Annuity Year.

If, in any Annuity Year, your RMD amount is not greater than the Guaranteed Income Amount, any withdrawals in excess of the Guaranteed Income Amount will be treated as Excess Income. RMD taken as systematic withdrawals will be considered Lifetime Withdrawals.

Please see hypothetical examples below for details.

If you do not comply with the rules described above, any withdrawal that exceeds the Guaranteed Income Amount will be treated as a withdrawal of Excess Income, which will reduce your Guaranteed Income Amount in future Annuity Years. This may include situations where you comply with the rules outlined above and then decide to take additional withdrawals after satisfying your RMD requirement from the Annuity.

For purposes of this provision, RMDs are determined based on the value of this Annuity, and do not include the value of any other annuities, savings or investments subject to the RMD rules. We require three (3) days advance written notice to calculate and process the amount of your withdrawals. You must elect to have RMDs paid out monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The \$100 minimum amount that applies to systematic withdrawals applies to monthly RMDs but does not apply to RMDs taken out on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

In any year in which the requirement to take RMDs is suspended by law, we reserve the right, regardless of any position taken on this issue in a prior year, to treat any amount that would have been considered as an RMD if not for the suspension as eligible for treatment under this provision. Please note that if an RMD was scheduled to be effected between the last Valuation Day prior to December 25th and December 31st of a given year, then we will implement the RMD on December 28 or on the last Valuation Day prior to December 28th of that year.

The following applies in the event the Defined Income Benefit terminates: We do not assess a CDSC (if applicable) on RMDs from your Annuity if you are required by law to take such RMDs from your Annuity at the time it is taken, provided the amount withdrawn is the amount we calculate as the RMD. However, a CDSC (if applicable) may be assessed on that portion of a systematic withdrawal that is taken to satisfy the RMD rules in relation to other savings or investment plans under other qualified retirement plans.

You may also annuitize your Annuity and begin receiving payments for the remainder of your life (or life expectancy) as a means of receiving income payments and satisfying the RMD rules under the Code.

RMD rules do not apply to Roth IRAs during the Owner's lifetime. See "Tax Considerations" for a further discussion of RMDs.

# Example

The following example is purely hypothetical and intended to illustrate a scenario as described above. Note that withdrawals must comply with all IRS guidelines in order to satisfy the RMD for the current calendar year.

Assumptions:

RMD Calendar Year 01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017

Annuity Year 06/01/2016 to 05/31/2017

Guaranteed Income Amount and RMD Amount = \$5,000

Remaining Guaranteed Income Amount as of 1/3/2017 = \$3,000 (a \$2,000 withdrawal was taken on 7/1/2016)

RMD Amount for Calendar Year 2017 = \$6,000

The amount you may withdraw in the current Annuity Year (between 1/3/2017 and 5/31/2017) without it being treated as Excess Income is \$4,000. Here is the calculation: \$3,000 + (\$6,000 - \$5,000) = \$4,000.

If the \$4,000 withdrawal is taken in the current Annuity Year (prior to 6/1/2017), the remaining Guaranteed Income Amount will be zero and the remaining RMD amount of \$2,000 may be taken in the subsequent Annuity Year beginning on 6/1/2017 (when your Guaranteed Income Amount is reset to \$5,000).

If you had chosen to not take any additional withdrawals until on or after 6/1/2017, then you would be eligible to withdraw \$6,000 without it being treated as a withdrawal of Excess Income.

# **SURRENDERS**

#### SURRENDER VALUE

During the Accumulation Period you can surrender your Annuity at any time, and you will receive the Surrender Value. Upon surrender of your Annuity, you will no longer have any rights under the surrendered Annuity. Your Surrender Value is equal to the Account Value less any applicable CDSC, any applicable tax charges, and any Annual Maintenance Fee.

We require a minimum Surrender Value of \$2,000 after any Partial Withdrawal. We waive this requirement while the Defined Income Benefit is in effect, if you are withdrawing the Guaranteed Income Amount, provided you do not take a withdrawal of Excess Income. See "Annuity Options" later in this prospectus for information on the impact of the minimum Surrender Value at annuitization.

# **MEDICALLY-RELATED SURRENDERS**

Where permitted by law, you may request to surrender all or part of your Annuity prior to the Annuity Date without application of any otherwise applicable CDSC upon occurrence of a medically-related "Contingency Event" as described below (a "Medically-Related Surrender"). The availability and requirements of such a surrender and waiver may vary by state. Please note, this applies to either owner if you elected the spousal version of the benefit and named both spouses as joint owners.

If you request a full surrender, the amount payable will be your Account Value. Although a CDSC will not apply to qualifying Medically-Related Surrenders, please be aware that a withdrawal from the Annuity before you have reached age 59½ may be subject to a 10% tax penalty and other tax consequences – see the Tax Considerations section of this prospectus.

We waive any applicable CDSC only if:

- the Owner is an entity, the Annuitant must have been named or any change of Annuitant must have been accepted by us, prior to the "Contingency Event" described below in order to qualify for a Medically-Related Surrender;
- the Owner is an entity, the Annuitant must be alive as of the date we pay the proceeds of such surrender request;
- the Owner is one or more natural persons, all such Owners must also be alive at such time;
- we receive satisfactory proof of the Owner's (or the Annuitant's if entity-owned) confinement in a Medical Care Facility or Fatal Illness in writing on a form satisfactory to us; and/or
- no additional Purchase Payments can be made to the Annuity.

We reserve the right to impose a maximum amount of a Medically-Related Surrender (equal to \$500,000), but we do not currently impose that maximum. That is, if the amount of a partial medically-related withdrawal request, when added to the aggregate amount of Medically-Related Surrenders you have taken previously under this Annuity and any other annuities we and/or our affiliates have issued to you exceeds that maximum amount, we reserve the right to treat the amount exceeding that maximum as not an eligible Medically-Related Surrender. A "Contingency Event" occurs if the Owner (or Annuitant if entity-owned) is:

- first confined in a "Medical Care Facility" after the Issue Date and while the Annuity is in force, remains confined for at least 90 consecutive days, and remains confined on the date we receive the Medically-Related Surrender request at our Service Office; or
- first diagnosed as having a "Fatal Illness" after the Issue Date and while the Annuity is in force. We may require a second or third opinion by a licensed physician chosen by us regarding a diagnosis of Fatal Illness. We will pay for any such second or third opinion.

"Fatal Illness" means a condition (a) diagnosed by a licensed physician; and (b) that is expected to result in death within 24 months after the diagnosis in 80% of the cases diagnosed with the condition. "Medical Care Facility" means a facility operated and licensed pursuant to the laws of any United States jurisdiction providing medically necessary in-patient care, which is (a) prescribed by a licensed physician in writing; (b) recognized as a general hospital or long-term care facility by the proper authority of the United States jurisdiction in which it is located; (c) recognized as a general hospital by the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Hospitals; and (d) certified as a hospital or long-term care facility; OR (e) a nursing home licensed by the United States jurisdiction in which it is located and offers the services of a Registered Nurse (RN) or Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) 24 hours a day that maintains control of all prescribed medications dispensed and daily medical records. This waiver is not available in the states of California, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

# **ANNUITY OPTIONS**

Annuitization involves converting your Account Value to an annuity payment stream, the length of which depends on the terms of the applicable annuity option. Thus, once annuity payments begin any payment upon death is determined solely under the terms of the applicable annuity payment option, and you no longer participate in the Defined Income Benefit (unless you have annuitized or began payments under one of the payment options under that benefit). We currently make annuity options available that provide fixed annuity payments. Fixed annuity payments provide the same amount with each payment. You must annuitize your entire Account Value; partial annuitizations are not allowed.

You have a right to choose your annuity start date, provided that it is no later than the first day of the calendar month next following the 95th birthday of the oldest of any Owner and Annuitant whichever occurs first ("Latest Annuity Date") and no earlier than the earliest permissible Annuity Date. You may choose one of the Annuity Options described below, and the frequency of annuity payments. You may change your choices before the Annuity Date. If you have not provided us with your Annuity Date in writing, then your Annuity Date will be the Latest Annuity Date. Certain annuity options and/ or periods certain may not be available, depending on the age of the Annuitant. If a CDSC is still remaining on your Annuity, any period certain must be at least 10 years (or the maximum period certain available, if life expectancy is less than 10 years).

If needed, we will require proof in Good Order of the Annuitant's age before commencing annuity payments. Likewise, we may require proof in Good Order that an Annuitant is still alive, as a condition of our making additional annuity payments while the Annuitant lives. We will seek to recover any life income annuity payments that we made after the death of the Annuitant. If the initial monthly annuity payment would be less than \$100, we will not allow you to annuitize (except as otherwise specified by applicable law). Instead, we will pay you your current Account Value in a lump sum and terminate your Annuity. Similarly, we reserve the right to pay your Account Value in a lump sum, rather than allow you to annuitize, if the Surrender Value of your Annuity is less than \$2,000 on the Annuity Date.

Once annuity payments begin, you no longer receive benefits under the Defined Income Benefit (unless you have annuitized under that benefit) or the Death Benefit described below.

Certain of these annuity options may be available as "settlement options" to Beneficiaries who choose to receive the Death Benefit proceeds as a series of payments instead of a lump sum payment.

# Annuity Payments under the Defined Income Benefit (Guaranteed Income Amount Option)

If annuity payments are to begin under the terms of your Annuity, or if you decide to begin receiving annuity payments and there is a Guaranteed Income Amount due in subsequent Annuity Years, you can elect one of the following two options:

- (1) apply your Account Value, less any applicable tax charges, to any other annuity option available for annuity payments not under the Defined Income Benefit (annuity Option 1 and Option 2, described below); or
- (2) request that, as of the date annuity payments are to begin, we make annuity payments each year equal to the Guaranteed Income Amount on that date. If this option is elected, the Guaranteed Income Amount will not increase after annuity payments have begun. We will make payments until the death of the Single Designated Life or the Remaining Designated Life. We must receive your request in a form acceptable to us at our Service Office. If applying your Account Value, less any applicable tax charges, to the life-only annuity payment rates results in a higher annual payment, we will give you the higher annual payment.

In the absence of an election when mandatory annuity payments are to begin we currently make annual annuity payments as:

- a joint life and last survivor fixed annuity if both Spousal Designated Lives are living and each other's Spouse on the date annual annuity payments
  would begin, or
- as a single life fixed annuity if there is a Remaining Designated Life, or this Rider was issued with a Single Designated Life.

In addition, each of the payments above will consist of ten payments certain (or a lesser number of payments certain if the life expectancy of the Annuitant at the time payments are to begin is less than 10 years, based on applicable Internal Revenue Service tables), by applying the greater of the annuity rates then currently available or the annuity rates guaranteed in your Annuity. We reserve the right at any time to increase or decrease the length of any annuity payout option, including but not limited to any period certain in order to comply with the Code (e.g., to shorten the period certain to match life expectancy under applicable Internal Revenue Service tables). The amount that will be applied to provide such annuity payments will be the greater of:

- (1) the present value of the future Guaranteed Income Amount payments; and
- (2) the Account Value.

Once we receive your election to commence annuity payments, or we make the first payment under a default annuity payment option provision, we will only make annuity payments guaranteed under the specific annuity payment option, and the annuity payment option cannot be changed.

# **Traditional Annuity Payment Options**

If annuity payments are to begin under the terms of your Annuity, you can elect to apply your Account Value less any applicable tax charges to one of the following two options. Annuity Options 1 and 2 will always be available for election.

Please note that you may not annuitize under the Traditional Annuity Options described below within the first three Annuity Years (except as otherwise specified by applicable law).

# Option 1

Annuity Payments for a Period Certain: Under this option, we will make equal payments for the period chosen (the "period certain"), up to 25 years (but not to exceed the life expectancy of the Annuitant at the time the Annuity Option becomes effective, as computed under applicable IRS tables). The annuity payments may be made monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, as you choose, for the fixed period. If the Owner dies during the income phase, payments will continue to any surviving Owner, or if there is no surviving Owner, the named Beneficiary or your estate if no Beneficiary is named for the remainder of the period certain.

# Option 2

Life Income Annuity Option with a Period Certain: Under this option, income is payable monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually for the period certain, subject to our then current rules, and thereafter until the death of the Annuitant. Should the Owner or Annuitant die before the end of the period certain, the remaining period certain payments are paid to any surviving Owner, or if there is no surviving Owner, the named Beneficiary, or your estate if no Beneficiary is named, until the end of the period certain. If an annuity option is not selected by the Annuity Date, this is the option we will automatically select for you. We will use a period certain of 10 years, or a shorter duration if the Annuitant's life expectancy at the time the Annuity Option becomes effective, as computed under applicable IRS tables, is less than 10 years. If in this instance the duration of the period certain is prohibited by applicable law, then we will pay you a lump sum in lieu of this option.

# Other Annuity Options We May Make Available

At the Annuity Date, we may make available other annuity options not described above. The additional options we currently offer are:

- Life Annuity Option. We currently make available an annuity option that makes payments for the life of the Annuitant. Under that option, income is payable monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, as you choose, until the death of the Annuitant. No additional annuity payments are made after the death of the Annuitant. No minimum number of payments is guaranteed. It is possible that only one payment will be payable if the death of the Annuitant occurs before the date the second payment was due, and no other payments nor death benefits would be payable.
- Joint Life Annuity Option. Under the joint lives option, income is payable monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, as you choose, during the joint lifetime of two Annuitants, ceasing with the last payment prior to the death of the second to die of the two Annuitants. No minimum number of payments is guaranteed under this option. It is possible that only one payment will be payable if the death of all the Annuitants occurs before the date the second payment was due, and no other payments or death benefits would be payable.
- Joint Life Annuity Option With a Period Certain. Under this option, income is payable monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually for the number of years selected (the "period certain"), subject to our current rules, and thereafter during the joint lifetime of two Annuitants, ceasing with the last payment prior to the death of the second to die of the two Annuitants. If the Annuitants' joint life expectancy is less than the period certain, we will institute a shorter period certain, determined according to applicable IRS tables. Should the two Annuitants die before the end of the period certain, the remaining period certain payments are paid to any surviving Owner, or if there is no surviving Owner, the named Beneficiary, or to your estate if no Beneficiary is named, until the end of the period certain.

We reserve the right to cease offering any of these Other Annuity Options. If we do so, we will amend this prospectus to reflect the change. We reserve the right to make available other annuity or settlement options.

# **DEATH BENEFIT**

#### DEATH BENEFIT UNDER THE DEFINED INCOME BENEFIT

If you elected the Single version of the Defined Income Benefit on the Issue Date, and while it is in effect, the Death Benefit payable upon the death of the Single Designated Life is the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit. No Death Benefit is payable, however if any of the following have occurred:

- Guarantee Payments (under the Guaranteed Income Amount Option);
- Traditional Annuity Payments

If you elected the Spousal version of the Defined Income Benefit on the Issue Date, while it is in effect, the Death Benefit payable upon the First Death is the Account Value. The Death Benefit payable upon the death of the Remaining Designated Life, is the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit. No Death Benefit is payable, however if any of the following have occurred:

- Guarantee Payments (under the Guaranteed Income Amount Option); or
- Traditional Annuity Payments

The Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit is equal to the greater of:

- the Account Value, or
- the Return of Purchase Payments Amount described below.

If we do not receive Due Proof of Death within one year of the death of the Owner (Annuitant if the Annuity is owned by an entity in the case of a Single Designated Life) or the death of the Remaining Designated Life in the case of Spousal Designated Lives, the Death Benefit payable is the Account Value. We reserve the right to waive or extend, on a non-discriminatory basis, our right to enforce the one year deadline for Due Proof of Death. This right will only apply for purposes of determining the amount payable as a Death Benefit, and in no way restricts when a claim may be filed.

# All other provisions applicable to Death Benefits under your Annuity will continue to apply.

Return of Purchase Payments Amount

On the Issue Date, the Return of Purchase Payments Amount is equal to your Account Value. On each subsequent Valuation Day, until the date we receive Due Proof of Death of the Single Designated Life or the Remaining Designated Life, as applicable, the Return of Purchase Payments Amount is:

- increased by any Purchase Payments made on the current Valuation Day, and
- reduced by the effect of withdrawals made on the current Valuation Day, as described below.

A Non-Lifetime Withdrawal will proportionately reduce the Return of Purchase Payments Amount by the ratio of the Non-Lifetime Withdrawal to the Account Value immediately prior to the Non-Lifetime Withdrawal. A Lifetime Withdrawal that is not considered Excess Income, including Required Minimum Distributions, will reduce the Return of Purchase Payments Amount by the amount of the withdrawal. (For more information about the impact of RMDs, please see "Required Minimum Distributions" section.) All or a portion of a Lifetime Withdrawal that is considered Excess Income will proportionately reduce the Return of Purchase Payments Amount by the ratio of the Excess Income to the Account Value immediately prior to the withdrawal of the Excess Income.

The Death Benefit described above is available only while the Defined Income Benefit is in effect, and then only until your Account Value is reduced to zero. Once your Account Value reduces to zero, the Death Benefit feature of the Defined Income Benefit terminates.

# DEATH BENEFIT UPON TERMINATION OF THE DEFINED INCOME BENEFIT

If you have taken actions that have caused the Defined Income Benefit to be terminated, then the Death Benefit is equal to the Account Value, and payable:

- 1) If the Annuity is owned by one or more natural persons, upon the death of the Owner (or the first to die, if there are multiple Owners).
- 2) If an Annuity is owned by an entity, upon the Annuitant's death if there is no Contingent Annuitant. Generally, if a Contingent Annuitant was designated before the Annuitant's death and the Annuitant dies, then the Contingent Annuitant becomes the Annuitant and a Death Benefit will not be paid upon the Annuitant's death.

You should carefully consider any possible actions by you that would cause the Defined Income Benefit to be terminated, as it will impact the value payable as a Death Benefit.

# **GENERAL DEATH BENEFIT PROVISIONS**

We determine the amount of the Death Benefit as of the date we receive Due Proof of Death. We must be made aware of the entire universe of eligible Beneficiaries in order for us to have received Due Proof of Death. Any given Beneficiary must submit the written information we require in order to be paid his/her share of the Death Benefit.

Once we have received Due Proof of Death, each eligible Beneficiary may take his/her portion of the Death Benefit in one of the forms described in this prospectus (e.g., distribution of the entire interest in the Annuity within 5 years after the date of death, or as periodic payments over a period not extending beyond the life or life expectancy of the Beneficiary – see "Payment of Death Benefits" below).

No Death Benefit will be payable if the Annuity terminates or your Account Value reaches zero (which can happen if, for example, you are taking withdrawals under the Defined Income Benefit).

Any Death Benefit amount not paid in full on the date of Due Proof of Death is subject to fluctuation in value due to the investment performance of the Sub-account until the Death Benefit is paid out in full.

Where an Annuity is issued to a trust, and such trust is characterized as a grantor trust under the Code, such Annuity shall not be considered to be held by a non-natural person and will be subject to the tax reporting and withholding requirements generally applicable to a Nonqualified Annuity held by a natural person. At this time, we will not issue an Annuity to grantor trusts with more than two grantors.

You may name as the Owner of the Annuity a grantor trust with one grantor only if the grantor is designated as the Annuitant. You may name as the Owner of the Annuity, subject to state availability, a grantor trust with two grantors only if the oldest grantor is designated as the Annuitant. We will not issue Annuities to grantor trusts with more than two grantors and we will not permit co-grantors to be designated as either joint Annuitants during the Accumulation Period or Contingent Annuitants.

Where the Annuity is owned by a grantor trust, the Annuity must be distributed within 5 years after the date of death of the first grantor's death under Section 72(s) of the Code. If a non-Annuitant grantor predeceases the Annuitant, the Surrender Value will be payable. The Surrender Value will be payable to the trust and there is no Death Benefit provided under the Annuity except as otherwise described below. Between the date of death of the non-Annuitant grantor and the date that we distribute the Surrender Value, the Account Value is subject to fluctuation in value due to the investment performance of the Sub-account. If the Annuitant dies after the death of the first grantor, but prior to the distribution of the Surrender Value of the Annuity, then the Death Benefit amount will be payable as a lump sum to the Beneficiary or Beneficiaries as described in the "Death Benefits" section of this prospectus. See the "Death Benefits" section later in this prospectus for information on the amount payable if the Annuitant predeceases the non-Annuitant grantor.

# SPOUSAL CONTINUATION OF YOUR ANNUITY

Unless you designate a Beneficiary other than your spouse, upon the death of either spousal Owner, the surviving spouse may elect to continue ownership of the Annuity instead of taking the Death Benefit. No CDSC will apply to Purchase Payments made prior to the effective date of a spousal continuance. However, any additional Purchase Payments applied after the effective date of a spousal continuation will be subject to all provisions of the Annuity, including the CDSC when applicable.

If you elected the Single version of the Defined Income Benefit on the Issue Date and it is in effect on the date of Due Proof of Death, if your spouse chooses to continue ownership of the Annuity the Account Value is increased, if necessary, to equal the Return of Purchase Payments Amount, and the Defined Income Benefit will terminate.

If you elected the Spousal version of the Defined Income Benefit on the Issue Date and it is in effect on the date of Due Proof of Death of the First Death,

- If the Remaining Designated Life chooses to continue the Annuity, the Defined Income Benefit will remain in force.
- If a Death Benefit is not payable (e.g., if the first of the Spousal Designated Lives to die is the Beneficiary but not an Owner), the Defined Income Benefit will remain in force unless we are instructed otherwise.
- Upon death of the Remaining Designated Life, if their spouse chooses to continue ownership of the Annuity the Account Value is increased, if necessary, to equal the Return of Purchase Payments Amount, and the Defined Income Benefit will terminate.

