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Product guide

# **PROTECTIVE® ASPIRATIONS** NY variable annuity

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# Secure your retirement aspirations

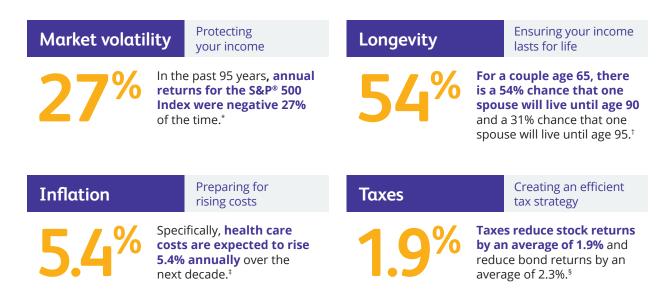
Reaching your retirement goals is a journey that's unique to you. You may focus on growing your assets and making sure your income lasts for life. You might also be thinking about plans to leave a financial legacy to loved ones.

Whatever you envision, you need solutions to protect what you aspire for in retirement. With flexible options for tax-deferred growth potential, guaranteed lifetime income and legacy protection, **Protective® Aspirations NY Variable Annuity** can give you confidence for what's ahead.



# Preparing for retirement with confidence

As you think about retirement, these challenges — and how you'll prepare for them — are likely top of mind.



### Protect what you aspire for in retirement

**Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity** is an investment solution that can help you prepare for and live in retirement with more confidence. It's designed to grow your assets tax-deferred — similar to retirement savings plans, like an IRA or a 401(k) plan offered through an employer.<sup>¶</sup> It also offers optional benefits to protect your lifetime income and financial legacy.

In this guide, we'll explore how this variable annuity can complement your overall retirement strategy by helping you:



# Grow your investment

through the power of tax deferral and a tailored investment approach.



### Protect your lifetime income

to cover planned expenses and make your strategy more adaptable with a lifetime income benefit.



Leave a legacy

that can provide for loved ones with a standard or enhanced death benefit.

\* NYU.edu for S&P 500 returns (including dividends) from 1928 to 1936. Morningstar for returns from 1937 to 2023.

<sup>†</sup> Society of Actuaries and American Academy of Actuaries, Actuaries Longevity Illustrator, as of September 18, 2023.

<sup>‡</sup>Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services National Health Expenditures, June 2023.

<sup>5</sup> Stocks after taxes assumes that the stocks purchased were held for five years, then sold, and the capital gains realized. The net proceeds from the sale were reinvested. Dividends were taxed when earned and reinvested. From 1926 to 2022, the average return on stocks after taxes was 8.2%, compared with 10.1% before taxes. Bonds were turned over 28 times within the 97-year period. Capital gains were realized at the time of sale and reinvested. Bonds averaged a 2.9% return after taxes, compared with 5.2% before taxes.

Non-qualified annuity investments are not tax deductible and purchasing an annuity inside a tax-qualified plan does not provide any additional tax benefits.

## Help grow your investment

A tailored investment strategy is key to growing your retirement assets with Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity. See how you can benefit from the power of tax deferral and customize your investment approach based on your goals.

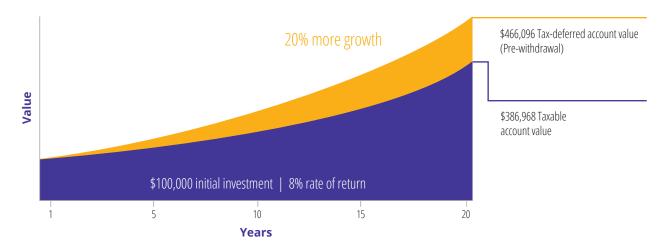
### The power of tax deferral

Your variable annuity is a tax-deferred investment, so you won't pay taxes until you withdraw funds or start taking income. This helps keep you in control of your tax situation and allows you to:

- Create a diverse tax strategy to manage the timing and impact of taxes on your overall portfolio.
- Increase growth potential by avoiding "tax drag."
- Rebalance your portfolio and make tax free sub-account transfers.

