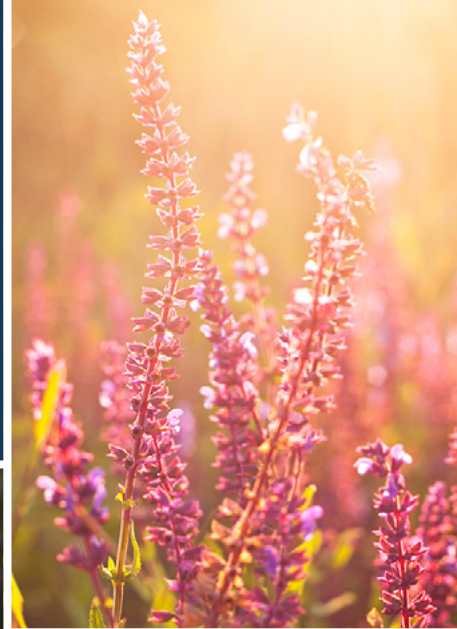


# Index Protector 7

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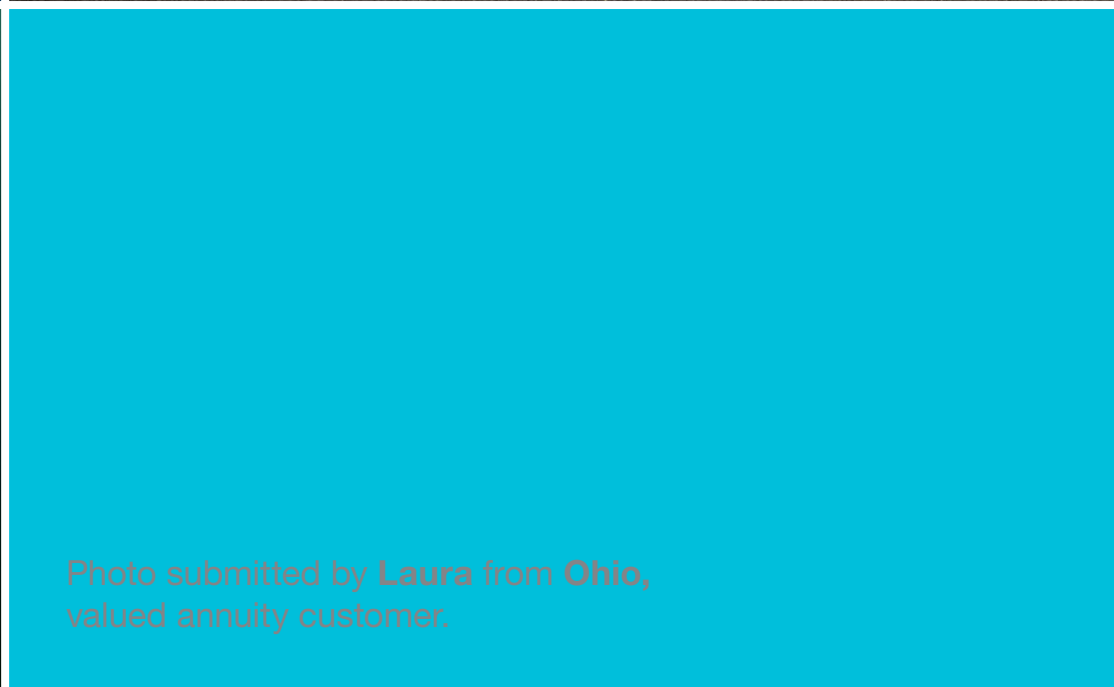


Photo submitted by **Laura from Ohio**,  
valued annuity customer.

# Diversify Your Portfolio With The Index Protector 7

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A fixed-indexed annuity that offers:



## **Growth opportunity**

You can allocate your money to interest strategies that may help you accumulate more assets for retirement.



## **Protection from stock market loss**

Regardless of market conditions, you won't lose the money you contribute to your annuity unless you take a withdrawal or surrender your contract during its early withdrawal charge period.



## **Guaranteed retirement income**

When you're ready to turn the money you've accumulated in your annuity into retirement income, you can select from a variety of payout options, including an income stream that will last for the rest of your life.