Spousal continuation is also permitted, subject to our rules and regulatory approval, if the Annuity is held by a custodial account established to hold retirement assets for the benefit of the natural person Annuitant pursuant to the provisions of Section 408(a) of the Code ("Custodial Account") and, on the date of the Annuitant's death, the spouse of the Annuitant is (1) the Contingent Annuitant under the Annuity and (2) the Beneficiary of the Custodial Account. The ability to continue the Annuity in this manner will result in the Annuity no longer qualifying for tax deferral under the Code. However, such tax deferral should result from the ownership of the Annuity by the Custodial Account. Please consult your tax or legal advisor.

See "Managing Your Annuity – Spousal Designations" for information regarding a same sex surviving spouse's ability to continue ownership of the Annuity. Please consult your tax or legal advisor for more information.

Your Annuity may only be continued under the spousal continuation provision once.

# **PAYMENT OF DEATH BENEFITS**

### Alternative Death Benefit Payment Options – Annuities Owned By Individuals (Not Associated With Tax-Favored Plans)

Except in the case of a spousal continuation as described above, upon your death, certain distributions must be made under the Annuity. The required distributions depend on whether you die before you start taking annuity payments under the Annuity or after you start taking annuity payments under the Annuity. If you die on or after the Annuity Date, the remaining portion of the interest in the Annuity must be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution being used as of the date of death. In the event of the decedent's death before the Annuity Date, the Death Benefit must be distributed:

within five (5) years of the date of death (the "5 year deadline"); or

as a series of payments not extending beyond the life expectancy of the Beneficiary or over the life of the Beneficiary Payments under this option must begin within one year of the date of death. If the Beneficiary does not begin installments by such time, then no partial withdrawals will be permitted thereafter and we require that the Beneficiary take the Death Benefit as a lump sum within the 5-year deadline.

If we do not receive instructions on where to send the payment within 5 years of the date of death, the funds will be escheated.

# Alternative Death Benefit Payment Options – Annuities Held by Tax-Favored Plans

The Code provides for alternative death benefit payment options when an Annuity is used as an IRA, 403(b) or other "qualified investment" that requires minimum distributions. Upon your death under an IRA, 403(b) or other "qualified investment", the designated Beneficiary may generally elect to continue the Annuity and receive Required Minimum Distributions under the Annuity instead of receiving the Death Benefit in a single payment. The available payment options will depend on whether you die before the date Required Minimum Distributions under the Code were to begin, whether you have named a designated Beneficiary and whether the Beneficiary is your surviving spouse.

- If you die after a designated Beneficiary has been named, the death benefit must be distributed by December 31st of the year including the five-year anniversary of the date of death (the "Qualified 5-year deadline"), or as periodic payments not extending beyond the life expectancy of the designated Beneficiary (provided such payments begin by December 31st of the year following the year of death). If the Beneficiary does not begin installments by such time, then no partial withdrawals will be permitted and we require that the Beneficiary take the Death Benefit as a lump sum by the Qualified 5-year deadline. However, if your surviving spouse is the Beneficiary, the death benefit can be paid out over the life expectancy of your spouse with such payments beginning no later than December 31st of the year following the year of death, or December 31st of the year in which you would have reached age 70 ½, whichever is later. Additionally, if the Death Benefit is solely payable to (or for the benefit of) your surviving spouse, then the Annuity may be continued with your spouse as the Owner.
- If you die before a designated Beneficiary is named and before the date Required Minimum Distributions must begin under the Code, the Death Benefit must be paid out by the Qualified 5-year deadline. If the Beneficiary does not begin installments by December 31st of the year following the year of death, then no partial withdrawals will be permitted and we will require that the Beneficiary take the Death Benefit as a lump sum by the Qualified 5-year deadline. For Annuities where multiple Beneficiaries have been named and at least one of the Beneficiaries does not qualify as a designated Beneficiary and the account has not been divided into Separate Accounts by December 31st of the year following the year of death, such Annuity is deemed to have no designated Beneficiary.
- If you die before a designated Beneficiary is named and after the date Required Minimum Distributions must begin under the Code, the Death Benefit must be paid out at least as rapidly as under the method then in effect. For Annuities where multiple Beneficiaries have been named and at least one of the Beneficiaries does not qualify as a designated Beneficiary and the account has not been divided into Separate Accounts by December 31st of the year following the year of death, such Annuity is deemed to have no designated Beneficiary.

A Beneficiary has the flexibility to take out more each year than mandated under the Required Minimum Distribution rules. Until withdrawn, amounts in an IRA, 403(b) or other "qualified investment" continue to be tax deferred. Amounts withdrawn each year, including amounts that are required to be withdrawn under the Required Minimum Distribution rules, are subject to tax. You may wish to consult a professional tax advisor for tax advice as to your particular situation.

For a Roth IRA, if death occurs before the entire interest is distributed, the Death Benefit must be distributed under the same rules applied to IRAs where death occurs before the date Required Minimum Distributions must begin under the Code.

If we do not receive instructions on where to send the payment within 5 years of the date of death, the funds will be escheated.

The tax consequences to the Beneficiary may vary among the different Death Benefit payment options. See the Tax Considerations section of this prospectus, and consult your tax advisor.

# FEES, CHARGES AND DEDUCTIONS

In this section, we provide detail about the charges you incur if you own the Annuity.

The charges under the Annuity are designed to cover, in the aggregate, our direct and indirect costs of selling, administering and providing benefits under the Annuity. They are also designed, in the aggregate, to compensate us for the risks of loss we assume. If, as we expect, the charges that we collect from the Annuity exceed our total costs in connection with the Annuity, we will earn a profit. Otherwise we will incur a loss. For example, Pruco Life may make a profit on the Insurance Charge if, over time, the actual costs of providing the guaranteed insurance obligations and other expenses under the Annuity are less than the amount we deduct for the Insurance Charge. To the extent we make a profit on the Insurance Charge, such profit may be used for any other corporate purpose.

The rates of certain of our charges have been set with reference to estimates of the amount of specific types of expenses or risks that we will incur. In general, a given charge under the Annuity compensates us for our costs and risks related to that charge and may provide for a profit. However, it is possible that with respect to a particular obligation we have under this Annuity, we may be compensated not only by the charge specifically tied to that obligation, but also from one or more other charges we impose.

With regard to charges that are assessed as a percentage of the value of the Sub-account, please note that such charges are assessed through a reduction to the Unit value of your investment in the Sub-account, and in that way reduce your Account Value.

Insurance Charge: We deduct an Insurance Charge daily based on the annualized rate shown in the "Summary of Contract Fees and Charges." The charge is assessed against the assets allocated to the Sub-account. The Insurance Charge is the combination of the Mortality & Expense Risk Charge, the Administration Charge, and the Defined Income Benefit Charge. The Insurance Charge is intended to compensate Pruco Life for providing the insurance benefits under the Annuity, including the Annuity's Death Benefit that provides guaranteed benefits to your Beneficiaries even if your Account Value declines, and the risk that persons to whom we guarantee annuity payments will live longer than our assumptions. The charge also covers our administrative costs associated with providing the Annuity benefits, including preparation of the contract and prospectus, confirmation statements, annual account statements and annual reports, legal and accounting fees as well as various related expenses. The charge covers the risk that our assumptions about the mortality risks and expenses under the Annuity are incorrect and that we have agreed not to increase these charges over time despite our actual costs. Finally, the charge compensates Pruco Life for providing the insurance benefits provided under the Defined Income Benefit, Guarantee Payments, and the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit.

The Defined Income Benefit Charge: As described in the "Summary of Contract Fees and Charges," the Defined Income Benefit Charge can be increased one or more times at any time on or after the 7th anniversary of your Issue Date up to the maximum amount reflected therein. We will notify you in advance of any change in the Charge. You will have the option of refusing any charge increase.

If you elect to opt-out of the charge increase, your Guaranteed Income Amount will be permanently reduced by 5% on the next anniversary of your Issue Date, and the Defined Income Benefit Charge will continue at the present rate.

If you wish to opt-out, you must notify us within the stated time period described in our notice to you. When we receive your opt-out request, we will send you a form confirming the estimated dollar amount of the 5% Guaranteed Income Amount reduction. If, at that time, you would still like to elect the opt-out, you must sign and return the form to us at our Service Office in Good Order. Please keep in mind that opting out of the charge increase will have a negative impact to your Guaranteed Income Amount. You may want to consult with your Financial Professional to determine whether opting out is in your best interest.

Also, please keep in mind that while you are receiving your Guaranteed Income Amount its value remains constant, however the amount deducted from your Account Value for the Insurance Charge may vary due to fluctuations of your Account Value.

If you are receiving this Prospectus as a current owner having purchased the Annuity prior to April 28, 2014, the ability to opt-out of a charge increase is not provided for in your contract. For these contracts, the fee shall not be increased unless and until an amended rider is provided to the contract owner. Notwithstanding this, if we decide to increase the charge, we will make the opt-out available to contract owners who purchased prior to April 28, 2014.

The Defined Income Benefit is neither optional nor revocable. However, if the Defined Income Benefit terminates according to the terms of the benefit, then the Defined Income Benefit Charge component of the Insurance Charge will no longer be assessed. We will not refund any charges you have paid.

Fees and Expenses Incurred by the Portfolio: The Portfolio incurs total annualized operating expenses comprised of an investment management fee, other expenses and any distribution and service (12b-1) fees or short sale expenses that may apply. These fees and expenses are reflected daily by the Portfolio before it provides Pruco Life with the net asset value as of the close of business each Valuation Day. More detailed information about fees and expenses can be found in the prospectus for the Portfolio.

Annual Maintenance Fee: Prior to Annuitization, we deduct an Annual Maintenance Fee. The Annual Maintenance Fee is equal to \$50 or 2% of your Account Value, whichever is less. This fee compensates us for administrative and operational costs in connection with the Annuity, such as maintaining our internal systems that support the Annuity. This fee will be deducted annually on the anniversary of the Issue Date of your Annuity or, if you surrender your Annuity during the Annuity Year, the fee is deducted at the time of surrender unless the surrender is taken within 30 days of the most recently assessed Annual Maintenance Fee. The fee is taken from the Sub-account. The Annual Maintenance Fee is only deducted if the sum of the Purchase

Payments at the time the fee is deducted is less than \$100,000. We do not impose the Annual Maintenance Fee upon Annuitization (unless Annuitization occurs on an Annuity anniversary), or the payment of a Death Benefit.

Contingent Deferred Sales Charge ("CDSC"): A CDSC reimburses us for expenses related to sales and distribution of the Annuity, including commissions, marketing materials and other promotional expenses. We may deduct a CDSC if you surrender your Annuity or when you make a partial withdrawal. The CDSC is calculated as a percentage of your Purchase Payment being surrendered or withdrawn. The CDSC percentage varies with the number of years that have elapsed since each Purchase Payment being withdrawn was made. If a withdrawal is effective on the day before the anniversary of the date that the Purchase Payment being withdrawn was made, then the CDSC percentage as of the next following year will apply. The CDSC percentages are shown under "Summary of Contract Fees and Charges" earlier in this prospectus.

With respect to a partial withdrawal, we calculate the CDSC by assuming that partial withdrawals are taken from Purchase Payments on a first-in, first-out basis, and subsequently from any other Account Value in the Annuity (such as gains). The CDSC calculation is applied to the Purchase Payments as they are being withdrawn. For example, assume you purchase your Annuity with a \$75,000 initial Purchase Payment and you make no additional Purchase Payments for the life of your Annuity. Also assume that two years after the purchase, your Account Value is \$85,000 (\$75,000 of Purchase Payment plus \$10,000 of investment gain) and you take a Non-Lifetime Withdrawal of \$50,000. The \$50,000 Non-Lifetime Withdrawal would be taken from your \$75,000 Purchase Payment and the CDSC would be assessed against the same amount - \$50,000 x 0.06 = \$3,000. If the Non-Lifetime Withdrawal had exceeded the available Purchase Payments, any remaining withdrawal amounts would have been taken from gains. CDSC is not assessed against Lifetime Withdrawals, as described below.

You can request a partial withdrawal as either a "gross" or "net" withdrawal. In a "gross" withdrawal, you request a specific withdrawal amount with the understanding that the amount you actually received is reduced by any applicable CDSC or tax withholding. Therefore you may receive less than the dollar amount you specify. In a "net" withdrawal, you request a withdrawal for an exact dollar amount with the understanding that any applicable deduction for CDSC or tax withholding is taken from your remaining Account Value. Therefore, a larger amount may be deducted from your Account Value than the amount you specify. To illustrate, after taking the \$50,000 withdrawal described in the example above, and without considering any CDSC or tax withholding, \$25,000 would remain of your initial Purchase Payment. But due to the \$10,000 in gains prior to the withdrawal, your Account Value would be \$35,000 (\$85,000 Account Value less the \$50,000 withdrawal). If you had asked for a gross withdrawal, you would have received less than the \$50,000 you withdrew, because we would have deducted the \$3,000 CDSC plus any applicable tax withholding from the requested \$50,000. While the amount you actually received would be lower, your Account Value would remain at \$35,000. If you had asked for a net withdrawal, however, you would have received the full \$50,000, but your Account Value would be lower than \$35,000 because we would have deducted the \$3,000 CDSC plus any applicable tax withholding from your Account Value.

Under the Defined Income Benefit, Non-Lifetime Withdrawals, excluding those designated as Required Minimum Distributions, are subject to any applicable CDSC, as described above. Lifetime Withdrawals in an Annuity Year that, in total, do not exceed the Guaranteed Income Amount are not subject to a CDSC. However, each withdrawal of Excess Income under the Defined Income Benefit is subject to any applicable CDSC. Withdrawals of Excess Income will reduce the benefits under the Defined Income Benefit. (Please see the "Defined Income Benefit" and "Death Benefit" sections of this prospectus for information on the impact of withdrawals of Excess Income.) Please be aware that under the Defined Income Benefit: (a) for a gross withdrawal, if the amount requested exceeds the Guaranteed Income Amount, the excess portion will be treated as Excess Income and (b) for a net withdrawal, if the amount you receive plus the amount of the CDSC deducted from your Account Value exceeds the Guaranteed Income Amount, the excess portion will be treated as Excess Income.

Upon surrender, we calculate a CDSC based on any Purchase Payments that remain in your Account Value on the date of the surrender (and after all other withdrawals have been taken). If you have made prior partial withdrawals or if your Account Value has declined in value due to negative market performance, the Purchase Payments being withdrawn may be greater than your remaining Account Value. Consequently, a higher CDSC may result than if we had calculated the CDSC as a percentage of remaining Account Value.

We may waive any applicable CDSC under certain circumstances described below in "Exceptions/Reductions to Fees and Charges."

**Tax Charge:** Some states, municipalities and other jurisdictions charge premium taxes or similar taxes on annuities that we are required to pay. The amount of tax will vary from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and is subject to change. We reserve the right to deduct the tax from Purchase Payments when received, from Surrender Value upon surrender, or from Account Value upon Annuitization. The Tax Charge is designed to approximate the taxes that we are required to pay and is assessed as a percentage of Purchase Payments, Surrender Value, or Account Value as applicable. The Tax Charge currently ranges up to 3.5%. We may assess a charge against the Sub-account equal to any taxes which may be imposed upon the Separate Account. "Surrender Value" refers to the Account Value less any applicable CDSC, any applicable tax charges, and any Annual Maintenance Fee.

We will pay company income taxes on the taxable corporate earnings created by this Annuity. While we may consider company income taxes when pricing our products, we do not currently include such income taxes in the tax charges you pay under the Annuity. We will periodically review the issue of charging for these taxes, and we may charge for these taxes in the future. We reserve the right to impose a charge for federal income taxes if we determine, in our sole discretion, that we will incur a tax as a result of the operation of the Separate Account.

In calculating our corporate income tax liability, we may derive certain corporate income tax benefits associated with the investment of company assets, including Separate Account assets, which are treated as company assets under applicable income tax law. These benefits reduce our overall corporate income tax liability. We do not pass these tax benefits through to holders of the Separate Account annuity contracts because (i) the contract Owners are not the Owners of the assets generating these benefits under applicable income tax law and (ii) we do not currently include company income taxes in the tax charges you pay under the Annuity.

# TRADITIONAL ANNUITY PAYMENT OPTION CHARGES

If you select a fixed payment option in the section of this prospectus entitled "Traditional Annuity Payment Options," upon Annuitization, the amount of each fixed payment will depend on the Account Value of your Annuity when you elected to annuitize. There is no specific charge deducted from these payments; however, the amount of each annuity payment reflects assumptions about our insurance expenses. Also, a tax charge may apply.

# **EXCEPTIONS/REDUCTIONS TO FEES AND CHARGES**

We may reduce or eliminate certain fees and charges or alter the manner in which the particular fee or charge is deducted. For example, we may reduce the amount of any CDSC or the length of time it applies, reduce or eliminate the amount of the Annual Maintenance Fee or reduce the portion of the total Insurance Charge that is deducted as an Administration Charge. We will not discriminate unfairly between Annuity purchasers if and when we reduce any fees and charges.

### **VALUING YOUR INVESTMENT**

### **VALUING THE SUB-ACCOUNT**

Currently only one Sub-account is available with the Annuity. When you allocate Account Value to the Sub-account, you are purchasing Units of the Sub-account. The Sub-account invests exclusively in shares of an underlying Portfolio. The value of the Units fluctuates with the market fluctuations of the Portfolio. The value of the Units also reflects the daily accrual for the Insurance Charge.

Each Valuation Day, we determine the price for a Unit of the Sub-account, called the "Unit Price." The Unit Price is used for determining the value of transactions involving Units of the Sub-account. We determine the number of Units involved in any transaction by dividing the dollar value of the transaction by the Unit Price of the Sub-account as of the Valuation Day. There may be different Unit Prices for the Sub-account to reflect possible variations in charges for the Defined Income Benefit. The Unit Price for the Units you purchase will be based on the total charges that apply to your Annuity.

# PROCESSING AND VALUING TRANSACTIONS

Pruco Life is generally open to process financial transactions on those days that the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) is open for trading. There may be circumstances where the NYSE does not open on a regularly scheduled date or time or closes at an earlier time than scheduled (normally 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time).

We will not process any financial transactions involving purchase or redemption orders on days that the NYSE is closed. Pruco Life will also not process financial transactions involving purchase or redemption orders or transfers on any day that:

- trading on the NYSE is restricted;
- an emergency, as determined by the SEC, exists making redemption or valuation of securities held in the Separate Account impractical; or
- the SEC, by order, permits the suspension or postponement for the protection of security holders.

In certain circumstances, we may need to correct the processing of an order. In such circumstances, we may incur a loss or receive a gain depending upon the price of the security when the order was executed and the price of the security when the order is corrected. With respect to any gain that may result from such order correction, we will retain any such gain as additional compensation for these correction services.

Initial Purchase Payment: We are required to allocate your initial Purchase Payment to the Sub-account within 2 Valuation Days after we receive the Purchase Payment in Good Order at our Service Office. If we do not have all the required information to allow us to issue your Annuity, we may retain the Purchase Payment while we try to reach you or your representative to obtain all of our requirements. If we are unable to obtain all of our required information within 5 Valuation Days, we are required to return the Purchase Payment to you at that time, unless you specifically consent to our retaining the Purchase Payment while we gather the required information. Once we obtain the required information, we will invest the Purchase Payment and issue an Annuity within 2 Valuation Days.

With respect to your initial Purchase Payment that is pending investment in our Separate Account, we may hold the amount temporarily in a suspense account and we may earn interest on such amount. You will not be credited with interest during that period. The monies held in the suspense account may be subject to claims of our general creditors. Also, the Purchase Payment will not be reduced nor increased due to market fluctuations during that period.

As permitted by applicable law, the broker-dealer firm through which you purchase your Annuity may forward your initial Purchase Payment to us prior to approval of your purchase by a registered principal of the firm. Once your purchase is approved by the firm, we will process your initial Purchase Payment as described above. These arrangements are subject to a number of regulatory requirements, including that customer funds will be deposited in a segregated bank account and held by the insurer until such time that the insurer is notified of the firm's principal approval and is provided with the application, or is notified of the firm principal's rejection. In addition, we must promptly return your funds at your request prior to the firm's principal approval or upon the firm's rejection of the application. The monies held in the bank account will be held in a suspense account within our general account and we may earn interest on amounts held in that suspense account. You will not be credited with any interest earned on amounts held in that suspense account. Also, the amounts held will not be reduced nor increased due to market fluctuations during that period. The monies in such suspense account may be subject to our general creditors.

**Additional Purchase Payments:** We will apply any additional Purchase Payments we accept on the Valuation Day that we receive the Purchase Payment at our Service Office in Good Order. We may limit, restrict, suspend or reject any additional Purchase Payments at any time. See "Additional Purchase Payments" under "Purchasing Your Annuity" earlier in this prospectus.

Scheduled Transactions: Scheduled transactions include transfers under systematic withdrawals, Required Minimum Distributions, substantially equal periodic payments under Section 72(t)/72(q) of the Code, annuity payments and fees that are assessed daily as a percentage of the net assets of the Sub-accounts. Scheduled transactions are processed and valued as of the date they are scheduled, unless the scheduled day is not a Valuation Day. In that case, the transaction will be processed and valued on the next Valuation Day, unless (with respect to Required Minimum Distributions, substantially equal periodic payments under Section 72(t)/72(q) of the Code, annuity payments and fees that are assessed daily as a percentage of the net assets of the Sub-accounts only), the next Valuation Day falls in the subsequent calendar year, in which case the transaction will be processed and valued on the prior Valuation Day.

**Unscheduled Transactions:** "Unscheduled" transactions include any other non-scheduled partial withdrawals or Surrenders. With respect to certain written requests to withdraw Account Value, we may seek to verify the requesting Owner's signature. Specifically, we reserve the right to perform a

signature verification for (a) any withdrawal exceeding a certain dollar amount and (b) a withdrawal exceeding a certain dollar amount if the payee is someone other than the Owner. In addition, we will not honor a withdrawal request in which the requested payee is the Financial Professional or agent of record. We reserve the right to request a signature guarantee with respect to a written withdrawal request. If we do perform a signature verification, we will pay the withdrawal proceeds within 7 days after the withdrawal request was received by us in Good Order, and will process the transaction in accordance with the discussion in "Processing And Valuing Transactions."