#### See the tax-deferral difference over 20 years

With a strategy that allows your savings to grow tax-deferred, you can delay taxes on accumulated earnings until they are withdrawn. This increases your growth potential over time compared to a taxable account, as you can see in this example.



\* Annuity withdrawals made before age 59½ are generally subject to a 10% early withdrawal penalty tax on the earnings portion. The entire early withdrawal amount from a qualified annuity may be subject to the penalty.

This chart is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent any investment. This chart assumes a constant 8% annual rate of return for both hypothetical accounts and that the taxable account is taxed at a 19.5% effective tax rate and standard deduction for filing jointly at the end of every year. This hypothetical illustration is not intended as a projection or prediction of future investment results, nor is it intended as financial planning or investment advice. Actual results will vary, fluctuate in value and have no guarantee to perform as illustrated. Chart is not to scale.

### Tailor your investment approach

You have choices when building a diversified strategy using quality investment options with Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity. Work with your financial professional to choose an investment approach and follow guidelines if you select a lifetime income benefit.



**Build your own custom portfolio** from more than 100 individual investment options.



**Choose a turnkey allocation portfolio** designed to simplify your approach.

You can diversify your investment among options from these established fund managers.





Review the investment options guide or SecurePay Protector<sup>™</sup> optional benefit guide for more information, including investment guidelines to support lifetime income benefits.

## **Protect your lifetime income**

Knowing you have guaranteed income for life can give you confidence on your retirement journey. Make sure you won't outlive your assets — and that you can adapt to life's changes — when you add a lifetime income benefit to Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity.



### Ensuring guaranteed income through retirement

A lifetime income benefit creates a guaranteed income stream you can't outlive — even if your variable annuity contract value falls to zero.\* This instills more confidence, so you can:

- Look forward to the possibility of a 30-plus-year retirement.
- Cover planned expenses knowing your income is better protected from uncertainty.
- **Better withstand market volatility** with an income benefit base that is less susceptible to downswings. This may help you feel more secure pursuing higher equity exposure in your accumulation strategy.

Plus, a lifetime income benefit with Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity gives you flexibility to adjust your strategy if plans change — like if you retire earlier or later than expected or experience a health event.

### Explore optional lifetime income benefits

Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity offers two lifetime income benefits that focus on specific retirement goals while you are accumulating assets and when you are taking income.



\*If your contract value is reduced to zero due to benefit withdrawals, your contract will be annuitized and you will begin receiving monthly income payments in an amount equal to your last annual withdrawal amount divided by 12. If your contract value falls to zero due to excess withdrawals the rider will terminate and payments will end.

<sup>1</sup> SecurePay Protector benefit is offered at issue for 1.5% and at RightTime for 1.6%. SecurePay Investor benefit is offered at issue for 0.5% and at RightTime for 0.6%.

The costs for either lifetime income benefit are deducted from your contract value monthly as a percentage of your benefit base. All costs are described in detail in the prospectus, which also provides examples of how the charges are applied and outlines certain requirements and restrictions that may affect the underlying annuity contract features. For tax purposes, lifetime income benefit withdrawals are usually assumed to be a withdrawal of earnings first. The full amount of withdrawals related to earnings is subject to ordinary income tax.

#### SecurePay Protector lifetime income benefit

Maximize and protect retirement income with:



**Guaranteed growth** through a 7% compounding rollup\* to the benefit base during the accumulation phase.



Annual step-up opportunities to lock in market gains and increase your benefit base. As your benefit base steps up, your rollup is based on this increased amount.



