

Appendix A

NOTICE OF PROTECTION PROVIDED BY VERMONT LIFE AND HEALTH INSURANCE GUARANTY ASSOCIATION

This notice provides a **brief summary** of the Vermont Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association (Association) and the protection it provides for policyholders. This safety net was created under Vermont law, which determines who and what is covered and the amounts of coverage.

The Association was established to provide protection in the unlikely event that your life, annuity or health insurance company becomes financially unable to meet its obligations and is taken over by its insurance department. If this should happen, the Association will typically arrange to continue coverage and pay claims, in accordance with Vermont law, with funding from assessments paid by other insurance companies. (For purposes of this notice, the terms “insurance company” and “insurer” include health maintenance organizations (HMOs).) The basic protections provided by the Association are:

- Life Insurance
 - \$300,000 in death benefits
 - \$100,000 in cash surrender and withdrawal values
- Health Insurance
 - \$500,000 for health benefit plans (see definition below)
 - \$300,000 in disability [income] insurance benefits
 - \$300,000 in long-term care insurance benefits
 - \$100,000 in other types of health insurance benefits
- Annuities
 - \$250,000 in the present value of annuity benefits, including net cash surrender and net cash withdrawal values

The maximum amount of protection for each individual, regardless of the number of policies or contracts, is \$300,000. Special rules may apply with regard to health benefit plans.

“Health benefit plan” is defined in 8 V.S.A. Section 4175 (11) and generally includes hospital or medical expense policies, contracts or certificates, or HMO subscriber contracts that provide comprehensive forms of coverage for hospitalization or medical services but excludes policies that provide coverages for limited benefits (such as dental-only or vision-only insurance), Medicare Supplement insurance, disability income insurance and long-term care insurance (LTCI).

Note: Certain policies and contracts may not be covered or fully covered. For example, coverage does not extend to any portion(s) of a policy or contract that the insurer does not guarantee, such as certain investment additions to the account value of a variable life insurance policy or a variable annuity contract. There are also various residency requirements and other limitations under Vermont law.

Benefits provided by a long-term care (LTC) rider to a life insurance policy or annuity contract shall be considered the same type of benefits as the base life insurance policy or annuity contract to which it relates.

To learn more about the above protections, [as well as protections relating to group contracts or retirement plans,] please visit the Association’s website at www.vtlifega.org, or contact:

Vermont Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association
One National Life Drive, Suite M585
Montpelier, Vermont 05604
802 -552-3698

Vermont Department of Financial Regulation
89 Main Street
Montpelier, Vermont 05620
802-828-3301

Insurance companies and agents are not allowed by Vermont law to use the existence of the Association or its coverage to encourage you to purchase any form of insurance or HMO coverage. When selecting an insurance company, you should not rely on Association coverage. If there is any inconsistency between this notice and Vermont law, then Vermont law will control.