# Why Consider An Annuity?

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Investing in the stock market can be a lucrative way to grow your savings. However, with no protection against loss, market downturns could cause your nest egg to take a significant hit. To avoid losses, you may turn to fixed income investments, but mitigating your risk could mean getting little in return. If you are looking to supplement your portfolio with greater growth opportunity and no market risk, the Index Protector<sup>SM</sup> 7 fixed-indexed annuity might be the answer.

## **What is an annuity?**

Simply put, an annuity is a contract between you and an insurance company. It is a long-term financial vehicle that's designed to protect and grow your money, and then provide a stream of income during your retirement. In fact, other than pensions, **annuities are the only products that provide guaranteed lifetime income.**

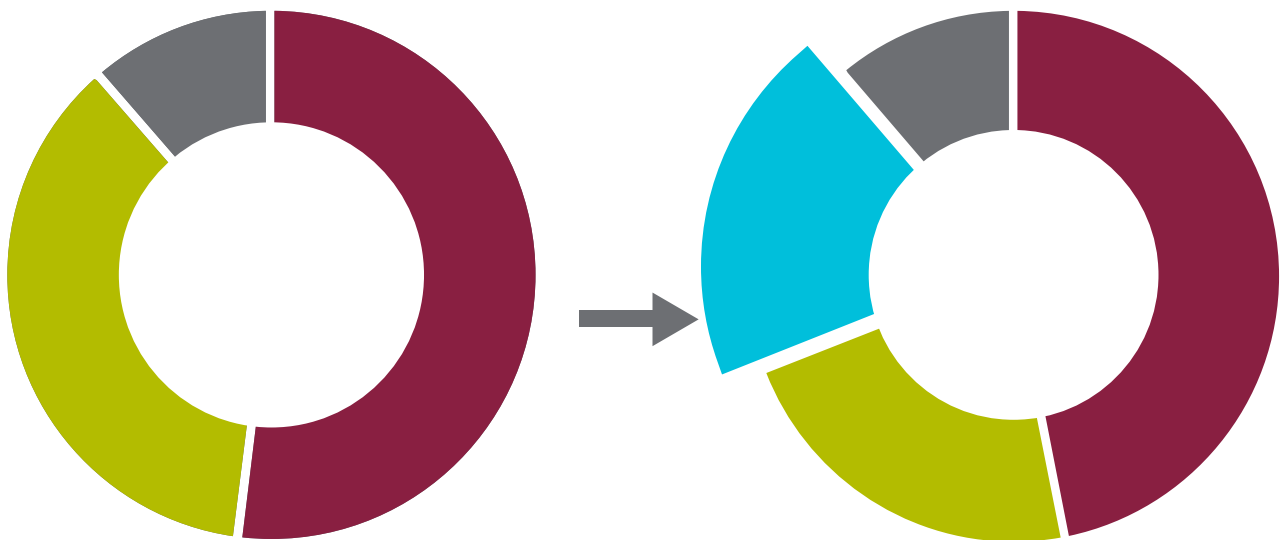
# Diversify Your Portfolio

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A traditional investment portfolio typically consists of 40 percent fixed income investments, such as bonds and CDs, and 60 percent equities. This approach may no longer be enough to help you reach your goals. By allocating a portion of your portfolio to the Index Protector 7, you could benefit from:

- Greater earning potential
- Principal protection
- Guaranteed lifetime income

## Hypothetical example



- Equities
- Fixed Income
- Index Protector 7
- Cash



## Pick Your Path To Growth

Fixed-indexed annuities offer multiple interest strategies to help you build your savings.

**Indexed strategies** offer you the unique opportunity to earn interest based, in part, on market performance without the risk of market loss. A **declared rate strategy** allows you to grow your money at a fixed interest rate that is set at the beginning of each one-year term.