**Medically-Related Surrenders & Death Benefits:** Medically-Related Surrender requests and Death Benefit claims require our review and evaluation before processing. We price such transactions as of the date we receive at our Service Office in Good Order all supporting documentation we require for such transactions.

We generally pay any surrender request or death benefit claims from the Separate Account within 7 days of our receipt of your request in Good Order at our Service Office.

### TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The tax considerations associated with an Annuity vary depending on whether the Annuity is (i) owned by an individual or non-natural person, and not associated with a tax-favored retirement plan, or (ii) held under a tax-favored retirement plan. We discuss the tax considerations for these categories of Annuities below. The discussion is general in nature and describes only federal income tax law (not state, local, foreign or other federal tax laws). It is based on current law and interpretations which may change. The information provided is not intended as tax advice. You should consult with a qualified tax adviser for complete information and advice.

Generally, the cost basis in an Annuity not associated with a tax-favored retirement plan is the amount you pay into your Annuity, or into Annuities exchanged for your Annuity, on an after-tax basis less any withdrawals of such payments. Cost basis for a tax-favored retirement plan is provided only in limited circumstances, such as for contributions to a Roth IRA or nondeductible contributions to a traditional IRA. We do not track cost basis for tax-favored retirement plans, which is the responsibility of the Owner.

The discussion below generally assumes that the Annuity is issued to the Annuity Owner. For Annuities issued under the Beneficiary Continuation Option or as a Beneficiary Annuity, refer to the Taxes Payable by Beneficiaries for a Nonqualified Annuity and Required Distributions Upon Your Death for Qualified Annuities sections below.

# Same Sex Marriages, Civil Unions and Domestic Partnerships

The summary that follows includes a description of certain spousal rights under the Annuity and our administration of such spousal rights and related tax reporting.

Prior to a 2013 Supreme Court decision, and consistent with Section 3 of the federal Defense of Marriage Act ("DOMA"), same sex marriages under state law were not recognized as same sex marriages for purposes of federal law. However, in United States v. Windsor, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down Section 3 of DOMA as unconstitutional, thereby recognizing a valid same sex marriage for federal law purposes. On June 26, 2015, the Supreme Court ruled in Obergefell v. Hodges that same-sex couples have a constitutional right to marry, thus requiring all states to allow same-sex marriage. The Windsor and Obergefell decisions mean that the federal and state tax law provisions applicable to an opposite sex spouse will also apply to a same sex spouse. Please note that a civil union or registered domestic partnership is generally not recognized as a marriage.

Please consult with your tax or legal adviser before electing the Spousal Benefit for a civil union partner or domestic partner.

# **NONQUALIFIED ANNUITIES**

In general, as used in this prospectus, a Nonqualified Annuity is owned by an individual or non-natural person and is not associated with a tax-favored retirement plan.

# Taxes Payable by You

We believe the Annuity is an Annuity for tax purposes. Accordingly, as a general rule, you should not pay any tax until you receive money under the Annuity. Generally, an Annuity issued by the same company (and affiliates) to you during the same calendar year must be treated as one Annuity for purposes of determining the amount subject to tax under the rules described below. Charges for investment advisory fees that are taken from the Annuity are treated as a partial withdrawal from the Annuity and will be reported as such to the Annuity Owner.

It is possible that the IRS could assert that some or all of the charges for the optional living benefits under the Annuity should be treated for federal income tax purposes as a partial withdrawal from the Annuity. If this were the case, the charge for this benefit could be deemed a withdrawal and treated as taxable to the extent there are earnings in the Annuity. Additionally, for Owners under age 59½, the taxable income attributable to the charge for the benefit could be subject to a tax penalty. If the IRS determines that the charges for one or more benefits under the Annuity are taxable withdrawals, then the sole or surviving Owner will be provided with a notice from us describing available alternatives regarding these benefits.

# Taxes on Withdrawals and Surrender Before Annuity Payments Begin

If you make a withdrawal from your Annuity or surrender it before annuity payments begin, the amount you receive will be taxed as ordinary income, rather than as return of cost basis, until all gain has been withdrawn. Once all gain has been withdrawn, payments will be treated as a nontaxable return of cost basis until all cost basis has been returned. After all cost basis is returned, all subsequent amounts will be taxed as ordinary income. You will generally be taxed on any withdrawals from the Annuity while you are alive even if the withdrawal is paid to someone else. Withdrawals under any of the optional living benefits or as a systematic payment are taxed under these rules. If you assign or pledge all or part of your Annuity as collateral for a loan, the part assigned generally will be treated as a withdrawal and subject to income tax to the extent of gain. If you transfer your Annuity for less than full consideration, such as by gift, you will also trigger tax on any gain in the Annuity. This rule does not apply if you transfer the Annuity to your spouse or under most circumstances if you transfer the Annuity incident to divorce.

If you choose to receive payments under an interest payment option, or a Beneficiary chooses to receive a death benefit under an interest payment option, that election will be treated, for tax purposes, as surrendering your Annuity and will immediately subject any gain in the Annuity to income tax.

### **Taxes on Annuity Payments**

If you select an annuity payment option as described in the Access to Account Value section earlier in this prospectus, a portion of each annuity payment you receive will be treated as a partial return of your cost basis and will not be taxed. The remaining portion will be taxed as ordinary income. Generally, the nontaxable portion is determined by multiplying the annuity payment you receive by a fraction, the numerator of which is your cost basis (less any

amounts previously received tax-free) and the denominator of which is the total expected payments under the Annuity. After the full amount of your cost basis has been recovered tax-free, the full amount of the annuity payments will be taxable. If annuity payments stop due to the death of the Annuitant before the full amount of your cost basis has been recovered, a tax deduction may be allowed for the unrecovered amount.

If your Account Value is reduced to zero but the Annuity remains in force due to a benefit provision, further distributions from the Annuity will be reported as annuity payments, using an exclusion ratio based upon the undistributed cost basis in the Annuity and the total value of the anticipated future payments until such time as all cost basis has been recovered.

### **Maximum Annuity Date**

You must commence annuity payments or surrender your Annuity no later than the first day of the calendar month next following the maximum Annuity Date for your Annuity. For some of our Annuities, you are able to choose to defer the Annuity Date beyond the default Annuity Date described in your Annuity. However, the IRS may not then consider your Annuity to be an Annuity under the tax law.

Please refer to your Annuity contract for the maximum Annuity Date.

### **Partial Annuitization**

Individuals may partially annuitize their Nonqualified Annuity if the contract so permits. The tax law allows for a portion of a nonqualified Annuity, endowment or life insurance contract to be annuitized while the balance is not annuitized. The annuitized portion must be paid out over 10 or more years or over the lives of one or more individuals. The annuitized portion of the Annuity is treated as a separate Annuity for purposes of determining taxability of the payments under Section 72 of the Code. We do not currently permit partial annuitization.

### **Medicare Tax on Net Investment Income**

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, enacted in 2010, included a Medicare tax on investment income. This tax assesses a 3.8% surtax on the lesser of (1) net investment income or (2) the excess of "modified adjusted gross income" over a threshold amount. The "threshold amount" is \$250,000 for married taxpayers filing jointly, \$125,000 for married taxpayers filing separately, \$200,000 for single taxpayers, and approximately \$12,500 for trusts. The taxable portion of payments received as a withdrawal, surrender, annuity payment, death benefit payment or any other actual or deemed distribution under the Annuity will be considered investment income for purposes of this surtax.

# Tax Penalty for Early Withdrawal from a Nonqualified Annuity

You may owe a 10% tax penalty on the taxable part of distributions received from your Nonqualified Annuity before you attain age 59½. Amounts are not subject to this tax penalty if:

- the amount is paid on or after you reach age 59½ or die;
- the amount received is attributable to your becoming disabled;
- generally the amount paid or received is in the form of substantially equal payments (as defined in the Code) not less frequently than annually (please note that substantially equal payments must continue until the later of reaching age 59½ or five years and modification of payments during that time period will result in retroactive application of the 10% tax penalty); or
- the amount received is paid under an immediate Annuity and the annuity start date is no more than one year from the date of purchase (the first annuity payment being required to be paid within 13 months).

Other exceptions to this tax may apply. You should consult your tax adviser for further details.

# Special Rules in Relation to Tax-free Exchanges Under Section 1035

Section 1035 of the Code permits certain tax-free exchanges of a life insurance contract, Annuity or endowment contract for an Annuity, including tax-free exchanges of annuity death benefits for a Beneficiary Annuity. Partial exchanges may be treated in the same way as tax-free 1035 exchanges of entire contracts, therefore avoiding current taxation of the partially exchanged amount as well as the 10% tax penalty on pre-age 59½ withdrawals. In Revenue Procedure 2011-38, the IRS indicated that, for exchanges on or after October 24, 2011, where there is a surrender or distribution from either the initial Annuity or receiving Annuity within 180 days of the date on which the partial exchange was completed, the IRS will apply general tax rules to determine the substance and treatment of the original transfer. We strongly urge you to discuss any partial exchange transaction of this type with your tax adviser before proceeding with the transaction.

If an Annuity is purchased through a tax-free exchange of a life insurance contract, Annuity or endowment contract that was purchased prior to August 14, 1982, then any Purchase Payments made to the original contract prior to August 14, 1982 will be treated as made to the new Annuity prior to that date. Generally, such pre-August 14, 1982 withdrawals are treated as a recovery of your investment in the Annuity first until Purchase Payments made before August 14, 1982 are withdrawn. Moreover, income allocable to Purchase Payments made before August 14, 1982, is not subject to the 10% tax penalty.

After you elect an Annuity Payout Option, you are not eligible for a tax-free exchange under Section 1035.

# Taxes Payable by Beneficiaries for a Nonqualified Annuity

The Death Benefit distributions are subject to ordinary income tax to the extent the distribution exceeds the cost basis in the Annuity. The value of the Death Benefit, as determined under federal law, is also included in the Owner's estate for federal estate tax purposes. Generally, the same tax rules described above would also apply to amounts received by your Beneficiary. Choosing an option other than a lump sum Death Benefit may defer taxes.

Certain minimum distribution requirements apply upon your death, as discussed further below in the Annuity Qualification section. Tax consequences to the Beneficiary vary depending upon the Death Benefit payment option selected. Generally, for payment of the Death Benefit:

- As a lump sum payment, the Beneficiary is taxed in the year of payment on gain in the Annuity.
- Within 5 years of death of Owner, the Beneficiary is taxed on the lump sum payment. The Death Benefit must be taken as one lump sum payment within 5 years of the death of the Owner. Partial withdrawals are not permitted.
- Under an Annuity or Annuity settlement option where distributions begin within one year of the date of death of the Owner, the Beneficiary is taxed on each payment with part as gain and part as return of cost basis. After the full amount of cost basis has been recovered tax-free, the full amount of the annuity payments will be taxable.

Considerations for Contingent Annuitants: We may allow the naming of a contingent Annuitant when a Nonqualified Annuity is held by a pension plan or a tax favored retirement plan, or held by a Custodial Account (as defined earlier in this prospectus). In such a situation, the Annuity may no longer qualify for tax deferral where the Annuity continues after the death of the Annuitant. However, tax deferral should be provided instead by the pension plan, tax favored retirement plan, or Custodial Account. We may also allow the naming of a contingent annuitant when a Nonqualified Annuity is held by an entity owner when such Annuities do not qualify for tax deferral under the current tax law. This does not supersede any benefit language which may restrict the use of the contingent annuitant.

# Reporting and Withholding on Distributions

Taxable amounts distributed from an Annuity are subject to federal and state income tax reporting and withholding. In general, we will withhold federal income tax from the taxable portion of such distribution based on the type of distribution. In the case of an Annuity or similar periodic payment, we will withhold as if you are a married individual with three (3) exemptions unless you designate a different withholding status. If no U.S. taxpayer identification number is provided, we will automatically withhold using single with zero exemptions as the default. In the case of all other distributions, we will withhold at a 10% rate. You may generally elect not to have tax withheld from your payments. An election out of withholding must be made on forms that we provide. If you are a U.S. person (which includes a resident alien), and your address of record is a non-U.S. address, we are required to withhold income tax unless you provide us with a U.S. residential address.

State income tax withholding rules vary and we will withhold based on the rules of your state of residence. Special tax rules apply to withholding for nonresident aliens, and we generally withhold income tax for nonresident aliens at a 30% rate. A different withholding rate may be applicable to a nonresident alien based on the terms of an existing income tax treaty between the United States and the nonresident alien's country. Please refer to the discussion below regarding withholding rules for a Qualified Annuity.

Regardless of the amount withheld by us, you are liable for payment of federal and state income tax on the taxable portion of annuity distributions. You should consult with your tax adviser regarding the payment of the correct amount of these income taxes and potential liability if you fail to pay such taxes.

# **Entity Owners**

Where an Annuity is held by a non-natural person (e.g. a corporation), other than as an agent or nominee for a natural person (or in other limited circumstances), the Annuity will not be taxed as an Annuity and increases in the value of the Annuity over its cost basis will be subject to tax annually.

Where an Annuity is issued to a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT), the Annuity will not be taxed as an Annuity and increases in the value of the Annuity over its cost basis will be subject to tax reporting annually. As there are charges for the optional living benefits described elsewhere in this prospectus, and such charges reduce the contract value of the Annuity, trustees of the CRT should discuss with their legal advisers whether election of such optional living benefits violates their fiduciary duty to the remainder beneficiary.

Where an Annuity is issued to a trust, and such trust is characterized as a grantor trust under the Code, such Annuity shall not be considered to be held by a non-natural person and will be subject to the tax reporting and withholding requirements generally applicable to a Nonqualified Annuity held by a natural person. At this time, we will not issue an Annuity to grantor trusts with more than two grantors.

Where the Annuity is owned by a grantor trust, the Annuity must be distributed within five years after the date of the first grantor's death under Section 72(s) of the Code. See the "Death Benefits" section for scenarios where a Death Benefit or Surrender Value is payable depending upon the underlying facts.

Trusts are required to complete and submit a Certificate of Entity form, and we will tax report based on the information provided on this form.

# **Annuity Qualification**

Diversification And Investor Control. In order to qualify for the tax rules applicable to Annuities described above, the assets underlying the Sub-accounts of an Annuity must be diversified according to certain rules under the Code. Each Portfolio is required to diversify its investments each quarter so that no more than 55% of the value of its assets is represented by any one investment, no more than 70% is represented by any two investments, no more than 80% is represented by any three investments, and no more than 90% is represented by any four investments. Generally, securities of a single issuer are treated as one investment, and obligations of each U.S. Government agency and instrumentality (such as the Government National Mortgage Association) are treated as issued by separate issuers. In addition, any security issued, guaranteed or insured (to the extent so guaranteed or insured) by the U.S. or an instrumentality of the U.S. will be treated as a security issued by the U.S. Government or its instrumentality, where applicable. We believe the Portfolios underlying the variable Investment Options of the Annuity meet these diversification requirements.

An additional requirement for qualification for the tax treatment described above is that we, and not you as the Annuity Owner, must have sufficient control over the underlying assets to be treated as the Owner of the underlying assets for tax purposes. While we also believe these investor control rules will be met, the Treasury Department may promulgate guidelines under which a variable annuity will not be treated as an Annuity for tax purposes if persons with ownership rights have excessive control over the investments underlying such variable Annuity. It is unclear whether such guidelines, if in fact promulgated, would have retroactive effect. It is also unclear what effect, if any, such guidelines might have on transfers between the Investment Options offered pursuant to this prospectus. We reserve the right to take any action, including modifications to your Annuity or the Investment Options, required to comply with such guidelines if promulgated. Any such changes will apply uniformly to affected Owners and will be made with such notice to affected Owners as is feasible under the circumstances.

Required Distributions Upon Your Death for a Nonqualified Annuity. Upon your death, certain distributions must be made under the Annuity. The required distributions depend on whether you die before you start taking annuity payments under the Annuity or after you start taking annuity payments under the Annuity. If you die on or after the Annuity Date, the remaining portion of the interest in the Annuity must be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution being used as of the date of death. If you die before the Annuity Date, the entire interest in the Annuity must be distributed within five years after the date of death, or as periodic payments over a period not extending beyond the life or life expectancy of the designated Beneficiary (provided such payments begin within one year of your death). If the Beneficiary does not begin installments within one year of the date of death, no partial withdrawals will be permitted thereafter, and we require that the Beneficiary take the Death Benefit as a lump sum within the five-year deadline. Your designated Beneficiary is the person to whom benefit rights under the Annuity pass by reason of death, and must be a natural person in order to elect a periodic payment option based on life expectancy or a period exceeding five years. Additionally, if the Annuity is payable to (or for the benefit of) your surviving spouse, that portion of the Annuity may be continued with your spouse as the Owner. For Nonqualified Annuities owned by a non-natural person, the required distribution rules apply upon the death of the Annuitant. This means that for an Annuity held by a non-natural person (such as a trust) for which there is named a co-annuitant, then such required distributions will be triggered by the death of the first co-annuitants to die.

Changes To Your Annuity. We reserve the right to make any changes we deem necessary to assure that your Annuity qualifies as an Annuity for tax purposes. Any such changes will apply to all Annuity Owners and you will be given notice to the extent feasible under the circumstances.

### **QUALIFIED ANNUITIES**

In general, as used in this prospectus, a Qualified Annuity is an Annuity with applicable endorsements for a tax-favored plan or a Nonqualified Annuity held by a tax-favored retirement plan.

The following is a general discussion of the tax considerations for Qualified Annuities. This Annuity may or may not be available for all types of the tax-favored retirement plans discussed below. This discussion assumes that you have satisfied the eligibility requirements for any tax-favored retirement plan. Please consult your Financial Professional prior to purchase to confirm if this Annuity is available for a particular type of tax-favored retirement plan or whether we will accept the type of contribution you intend for this Annuity.

A Qualified Annuity may typically be purchased for use in connection with:

- Individual retirement accounts and annuities (IRAs), including inherited IRAs (which we refer to as a Beneficiary IRA), which are subject to Sections 408(a) and 408(b) of the Code;
- Roth IRAs, including inherited Roth IRAs (which we refer to as a Beneficiary Roth IRA) under Section 408A of the Code;
- A corporate Pension or Profit-sharing plan (subject to 401(a) of the Code);
- H.R. 10 plans (also known as Keogh Plans, subject to 401(a) of the Code);
- Tax Sheltered Annuities (subject to 403(b) of the Code, also known as Tax Deferred Annuities or TDAs);
- Section 457 plans (subject to 457 of the Code).

A Nonqualified Annuity may also be purchased by a 401(a) trust, a custodial IRA or a custodial Roth IRA account, or a Section 457 plan, which can hold other permissible assets. The terms and administration of the trust or custodial account or plan in accordance with the laws and regulations for 401(a) plans, IRAs or Roth IRAs, or a Section 457 plan, as applicable, are the responsibility of the applicable trustee or custodian.

You should be aware that tax favored plans such as IRAs generally provide income tax deferral regardless of whether they invest in Annuities. This means that when a tax favored plan invests in an Annuity, it generally does not result in any additional tax benefits (such as income tax deferral and income tax free transfers).

You may establish an advisory fee deduction program for a qualified Annuity with no living benefit such that charges for investment advisory fees are not taxable. Advisory fee deduction programs are not permitted if the Annuity has a living benefit. Charges for investment advisory fees that are taken from a qualified Annuity with a living benefit are treated as a partial withdrawal from the Annuity and will be tax reported as such to the Annuity Owner.

### Types of Tax-favored Plans

*IRAs.* The "IRA Disclosure Statement" and "Roth IRA Disclosure Statement" which accompany the prospectus contain information about eligibility, contribution limits, tax particulars, and other IRA information. In addition to this information (the material terms are summarized in this Prospectus and in those Disclosure Statements), the IRS requires that you have a "Free Look" after making an initial contribution to the Annuity. During this time, you can cancel the Annuity by notifying us in writing, and we will refund the greater of all purchase payments under the Annuity or the Account Value, less any applicable federal and state income tax withholding.

Contributions Limits/Rollovers. Subject to the minimum purchase payment requirements of an Annuity, you may purchase an Annuity for an IRA in connection with a "rollover" of amounts from a qualified retirement plan, as a transfer from another IRA, by making a contribution consisting of your IRA contributions and catch-up contributions, if applicable, attributable to the prior year during the period from January 1 to April 15 (or the later applicable due date of your federal income tax return, without extension), or as a current year contribution. In 2017 the contribution limit is \$5,500. The contribution amount is indexed for inflation. The tax law also provides for a catch-up provision for individuals who are age 50 and above, allowing these individuals an additional \$1,000 contribution each year. The catch-up amount is not indexed for inflation. The "rollover" rules under the Code are fairly technical; however, an individual (or his or her surviving spouse) may generally "roll over" certain distributions from tax favored retirement plans (either directly or within 60 days from the date of these distributions) if he or she meets the requirements for distribution. Once you buy an Annuity, you can make regular IRA contributions under the Annuity (to the extent permitted by law). For IRA rollovers, an individual can only make an IRA to IRA rollover if the individual has not made a rollover involving any IRAs owned by the individual in the prior 12 months. An IRA transfer is a tax-free trustee-to-trustee "transfer" from one IRA account to another. IRA transfers are not subject to this 12-month rule.

