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Re: Response to SEC Staff Comments on Registration Statements  
Pruco Life Insurance Company  
Pruco Life Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account  
Initial Registration Statement on Forms S-3 and N-4  
File Nos. 333-256965; 333-256966; 333-256967; 333-256974

Dear Mr. Zapata:

On behalf of the above-referenced Registrants, below are responses to Staff comments received by letter dated August 9, 2021 to the registration statements noted above. Included with this submission is a revised prospectus for the FlexGuard I Series (Advisor) contract which includes the changes described below. Relevant comments will be applied to the other prospectuses as appropriate. The Staff's comments and our responses are as follows.

#### **1. General Comments**

##### **Comment:**

- a. Please confirm that all missing information, including all exhibits, will be filed in pre-effective amendments to the registration statements. We may have further comments when you supply the omitted information.
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**Response:**

1.a. We confirm that all missing information, including all exhibits, will be filed in pre-effective amendments to the registration statements.

**Comment:**

- b. Please clarify supplementally whether there are any types of guarantees or support agreements with third parties to support any contract features or benefits, or whether Pruco Life will be solely responsible for any benefits or features associated with the contract.

**Response:**

1.b. There are no types of guarantees or support agreements with third parties to support any contract features or benefits. Pruco Life is solely responsible for any benefits or features associated with the contract.

**2. Cover Page**

**Comment:**

a. Clarify that if an adviser charges a fee for its services that this fee is in addition to contract fees and expenses. Please also state that if a contract owner elects to pay the advisory fee from his or her contract value, then this deduction will reduce the death benefits and may be subject to federal and state income taxes and a 10% federal penalty tax.

**Response:**

We will add the following disclosures to the cover page of the prospectus. Substantially identical disclosures are currently included in other sections of the prospectus.

- Any fee that is charged by your investment adviser for its services is in addition to the fees and expenses that apply under your Annuity.
  - For purposes of the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit, advisory fee payments will not reduce the Return of Purchase Payments Amount. Advisory fee withdrawals up to 1.25% will not be considered a withdrawal under the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit calculation. Your Account Value will be reduced by the amount of the advisory fee payments, but the value of your Return of Purchase Payment Amount will not be negatively impacted. We do not authorize advisory fee payments from the Annuity that exceed 1.25% of Account Value.
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- We treat advisory fee payments as an expense of the Annuity and not a taxable distribution if (1) an Annuity is being used in conjunction with a “qualified” retirement plan (plans meeting the requirements of Sections 401, 403 or 408 of the Code) or (2) a non-qualified Annuity satisfies the requirements of Private Letter Ruling 201945005 (“PLR”) issued by the IRS to Pruco Life. In accordance with the PLR, advisory fee payments from a non-qualified Annuity are treated as an expense as long as the investment adviser attests to Prudential that the PLR requirements have been met, including that the advisory fees will not exceed 1.50% of the Annuity’s cash value and the Annuity only pays the investment adviser for fees related to investment advice and no other services. The PLR does not generally allow such favorable tax treatment of advisory fee payments where a commission is also paid on the Annuity. If an investment adviser does not or is unable to attest that the PLR requirements are satisfied, advisory fees paid from a non-qualified Annuity may be considered taxable withdrawals and subject to federal and state income taxes and a 10% federal penalty tax if withdrawn before age 59 1/2.

### **3. Table of Contents**

#### **Comment:**

Some of the page numbers in the table of contents do not correspond to the referenced sections. Please review the prospectus pagination and update the table of contents to the correct pagination.

#### **Response:**

We will update the table of contents to the correct pagination as requested.

### **4. Summary of Fee and Expenses and Expense Examples**

#### **Comment:**

a. In the preamble to the fee table, please state that the fees and expenses do not reflect any advisory fees paid to financial intermediaries from contract value or other assets of the owner, and that if such charges were reflected, the fees and expenses would be higher.

#### **Response:**

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4.a. As requested, in the paragraph preceding the fee table we will state that the fees and expenses do not reflect any advisory fees paid to financial intermediaries from contract value or other assets of the owner and that if such charges were reflected, the fee and expenses would be higher.

**Comment:**

b. In the preamble to the expense examples, state that the examples do not reflect any advisory fees paid to financial intermediaries from contract value or other assets of the owner, and that if such fees were reflected, costs would be higher.

**Response:**

4.b. As requested, in the paragraph preceding the expense examples we will state that the examples do not reflect any advisory fees paid to financial intermediaries from contract value or other assets of the owner and that if such fees were reflected, costs would be higher.

**5. Fees Associated with Fee-Based Financial Plans or Investment Advisory Services**

**Comment:**

The insurer is responsible for ensuring that it accurately processes all contract transactions. Accordingly, please remove the sentence presented in bold on page 35 and amend the related language in that paragraph stating that it is the contract owner's responsibility to validate the accuracy of the advisory fee withdrawn.