You have the flexibility to choose the strategies that are right for you. We know your needs may change over time, so you can revisit your strategy selections at the end of each term.

| Interest strategy types                   | How often is interest credited?             | How long is the rate guaranteed?  |
|---|---|---|
| Declared rate                             | Daily                                       | Fixed interest rate is set at beginning of each one-year term and guaranteed for that term year       |
| Indexed strategies                        |   |   |
| One-year point-to-point                   | Annually, on the last day of each term year | Cap or participation rate is set at beginning of each one-year term and guaranteed for that term year |
| Seven-year cap lock annual point-to-point | Annually, on the last day of each term year | Cap is set at the beginning of the seven-year term and guaranteed for the entire seven-year term      |

See the next page for more information on how the indexed strategies work.



## How Do Indexed Strategies Work?

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It's simple. Funds in an indexed strategy earn interest based, in part, on the positive performance of an external index, such as the S&P 500<sup>®</sup>. Interest is credited on the last day of each term year and is **guaranteed to never be less than 0%**.

The Index Protector<sup>SM</sup> 7 offers point-to-point indexed strategies. These strategies compare the closing value of the index at the end of a term year to the closing value on the first day of the term year. If the result is positive, interest is credited. If the result is negative, the credited interest rate is 0%. The amount of interest credited at the end of the term year is limited by either a cap or a participation rate.

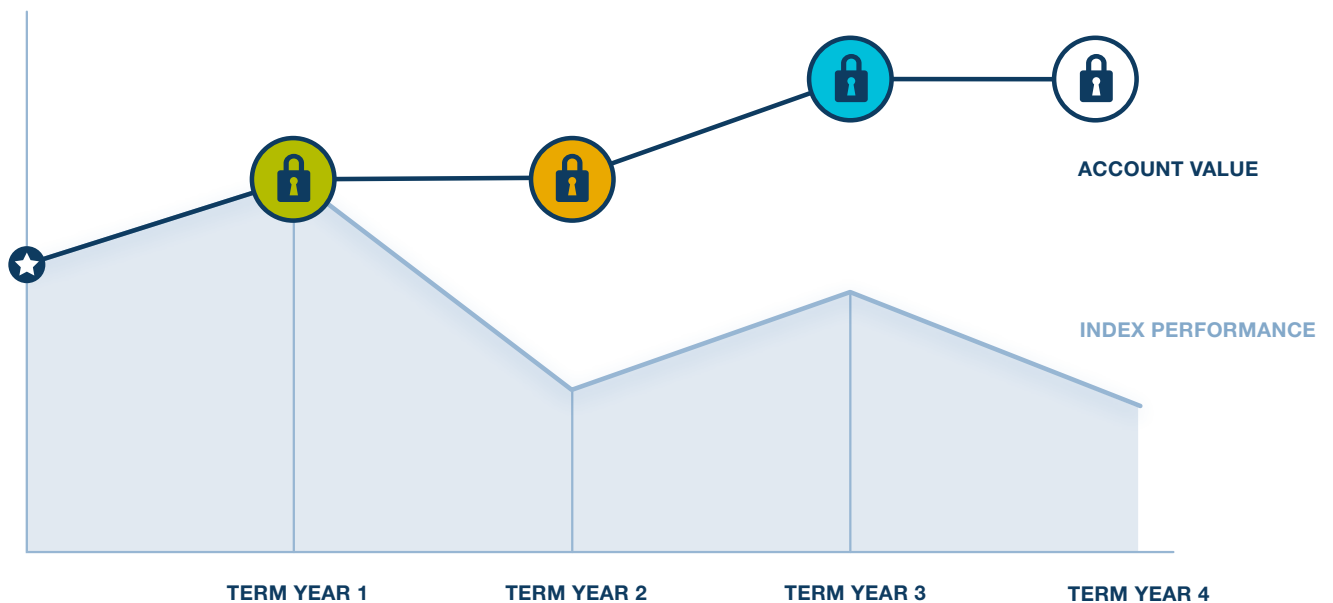
- A **cap** is the maximum interest rate that will be credited for a term year.
- A **participation rate** is the percentage of a positive index change that will be credited for a term year.

Any interest credited to your account value is locked in at the end of each term year and cannot be lost due to future market performance.

# Protect Your Earnings With Annual Reset

A fixed-indexed annuity not only protects your principal, it also protects your earnings with annual reset. Any interest credited to your account value is locked in at the end of each term year and cannot be lost due to future market performance. Additionally, if index performance is negative for a term year, your annuity can earn interest the next term year, even if the index has not made up its previous loss. This means your annuity earns interest for any term year in which the index change is positive.