In some circumstances, non-spouse Beneficiaries may roll over to an IRA amounts due from qualified plans, 403(b) plans, and governmental 457(b) plans. However, the rollover rules applicable to non-spouse Beneficiaries under the Code are more restrictive than the rollover rules applicable to Owner/participants and spouse Beneficiaries. Generally, non-spouse Beneficiaries may roll over distributions from tax favored retirement plans only as a direct rollover, and if permitted by the plan. For plan years beginning after December 31, 2009, employer retirement plans are required to permit non-spouse Beneficiaries to roll over funds to an inherited IRA. An inherited IRA must be directly rolled over from the employer plan or transferred from an IRA and must be titled in the name of the deceased (i.e., John Doe deceased for the benefit of Jane Doe). No additional contributions can be made to an inherited IRA. In this prospectus, an inherited IRA is also referred to as a Beneficiary Annuity.

Required Provisions. Annuities that are IRAs (or endorsements that are part of the contract) must contain certain provisions:

- You, as Owner of the Annuity, must be the "Annuitant" under the contract (except in certain cases involving the division of property under a decree
  of divorce);
- Your rights as Owner are non-forfeitable;
- You cannot sell, assign or pledge the Annuity;
- The annual contribution you pay cannot be greater than the maximum amount allowed by law, including catch-up contributions if applicable (which
  does not include any rollover amounts);
- The date on which required minimum distributions must begin cannot be later than April 1st of the calendar year after the calendar year you turn age 70½; and
- Death and annuity payments must meet Required Minimum Distribution rules described below.

Usually, the full amount of any distribution from an IRA (including a distribution from this Annuity) which is not a transfer or rollover is taxable. As taxable income, these distributions are subject to the general tax withholding rules described earlier regarding an Annuity in the Nonqualified Annuity section. In addition to this normal tax liability, you may also be liable for the following, depending on your actions:

- A 10% early withdrawal penalty described below;
- Liability for "prohibited transactions" if you, for example, borrow against the value of an IRA; or
- Failure to take a Required Minimum Distribution, also described below.

**SEPs.** SEPs are a variation on a standard IRA, and Annuities issued to a SEP must satisfy the same general requirements described under IRAs (above). There are, however, some differences:

- If you participate in a SEP, you generally do not include in income any employer contributions made to the SEP on your behalf up to the lesser of (a) \$54,000 in 2017, or (b) 25% of your taxable compensation paid by the contributing employer (not including the employer's SEP contribution as compensation for these purposes). However, for these purposes, compensation in excess of certain limits established by the IRS will not be considered. In 2017, this limit is \$270,000;
- SEPs must satisfy certain participation and nondiscrimination requirements not generally applicable to IRAs; and
- SEPs that contain a salary reduction or "SARSEP" provision prior to 1997 may permit salary deferrals up to \$18,000 in 2017 with the employer making these contributions to the SEP. However, no new "salary reduction" or "SARSEPs" can be established after 1996. Individuals participating in a SARSEP who are age 50 or above by the end of the year will be permitted to contribute an additional \$6,000 in 2017. These amounts are indexed for inflation. Not all Annuities issued by us are available for SARSEPs. You will also be provided the same information, and have the same "Free Look" period, as you would have if you purchased the Annuity for a standard IRA.

**ROTH IRAs.** The "Roth IRA Disclosure Statement" contains information about eligibility, contribution limits, tax particulars and other Roth IRA information. Like standard IRAs, income within a Roth IRA accumulates tax-free, and contributions are subject to specific limits. Roth IRAs have, however, the following differences:

- Contributions to a Roth IRA cannot be deducted from your gross income;
- "Qualified distributions" from a Roth IRA are excludable from gross income. A "qualified distribution" is a distribution that satisfies two requirements: (1) the distribution must be made (a) after the Owner of the IRA attains age 59½; (b) after the Owner's death; (c) due to the Owner's disability; or (d) for a qualified first time homebuyer distribution within the meaning of Section 72(t)(2)(F) of the Code; and (2) the distribution must be made in the year that is at least five tax years after the first year for which a contribution was made to any Roth IRA established for the Owner or five

years after a rollover, transfer, or conversion was made from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. Distributions from a Roth IRA that are not qualified distributions will be treated as made first from contributions and then from earnings and earnings will be taxed generally in the same manner as distributions from a traditional IRA.

• If eligible (including meeting income limitations and earnings requirements), you may make contributions to a Roth IRA after attaining age 70½, and distributions are not required to begin upon attaining such age or at any time thereafter.

Subject to the minimum Purchase Payment requirements of an Annuity, you may purchase an Annuity for a Roth IRA in connection with a "rollover" of amounts of another traditional IRA, SEP, SIMPLE-IRA, employer sponsored retirement plan (under Sections 401(a) or 403(b) of the Code) or Roth IRA; or, if you meet certain income limitations, by making a contribution consisting of your Roth IRA contributions and catch-up contributions, if applicable, attributable to the prior year during the period from January 1 to April 15 (or the applicable due date of your federal income tax return, without extension), or as a current year contribution. The Code permits persons who receive certain qualifying distributions from such non-Roth IRAs, to directly rollover or make, within 60 days, a "rollover" of all or any part of the amount of such distribution to a Roth IRA which they establish. The conversion of non-Roth accounts triggers current taxation (but is not subject to a 10% early distribution penalty). Once an Annuity has been purchased, regular Roth IRA contributions will be accepted to the extent permitted by law. In addition, an individual receiving an eligible rollover distribution from a designated Roth account under an employer plan may roll over the distribution to a Roth IRA even if the individual is not eligible to make regular contributions to a Roth IRA. Non-spouse Beneficiaries receiving a distribution from an employer sponsored retirement plan under Sections 401(a) or 403(b) of the Code can also directly roll over contributions to a Roth IRA. However, it is our understanding of the Code that non-spouse Beneficiaries cannot "rollover" benefits from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA.

**TDAs.** In general, you may own a Tax Deferred Annuity (also known as a TDA, Tax Sheltered Annuity (TSA), 403(b) plan or 403(b) Annuity) if you are an employee of a tax-exempt organization (as defined under Code Section 501(c)(3)) or a public educational organization, and you may make contributions to a TDA so long as your employer maintains such a plan and your rights to the Annuity are non-forfeitable. Contributions to a TDA, and any earnings, are not taxable until distribution. You may also make contributions to a TDA under a salary reduction agreement, generally up to a maximum of \$18,000 in 2017. Individuals participating in a TDA who are age 50 or above by the end of the year will be permitted to contribute an additional \$6,000 in 2017. This amount is indexed for inflation. Further, you may roll over TDA amounts to another TDA or an IRA. You may also roll over TDA amounts to a qualified retirement plan, a SEP and a 457 government plan. An Annuity may generally only qualify as a TDA if distributions of salary deferrals (other than "grandfathered" amounts held as of December 31, 1988) may be made only on account of:

- Your attainment of age 59½;
- Your severance of employment;
- Your death:
- Your total and permanent disability; or
- Hardship (under limited circumstances, and only related to salary deferrals, not including earnings attributable to these amounts).

In any event, you must begin receiving distributions from your TDA by April 1st of the calendar year after the calendar year you turn age 70½ or retire, whichever is later. These distribution limits do not apply either to transfers or exchanges of investments under the Annuity, or to any "direct transfer" of your interest in the Annuity to another employer's TDA plan or mutual fund "custodial account" described under Code Section 403(b)(7). Employer contributions to TDAs are subject to the same general contribution, nondiscrimination, and minimum participation rules applicable to "qualified" retirement plans.

**Caution:** Under IRS regulations we can accept contributions, transfers and rollovers only if we have entered into an information-sharing agreement, or its functional equivalent, with the applicable employer or its agent. In addition, in order to comply with the regulations, we will only process certain transactions (e.g., transfers, withdrawals, hardship distributions and, if applicable, loans) with employer approval. This means that if you request one of these transactions we will not consider your request to be in Good Order, and will not therefore process the transaction, until we receive the employer's approval in written or electronic form.

# **New Late Rollover Self-Certification**

After August 24, 2016, you may be able to apply a rollover contribution to your IRA or qualified retirement plan after the 60-day deadline through a new self-certification procedure established by the IRS. Please consult your tax or legal adviser regarding your eligibility to use this self-certification procedure. As indicated in this IRS guidance, we, as a financial institution, are not required to accept your self-certification for waiver of the 60-day deadline.

# **Required Minimum Distributions and Payment Options**

If you hold the Annuity under an IRA (or other tax-favored plan), Required Minimum Distribution rules must be satisfied. This means that generally payments must start by April 1 of the year after the year you reach age 70½ and must be made for each year thereafter. For a TDA or a 401(a) plan for which the participant is not a greater than 5% Owner of the employer, this required beginning date can generally be deferred to retirement, if later. Roth IRAs are not subject to these rules during the Owner's lifetime. The amount of the payment must at least equal the minimum required under the IRS rules. Several choices are available for calculating the minimum amount. More information on the mechanics of this calculation is available on request. Please contact us at a reasonable time before the IRS deadline so that a timely distribution is made. Please note that there is a 50% tax penalty on the amount of any required minimum distribution not made in a timely manner. Required Minimum Distributions are calculated based on the sum of the Account Value and the actuarial value of any additional living and death benefits from optional riders that you have purchased under the Annuity. As a result, the Required Minimum Distributions may be larger than if the calculation were based on the Account Value only, which may in turn result in an

earlier (but not before the required beginning date) distribution of amounts under the Annuity and an increased amount of taxable income distributed to the Annuity Owner, and a reduction of payments under the living and death benefit optional riders.

You can use the Minimum Distribution option to satisfy the Required Minimum Distribution rules for an Annuity without either beginning annuity payments or surrendering the Annuity. We will distribute to you the Required Minimum Distribution amount, less any other partial withdrawals that you made during the year. Such amount will be based on the value of the Annuity as of December 31 of the prior year, but is determined without regard to other Annuities you may own. If a trustee to trustee transfer or direct rollover of the full contract value is requested when there is an active Required Minimum Distribution program running, the Required Minimum Distribution will be removed and sent to the Owner prior to the remaining funds being sent to the transfer institution.

Although the IRS rules determine the required amount to be distributed from your IRA each year, certain payment alternatives are still available to you. If you own more than one IRA, you can choose to satisfy your minimum distribution requirement for each of your IRAs by withdrawing that amount from any of your IRAs. If you inherit more than one IRA or more than one Roth IRA from the same Owner, similar rules apply.

### Charitable IRA Distributions.

Certain qualified IRA distributions used for charitable purposes are eligible for an exclusion from gross income, up to \$100,000, for otherwise taxable IRA distributions from a traditional or Roth IRA. A qualified charitable distribution is a distribution that is made (1) directly by the IRA trustee to certain qualified charitable organizations and (2) on or after the date the IRA owner attains age 70½. Distributions that are excluded from income under this provision are not taken into account in determining the individual's deductions, if any, for charitable contributions.

The IRS has indicated that an IRA trustee is not responsible for determining whether a distribution to a charity is one that satisfies the requirements of the charitable giving incentive. Consistent with the applicable IRS instructions, we report these distributions as normal IRA distributions on Form 1099-R. Individuals are responsible for reflecting the distributions as charitable IRA distributions on their personal tax returns.

# Required Distributions Upon Your Death for a Qualified Annuity

Upon your death under an IRA, Roth IRA, 403(b) or other employer sponsored plan, the designated Beneficiary may generally elect to continue the Annuity and receive required minimum distributions under the Annuity instead of receiving the death benefit in a single payment. The available payment options will depend on whether you die before the date required minimum distributions under the Code were to begin, whether you have named a designated Beneficiary and whether that Beneficiary is your surviving spouse.

- If you die after a designated Beneficiary has been named, the death benefit must be distributed by December 31st of the year including the five-year anniversary of the date of death, or as periodic payments not extending beyond the life or life expectancy of the designated Beneficiary (as long as payments begin by December 31st of the year following the year of death). However, if your surviving spouse is the Beneficiary, the death benefit can be paid out over the life or life expectancy of your spouse with such payments beginning no later than December 31st of the year following the year of death or December 31st of the year in which you would have reached age 70½, whichever is later. Additionally, if the Annuity is payable to (or for the benefit of) your surviving spouse as sole primary beneficiary, the Annuity may be continued with your spouse as the Owner. If the Beneficiary does not begin installments by December 31st of the year following the year of death, no partial withdrawals will be permitted thereafter, and we require that the Beneficiary take the Death Benefit as a lump sum within the 5-year deadline.
- If you die before a designated Beneficiary is named and before the date required minimum distributions must begin under the Code, the death benefit must be paid out by December 31st of the year including the five-year anniversary of the date of death. For Annuities where multiple Beneficiaries have been named and at least one of the Beneficiaries does not qualify as a designated Beneficiary and the account has not been divided into separate accounts by December 31st of the year following the year of death, such Annuity is deemed to have no designated Beneficiary. A designated Beneficiary may elect to apply the rules for no designated Beneficiary if those would provide a smaller payment requirement. If the Beneficiary does not begin installments by December 31st of the year following the year of death, no partial withdrawals will be permitted thereafter, and we require that the Beneficiary take the Death Benefit as a lump sum within the 5-year deadline.
- If you die before a designated Beneficiary is named and after the date required minimum distributions must begin under the Code, the death benefit must be paid out at least as rapidly as under the method then in effect. For Annuities where multiple Beneficiaries have been named and at least one of the Beneficiaries does not qualify as a designated Beneficiary and the account has not been divided into separate accounts by December 31st of the year following the year of death, such Annuity is deemed to have no designated Beneficiary. A designated Beneficiary may elect to apply the rules for no designated Beneficiary if those would provide a smaller payment requirement.

A Beneficiary has the flexibility to take out more each year than mandated under the required minimum distribution rules. Note that in 2014, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that Inherited IRAs, other than IRAs inherited by the owner's spouse, do not qualify as retirement assets for purposes of protection under the federal bankruptcy laws.

Until withdrawn, amounts in a Qualified Annuity continue to be tax deferred. Amounts withdrawn each year, including amounts that are required to be withdrawn under the required minimum distribution rules, are subject to tax. You may wish to consult a professional tax adviser for tax advice as to your particular situation.

For a Roth IRA, if death occurs before the entire interest is distributed, the death benefit must be distributed under the same rules applied to IRAs where death occurs before the date required minimum distributions must begin under the Code.

Tax Penalty for Early Withdrawals from a Qualified Annuity You may owe a 10% tax penalty on the taxable part of distributions received from an IRA, SEP, Roth IRA, TDA or qualified retirement plan before you attain age 59½. Amounts are not subject to this tax penalty if:

- the amount is paid on or after you reach age 59½ or die;
- the amount received is attributable to your becoming disabled; or
- generally the amount paid or received is in the form of substantially equal payments (as defined in the Code) not less frequently than annually. (Please note that substantially equal payments must continue until the later of reaching age 59½ or five years. Modification of payments or additional contributions to the Annuity during that time period will result in retroactive application of the 10% tax penalty.)

Other exceptions to this tax may apply. You should consult your tax adviser for further details.

# Withholding

We will withhold federal income tax at the rate of 20% for any eligible rollover distribution paid by us to or for a plan participant, unless such distribution is "directly" rolled over into another qualified plan, IRA (including the IRA variations described above), SEP, 457 government plan or TDA. An eligible rollover distribution is defined under the tax law as a distribution from an employer plan under 401(a), a TDA or a 457 governmental plan, excluding any distribution that is part of a series of substantially equal payments (at least annually) made over the life expectancy of the employee or the joint life expectancies of the employee and his designated Beneficiary, any distribution made for a specified period of 10 years or more, any distribution that is a required minimum distribution and any hardship distribution. Regulations also specify certain other items which are not considered eligible rollover distributions. We will not withhold for payments made from trustee owned Annuities or for payments under a 457 plan. For all other distributions, unless you elect otherwise, we will withhold federal income tax from the taxable portion of such distribution at an appropriate percentage. The rate of withholding on annuity payments where no mandatory withholding is required is determined on the basis of the withholding certificate that you file with us. If you do not file a certificate, we will automatically withhold federal taxes on the following basis:

- For any annuity payments not subject to mandatory withholding, you will have taxes withheld by us as if you are a married individual, with 3
  exemptions
- If no U.S. taxpayer identification number is provided, we will automatically withhold using single with zero exemptions as the default; and
- For all other distributions, we will withhold at a 10% rate.

We will provide you with forms and instructions concerning the right to elect that no amount be withheld from payments in the ordinary course. However, you should know that, in any event, you are liable for payment of federal income taxes on the taxable portion of the distributions, and you should consult with your tax adviser to find out more information on your potential liability if you fail to pay such taxes. There may be additional state income tax withholding requirements.

# **ERISA Requirements**

ERISA (the "Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974") and the Code prevent a fiduciary and other "parties in interest" with respect to a plan (and, for these purposes, an IRA would also constitute a "plan") from receiving any benefit from any party dealing with the plan, as a result of the sale of the Annuity. Administrative exemptions under ERISA generally permit the sale of insurance/annuity products to plans, provided that certain information is disclosed to the person purchasing the Annuity. This information has to do primarily with the fees, charges, discounts and other costs related to the Annuity, as well as any commissions paid to any agent selling the Annuity. Information about any applicable fees, charges, discounts, penalties or adjustments may be found in the applicable sections of this prospectus. Information about sales representatives and commissions may be found in the sections of this prospectus addressing distribution of the Annuities.

Other relevant information required by the exemptions is contained in the contract and accompanying documentation.

Please consult with your tax adviser if you have any questions about ERISA and these disclosure requirements.

### Spousal Consent Rules for Retirement Plans – Qualified Annuities

If you are married at the time your payments commence, you may be required by federal law to choose an income option that provides survivor annuity income to your spouse, unless your spouse waives that right. Similarly, if you are married at the time of your death, federal law may require all or a portion of the Death Benefit to be paid to your spouse, even if you designated someone else as your Beneficiary. A brief explanation of the applicable rules follows. For more information, consult the terms of your retirement arrangement.

Defined Benefit Plans and Money Purchase Pension Plans. If you are married at the time your payments commence, federal law requires that benefits be paid to you in the form of a "qualified joint and survivor annuity" (QJSA), unless you and your spouse waive that right, in writing. Generally, this means that you will receive a reduced payment during your life and, upon your death, your spouse will receive at least one-half of what you were receiving for life. You may elect to receive another income option if your spouse consents to the election and waives his or her right to receive the QJSA. If your spouse consents to the alternative form of payment, your spouse may not receive any benefits from the plan upon your death. Federal law also requires that the plan pay a Death Benefit to your spouse if you are married and die before you begin receiving your benefit. This benefit must be available in the form of an Annuity for your spouse's lifetime and is called a "qualified pre-retirement survivor annuity" (QPSA). If the plan pays Death Benefits to other Beneficiaries, you may elect to have a Beneficiary other than your spouse receive the Death Benefit, but only if your spouse consents to the election and waives his or her right to receive the QPSA. If your spouse consents to the alternate Beneficiary, your spouse will receive no benefits from the plan upon your death. Any QPSA waiver prior to your attaining age 35 will become null and void on the first day of the calendar year in which you attain age 35, if still employed.

Defined Contribution Plans (including 401(k) Plans and ERISA 403(b) Annuities). Spousal consent to a distribution is generally not required. Upon your death, your spouse will receive the entire Death Benefit, even if you designated someone else as your Beneficiary, unless your spouse consents in writing to waive this right. Also, if you are married and elect an Annuity as a periodic income option, federal law requires that you receive a QJSA (as described above), unless you and your spouse consent to waive this right.

IRAs, non-ERISA 403(b) Annuities, and 457 Plans. Spousal consent to a distribution usually is not required. Upon your death, any Death Benefit will be paid to your designated Beneficiary.

# Gifts and Generation-skipping Transfers

If you transfer your Annuity to another person for less than adequate consideration, there may be gift tax consequences in addition to income tax consequences. Also, if you transfer your Annuity to a person two or more generations younger than you (such as a grandchild or grandniece) or to a person that is more than 37½ years younger than you, there may be generation-skipping transfer tax consequences.

### OTHER INFORMATION

### PRUCO LIFE AND THE SEPARATE ACCOUNT

**Pruco Life.** Pruco Life Insurance Company (Pruco Life) is a stock life insurance company organized in 1971 under the laws of the State of Arizona. It is licensed to sell life insurance and annuities in the District of Columbia, Guam and in all states except New York. Pruco Life is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Prudential Insurance Company of America (Prudential), a New Jersey stock life insurance company that has been doing business since 1875. Prudential is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Prudential Financial, Inc. (Prudential Financial), a New Jersey insurance holding company. No company other than Pruco Life has any legal responsibility to pay amounts that it owes under its annuity contracts. Among other things, this means that where you participate in the Defined Income Benefit and the value of that benefit exceeds your current Account Value, you would rely solely on the ability of Pruco Life to make payments under the benefit out of its own assets. As Pruco Life's ultimate parent, Prudential Financial, however, exercises significant influence over the operations and capital structure of Pruco Life.

Pruco Life will provide to each person, including any beneficial Owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, a copy of any or all of the information that has been incorporated by reference into the prospectus but not delivered with the prospectus. Such information will be provided upon written or oral request at no cost to the requester by writing to Pruco Life Insurance Company, One Corporate Drive, Shelton, CT 06484 or by calling 800-752-6342. Pruco Life files periodic reports as required under the Exchange Act. The public may read and copy any materials that Pruco Life files with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 202-551-8090. The SEC maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy, and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC (see http://www.sec.gov). Our internet address is http://www.prudentialannuities.com.

Pursuant to the delivery obligations under Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 and Rule 159 thereunder, Pruco Life Insurance Company delivers this prospectus to current contract owners that reside outside of the United States.

### **Service Providers**

Pruco Life conducts the bulk of its operations through staff employed by it or by affiliated companies within the Prudential Financial family. Certain discrete functions have been delegated to non-affiliates that could be deemed "service providers" under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The entities engaged by Pruco Life may change over time. As of December 31, 2016, non-affiliated entities that could be deemed service providers to Pruco Life and/or an affiliated insurer within the Pruco Life business unit consisted of those set forth in the table below.