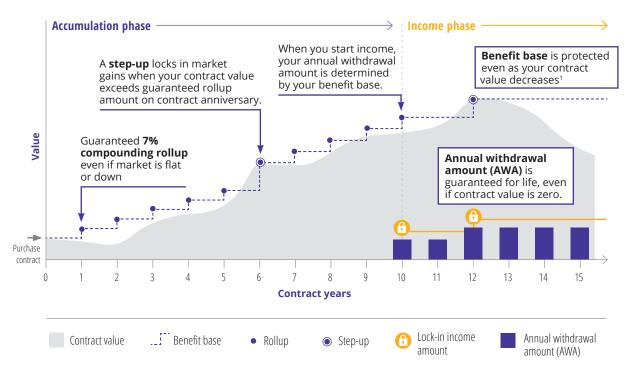
The freedom to **build your custom portfolio or choose from turnkey allocation portfolios**, with investment option guidelines for each phase.



**Guaranteed income** determined by your benefit base and an age-based withdrawal rate.

#### How it could work for you

Similar to other investment accounts you may have, your variable annuity contract value is based on the performance of investments you select. When you add the SecurePay Protector benefit, a protected benefit base determines your annual withdrawal amount once you decide to take income. Roll-up and step-up features help grow your benefit base.



This chart is hypothetical and intended solely to demonstrate how the step-up feature of the SecurePay Protector withdrawal benefit works. It is not indicative of the performance of any variable annuity investment options, does not reflect any actual account values, nor reflect all fees associated with Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity. It assumes the SecurePay Protector benefit is selected at issue with an initial investment in the variable annuity and no subsequent investments or non-benefit withdrawals are taken. The benefit base is not the same as your contract value or your death benefit, and the protection features of the benefit base do not extend to those values. The adjustment made for each withdrawal is the amount that reduces the benefit base at the time of the withdrawal in the same proportion that the amount withdrawn, including any associated surrender charges, reduces the contract value. Chart is not to scale.



\*The 7% compounding roll-up rate will continue to be available annually until 10 benefit base increases have occurred or until benefit withdrawals have begun, if earlier. \*Excess withdrawals (amounts exceeding AWA and any reserve amount) reduce benefit base and are subject to applicable surrender charges.

#### SecurePay Investor lifetime income benefit

Focus on investment growth and protect income with:



Annual step-up opportunities to lock in market gains<sup>\*</sup> and increase your benefit base.



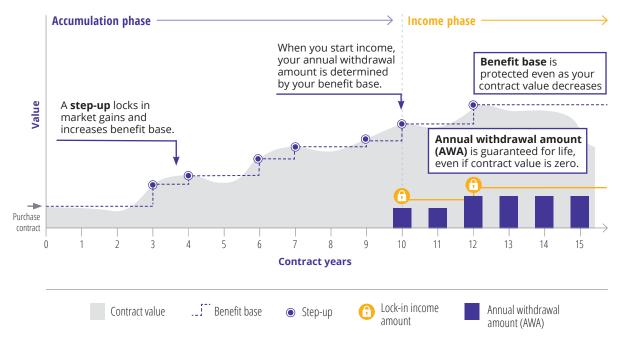
The freedom to **build** your custom portfolio with 100% sub-account investment flexibility.<sup>1</sup>



**Guaranteed income** determined by your benefit base and an age-based withdrawal rate.

#### How it could work for you

Similar to other investment accounts you may have, your variable annuity contract value is based on the performance of investments you select. When you add the SecurePay Investor benefit, a protected benefit base determines your annual withdrawal amount once you decide to take income. A step-up feature helps grow your benefit base.



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Review the SecurePay Investor optional benefit guide for more information.

\*Benefit base lock-in opportunities occur annually on contract anniversary until age 95.

<sup>1</sup>Allocation of purchase payments or contract value to the fixed account is not permitted under the SecurePay Investor benefit.

#### Flexible features for both lifetime income benefits

A 30-plus-year retirement could be in your future, so a lifetime income benefit that can adapt as your life changes can help. The SecurePay Protector benefit and SecurePay Investor benefit offer flexible features to help you adjust your plans and decisions.