## How annual reset works



### Index performance is positive.

Your annuity earns interest that is locked in and protected from future index declines.

### Index performance is negative.

Your principal and earnings remain protected, leaving your account value unchanged.

### The index begins to recover.

Your annuity earns interest, even though the index has not made up its previous loss.

The example above is for illustrative purposes only. It does not reflect actual index performance.







# Additional Benefits

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## **Tax treatment that allows faster growth**

You don't pay taxes on the interest your contract earns until you start receiving payments or take a withdrawal, so your money can grow at a faster rate than it would in a taxable product.



## **Guaranteed retirement income**

With life expectancies on the rise, you may worry about outliving your savings. Unlike equities or fixed income investments, the Index Protector<sup>SM</sup> 7 provides the opportunity to turn the money you've accumulated in your annuity into a steady stream of retirement income. Depending on which payout option you choose, income benefit payments are made for a specific number of years or for life.

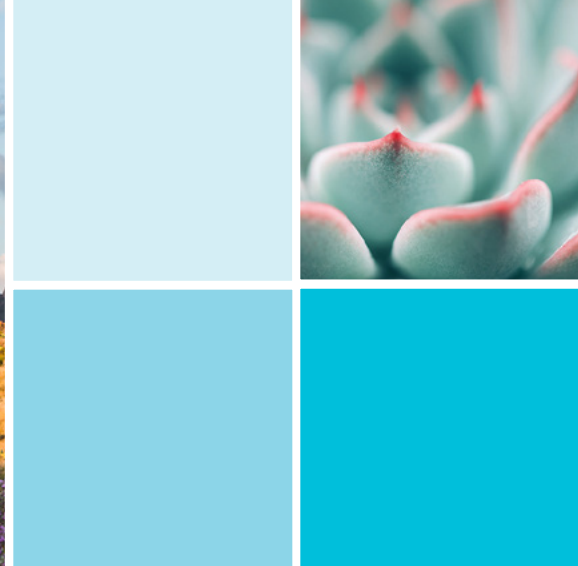
## **Protection for your loved ones**



No one likes to think about it, but part of achieving peace of mind is knowing what would happen to your money if you pass away unexpectedly. With the Index Protector 7, any death benefit is paid directly to your beneficiaries, which allows them to receive your financial legacy without the cost and delays of probate.

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For qualified contracts, the full amount withdrawn is generally subject to income tax. For other contracts, only the gains are subject to income tax. If you are under age 59½, the taxable amount is also generally subject to a 10% federal penalty tax.



## Consider Your Liquidity Needs

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The Index Protector 7 is intended to be a long-term product. However, you will have access to a portion of your money each year with penalty-free withdrawals. During the first contract year, you may withdraw up to 10% of your purchase payments. After the first contract year, 10% of the account value on the most recent contract anniversary may be withdrawn.

It's important to note withdrawals in excess of this amount may be subject to **early withdrawal charges**. Early withdrawal charges end after seven years.

For additional peace of mind, the Index Protector 7 offers a return of premium guarantee after contract year three.

Our simple promise to you:  
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# Great American Life. It Pays To Keep Things Simple.®

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## **Why choose Great American Life?**

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## **Our simple promise**

When it comes to planning for your future, we believe it pays to keep things simple. From the products we offer to the service we provide, we make things as easy as possible. Whenever you have a question, we're only a phone call away. It's part of our simple promise to you: superior service and annuities that are easier to understand.