Name of Service Provider	Services Provided	Address
BROADRIDGE INVESTOR COMMUNICATION	Proxy services and regulatory mailings	51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717
EDM Americas	Records management and administration of annuity contracts	301 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1500, Raleigh, NC 27601
EXL Service Holdings, Inc	Administration of annuity contracts	350 Park Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10022
National Financial Services (NFS)	Clearing firm for Broker Dealers	82 Devonshire Street Boston, MA 02109
NEPS, LLC	Composition, printing, and mailing of contracts and benefit documents	12 Manor Parkway, Salem, NH 03079
Open Text, Inc	Fax Services	100 Tri-State International Parkway Licolnshire, IL 60069
PERSHING LLC	Clearing firm for Broker Dealers	One Pershing Plaza, Jersey City, NJ 07399
The Depository Trust Clearinghouse Corporation (DTCC)	Clearing and settlement services for Distributors and Carriers.	55 Water Street, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10041
Thomson Reuters	Tax reporting services	3 Times Square New York, NY 10036
Venio LLC d/b/a Keane	Claim related services	4031 University Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA 22030

The Separate Account. We have established a Separate Account, the Pruco Life Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account (Separate Account), to hold the assets that are associated with the Annuities. The Separate Account was established under Arizona law on June 16, 1995, and is registered with the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940 as a unit investment trust, which is a type of investment company. The assets of the Separate Account are held in the name of Pruco Life and legally belong to us. Pruco Life segregates the Separate Account assets from all of its other assets. Thus, Separate Account assets that are held in support of the contracts are not chargeable with liabilities arising out of any other business we may conduct. Income, gains, and losses, whether or not realized, for assets allocated to the Separate Account are, in accordance with the Annuity, credited to or charged against the Separate Account without regard to other income, gains, or losses of Pruco Life. The obligations under the Annuity are those of Pruco Life, which is the issuer of the Annuity and the depositor of the Separate Account. More detailed information about Pruco Life, including its audited consolidated financial statements, is provided in the Statement of Additional Information.

In addition to rights that we specifically reserve elsewhere in this prospectus, we reserve the right to perform any or all of the following:

- offer new Sub-accounts, eliminate Sub-Accounts, substitute Sub-accounts or combine Sub-accounts;
- close Sub-accounts to additional Purchase Payments on existing Annuities or close Sub-accounts for Annuities purchased on or after specified dates;
- combine the Separate Account with other separate accounts;
- deregister the Separate Account under the Investment Company Act of 1940;

- manage the Separate Account as a management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940 or in any other form permitted by law;
- make changes required by any change in the federal securities laws, including, but not limited to, the Securities Act of 1933, the Securities Act of 1934, the Investment Company Act of 1940, or any other changes to the Securities and Exchange Commission's interpretation thereof;
- establish a provision in the Annuity for federal income taxes if we determine, in our sole discretion, that we will incur a tax as the result of the
  operation of the Separate Account;
- make any changes required by federal or state laws with respect to annuity contracts; and
- to the extent dictated by any underlying Portfolio, impose a redemption fee or restrict transfers within any Sub-account.

We will first notify you and receive any necessary SEC and/or state approval before making such a change. If an underlying mutual fund is liquidated, we will ask you to reallocate any amount in the liquidated fund. If you do not reallocate these amounts, we will reallocate such amounts only in accordance with guidance provided by the SEC or its staff (or after obtaining an order from the SEC, if required). We reserve the right to substitute an underlying portfolio, as allowed by applicable law. If we make a fund substitution or change, we may change the Annuity to reflect the substitution or change. We do not control the underlying mutual funds, so we cannot guarantee that any of those funds will always be available. While we can limit your ability to make any additional Purchase Payments to your Annuity, as discussed above in this Prospectus, should we offer more than one Investment Options we may limit your right to make additional Purchase Payments to any one or more of such Investment Options.

The General Account. Our general obligations and any guaranteed benefits under the Annuity are supported by our general account and are subject to our claims paying ability. Assets in the general account are not segregated for the exclusive benefit of any particular contract or obligation. General account assets are also available to our general creditors and for conducting routine business activities, such as the payment of salaries, rent and other ordinary business expenses. The general account is subject to regulation and supervision by the Arizona Department of Insurance and to the insurance laws and regulations of all jurisdictions where we are authorized to do business.

# Fees and Payments Received by Pruco Life

As detailed below, Pruco Life and our affiliates receive substantial payments from the underlying Portfolios and/or related entities, such as the Portfolios' advisers and subadvisers. Because these fees and payments are made to Pruco Life and our affiliates, allocations you make to the underlying Portfolios benefit us financially. In selecting Portfolios available under the Annuity, we consider the payments that will be made to us. For more information on factors we consider when selecting the Portfolios under the Annuity, see "Variable Investment Options" under "Investment Options" earlier in this prospectus.

We receive Rule 12b-1 fees which compensate our affiliate, Prudential Annuities Distributors, Inc., for distribution and administrative services (including recordkeeping services and the mailing of prospectuses and reports to Owners invested in the Portfolios). These fees are paid by the underlying Portfolio out of each Portfolio's assets and are therefore borne by Owners.

We also receive administrative services payments from the advisers of the underlying Portfolios or their affiliates (not the Portfolios), which are referred to as "revenue sharing" payments. The maximum combined 12b-1 fees and revenue sharing payments we receive with respect to a Portfolio are generally equal to an annual rate of 0.55% of the average assets allocated to the Portfolio under the Annuity. We expect to make a profit on these fees and payments and consider them when selecting the Portfolios available under the Annuity.

In addition, an adviser or subadviser of a Portfolio or a distributor of the Annuity (not the Portfolios) may also compensate us by providing reimbursement, defraying the costs of, or paying directly for, among other things, marketing and/or administrative services and/or other services they provide in connection with the Annuity. These services may include, but are not limited to: sponsoring or co-sponsoring various promotional, educational or marketing meetings and seminars attended by distributors, wholesalers, and/or broker dealer firms' registered representatives, and creating marketing material discussing the Annuity, available options, and underlying Portfolios. The amounts paid depend on the nature of the meetings, the number of meetings attended by the adviser, subadviser, or distributor, the number of participants and attendees at the meetings, the costs expected to be incurred, and the level of the adviser's, subadviser's or distributor's participation. These payments or reimbursements may not be offered by all advisers, subadvisers, or distributors and the amounts of such payments may vary between and among each adviser, subadviser, and distributor depending on their respective participation. We may also consider these payments and reimbursements when selecting the Portfolios available under the Annuity. During 2016, with regard to the total amounts that were paid under the kinds of arrangements described in this paragraph, the amounts for any particular adviser, subadviser or distributor ranged from approximately \$5.00 to approximately \$237,431.00. These amounts relate to all individual variable annuity contracts issued by Pruco Life or its affiliates, not only the Annuity covered by this prospectus.

In addition to the payments that we receive from underlying Portfolios and/or their affiliates, those same Portfolios and/or their affiliates may make payments to us and/or other insurers within the Prudential Financial group related to the offering of investment options within variable annuities or life insurance offered by different Prudential business units.

Cyber Security Risks. We provide information about cyber security risks associated with this Annuity in the Statement of Additional Information.

# LEGAL STRUCTURE OF THE UNDERLYING FUND

The underlying mutual fund is registered as an open-end management investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Shares of the underlying mutual fund Portfolio are sold to Separate Accounts of life insurance companies offering variable annuity and variable life insurance products. The shares may also be sold directly to qualified pension and retirement plans.

### **Voting Rights**

We are the legal owner of the shares of the underlying Portfolios in which the Sub-accounts invest. However, under current SEC rules, you have voting rights in relation to Account Value maintained in the Sub-accounts. If an underlying Portfolio requests a vote of shareholders, we will vote our shares based on instructions received from Owners with Account Value allocated to that Sub-account. Owners have the right to vote an amount equal to the number of shares attributable to their contracts. If we do not receive voting instructions in relation to certain shares, we will vote those shares in the same manner and proportion as the shares for which we have received instructions. This voting procedure is sometimes referred to as "mirror voting" because, as indicated in the immediately preceding sentence, we mirror the votes that are actually cast, rather than decide on our own how to vote. We will also "mirror vote" shares that are owned directly by us or an affiliate (excluding shares held in the separate account of an affiliated insurer). In addition, because all the shares of a given Portfolio held within our Separate Account are legally owned by us, we intend to vote all of such shares when that underlying Portfolio seeks a vote of its shareholders. As such, all such shares will be counted towards whether there is a quorum at the underlying Portfolio's shareholder meeting and towards the ultimate outcome of the vote. Thus, under "mirror voting", it is possible that the votes of a small percentage of contract holders who actually vote will determine the ultimate outcome.

We may, if required by state insurance regulations, disregard voting instructions if they would require shares to be voted so as to cause a change in the sub-classification or investment objectives of one or more of the available Variable Investment Options or to approve or disapprove an investment advisory contract for a Portfolio. In addition, we may disregard voting instructions that would require changes in the investment policy or investment adviser of one or more of the Portfolios associated with the available Variable Investment Options, provided that we reasonably disapprove such changes in accordance with applicable federal or state regulations. If we disregard Owner voting instructions, we will advise Owners of our action and the reasons for such action in the next available annual or semi-annual report.

We will furnish those Owners who have Account Value allocated to a Sub-account whose underlying Portfolio has requested a "proxy" vote with proxy materials and the necessary forms to provide us with their voting instructions. Generally, you will be asked to provide instructions for us to vote on matters such as changes in a fundamental investment strategy, adoption of a new investment advisory agreement, or matters relating to the structure of the underlying Portfolio that require a vote of shareholders. We reserve the right to change the voting procedures described above if applicable SEC rules change.

### **Material Conflicts**

In the future, it may become disadvantageous for Separate Accounts of variable life insurance and variable annuity contracts to invest in the same underlying Portfolios. Neither the companies that invest in the Portfolios nor the Portfolios currently foresee any such disadvantage. The Board of Directors for each Portfolio intends to monitor events in order to identify any material conflict between variable life insurance and variable annuity Contract Owners and to determine what action, if any, should be taken. Material conflicts could result from such things as:

- (1) changes in state insurance law;
- changes in federal income tax law;
- (3) changes in the investment management of any Variable Investment Option; or
- (4) differences between voting instructions given by variable life insurance and variable annuity Contract Owners.

# Confirmations, Statements, and Reports

We send any statements and reports required by applicable law or regulation to you at your last known address of record. You should therefore give us prompt notice of any address change. We reserve the right, to the extent permitted by law and subject to your prior consent, to provide any prospectus, prospectus supplements, confirmations, statements and reports required by applicable law or regulation to you through our Internet Website at www.prudentialannuities.com or any other electronic means, including CD ROMs. We generally send a confirmation statement to you each time a financial transaction is made affecting Account Value, such as making additional Purchase Payments, transfers, exchanges or withdrawals. We also send quarterly statements detailing the activity affecting your Annuity during the calendar quarter, if there have been transactions during the quarter. We may confirm regularly scheduled transactions, including, but not limited to the Annual Maintenance Fee, systematic withdrawals (including 72(t)/72 (q) payments and Required Minimum Distributions), in quarterly statements instead of confirming them immediately. You should review the information in these statements carefully. You may request additional reports or copies of reports previously sent. We reserve the right to charge \$50 for each such additional or previously sent report, but may waive that charge in the future. We will also send an annual report and a semi-annual report containing applicable financial statements for the Portfolio to Owners or, with your prior consent, make such documents available electronically through our Internet Website or other electronic means.

# **DISTRIBUTION OF ANNUITIES OFFERED BY PRUCO LIFE**

Prudential Annuities Distributors, Inc. (PAD), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Prudential Annuities, Inc., is the distributor and principal underwriter of the Annuities offered through this prospectus. PAD acts as the distributor of a number of annuity and life insurance products and the AST Portfolios. PAD's principal business address is One Corporate Drive, Shelton, Connecticut 06484. PAD is registered as a broker/dealer under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act), and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA). Each Annuity is offered on a continuous basis. PAD enters into distribution agreements with both affiliated and unaffiliated broker-dealers who are registered under the Exchange Act (collectively, "Firms"). The affiliated broker/dealer, Pruco Securities, LLC is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Prudential Financial that sells variable annuity and variable life insurance (among other products) through its registered representatives. Applications for each Annuity are solicited by registered representatives of the Firms. PAD utilizes a network of its own registered representatives to wholesale the Annuities to Firms.

offered through this prospectus are insurance products as well as securities, all registered representatives who sell the Annuities are also appointed insurance agents of Pruco Life.

In connection with the sale and servicing of the Annuity, Firms may receive cash compensation and/or non-cash compensation. Cash compensation includes discounts, concession, fees, service fees, commissions, asset based sales charges, loans, overrides, or any cash employee benefit received in connection with the sale and distribution of variable contracts. Non-cash compensation includes any form of compensation received in connection with the sale and distribution of variable contracts that is not cash compensation, including but not limited to merchandise, gifts, travel expenses, meals and lodging.

Under the selling agreements, cash compensation in the form of commissions is paid to Firms on sales of the Annuity according to one or more schedules. The selling registered representative will receive all or a portion of the cash compensation, depending on the practice of his or her Firm. Commissions are generally based on a percentage of Purchase Payments made, up to a maximum of 5%. Alternative compensation schedules are available that generally provide a lower initial commission plus ongoing quarterly compensation based on all or a portion of Account Value. We may also provide cash compensation to the distributing Firm for providing ongoing service to you in relation to the Annuity. These payments may be made in the form of percentage payments based upon "Assets under Management" or "AUM," (total assets), subject to certain criteria in certain Pruco Life products. These payments may also be made in the form of percentage payments based upon the total amount of money received as Purchase Payments under Pruco Life annuity products sold through the Firm.

In addition, in an effort to promote the sale of our products (which may include the placement of Pruco Life and/or the Annuity on a preferred or recommended company or product list and/or access to the Firm's registered representatives), we, or PAD, may enter into non-cash compensation arrangements with certain Firms with respect to certain or all registered representatives of such Firms under which such Firms may receive fixed payments or reimbursement. These types of fixed payments are made directly to or in sponsorship of the Firm and may include, but are not limited to payment for: training of sales personnel; marketing and/or administrative services and/or other services they provide to us or our affiliates; educating customers of the firm on the Annuity's features; conducting due diligence and analysis; providing office access, operations, systems and other support; holding seminars intended to educate registered representatives and make them more knowledgeable about the Annuities; conferences (national, regional and top producer); sponsorships; speaker fees; promotional items; a dedicated marketing coordinator; priority sales desk support; expedited marketing compliance approval and preferred programs to PAD; and reimbursements to Firms for marketing activities or other services provided by third-party vendors to the Firms and/or their registered representatives. To the extent permitted by FINRA rules and other applicable laws and regulations, we or PAD may also pay or allow other promotional incentives or payments in other forms of non-cash compensation (e.g., gifts, occasional meals and entertainment, sponsorship of due diligence events). Under certain circumstances, Portfolio advisers/subadvisers or other organizations with which we do business ("Entities") may also receive incidental non-cash compensation, such as meals and nominal gifts. The amount of this non-cash compensation varies widely because some may encompass only a single event, such as a conference, and others have a much broader scope.

Cash and/or non-cash compensation may not be offered to all Firms and Entities and the terms of such compensation may differ between Firms and Entities. In addition, we or our affiliates may provide such compensation, payments and/or incentives to Firms or Entities arising out of the marketing, sale and/or servicing of variable annuities or life insurance offered by different Prudential business units.

This Annuity will be offered on a fee-based variable annuity platform offered by LPL Financial LLC ("LPL") through LPL's Strategic Asset Management advisory program. In connection with that platform, LPL entered into agreements with several variable annuity issuers, including Pruco Life Insurance Company and Pruco Life Insurance Company of New Jersey, under which such insurers agreed to make upfront and ongoing contributions to defray the technology and systems costs associated with the operation and maintenance of LPL's platform. LPL in turn agreed, through January 2013, to limit the variable annuities offered through its platform to those issued by such insurers. Because LPL benefited from the contributions from such annuity insurers, there may be a conflict between LPL's financial interest and its ability to use strictly objective factors to select and/or retain variable annuities available on the platform. However, LPL does not guarantee that such insurers' variable annuities actually will be used in any client account.

The lists below includes the names of the Firms and Entities that we are aware (as of December 31, 2016) received compensation with respect to our annuity business generally during 2016 (or as to which a payment amount was accrued during 2016). The Firms and Entities listed include those receiving non-cash and/or cash compensation (as indicated below) in connection with marketing of products issued by Pruco Life Insurance Company and Pruco Life Insurance Company of New Jersey. Your registered representative can provide you with more information about the compensation arrangements that apply upon request. Each of these Annuities also is distributed by other selling Firms that previously were appointed only with our affiliate Prudential Annuities Life Assurance Corporation ("PALAC"). Such other selling Firms may have received compensation similar to the types discussed above with respect to their sale of PALAC annuities. In addition, such other selling Firms may, on a going forward basis, receive substantial compensation that is not reflected in this 2016 retrospective depiction. During 2016, non-cash compensation received by Firms and Entities ranged from \$27.78 to \$602,264.01. During 2016, cash compensation received by Firms ranged from \$71.45 to \$9,137,323.40.

All of the Firms and Entities listed below received non-cash compensation during 2016. In addition, Firms in bold also received cash compensation during 2016.

1st Global Capital Corp. **Advisor Group**Aegon Transamerica

Afore Met Life

First Allied Securities Inc First Citizens Bank First Financial Services First Heartland Capital, Inc. Pacific Life Insurance Company Packerland Brokerage Svcs,Inc Park Avenue Securities, LLC Parkland Securities AFS Brokerage, Inc.
AFS Financial Group, LLC

AIG Advisor Group

Allegheny Investments LTD.
Allegis Insurance Agency, Inc.
Allen & Company of Florida, Inc.

Alliance Bernstein L.P.

Allianz

Allstate Financial Srvcs, LLC

ALPS Distributors, Inc.

**AMERICAN PORTFOLIO FIN SVCS INC** 

Ameritas Investment Corp. Anchor Bay Securities, LLC

**Annuity Partners** 

AON

AQR Capital Management Arete Wealth Management Arlington Securities, Inc. Astoria Federal Savings AXA Advisors, LLC

Ballew Investments
Bank of Oklahoma

Bank of the West

**BBVA Compass Investment Solutions, Inc.** 

BCG Securities, Inc.
Berthel Fisher & Company

BlackRock Financial Management Inc.

BOSC, Inc.

**Broker Dealer Financial Services** 

Brokers International **Cadaret, Grant & Co., Inc.**Calton & Associates, Inc

Cambridge Advisory Group

Cambridge Investment Research, Inc.

CAPE SECURITIES, INC.

Capital Analysts

Capital Financial Services
Capital Investment Group, Inc.
Capitol Securities Management, Inc.
Castle Rock Investment Company

CCF Investments, Inc.

CCO Investment Services Corp Centaurus Financial, Inc. Cetera Advisor Network LLC Cetera Financial Group LLC

Cetera Investment Services

CFD Investments, Inc.

**CHAR** 

Citigroup Global Markets Inc.

Citizens Bank and Trust Company

Client One Securities LLC

**CMDA** 

COMERICA SECURITIES, INC.

Commonwealth Financial Network

Comprehensive Asset Management

First Protective Insurance Group First Tennessee Brokerage, Inc

Foothill Securities, Inc.

Foresters Equity Services Inc. Fortune Financial Services, Inc. Founders Financial Securities, LLC

Franklin Square Capital Partners

Franklin Templeton
FSC Securities Corp.
Garden State Securities, Inc.

GCG Financial

Geneos Wealth Management, Inc.

Goldman Sachs & Co. GWN Securities, Inc. H. Beck, Inc.

H.D. Vest Investment

Hantz Financial Services,Inc.

Harbour Investment, Inc. HBW Securities, Inc.

Hornor, Townsend & Kent, Inc.

**HSBC** 

Independent Financial Grp, LLC

Individual Client
Infinex Financial Group
Insured Retirement Institute
Intervest International

**Invest Financial Corporation** 

Investacorp

Investment Professionals Investors Capital Corporation J.J.B. Hilliard Lyons, Inc.

J.P. Morgan

J.W. Cole Financial, Inc.

Janney Montgomery Scott, LLC.

Jennison Associates, LLC Jennison Dryden Mutual Funds

John Hancock

Kestra Financial, Inc.

**KEY INVESTMENT SERVICES LLC KMS Financial Services, Inc.** 

Kovack Securities, Inc.

LANC

LaSalle St. Securities, LLC

LAX-Prudential

Legend Equities Corporation

Legg Mason

Lewis Financial Group, L.C. Lincoln Financial Advisors

**Lincoln Financial Securities Corporation** 

**Lincoln Investment Planning** 

Lion Street

LPL Financial Corporation
M and T Bank Corporation
Mass Mutual Financial Group

Merrill Lynch, P,F,S

People's Securities PEPCO Holdings

**PIMCO** 

PlanMember Securities Corp.

PNC Bank

Presidential Brokerage Principal Financial Group

**ProEquities** 

Prospera Financial Services, Inc.

**Prudential Annuities** 

Purshe Kaplan Sterling Investments

Questar Capital Corporation Raymond James Financial Svcs

**RBC CAPITAL MARKETS CORPORATION** 

RCM&D Inc.

Resource Horizon Group, LLC Retirement Benefits Group, LLC

RNR Securities, L.L.C.
Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.
Royal Alliance Associates
SAGEPOINT FINANCIAL, INC.
Sammons Securities Co., LLC

Santander

Saxony Securities, Inc.

Schroders Investment Management

Scott & Stringfellow

Securian Financial Svcs, Inc.
Securities America, Inc.
Securities Service Network
Sigma Financial Corporation
Signator Investors, Inc.
SII Investments, Inc.