Prepare for:	How a lifetime income benefit can help	
Timing your lifetime income benefit decision	You can purchase a lifetime income benefit up front, or <b>RightTime</b> <sup>*</sup> allows you to add it after contract issue.	
Retiring at a different age than planned	Your <b>lifetime withdrawal rate increases each year of</b> <b>deferral</b> — based on your age — and locks in when you start taking income.	
A change in your marital status	You can <b>wait to decide on single or joint withdrawals</b> until you start taking income.	
Strategic income planning, such as managing taxes and saving for expenses	The <b>SecurePay Reserve<sup>sM†</sup> feature</b> allows you to defer up to 3x your annual withdrawal amount to use how and when you see fit.	

# Leave a legacy

Providing for loved ones may be an important part of your financial plan. You can protect and enhance the legacy you leave with the death benefit options available with Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity.

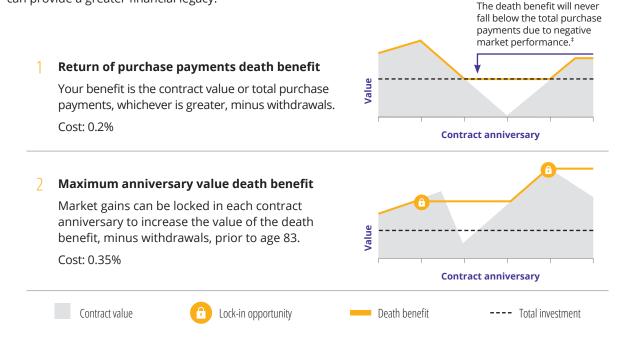
### Protecting your financial legacy

Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity offers protection to your beneficiaries in the form of a death benefit.\* Your death benefit can protect your legacy goals by allowing you to:

- Grow the potential amount your beneficiaries receive.
- Transfer wealth efficiently without tax complications or probate delays.

#### Compare death benefit options

A standard contract value death benefit (available at no cost) ensures your beneficiaries receive your contract value when you pass away prior to annuitization. Available for an additional cost, an enhanced death benefit can provide a greater financial legacy.<sup>†</sup>



\* Your death benefit must be selected at issue. If your variable annuity contract is annuitized, the death benefit is no longer payable. If you pass away during the annuitization payout phase, your beneficiary may receive additional guaranteed income payments, depending on which payout option you select. The maximum annuitization age is 95.

<sup>+</sup> The monthly fee for each enhanced death benefit is based on the value of the death benefit and is assessed at the beginning of each contract month. Review the prospectus for more details.

<sup>+</sup>When a withdrawal is made, an adjustment is made to the death benefit in the same proportion to the amount withdrawn, including any associated surrender charges, reducing the contract value. Your death benefit option must be selected when you apply for your contract and it can't be changed after your contract is issued.

Charts are hypothetical and intended solely to demonstrate how enhanced death benefits work. They assume one single investment and no withdrawals. They are not indicative of the performance of any variable annuity investment option do not reflect any actual account values, prior withdrawals nor any fees associated with Protective's variable annuities.



#### Review the product overview for more information, including enhanced death benefit costs and availability.

### Why choose Protective?

#### Because we deliver on our promises, always

We take our experience and financial strength and use it to deliver on our promises. Our financial strength is recognized in the industry, and we carry high ratings from independent ratings organizations.



Comdex ranking: 94

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# Your retirement aspirations are worth protecting.

Together with your financial professional, create a flexible strategy to grow your investment, protect your lifetime income and leave a legacy with a **Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity**.



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Withdrawals reduce the annuity's remaining death benefit, contract value, cash surrender value and future earnings. Withdrawals may be subject to income tax and, if taken prior to age 59½, an additional 10% IRS tax penalty may apply. More frequent withdrawals may reduce earnings more than annual withdrawals. During the withdrawal charge period, withdrawals in excess of the penalty-free amount may be subject to a withdrawal charge.

Protective Aspirations NY variable annuity is a flexible premium deferred variable annuity contract issued in New York under policy form series NY-VDA-A-2006. SecurePay Investor benefits issued under rider form number NY-VDA-A-6073.

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