# Index Protector 7 Features

| Issue ages                    | <p>Qualified: 0–85<br/>                 Non-qualified: 0–85<br/>                 Inherited IRA: 0–75<br/>                 Inherited non-qualified: 0–75</p>   |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| Purchase payments             | <p>You can purchase this annuity with an initial purchase payment of \$100,000 or more. You can add to your annuity during the first two contract months with additional purchase payments of at least \$25,000.</p>  |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Fees                          | <p>There are no upfront charges. All your money goes to work for you. Keep in mind you will pay a fee to your investment advisor for the services he or she provides, but you will not pay administrative fees to Great American.</p>   |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Interest crediting strategies | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› Declared rate</li> <li>› S&amp;P 500<sup>®</sup> 1-year point-to-point with cap</li> <li>› S&amp;P 500<sup>®</sup> 7-year cap lock annual point-to-point</li> <li>› S&amp;P 500<sup>®</sup> Risk Control 1-year point-to-point with participation rate</li> <li>› S&amp;P U.S. Retiree Spending 1-year point-to-point with participation rate</li> <li>› iShares U.S. Real Estate 1-year point-to-point with cap</li> <li>› iShares MSCI EAFE 1-year point-to-point with cap</li> </ul> <p>Available strategies may vary by state and by distribution.</p>   |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Term                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>› The seven-year cap lock strategy has a seven-year term. The cap is locked in for the entire seven-year term. This strategy may only be selected during the first contract year.</li> <li>› All other strategies have a one-year term.</li> <li>› With all indexed strategies, interest is credited annually on the last day of each term year.</li> <li>› You can change your strategy allocations at the end of each one or seven-year term. Funds held in the seven-year strategy will automatically reallocate to the S&amp;P 500<sup>®</sup> 1-year strategy, unless you elect otherwise.</li> </ul> |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Penalty-free withdrawals      | <p>During the first contract year, you may withdraw up to 10% of your purchase payments. After the first contract year, 10% of the account value on the most recent contract anniversary may be withdrawn. Amounts withdrawn in excess of the penalty-free withdrawal allowance may be subject to early withdrawal charges.</p>   |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
| Early withdrawal charges      | <p>During the first seven contract years, an early withdrawal charge starting at 7% is applied to surrenders and withdrawals that exceed the 10% penalty-free amount. All charges end after seven years.</p>  |               |    |    |    |    |    |    |   |    |                         |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |    |
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| <p>Guaranteed minimum surrender value</p> | <p>The amount payable to you if you surrender your contract will never be less than the Guaranteed Minimum Surrender Value (GMSV). The GMSV is based on 87.5% of your purchase payments, plus interest credited daily at a minimum guaranteed rate. Ask your financial professional for the rate that will apply to your contract.</p> <p>This means, in certain situations when your contract earns no interest due to flat or declining index performance, the amount payable upon surrender may still be greater than the amount of money you contributed to your annuity. It's important to remember the GMSV is reduced by prior withdrawals.</p> <p>The GMSV will not be less than the minimum values required by the state in which your annuity is issued.</p>   |
| <p>Return of premium guarantee</p>        | <p>If the unexpected occurs, you can surrender your annuity and receive your purchase payments, less the sum of prior withdrawals and applicable rider charges. This guarantee applies after three contract years.</p>   |
| <p>Income payout options</p>              | <p><b>Fixed period:</b> You receive income benefit payments for a fixed period of time that you select.</p> <p><b>Life or life with a minimum fixed period:</b> You receive income benefit payments for life. If you select a minimum fixed period of time and pass away before the end of the period, the remaining income benefit payments are paid to the person you designate.</p> <p><b>Joint and one-half survivor:</b> Income benefit payments are guaranteed for your life and the life of a designated joint annuitant. If you are survived by the joint annuitant, he or she will receive 50% of the income benefit payment for life.</p>  |
| <p>Included waiver riders</p>             | <p><b>Extended care waiver rider:</b> After the first contract year, if you are confined to a nursing home or long-term care facility for at least 90 consecutive days, you have the option to withdraw up to 100% of the account value without incurring an early withdrawal charge.</p> <p><b>Terminal illness waiver rider:</b> After the first contract year, if you are diagnosed by a physician as having a terminal illness, you have the option to withdraw up to 100% of the account value without incurring an early withdrawal charge. A terminal illness is defined as having a prognosis of survival of 12 months or less, or a longer period as required by state law.</p> <p>Extended care and terminal illness waiver riders are not available in Massachusetts. In California, the Extended Care Waiver Rider has been replaced with the Waiver of Early Withdrawal Charges for Facility Care or Home Care or Community-Based Services Rider, which provides for a waiver of early withdrawal charges under an expanded variety of circumstances.</p> |



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