Sorrento Pacific Financial LLC Specialized Schedulers

Sterling Monroe Securities, LLC

Sterne Agee Financial Services, Inc.

Stifel Nicolaus & Co.
Strategic Advisors, Inc.

STRATEGIC FIN ALLIANCE INC Summit Brokerage Services, Inc Sunbelt Business Advisors Sunbelt Securities, Inc. Sunset Financial Services, Inc SunTrust Investment Services. Inc.

SWBC Investment Services, Inc

T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. **TFS Securities, Inc.** 

The Investment Center
The O.N. Equity Sales Co.

The Prudential Insurance Company of America

The Strategic Financial Alliance Inc.

**Touchstone Investments** 

TransAmerica Financial Advisors, Inc.

Triad Advisors, Inc.

Trustmont Financial Group, Inc.

Coordinated Capital Securities Inc

**COPA** 

Country Financial
Craig Schubert
Creative Capital

Crescent Securities Group
Crown Capital Securities, L.P.
CUNA Brokerage Svcs, Inc.
CUSO Financial Services, L.P.

David Lerner and Associates

Eaton Vance

Edward Jones & Co. Equity Services, Inc. Fidelity Investments

Fifth Third Securities, Inc.

Financial Planning Consultants

Financial Security Management, Inc.

**Financial West Group** 

MetLife MFS

MML Investors Services, Inc. Money Concepts Capital Corp.

Morgan Stanley Smith Barney Mountain Development Mutual of Omaha Bank

**National Planning Corporation** 

National Securities Corp. Neuberger Berman Newbridge Securities Corp. **Next Financial Group, Inc.** 

NFP (National Financial Partners Corporation)

NOCA

North Ridge Securities Corp.

Omnivest, Inc.

OneAmerica Securities, Inc. OPPENHEIMER & CO, INC.

**UBS Financial Services, Inc.** 

Umpqua Investments
United Planners Fin. Serv.

IC Dank

US Bank

USA Financial Securities Corp. VALIC Financial Advisors, Inc VOYA Financial Advisors WADDELL & REED INC.

WAYNE HUMMER INVESTMENTS LLC

Wedbush Morgan Securities Wellington Asset Mgt. Wells Fargo Advisors LLC

WELLS FARGO ADVISORS LLC - WEALTH

WFG Investments, Inc.
Wintrust Financial Corporation
Woodbury Financial Services

World Equity Group, Inc.

The Firms listed below received cash compensation during 2016 but did not receive any non-cash compensation.

BB&T Investment Services, Inc.
Capital One Investment Services, LLC
Investment Centers of America
M Holdings Securities, Inc
PNC Investments, LLC
Raymond James & Associates
Wall Street Financial Group
Wells Fargo Investments LLC

You should note that Firms and individual registered representatives and branch managers with some Firms participating in one of these compensation arrangements might receive greater compensation for selling the Annuities than for selling a different annuity that is not eligible for these compensation arrangements. While compensation is generally taken into account as an expense in considering the charges applicable to an annuity product, any such compensation will be paid by us or PAD and will not result in any additional charge to you or to the Separate Account. Cash and non-cash compensation varies by annuity product, and such differing compensation could be a factor in which annuity a Financial Professional recommends to you. Your registered representative can provide you with more information about the compensation arrangements that apply upon request.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Separate Account and Pruco Life are included in the Statement of Additional Information.

# **INDEMNIFICATION**

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 (the "Securities Act") may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

# **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

# **Litigation and Regulatory Matters**

Pruco Life is subject to legal and regulatory actions in the ordinary course of our business. Pending legal and regulatory actions include proceedings specific to Pruco Life and proceedings generally applicable to business practices in the industry in which we operate. Pruco Life is subject to class action lawsuits and other litigation involving a variety of issues and allegations involving sales practices, claims payments and procedures, premium charges, policy servicing and breach of fiduciary duty to customers. Pruco Life is also subject to litigation arising out of its general business activities, such as its investments, contracts, leases and labor and employment relationships, including claims of discrimination and harassment, and could be exposed to claims or litigation concerning certain business or process patents. In addition, Pruco Life, along with other participants in the businesses in which it engages, may be subject from time to time to investigations, examinations and inquiries, in some cases industry-wide, concerning issues or matters upon which such regulators have determined to focus.

Pruco Life's litigation and regulatory matters are subject to many uncertainties, and given their complexity and scope, their outcome cannot be predicted. In some of Pruco Life's pending legal and regulatory actions, parties are seeking large and/or indeterminate amounts, including punitive or exemplary

damages. It is possible that Pruco's results of operations or cash flow in a particular quarterly or annual period could be materially affected by an ultimate unfavorable resolution of pending litigation and regulatory matters depending, in part, upon the results of operations or cash flow for such period. In light of the unpredictability of Pruco Life's litigation and regulatory matters, it is also possible that in certain cases an ultimate unfavorable resolution of one or more pending litigation or regulatory matters could have a material adverse effect on Pruco Life's financial position. Management believes, however, that, based on information currently known to it, the ultimate outcome of all pending litigation and regulatory matters, after consideration of applicable reserves and rights to indemnification, is not likely to have a material adverse effect on: the Separate Account; the ability of PAD to perform its contract with the Separate Account; or Pruco Life's ability to meet its obligations under the Contracts.

### CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The following are the contents of the Statement of Additional Information:

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- Historical Income Growth Rates and Income Percentages
- Financial Statements

# **HOW TO CONTACT US**

Please communicate with us using the telephone number and addresses below for the purposes described. Failure to send mail to the proper address may result in a delay in our receiving and processing your request.

# Prudential's Customer Service Team

Call our Customer Service Team at 1-888-PRU-2888 during normal business hours.

### Internet

Access information about your Annuity through our website: www.prudentialannuities.com

# Correspondence Sent by Regular Mail

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Transactions requested via telephone are recorded. To the extent permitted by law, we will not be responsible for any claims, loss, liability or expense in connection with a transaction requested by telephone or other electronic means if we acted on such transaction instructions after following reasonable procedures to identify those persons authorized to perform transactions on your Annuity using verification methods which may include a request for your Social Security number, PIN or other form of electronic identification. We may be liable for losses due to unauthorized or fraudulent instructions if we did not follow such procedures.

Pruco Life does not guarantee access to telephonic, facsimile, Internet or any other electronic information or that we will be able to accept transaction instructions via such means at all times. Nor, due to circumstances beyond our control, can we provide any assurances as to the delivery of transaction instructions submitted to us by regular and/or express mail. Regular and/or express mail (if operational) will be the only means by which we will accept transaction instructions when telephonic, facsimile, Internet or any other electronic means are unavailable or delayed. Pruco Life reserves the right to limit, restrict or terminate telephonic, facsimile, Internet or any other electronic transaction privileges at any time.

# **APPENDIX A - ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUES**

The following tables show the accumulation unit values and the number of outstanding units for the variable investment option under the Annuity on the last business day of the periods shown. The unit values and number of units outstanding are for Annuities under the Separate Account with the same daily asset charge which may include other annuities offered.

# PRUDENTIAL DEFINED INCOME

# **Pruco Life Insurance Company**

# Prospectus

# ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUES: Basic Death Benefit Only (1.10%)

Sub-Account	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT END OF PERIOD	NUMBER OF UNITS OUTSTANDING AT END OF PERIOD	
AST Government Money Market Portfolio formerly, AST Money Market Portfolio				
04/29/2013* to 12/31/2013	\$9.99909	\$9.92508	0	
01/01/2014 to 12/31/2014	\$9.92508	\$9.81573	0	
01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015	\$9.81573	\$9.70745	0	
01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016	\$9.70745	\$9.60132	0	
AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio				
02/25/2013 to 12/31/2013	\$9.99909	\$9.57903	0	
01/01/2014 to 12/31/2014	\$9.57903	\$10.53178	72,391	
01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015	\$10.53178	\$10.09622	112,008	
01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016	\$10.09622	\$10.87675	190,877	

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes the start date of these sub-accounts

# PRUDENTIAL DEFINED INCOME

# **Pruco Life Insurance Company**

# **Prospectus**

# ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUES: With Defined Income Benefit - Single and Spousal Designated Lives (1.90%)

Sub-Account	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	ACCUMULATION UNIT VALUE AT END OF PERIOD	NUMBER OF UNITS OUTSTANDING AT END OF PERIOD
AST Government Money Market Portfolio formerly, AST Money Market Portfolio			
04/29/2013* to 12/31/2013	\$9.99842	\$9.87017	28,057
01/01/2014 to 12/31/2014	\$9.87017	\$9.68266	293,181
01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015	\$9.68266	\$9.49871	254,929
01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016	\$9.49871	\$9.31875	242,440
AST Multi-Sector Fixed Income Portfolio			
02/25/2013 to 12/31/2013	\$9.99842	\$9.51265	73,129,351
01/01/2014 to 12/31/2014	\$9.51265	\$10.37423	233,324,604
01/01/2015 to 12/31/2015	\$10.37423	\$9.86464	412,192,755
01/01/2016 to 12/31/2016	\$9.86464	\$10.54150	655,186,639

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes the start date of these sub-accounts

# APPENDIX B – SPECIAL CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR ANNUITIES ISSUED IN CERTAIN STATES

Certain features of your Annuity may be different than the features described earlier in this prospectus, if your Annuity is issued in certain states described below.

State	State Variation
California	Contingent Deferred Sales Charge is referred to as Surrender Charge.
	In the "Managing Your Annuity" section of this prospectus, under "Change of Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations," there is no restriction on ownership changes or assignments. However, your right to assign, transfer or pledge the Annuity for a loan may be limited if the Annuity is used as an Individual Retirement Annuity ("IRA") or other qualified investment that is given beneficial tax treatment under the Code.
	In the "Surrenders" section of this prospectus under "Medically-Related Surrenders," Medically-Related Surrenders are not available.
Connecticut	In the "Surrenders" section of this prospectus under "Medically-Related Surrenders." Medically-Related Surrenders are not available.
	In the "Managing Your Annuity" section of this prospectus, under "Change of Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations," the reserved right to reject ownership changes only applies if the proposed new owner is a structured settlement company or institutional investor.
Florida	In the "Annuity Options" section of the prospectus, there is a one Year waiting period for annuitization.
	In the "Managing Your Annuity" section of this prospectus, under "Change of Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations," there is no restriction on ownership changes or assignments. However, your right to assign, transfer or pledge the Annuity for a loan may be limited if the Annuity is used as an Individual Retirement Annuity ("IRA") or other qualified investment that is given beneficial tax treatment under the Code.
	With respect to those who are 65 years or older on the date of purchase, in no event will the Contingent Deferred Sales Charge exceed 10% in accordance with Florida law.
Massachusetts	In the "Annuity Options" section of the prospectus, the Annuity rates we use to calculate annuity payments are available only on a gender-neutral basis under annuity option or any lifetime withdrawal option benefit.
	In the "Surrenders" section of this prospectus under "Medically-Related Surrenders," Medically-Related Surrenders are not available.
Montana	In the "Annuity Options" section of this prospectus, the annuity rates we use to calculate annuity payments are available only on a gender-neutral basis under any Annuity Option or any lifetime withdrawal option benefit.
New Jersey	In the "Managing Your Annuity" section of this prospectus, under "Change of Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations," the reserved right to reject ownership changes and assignments only applies if the proposed new owner is a structure settlement company or institutional investor.
	In the "Annuity Options" section of this prospectus, the minimum annuity payment and minimum surrender value at the time of annuitization is not applicable
New Mexico	In the "Fees, Charges and Deductions" section of this prospectus under "Tax Charge," no premium taxes apply to annuities issued in New Mexico
North Carolina	In the "Fees, Charges and Deductions" section of this prospectus under "Tax Charge," no premium taxes apply to annuities issued in North Carolina
Oregon	In the "Fees, Charges and Deductions" section of this prospectus under "Tax Charge," no premium taxes apply to annuities issued in Oregon.
	In the "Managing Your Annuity" section of this prospectus, under "Change of Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations," there is no reserved right to reject any transfer, assignment or pledge, but the right to transfer, assign or pledge the Annuity may be limited depending on the use of the Annuity
Pennsylvania	In the "Fees, Charges and Deductions" section of this prospectus under "Tax Charge," no premium taxes apply to annuities issued in Pennsylvania. In the event that a premium tax becomes applicable, we will notify you of the amount of the tax and its effect upon any payments to be made
Texas	In the "Managing Your Annuity" section of this prospectus, under "Change of Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations," there is no reserved right to reject any transfer, assignment or pledge, but the right to transfer, assign or pledge the Annuity may be limited depending on the use of the Annuity.
	In the "Fees, Charges and Deductions" section of this prospectus under "Tax Charge," no premium taxes apply to annuities issued in Texas.
	In the "Annuity Options" section of this prospectus, the minimum annuity payment is \$20 per month

### APPENDIX C - DEFINED INCOME BENEFIT SAMPLE CALCULATIONS

The initial Guaranteed Income Amount (GIA) is determined on the Issue Date. It is determined by applying the applicable Income Percentage to the Account Value on the Issue Date. Additional Purchase Payments will increase the GIA by applying the amount of the Purchase Payment to the applicable Income Percentage (based on the attained age of the youngest Designated Life) on the date the Purchase Payment is allocated to your Annuity.

For the applicable Income Percentage rates associated with any additional Purchase Payments made after the Issue Date, please see the rates disclosed in the applicable Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement, or contact us or your Financial Professional. You may make additional Purchase Payments to your Annuity at any time within the first Annuity Year, however at any time during this year, with prior notice to you, we may limit your right to add additional Purchase Payments.

The following examples are purely hypothetical and are for illustrative purposes only. They are intended to provide examples of how we would calculate the Guaranteed Income Amount based on the Income Percentages and Income Growth Rate provided in the prospectus or a Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement. They also assume that the application was signed, received, and funded within the parameters disclosed in the prospectus or on the Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement. The hypothetical examples are also designed to show how the Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement may change from month to month for newly issued Annuities. Please note that once your Annuity is issued, the assigned rates will not change. Please also note, your GIA would be different than the examples shown below depending on the Income Percentage and Income Growth Rate effective at the time you sign your application, your age at the time of the initial Purchase Payment is applied, the amount of your initial Purchase Payment, and whether you have elected the single or spousal version.

# <u>Hypothetical Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement Examples:</u>

# Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement effective between June 1, and June 30

Attained Age	Income Percentage	Income Growth Rate
60	4.50%	5.00% (for all ages)
61	4.60%	
62	4.70%	
63	4.80%	
64	4.90%	
65	5.00%	

# Scenario 1, calculating the GIA based on a single Purchase Payment:

Application Signed Date: June 24

Issue Date: July 5 of the same calendar year in which the application was signed

Purchase Payment Received: \$100,000

Age: 62

The Income Percentages and Income Growth Rate are set based on the rates effective between June 1 and June 30. As a result, the initial Income Percentage will be 4.70% and the Income Growth Rate assigned to the Annuity will be 5.00%. The initial Guaranteed Income Amount is \$4,700, which is determined by multiplying the Account Value on the Issue Date (\$100,000) by the applicable Income Percentage (4.70%).

### Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement effective between July 1 and July 31

Attained Age	Income Percentage	Income Growth Rate
60	4.70%	5.50% (for all ages)
61	4.80%	
62	4.90%	
63	5.00%	
64	5.10%	
65	5.20%	

# Scenario 2, calculating the GIA based on a single Purchase Payment, and one additional Purchase Payment:

Application Signed Date: July 15

Issue Date: July 17 of the same calendar year in which the application was signed

Purchase Payments Received:

- \$100,000 on the Issue Date
- Additional Purchase Payment of \$10,000 on November 17 of the same calendar year

Age on the Issue Date: 62

The Income Percentages and Income Growth Rate are set based on the rates effective between July 1 and July 31. As a result, the initial Income Percentage will be 4.90% and the Income Growth Rate assigned to the annuity will be 5.50%.

The initial Guaranteed Income Amount will be \$4,900, which is determined by multiplying Account Value on the Issue Date (\$100,000) by the Income Percentage (4.90%).

When the additional Purchase Payment of \$10,000 is deposited exactly four months later, the Designated Life is now age 63. The increase to the GIA will continue to be based on the Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement effective between July 1 and July 31. In this scenario, the current GIA would be increased by \$500 since the Income Percentage assigned to the \$10,000 additional Purchase Payment was 5% based on the attained age of 63.

To calculate the new GIA for the Annuity after the additional Purchase Payment, we would first take the current GIA of \$4,989.21 (the initial \$4,900 GIA that has increased by 5.5% Income Growth Rate for four months). We would then add the \$500 GIA increase that was applicable to the additional Purchase Payment, resulting in a new total GIA of \$5,489.21.

Scenario 3, calculating the GIA based on a single Purchase Payment, where the Designated Life has attained a new age between the date the application was signed and subsequently issued:

Application Signed Date: July 1

Issue Date: July 12 of the same calendar year in which the application was signed

Purchase Payment(s) Received: \$100,000

Age: 64 on the application signed date, turning age 65 prior to the Issue Date

The Income Percentage and Income Growth Rate are set based on the rates effective between July 1 and July 31. As a result, the initial Income Percentage will be 5.20% and the Income Growth Rate assigned to the annuity will be 5.50%.

The initial Guaranteed Income Amount will be \$5,200, which is determined by multiplying the Account Value on the Issue Date (\$100,000) by the Income Percentage (5.20%).

Scenario 4, your application was either received or funded beyond the time frames disclosed on your Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement: The Annuity would not be issued as the application was either not received in Good Order or the Annuity was not funded within the time frames disclosed on your Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement. As a result, you would need to submit additional paperwork if you still wish to purchase the Annuity. Your Annuity would be eligible to receive the then current rates that are being offered on the Rate Sheet Prospectus Supplement (as of the date you signed the form), which could be higher or lower than the rates on the date you had first signed the Annuity application.

# PRUCO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (PRUCO) INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ANNUITY (IRA) DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Disclosure Statement, the accompanying Financial Disclosure, and your IRA Endorsement contain important information about your IRA. Please read these documents carefully. For additional information please consult Internal Revenue Service Publications 590-A and 590-B, your Annuity, Prospectus, or any district office of the Internal Revenue Service.

Except where otherwise indicated or required by law, references to "you" or "your" in this Disclosure Statement shall be understood to mean the IRA owner or a surviving Spouse that elects to treat the Annuity as his or her own IRA.

### Revocation

You (the IRA owner that has transferred the IRA from another annuity provider or employer plan) may revoke your Pruco IRA for a refund within seven (7) days after you receive it by mailing or delivering a written notice of cancellation to:

Pruco Life Insurance Company Annuity Service Center P.O. Box 7960 Philadelphia, PA 19125

# For Overnight delivery:

Pruco Life Insurance Company 2101 Welsh Road Dresher, PA 19025

The notice of cancellation shall be deemed mailed on the date of the postmark (or if sent by certified or registered mail, the date of certification or registration) if it is deposited in the mail in the United States in an envelope, or other appropriate wrapper, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed.

The amount of the refund will equal the greater of (1) a full refund of the Purchase Payment (without regard to sales commissions (if any), administrative expenses or fluctuations in market value) and (2) the current Account Value of the Annuity as of the Valuation Day the refund request is received at our Office (without regard to sales commissions (if any) or administrative expenses).

After seven (7) days, the terms of your right to cancel will revert back to the terms of the Right to Cancel provision of your Annuity. Please refer to the Right to Cancel provision of your Annuity for additional information.

# **IRA Requirements**

An IRA is a personal savings plan that lets you save for retirement on a tax-advantaged basis. All IRAs must meet certain requirements as set forth in the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code"). This IRA is an Individual Retirement Annuity established pursuant to Code Section 408(b). An individual retirement annuity must be issued in your name as the owner, and either you or your beneficiaries who survive you are the only ones who can receive the benefits or payments. An IRA must meet all of the following requirements:

- 1. Your interest in the contract, and that of any Beneficiary following your death, must be nonforfeitable.
- 2. The contract must provide that you cannot transfer any portion of it to any person other than the issuer.
- There must be flexible premiums so that if your compensation changes, your payment can also change.
- 4. The contract must provide that annual contributions cannot exceed the maximum provided by law.
- 5. Distributions must begin by April 1 of the year following the year in which you reach age 70½.

### Eligibility

You are eligible to establish and contribute to a traditional IRA if:

- You (or, if you file a joint return, your spouse) received taxable compensation during the year, and
- 2. You were not age 70½ by the end of the year.

You can have a traditional IRA whether or not you are covered by any other retirement plan. However, you may not be able to deduct all of your contributions if you or your spouse is covered by an employer retirement plan. If both you and your spouse have compensation and are under age 70½, each of you can set up an IRA. You cannot both participate in the same IRA.

Compensation includes wages, salaries, tips, professional fees, bonuses and other amounts received for professional services, and taxable alimony and separate maintenance payments. This includes any military differential pay you receive from your employer while you are serving on active duty for a period of more than 30 days. Compensation does not include earnings or profits from property (such as rental income, interest income, and dividend income), pension or annuity income, deferred compensation received, income from a partnership for which you

do not provide services that are a material income producing factor, and any amounts you exclude from income, such as foreign earned income and housing costs.

# **Contribution Limits**

The most that can be contributed to your traditional IRA is the smaller of 100% of your compensation (defined earlier) that you must include in income for the year, or the limits described in the following table:

IRA Contribution Limits		
Year	Limit	
2013 - 2014	\$5,000	
2015 - 2017	\$5,500*	

<sup>\*</sup> For tax years 2018 and thereafter the \$5,500 contribution limit may be increased by cost of living adjustments (in \$500 increments).

# **Catch-up Contributions**

Individuals age 50 and older may make additional "catch-up" contributions to their traditional IRA. These "catch-up" contributions are in addition to the contribution limits listed above. The maximum "catch-up" contribution amounts are as follows:

IRA "Catch-up" Contribution Limits		
Year	Limit	
2013 - 2014	\$1,000	
2015 - 2017	\$1,000	

The \$1,000 catch-up contribution for IRA owners age 50 or older is not indexed for inflation.

# **Spousal IRA Contribution Limits**

If you file a joint return and your taxable compensation is less than that of your spouse, the most that can be contributed for the year to your IRA is the smaller of the IRA contribution amount described in the "IRA Contribution Limit" chart above, or the total compensation includable in the gross income of both you and your spouse for that year, reduced by your spouse's IRA contribution for the year to a traditional IRA and any contributions for the year to a Roth IRA on behalf of your spouse.

### Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) Contributions

A separate IRA may be established for use by your employer as part of a SEP arrangement. The SEP rules permit an employer to contribute to each participating employee's SEP-IRA up to 25% of the employee's compensation or \$54,000 (for 2017, indexed annually for cost of living), whichever is less. The compensation taken in account is limited (\$270,000 for 2017 indexed annually). These contributions are funded by the employer. Your employer may contribute to your SEP-IRA on your behalf even if you are age 70 ½ or over, and even if you are covered under a qualified plan for the year. You can make contributions to your SEP-IRA independent of employer SEP contributions. You can deduct them the same way as contributions to a traditional IRA. However, your deduction may be reduced or eliminated because, as a participant in a SEP, you are covered by an employer retirement plan. It is up to you and your employer to ensure that contributions in excess of normal IRA limits are made under a valid SEP-IRA.

# **Timing of Contributions**

Contributions can be made to your traditional IRA for a year at any time during the year or by the due date for filing your return for that year, not including extensions. You do not have to contribute to your traditional IRA every tax year, even if you can. You may use IRS forms to have part or all of a tax refund directly deposited in your IRA assuming you are otherwise eligible to make a contribution at the time of the refund. In order for the refund to be attributed to the prior year, it must be received by the due date of your return, not including extensions.

### **Deducting Contributions**

Generally, you can deduct the lesser of the contributions to your traditional IRA for the year, or the general limit (or the spousal IRA limit, if applicable). However, if you or your spouse were covered by an employer sponsored retirement plan, you may not be able to deduct your traditional IRA contributions.

If you or your spouse is an active participant in an employer plan during the year, the contribution to your traditional IRA (or your spouse's traditional IRA) may not be deductible in whole or in part. If you are covered by a retirement plan at work, consult the table below to determine if your IRA contribution is deductible. If your modified adjusted gross income (AGI) is below the lower limit, your contribution is fully deductible. If your modified AGI is above the upper limit, your contribution is not deductible. If your modified AGI falls between the lower and upper limits, your contribution will be only partially deductible. Your Modified AGI is your AGI as shown on your income tax return, plus traditional IRA deductions, student loan interest deductions, deductions for qualified tuition and related expenses, foreign earned income exclusions (if you file

Form 1040), foreign housing exclusions or deductions (if you file Form 1040), exclusions of qualified bond interest shown on IRS Form 8815 and exclusions of employer-paid adoption expenses shown on IRS Form 8839.

Table of Lower and Upper Limits				
Year	Single		Married Filing Jointly (or Qualifying Widow(er)s	
	Lower Limit	Upper Limit	Lower Limit	Upper Limit
2017 and thereafter	\$62,000	\$72,000	\$99,000	\$119,000

If you are married and file a joint return and one spouse is an active participant in an employer sponsored retirement plan and the other spouse is not, a contribution to an IRA for the spouse that is not an active participant in an employer sponsored retirement plan will be fully deductible at modified AGI levels below \$186,000. This deduction will be phased out at modified AGI levels between \$186,000 and \$196,000. If you are married filing separately, your deductible IRA contribution will be phased out between zero dollars and \$10,000 of modified AGI.

### **IRA Contribution Credit**

If you make eligible contributions to an employer-sponsored qualified retirement plan, an eligible deferred compensation plan, or an IRA, you may be able to take a tax credit. The amount of the credit you can get is based on the contributions you make and your credit rate. Your credit rate can be between 10% and 50%, depending on your adjusted gross income. The maximum contribution taken into account is \$2,000 per taxpayer. On a joint return, up to \$2,000 is taken into account for each spouse. You cannot claim the credit if you are under age 18, are a full-time student, someone else claims an exemption for you on their tax return or if your AGI is above the following limits:

\$62,000 if your filing status is married filing jointly,

\$46,500 if your filing status is head of household, or

\$31,000 if your filing status is either single, married filing separately, or qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child.

### Indexing

The income limits for traditional IRAs and the savers credit for low-income contributions to retirement plans are indexed for inflation.

# **Rollover Contributions**

Generally, a rollover is a tax-free distribution to you of cash or other assets from one retirement plan that you contribute to another retirement plan.

1. Rollovers from one IRA to the same or another IRA: You can withdraw, tax-free, all or part of the assets from one traditional IRA if you reinvest them in the same or another traditional IRA. The rollover must be completed within 60 days after the date you receive the distribution from the first IRA. For distributions made after December 31, 2001, the IRS may waive the 60-day requirement where the failure to do so would be against equity or good conscience, such as in the event of a casualty, disaster, or other event beyond your reasonable control. Generally, if you make a tax-free rollover of any part of a distribution from a traditional IRA, you cannot, within a 1-year period, make a taxfree rollover of any later distribution from the same IRA. You also cannot make a tax-free rollover of any amount distributed, within the same 1-year period, from the IRA into which you made the tax-free rollover. The 1-year period begins on the date you receive the IRA distribution, not on the date you roll it over into an IRA. The Tax Court recently held that the 1-year period applies to all IRAs of the owner and not just the IRA from which the rollover was made. The IRS, in Ann. 2014-32, has indicated that all your IRAs, Roth IRAs, SEPs and SIMPLE IRAs will be counted for purposes of the one-year limit. The new rule is generally effective for distributions in 2015 but see Ann. 2014-32 for applicability to rollover distributions in 2014. The IRS, in Rev. Proc. 2016-47, allows for a self-certification procedure (which is subject to verification on audit) in order for you to claim eligibility for a waiver of the 60-day requirement with respect to a rollover into an IRA. Plan administrators and IRA trustees, custodians, or issuers may rely on such certification in accepting and reporting receipt of a rollover contribution. As indicated in this IRS guidance, we, as a financial institution, are not required to accept your self-certification for waiver of the 60-day deadline. Furthermore, the IRS may grant you a waiver of the 60-day requirement, with respect to a rollover into an IRA, upon examination of your income tax return.

Amounts that cannot be rolled over: Amounts that must be distributed each year under the required minimum distribution rules are not eligible for rollover. In addition, if you inherit a traditional IRA from someone other than your spouse, you cannot roll it over or allow it to receive a rollover contribution.

2. Rollovers from an employer retirement plan into an IRA: If you receive an eligible rollover distribution from your (or your deceased spouse's) employer's qualified pension, profit-sharing or stock bonus plan, annuity plan, tax sheltered annuity plan (403(b) plan), or governmental deferred compensation plan (governmental 457(b) plan), you can roll over all or part of it into a traditional IRA or a SIMPLE IRA that is at least two years old (the 60-day rule discussed above applies). In addition, you can roll over after-tax or nondeductible contributions from your qualified employer plan or 403(b) arrangement into a traditional IRA (such rollovers of after-tax contributions may only be done by a direct rollover from the distributing plan to the traditional IRA). Amounts that cannot be rolled over: Required minimum distributions; hardship distributions; a series of substantially equal periodic payments paid over your life or life expectancy, the life or life expectancy of you and

your beneficiary or for a period of 10 years or more; corrective distributions of excess contributions or excess deferrals; loans treated as distributions (unless your benefit is reduced (offset) to repay the loan); dividends on employer securities; or, generally, distributions you receive as a Beneficiary, are not eligible to be rolled over.

Withholding: If an eligible rollover distribution is paid directly to you, the payor must withhold 20% of it. The amount withheld is part of the distribution. If you roll over less than the full amount of the distribution, you may have to include in your income the amount you do not roll over. However, you can make up the withheld amount with funds from other sources. To avoid withholding you can request a direct rollover from the payor.

- 3. Rollover from an IRA to an employer retirement plan: You can rollover tax-free a distribution from your traditional IRA made after 2001 into a an employer's qualified plan, 403(b) plan, or governmental 457(b) plan. The part of the distribution that you can roll over is the part that would otherwise be taxable (includible in your income). Qualified plans may, but are not required to, accept such rollovers. Rules applicable to other rollovers, such as the 60-day rule apply.
- 4. Direct Rollovers to Non-Spouse Beneficiaries: Beginning in 2007 non-spouse beneficiaries may be permitted to roll death benefits to an IRA from a qualified retirement plan, a governmental 457(b) plan, a §403(b) TDA or an IRA. Such plans were not required to offer non-spouse rollovers but if they did the rollover had to be a direct trustee to IRA rollover. For plan years beginning after December 31, 2009, employer plans are required to be amended to permit such direct rollovers. The IRA receiving the death benefit must be titled and treated as an "inherited IRA". The distributed amount must satisfy all of the requirements to be an eligible rollover distribution other than the requirement that the distribution be made to the participant or the participant's spouse. Thus annuity distributions, required minimum distributions, and installment payments over a specified period of ten or more years may not be rolled over. Required minimum distribution rules applicable non-spouse beneficiaries apply to the IRA.

### **Trustee to Trustee Transfers**

A transfer of funds in your traditional IRA from one trustee directly to another is not a rollover. Because there is no distribution to you, the transfer is tax-free and not reportable. Because the transfer is not a rollover, it is not affected by the 1-year waiting period requirement discussed above in the section entitled, Rollover Contributions.

#### **Distributions**

You may request a distribution from your IRA at any time. However, distributions received prior to your attaining age 59½ may be subject to a 10% additional tax. Distributions subject to the 10% additional tax must be reported on IRS Form 5329.

# Exceptions to Age 59½ Rule

If you receive a distribution prior to attaining age 59½, you may not have to pay the 10% additional tax if you meet one or more of the following:

- You have unreimbursed medical expenses that are more than 10% of your adjusted gross income.
- The distributions are not more than the cost of your medical insurance if you are unemployed and certain requirements are met
- You are disabled within the meaning of Code Section 72(m)(7).
- You are the Beneficiary of a deceased IRA owner.
- You are receiving distributions that are part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments.
- The distributions are not more than your qualified higher education expenses for yourself or other qualified individual.
- You use the distributions to buy, build, or rebuild a first home (subject to a \$10,000 lifetime limit).
- The distribution is due to an IRS levy of the qualified plan.
- The distribution is a qualified reservist distribution.

In addition, you generally can take a tax-free withdrawal of contributions if you do it before the due date for filing your tax return for the year in which you made them. You can do this if: (1) you did not take a deduction for the contribution; and (2) you withdraw any interest or other income earned on the contribution (you can take into account any loss on the contribution while it was in your IRA when calculating the amount that must be withdrawn). In this case, even if you are under 59½, the 10% additional tax may not apply.

### **Required Minimum Distributions**

If you are the owner of a traditional IRA, you must start receiving distributions from your IRA by April 1 of the year following the year you reach age 70½ (the "required beginning date"). After the year you reach age 70½, these Required Minimum Distributions are required by December 31 of each subsequent year. Required Minimum Distributions during your lifetime are generally calculated by dividing the value of your IRA as of the end of the year preceding the year for which the Required Minimum Distribution is being figured by a life expectancy factor found in Table III of IRS Publication 590-B. This table is often referred to as the Uniform Lifetime Table. IRA owners whose spouses are their sole Designated Beneficiary and are more than 10 years younger may be able to use the life expectancy factor found in Table II of IRS Publication 590-B to calculate their lifetime Required Minimum Distributions. This table is often referred to as the Joint and Last Survivor Table.

You may elect to have us calculate and distribute Required Minimum Distributions annually. We calculate such amounts assuming the Minimum Distribution amount is based solely on the value of your Annuity. The Required Minimum Distribution amounts applicable to you may depend on other annuities, savings or investments of which we are unaware. You may elect to have the Required Minimum Distribution paid out monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. Required Minimum Distributions must be made in intervals of no longer than one year.

If you die before your required beginning date, Required Minimum Distributions for years after the year of your death are generally based on your Designated Beneficiary's life expectancy. If there is no Designated Beneficiary, the entire interest must be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of your death. If you die after your required beginning date, Required Minimum Distributions for years after the year of your death are generally based on the longer of your Designated Beneficiary's life expectancy or your remaining life expectancy. If there is no Designated Beneficiary, Required Minimum Distributions for years after the year of your death are generally based on your remaining life expectancy.

Each Required Minimum Distribution will be taken from the allocation options you select. Your selection may be subject to any investment and/ or withdrawal limitations applicable to any benefit or program in which you participate under the Annuity.

No contingent deferred sales charge (if applicable under your Annuity) is assessed against amounts withdrawn as part of a program designed to distribute Required Minimum Distributions over your life or life expectancy, but only to the extent of the Required Minimum Distribution required from your Annuity at the time it is taken. The contingent deferred sales charge (if applicable under your Annuity) may apply to additional amounts withdrawn to meet Required Minimum Distribution requirements in relation to other retirement programs you may maintain.

If your sole Designated Beneficiary is your surviving Spouse, the Spouse may treat the Annuity as his or her own IRA provided the Spouse meets the requirements of the terms of the Annuity. Except as may be required by law, all provisions of the Annuity that do not specifically terminate upon your death will then be applied to the Spouse. Your surviving Spouse is deemed to have made this election if he or she makes a regular IRA contribution to the Annuity, makes a rollover to or from the Annuity, or fails to commence Minimum Distributions following your death.

Except where the Designated Beneficiary is a surviving Spouse that has elected to treat the Annuity as his or her own IRA, if the Annuity is an inherited IRA that has been transferred by a Designated Beneficiary from another annuity provider, distributions will be made to the Designated Beneficiary (or any successor Beneficiary if applicable upon the death of the Designated Beneficiary) in accordance with the rules governing Minimum Distributions on or after the owner's death. For this purpose, the original owner of the inherited IRA will be treated as the IRA owner in applying these provisions.

If distributions are less than the required Minimum Distribution for a year, you may have to pay a 50% excise tax on the amount not distributed as required. This requires that you file a Form 5329 with the IRS.

#### **Taxation of Distributions**

In general, distributions from a traditional IRA are taxable in the year you receive them. Exceptions to the general rule are rollovers, tax-free withdrawals of contributions, and the return of nondeductible contributions.

Distributions from traditional IRAs that you include in income are taxed as ordinary income. Distributions from your traditional IRA may be fully or partly taxable, depending on whether your IRA includes any nondeductible contributions. If only deductible contributions were made to your traditional IRA (or IRAs, if you have more than one), distributions are fully taxable. If you made nondeductible contributions to any of your traditional IRAs, you have a cost basis (investment in the contract) equal to the amount of those contributions. These nondeductible contributions are not taxed when they are distributed to you. Only the part of the distribution that represents nondeductible contributions (your cost basis) is tax-free. If your traditional IRA includes nondeductible contributions and you receive a distribution, each distribution is partly nontaxable and partly taxable until all of your basis has been distributed. You must use IRS Form 8606 to figure how much of your distribution is tax-free.

IRA Distributions for Charitable Purposes: The law permits IRA owners who are age 70½ or older and who make distributions from the IRA directly to certain charities to exclude the distribution from income. The income exclusion was available only to the extent that all charitable distributions of the IRA owner do not exceed \$100,000. For married individuals filing a joint return, the limit was \$100,000 per individual IRA owner. The distribution can be made from a traditional or Roth IRA or a "deemed" IRA in a qualified plan but not from an ongoing SEP or SIMPLE IRA. Charitable distributions can be made from an inherited IRA if the beneficiary has attained age 70½. Under this provision of the law, we are required to report such distribution in the same manner as all other distributions to the IRA owner. The tax treatment afforded IRA distributions for Charitable Purposes would be reflected on the owner's income tax return.

Qualified Reservist Distributions: Withdrawals from an IRA or attributable to elective deferrals to a 401(k), 403(b) or similar arrangement that meet certain requirements are exempt from the 10% tax penalty as "qualified reservist distributions": The withdrawal must be from an IRA or from elective deferrals under a 401(k) plan, 403(b) plan, SEP or SIMPLE; the withdrawal must be made to a reservist or national guardsman who was ordered or called to duty after September 11, 2001. The period for which the reservist is ordered or called to duty must be greater than 179 days, or for an indefinite period; The withdrawal must be made during the period beginning on the date of the order or call to duty, and ending at the close of the active duty period. Instead of the 60 day period generally provided to roll over distributions from an IRA or qualified plan, a qualified reservist distribution can be repaid to an IRA until the end of the two-year period that begins on the day after the active duty period ends.

### **Prohibited Transactions**

Generally, a prohibited transaction is any improper use of your traditional IRA by you, your Beneficiary, or any disqualified person. Disqualified persons include any fiduciary with respect to your traditional IRA and members of your family (spouse, ancestor, lineal descendant, and any spouse of a lineal descendant). The following are examples of prohibited transactions with a traditional IRA.

- Borrowing money from it.
- Selling property to it.
- Receiving unreasonable compensation for managing it.
- Using it as security for a loan.
- Buying property for personal use with IRA funds.

Generally, if you or your Beneficiary engages in a prohibited transaction in connection with your traditional IRA at any time during the year, the Annuity stops being an IRA as of the first day of that year. If this occurs, the IRA is treated as distributing all of its assets to you at their fair market values on the first day of the year. You or your Beneficiary may be required to include the fair market value of all of the IRA assets in your gross income for that year if you engage in a prohibited transaction.

If you borrow money against your traditional IRA Annuity, you must include in your gross income the fair market value of the Annuity as of the first day of your tax year. If you use part of your traditional IRA as security for a loan, that part is treated as a distribution and is included in your gross income. In both cases you may have to pay the 10% additional tax on early distributions, discussed above.

# **Excess Contributions**

Generally, an excess contribution is the amount contributed to your traditional IRAs that is more than the smaller of:

- 1. Your taxable compensation for the year, or
- 2. The maximum contribution limit (including any catch-up contributions, if eligible).

The taxable compensation limit applies whether your contributions are deductible or nondeductible. Contributions for the year you reach age 70½ and any later year are also excess contributions.

In general, if the excess contribution for a year and any earnings on it are not withdrawn by the date your return for the year is due (including extensions), you are subject to a 6% tax. You must pay the 6% tax each year on excess amounts that remain in your traditional IRA at the end of your tax year. You will not have to pay the 6% tax if you withdraw an excess contribution made during a tax year and you also withdraw any interest or other income earned on the excess contribution. You can take into account any loss on the contribution while it was in the IRA when calculating the amount that must be withdrawn. You must complete your withdrawal by the date your tax return for that year is due, including extensions. Once the 6% tax has been imposed for a year, you can avoid an additional 6% tax for the following tax year if the excess contribution is (1) withdrawn before the end of the following tax year, or (2) treated as a current IRA contribution for the following year. Distributions of excess contributions must be reported on IRS Form 5329.

# **Restriction on Investments**

No portion of your IRA may be invested in life insurance contracts. In addition, you may not invest the assets of your IRA in collectibles within the meaning of Code Section 409(m)). If you invest in collectibles, the amount invested is considered distributed to you in the year invested and may be subject to the 10% additional tax discussed above.

### **Estate and Gift Taxes**

Any amount held in your IRA upon your death may be subject to estate taxes. Transfers of your IRA assets to a Beneficiary during your life may be subject to gift taxes.

# **Internal Revenue Service Approval**

Your Annuity contract or one substantially the same in form and certain riders, endorsements, amendments or schedules made a part of it have been submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for approval as to form for use as an individual retirement annuity. The Internal Revenue Service approval is a determination as to form only and does not represent a determination of the merits of this Annuity. Approval of the Annuity by the IRS has either been received or is pending. Please contact the Company with any questions regarding IRS approval.

# PRUCO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (PRUCO) ROTH INDIVIDUAL RETIREMENT ANNUITY (ROTH IRA) DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

This Disclosure Statement, the accompanying Financial Disclosure, and your Roth IRA Endorsement contain important information about your Roth IRA. Please read these documents carefully. For additional information please consult Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Publication 590, your Annuity Contract, Prospectus, the Roth IRA Endorsement attached to your Annuity Contract or any district office of the IRS.

Except where otherwise indicated or required by law, references to "you" or "your" in this Disclosure Statement shall be understood to mean the Roth IRA owner or a surviving Spouse that elects to treat the Annuity as his or her own Roth IRA.

# **Right to Cancel**

You (the Roth IRA owner that has transferred the Roth IRA from another annuity provider) may revoke your Pruco Roth IRA for a refund within seven (7) days after you receive it by mailing or delivering a written notice of cancellation to:

Pruco Life Insurance Company Annuity Service Center P.O. Box 7960 Philadelphia, PA 19176

# For Overnight delivery:

Pruco Life Insurance Company 2101 Welsh Road Dresher, PA 19025

The notice of cancellation shall be deemed mailed on the date of the postmark (or if sent be certified or registered mail, the date of certification or registration) if it is deposited in the mail in the United States in an envelope, or other appropriate wrapper, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed.

The amount of the refund will equal the greater of (1) a full refund of the Purchase Payment (without regard to sales commissions (if any), administrative expenses or fluctuations in market value) and (2) the current Account Value of the Annuity as of the Valuation Day the refund request is received at our Office (without regard to sales commissions (if any) or administrative expenses).

After seven (7) days, the terms of your right to cancel will revert back to the terms of the Right to Cancel provision of your Annuity. Please refer to the Right to Cancel provision of your Annuity for additional information.

### What is a Roth IRA?

A Roth IRA is an individual retirement plan that provides certain tax advantages. For instance, earnings within a Roth IRA are not subject to tax and Qualified Distributions (as defined below) from Roth IRAs are tax-free. Unlike a traditional IRA, you cannot deduct contributions to a Roth IRA. Also, you can make contributions to a Roth IRA after you reach age 70½ and can leave amounts in your Roth IRA as long as you live. Like a traditional IRA, however, your interest in your Roth IRA (and that of any Beneficiary following your death) is nonforfeitable and nontransferable to any person other than the issuer.

# Eligibility

Generally, you can contribute to a Roth IRA for 2017 if you have taxable Compensation (as defined below) and your Modified AGI (as defined below) is less than:

- \$196,000 for married filing jointly or qualifying widow(er),
- \$10,000 for married filing separately and you lived with your spouse at any time during the year, and
- \$133,000 for single, head of household, or married filing separately and you did not live with your spouse at any time during the year.

Qualified employees of certain bankrupt airline carriers may contribute certain funds received to a Roth IRA within 180 days of receipt.

Compensation – Compensation includes wages, salaries, tips, professional fees, bonuses and other amounts received for professional services. It also includes commissions, self-employment income, and taxable alimony and separate maintenance payments. This includes any military differential pay you receive from your employer while you are serving on active duty for a period of more than 30 days. Compensation does not include earnings or profits from property (such as rental income, interest income, and dividend income), pension or annuity income, deferred compensation received, income from a partnership for which you do not provide services that are a material income producing factor, and any amounts you exclude from income, such as foreign earned income and housing costs.

Modified AGI – Your Modified AGI for Roth IRA purposes is your adjusted gross income (AGI) as shown on your income tax return, less any income resulting from the conversion of an IRA (other than a Roth IRA) to a Roth IRA plus traditional IRA deductions, student loan interest deductions, deductions for qualified tuition and related expenses, foreign earned income exclusions, foreign housing exclusions or deductions, exclusions of qualified bond interest shown on IRS Form 8815 and exclusions of employer-paid adoption expenses shown on IRS Form 8839.

**Contribution limit reduced** – If your modified AGI is above a certain limit, your contribution limit is gradually reduced. If you are married filing jointly, this limit is \$184,000. If you are single, head of household, qualifying widow(er) or married filing separately and you did not live with your spouse at any time during the year this limit is \$117,000. These income limits are for 2016 and are indexed for inflation. If you are married filing separately, your allowable Roth IRA contribution will be phased out between zero dollars and \$10,000 of modified AGI.

If contributions are made to both Roth IRAs and traditional IRAs, your contribution limit for Roth IRAs generally is the same as your limit would be if contributions were made only to Roth IRAs, but then reduced by all contributions (other than employer contributions under a SEP or SIMPLE IRA plan) for the year to all IRAs other than Roth IRAs.

Roth IRA for your Spouse – You can contribute to a Roth IRA for your spouse provided the contributions to a Roth IRA for your spouse satisfy the Spousal IRA limit (discussed in the section titled "Contribution Limits") and your modified AGI is less than the limits discussed above.

**Age limit for contributions** – There is no age limit for contributions.

#### **Contribution Limits**

The maximum amount that may generally be contributed to your Roth IRA is as follows:

Roth IRA Contribution Limits	
Year	Limit
2013-2014	\$5,000
2015 and 2017	\$5,500*

\* For tax years 2018 and thereafter the \$5,500 contribution limit may be increased by cost of living adjustments (in \$500 increments).

Individuals age 50 and older may make additional "catch-up" contributions to their Roth IRA. These "catch-up" contributions are in addition to the contribution limits listed above. The maximum "catch-up" contribution amounts are as follows:

Roth IRA "Catch-up" Contribution Limits		
Year	Limit	
2013-2014	\$1,000	
2015 and 2017	\$1,000	

The \$1,000 catch-up contribution for Roth IRA owners age 50 or older is not indexed for inflation.

Types of contributions accepted - Contributions to your Roth IRA will only be accepted if made in cash (i.e., a check).

**Due date of contributions** – You can make contributions to your Roth IRA for a year at any time during the year or by the due date of your income tax return for that year (not including extensions).

**Refund of contributions** – Any refund of contributions must be applied before the close of the calendar year following the year of the refund toward the payment of future contributions, paid-up annuity additions, or the purchase of additional benefits.

**State income tax issues** – Some states have not conformed their laws to the new federal tax laws. These states may have laws that conflict with the limits discussed above. You should consult a tax advisor in your state to ensure that your state has approved these contribution limit increases.

### Conversions

You can convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. The conversion is treated as a rollover, regardless of the conversion method used. You will owe taxes on the portion of the conversion which represents earnings and other amounts that were not previously taxed. You can convert amounts from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA in any of the following three ways:

- 1. Rollover You can receive a distribution from a traditional IRA and roll it over (contribute it) to a Roth IRA within 60 days after the distribution.
- 2. Trustee to trustee transfer You can direct the trustee of the traditional IRA to transfer an amount from the traditional IRA to the trustee of the Roth IRA.
- Same trustee transfer If the trustee of the traditional IRA also maintains the Roth IRA, you can direct the trustee to transfer an amount from the traditional IRA to the Roth IRA.

The 10 percent early distribution penalty shall not apply to rollovers or conversions from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA, regardless of whether you qualify for any exceptions to the 10 percent penalty. A traditional IRA to Roth IRA Rollover does not count towards the one rollover per 12 months rule described under Internal Revenue Code (Code) Section 408(d)(3).

#### Recharacterizations

You may be able to treat a contribution made to one type of IRA as having been made to a different type of IRA. This is called recharacterizing the contribution. To recharacterize a contribution, you generally must have the contribution transferred from the first IRA (the one to which it was made) to the second IRA in a trustee-to-trustee transfer. If the transfer is made by the due date (including extensions) for your tax return for the year during which the contribution was made, you can elect to treat the contribution as having been originally made to the second IRA instead of the first IRA. The contribution will not be treated as having been made to the second IRA unless the transfer includes any net income allocable to the contribution, you report the recharacterization on your tax return for the year during which the contribution was made, and you treat the contribution as having been made to the second IRA on the date that it was actually made to the first IRA. No deduction is allowed for the contribution to the first IRA and any net income transferred with the recharacterized contribution is treated as earned in the second IRA.

#### Reconversions

You cannot convert and reconvert an amount during the same taxable year, or if later, during the 30-day period following a recharacterization. If you reconvert during either of these periods, it will be a failed conversion.

# Rollovers/Transfers

Funds distributed from your Roth IRA may be rolled over to another Roth IRA of yours if the requirements of Code Section 408(d)(3) are met. A proper Roth IRA to Roth IRA rollover is completed if all or part of the distribution is rolled over not later than 60 days after you receive the distribution. Generally, if you make a rollover of any part of a distribution from a Roth IRA, you cannot, within a 1-year period, make a rollover of any later distribution from that same Roth IRA. You also cannot make a rollover of any amount distributed, within the same 1-year period, from the Roth IRA into which you made the rollover. Roth IRA assets may not be rolled over to other types of IRAs (e.g., traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRAs, etc.). The Tax Court recently held that the 1-year period applies to all IRAs of the owner and not just the IRA from which the rollover was made. The IRS, in Ann. 2014-32, has indicated that all your IRAs, Roth IRAs, SEPs and SIMPLE IRAs will be counted for purposes of the one-year limit. The new rule is generally effective for distributions in 2015 but see Ann. 2014-32 for applicability to rollover distributions in 2014. The IRS, in Rev. Proc. 2016-47, allows for a self-certification procedure (which is subject to verification on audit) in order for you to claim eligibility for a waiver of the 60-day requirement with respect to a rollover into an IRA. Plan administrators and IRA trustees, custodians, or issuers may rely on such certification in accepting and reporting receipt of a rollover contribution. As indicated in this IRS guidance, we, as a financial institution, are not required to accept your self-certification for waiver of the 60-day deadline. Furthermore, the IRS may grant you a waiver of the 60-day requirement, with respect to a rollover into an IRA, upon examination of your income tax return.

Rollovers from Employer Plans – Distributions from qualified retirement plans, governmental 457(b) plans, and §403(b) TDAs may be rolled over directly from the plan to a Roth IRA. The amount rolled over is includible in income as if it had been withdrawn from the plan but the 10% penalty tax does not apply.

#### **Distributions**

You do not include in your gross income Qualified Distributions (defined below) or distributions that are a return of your regular contributions from your Roth IRA. You also do not include distributions from your Roth IRA that you roll over tax-free to another Roth IRA. You may have to include part of other distributions in your income.

**Qualified Distributions** – A Qualified Distribution is any payment or other distribution from your Roth IRA that meets the following requirements:

- It is made after the 5-taxable-year period beginning with the first taxable year for which a contribution was made to a Roth IRA set up for your benefit, and
- 2. The payment or distribution is:
  - a. Made on or after the date you reach age 59½,
  - b. Made because you are disabled,
  - c. Made to a Beneficiary or to your estate after your death, or
  - d. Used to buy, build, or rebuild a first home (subject to a \$10,000 lifetime limit).

Non-qualified Distributions – If you do not meet the requirements for a Qualified Distribution, any earnings you withdraw from your Roth IRA will be included in your gross income and you are under 59½, your distribution will be subject to a 10% additional tax unless you meet one of several exceptions discussed below in the section entitled "Additional tax for early distribution." However, when you take a non-qualified distribution, your basis (the contributions you deposited to the account) will generally be removed first. Therefore, your non-qualified distributions will not be taxable to you until your withdrawals exceed the amount of your contributions. Special rules may apply to the distribution of conversion amounts.

# **Beneficiary Payments**

If you die, the entire amount remaining in your account will, at the election of your Designated Beneficiary or Beneficiaries, either:

- (a) be distributed by December 31 of the year containing the fifth anniversary of your death, or
- (b) be distributed in equal or substantially equal payments over the life or life expectancy of your Designated Beneficiary or beneficiaries.

Your Designated Beneficiary or beneficiaries must elect either option (a) or (b) above by December 31 of the calendar year following the calendar year of your death. If no election is made, distribution will be made in accordance with (a). In the case of distributions under (b), distributions must commence by December 31 of the year following the year of your death. If your spouse is your Designated Beneficiary, distributions need not commence until December 31 of the year you would have attained age 70½, if later. If your sole Designated Beneficiary is your surviving spouse, the spouse also may treat the Annuity as his or her own Roth IRA provided the spouse meets the requirements of the terms of the Annuity Except as may be required by law, all provisions of the Annuity that do not specifically terminate upon your death will then be applied to the Spouse. If there is no Designated Beneficiary, the entire interest must be distributed by the end of the calendar year containing the fifth anniversary of your death.

If a distribution to your Designated Beneficiary is not a qualified distribution, it is generally includible in the Beneficiary's gross income in the same manner as it would have been included in your income had it been distributed to you during your lifetime. Each Minimum Distribution will be taken from the allocation options you select. Your selection may be subject to any investment and/or withdrawal limitations applicable to any benefit or program in which you participate under the Annuity.

No contingent deferred sales charge (if applicable under your Annuity) is assessed against amounts withdrawn as part of a program designed to distribute Minimum Distributions over your life or life expectancy, but only to the extent of the Minimum Distribution required from your Annuity at the time it is taken. The contingent deferred sales charge (if applicable under your Annuity) may apply to additional amounts withdrawn to meet Minimum Distribution requirements in relation to other retirement programs you may maintain.

#### **Federal Excise and Additional Taxes**

Additional tax for early distribution – If you are under age 59½ and receive a non-qualified Roth IRA distribution, an additional tax of 10 percent will apply to the amount includible in income, unless one of the exception situations discussed later in this section applies.

The 10% additional tax also applies (subject to the same exceptions) if you take a distribution from your Roth IRA within the 5-year period starting with the first day of your tax year in which you convert an amount from a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA. In this case, the 10% additional tax is paid on any amount attributable to the amount converted that you had to include in income at the time of the conversion. A separate 5-year period applies to each conversion, and is not necessarily the same as the 5-year period used to determine whether a distribution is Qualified Distributions. (Qualified Distributions are discussed above, in the section entitled "Qualified Distributions").

You may not have to pay the 10% additional tax discussed in this section in the following situations:

- You have reached age 59½.
- You have unreimbursed medical expense that are more than 10% of your adjusted gross income.
- The distributions are not more than the cost of your medical insurance if you are unemployed and certain requirements are met.
- You are disabled within the meaning of Code Section 72(m)(7).
- You are receiving distributions that are part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments.
- The distributions are not more than your qualified higher education expenses for yourself or other qualified individual.
- You use the distributions to buy, build, or rebuild a first home (subject to a \$10,000 lifetime limit).
- The distribution is due to an IRS levy of the qualified plan.
- The owner of the Roth IRA is deceased and you are the Beneficiary.
- The distribution is a qualified reservist distribution.

Excess contribution excise tax – An excise tax of 6 percent is imposed upon any excess contribution you make to your Roth IRA. This tax will apply each year in which an excess remains in your Roth IRA. An excess contribution is any contribution amount which exceeds your contribution limit, excluding amounts properly and timely rolled over from a Roth IRA or properly converted from a traditional IRA. Contribution limits are discussed above, in the section entitled "Contribution Limits."

Excess accumulation excise tax – One of the requirements listed above is your designated Beneficiary(ies) must take certain required minimum distributions after your death. An excise tax of 50 percent is imposed on the amount of any required minimum distribution which should have been taken but was not.

Penalty reporting – You must file Form 5329 with the Internal Revenue Service to report and remit any additional or excise taxes.

### Miscellaneous

**Commingling Assets** – The assets of your Roth IRA cannot be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.

**Life Insurance** – No portion of your Roth IRA may be invested in life insurance contracts.

Collectibles – You may not invest the assets of your Roth IRA in collectibles (within the meaning of Code Section 409(m)). A collectible is defined as any work of art, rug or antique, metal or gem, stamp or coin, alcoholic beverage, or other tangible personal property specified by the

Internal Revenue Service. However, specially minted United States gold and silver bullion coins and certain gold, silver, platinum or palladium bullion (as described in Code Section 408(m)(3)) are also permitted as Roth IRA investments.

**No required minimum distributions** – As the owner of your Roth IRA, you are not required to take required minimum distributions from the Roth IRA commencing at age 70½ during your lifetime (as is required for traditional, SEP and SIMPLE IRAs).

**Estate and gift taxes** – Any amount held in your Roth IRA upon your death may be subject to estate taxes. Transfers of your Roth IRA assets to a Beneficiary during your life may be subject to gift taxes.

**Special tax treatment** – Capital gains treatment and the favorable ten year forward averaging tax authorized in certain circumstances by IRC Section 402 do not apply to Roth IRA distributions.

**Prohibited Transactions** – If you or your Beneficiary engage in a prohibited transaction with your Roth IRA, as described in IRC Section 4975, your Roth IRA will lose its tax-exempt status and you or your Beneficiary must generally include the value of the earnings in your account in your gross income for that taxable year. If you borrow money against your Roth IRA Annuity, you must include in your gross income the fair market value of the earnings in the Annuity as of the first day of your tax year. If you use part of your Roth IRA as security for a loan, that part is treated as a distribution and may be includible in your gross income. In both cases you may have to pay the 10% additional tax on early distributions, discussed above.

### **IRS Approval**

Your Annuity contract or one substantially the same in form and certain riders, endorsements, amendments or schedules made a part of it have been submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for approval as to form for use as a Roth IRA. The Internal Revenue Service approval is a determination as to form only and does not represent a determination of the merits of this Annuity. Approval of the Annuity by the IRS has either been received or is pending. Please contact the Company with any questions regarding IRS approval. This Disclosure Statement and the Roth IRA Endorsement do not constitute a prototype, master plan or other document approved as to form or otherwise by the IRS.

## PRUCO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY (A PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL COMPANY)

## FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

Prudential Defined Income Variable Annuity
Flexible Premium Deferred Annuities
Used to Fund an Individual Retirement Annuity or Roth
Individual Retirement Annuity Program

- 1. The Annuity or one substantially the same in form and certain riders, endorsements or schedules attached to it have been submitted to the Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") for approval as to form for use as an Individual Retirement Annuity as described in Section 408(b) of the Internal Revenue Code ("Code" and as a Roth Individual Retirement Annuity as described in Section 408A of the Code. The IRS approval is a determination as to form only and does not represent a determination of the merits of the Annuity. Approval of the Annuity by the IRS has either been received or is pending.
- 2. Within seven (7) days after you receive your Annuity, you may cancel it for a refund by delivering or mailing it to the representative through whom you bought it or to the Prudential Annuity Service Center at the address indicated on your IRA Disclosure Statement or Roth IRA Disclosure Statement, as applicable. The notice of cancellation shall be deemed mailed on the date of the postmark (or if sent by certified or registered mail, the date of certification or registration) if it is deposited in the mail in the United States in an envelope, or other appropriate wrapper, first class postage prepaid, properly addressed. The amount of the refund will equal the greater of (1) the Purchase Payment, less withdrawals (without regard to sales commissions (if any), administrative expenses or fluctuation in market value) or (2) the current Account Value of the Annuity as of the Valuation Day the refund request is received at our Office (without regard to sales commissions (if any) or administrative expenses). After seven (7) days, the terms of your right to cancel will revert back to the terms of the Right to Cancel provision of your Annuity. Please refer to the Right to Cancel provision of your Annuity for additional information.
- 3. Key financial information is fully disclosed in the Prudential Defined Income Variable Annuity prospectus. This includes all charges, which may be applied to your Annuity in determining the net amount available to you under the Annuity, how those charges are computed, and how annual earnings are computed and allocated. This includes, but is not limited to, information on Annuity and variable investment option expenses such as insurance charges and Portfolio management fees, which affect your Account Value. The following is a summary of some of the charges and expenses related to the Prudential Defined Income Variable Annuity.

No charges are deducted from your Purchase Payments when payments are made. Please note, in certain jurisdictions premium taxes may be required to be deducted from your Purchase Payments. Please consult the prospectus for more details.

Each Purchase Payment may be subject to a contingent deferred sales charge ("CDSC"). The amount of the CDSC will depend on the Purchase Payments withdrawn and the number of years that have passed since the Purchase Payment was made. CDSCs apply to each Purchase Payment and are determined using the following percentages, which are multiplied by the amount of the Purchase Payment being liquidated:

## **CONTINGENT DEFERRED SALES CHARGE 1**

Age of Purchase Payment Being Withdrawn	Percentage Applied Against Purchase Payment Being Withdrawn
	PDI
Less than one year old	7.0%
1 year old or older, but not yet 2 years old	7.0%
2 years old or older, but not yet 3 years old	6.0%
3 years old or older, but not yet 4 years old	6.0%
4 years old or older, but not yet 5 years old	5.0%
5 years old or older, but not yet 6 years old	5.0%
6 years old or older, but not yet 7 years old	5.0%
7 years old, or older	0.0%

The years referenced in the above CDSC tables refer to the length of time since a Purchase Payment was made (i.e., the "age" of the Purchase Payment). Contingent Deferred Sales Charges are applied against the Purchase Payment(s) being withdrawn. Thus, the appropriate percentage is multiplied by the Purchase Payment(s) being withdrawn to determine the amount of the CDSC. Purchase Payments are withdrawn on a "first-in, first-out" basis. For example, if on November 1, 2016 you withdrew a Purchase Payment made on August 1, 2013, that Purchase Payment would be between 3 and 4 years old, and thus subject to a 6% CDSC.

The chart above represents the maximum CDSC percentages; Lifetime Withdrawals up to the Guaranteed Income Amount, or taken to satisfy RMDs from this Annuity, will not be subject to a CDSC.

An example of a CDSC is illustrated below:

Because we limit additional Purchase Payments to the first Annuity Year, the applicable CDSC percentages that apply to each Purchase Payment withdrawn are likely to be the same in many circumstances.

Still, because CDSCs are assessed separately for each Purchase Payment, during limited time periods, different withdrawal percentages may apply to each Purchase Payment withdrawn. For instance, if on August 1, 2013, you purchased a PDI Annuity with \$25,000 and then made an additional Purchase Payment of \$1,000 on May 1, 2014, on the seventh Annuity anniversary, the CDSC percentages associated with the initial \$25,000 payment would be 0% and the percentage associated with the subsequent \$1,000 would be 5%.

The longer the period of time between your initial Purchase Payment and any additional Purchase Payment (up to the first Annuity Year), the likelier different withdrawal percentages will apply to your Purchase Payments.

If the Annuity's gross Purchase Payments are less than \$100,000, we will charge an Annual Maintenance Fee of the lesser of \$50 or 2% of the Unadjusted Account Value. This fee is assessed on each Annuity anniversary, and if a full surrender of the Annuity occurs. The Annual Maintenance Fee may be less in some states.

- 4. An additional tax of 10% may be imposed on distributions taken from the contract prior to the Owner reaching 59 ½ years of age.
- 5. In the Accumulation Period values under the Annuity are dependent upon the investment results of the variable investment option (referred to as the "Sub-account" in the Annuity) and cannot be guaranteed or projected. An investment in a variable annuity involves investment risks, including possible loss of value.
- 6. The amount paid to a broker dealer firm to cover both the individual representative's commission and other distribution expenses are described in your prospectus. We may also provide compensation to the distributing firm for providing ongoing service to you in relation to the Annuity. Commissions and other compensation paid in relation to the Annuity do not result in any additional charge to you or to the variable investment options.
- 7. From time to time we may offer various optional benefits and features that may be made part of your Annuity at a cost to you. Before you elect to purchase any such benefit, please refer to the section of the prospectus pertaining to the applicable benefit for a detailed description of any fees, charges, or financial impact of the applicable benefit on your Annuity.



PLEASE SEND ME A STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT CONTAINS FURTHER DETAILS ABOUT THE PRUCO LIFE PRUDENTIAL DEFINED INCOME (PDI) VARIABLE ANNUITY SERIES DESCRIBED IN PROSPECTUS (MAY 1, 2017)		
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(address)		
(city/state/zip code)		

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