**Response:**

As requested, we will remove the following sentence: **"We are not a party to the agreement you have with your investment adviser, and do not verify that amounts withdrawn from your Annuity, including amounts withdrawn to pay for the investment adviser's fee, align with the terms of your agreement with your investment adviser."**

We will maintain the following disclosure indicating that it is the contract owner's responsibility to validate the accuracy of the advisory fee withdrawal: "You will receive confirmations of transactions that affect your Annuity that reflect advisory fees deducted from your Account Value. It is your responsibility to understand the advisory services provided by your investment adviser and the advisory fees charged for those services, and if applicable, to review transaction confirmations to validate the accuracy of the advisory fee withdrawn from the Annuity."

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## **6. Advisory Fees Treated as Withdrawals**

### **Comment:**

a. Please clarify if the deduction of advisory fees from contract value is treated as a withdrawal under the contract. If it is, please:

1) Disclose how such deductions will impact various transactions and benefits under the contract, including whether surrender charges will apply to each deduction, whether such deductions will count toward the annual free withdrawal amount, and how each deduction will reduce the death benefits.

### **Response:**

6.a.(1)

We will add disclosure to the prospectus as follows: “The deduction of advisory fees from Account Value is treated as a withdrawal under the contract. No surrender charges apply to the contract, and accordingly there is no annual free withdrawal amount applicable.”

The following disclosure is currently included in the prospectus: “For purposes of the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit, Advisory Fee payments will not reduce the Return of Purchase Payments Amount. Advisory Fee withdrawals up to 1.25% will not be considered a withdrawal under the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit calculation. Your Account Value will be reduced by the amount of the withdrawal, but the value of your Return of Purchase Payment Amount will not be negatively impacted. We do not authorize advisory fee payments from the Annuity that exceed 1.25% of Account Value.

### **Comment:**

2) Disclose whether these withdrawals will reduce values on a dollar-for-dollar basis or proportionately. If proportionately, disclose that deductions of the advisory fee from contract value could reduce the relevant values significantly, and by substantially more than the actual amount of the deduction.

### **Response:**

6.a.(2)

We will add the following disclosures to the prospectus:

- Advisory Fees reduce the Account Value by the amount of the fees on a dollar-for dollar basis.
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- If a withdrawal of advisory fees is taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date, the withdrawal will be based on the Interim Value. If you withdraw Account Value allocated to an Index Strategy, the withdrawal will cause an immediate reduction to your Index Strategy Base in a proportion equal to the reduction in your Interim Value. A proportional reduction could be larger than the dollar amount of your withdrawal. Reductions to your Index Strategy Base will negatively impact your Interim Value for the remainder of the Index Strategy Term and will result in a lower Index Credit on the Index Strategy End Date. Once your Index Strategy Base is reduced due to a withdrawal during any Index Strategy Term, it will not increase for the remainder of the Index Strategy Term.

**Comment:**

3) Provide an example demonstrating the impact of advisory fee deductions on the benefit for each such benefit that is impacted.

**Response:**

6.a.(3)

For purposes of the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit, Advisory Fee payments will not reduce the Return of Purchase Payments Amount. Advisory Fee withdrawals up to 1.25% will not be considered a withdrawal under the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit calculation. Your Account Value will be reduced by the amount of the withdrawal, but the value of your Return of Purchase Payment Amount will not be negatively impacted. We do not authorize advisory fee payments from the Annuity that exceed 1.25% of Account Value.

Withdrawals other than for advisory fee payments impact the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit as follows. The proportional reduction in the Return of Purchase Payments Amount could be less or greater than the actual withdrawal based upon the level of the Account Value. If the Account Value exceeds the Return of Purchase Payments Amount prior to the withdrawal, then the impact on the Return of Purchase Payments Amount would be less than the reduction in the Account Value. If the Return of Purchase Payments Amount exceeds the Account Value prior to the withdrawal, then the impact on the Return of Purchase Payments Amount would exceed the reduction in the Account Value. This is outlined in the below examples.

**Example 1:**

Return of Purchase Payments Amount: \$100,000

Gross Withdrawal: \$18,000

Account Value at time of Withdrawal: \$118,000

Return of Purchase Payments Amount Reduction Percent for Withdrawal: 15.25% (\$18,000/\$118,000)

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Return of Purchase Payments Amount after Withdrawal: \$84,750 (\$100,000 - 15.25%)

**Example 2:**

Return of Purchase Payments Amount: \$100,000

Gross Withdrawal: \$18,000

Account Value at time of Withdrawal: \$90,000

Return of Purchase Payments Amount Reduction Percent for Withdrawal: 20% (\$18,000/\$90,000)

Return of Purchase Payments Amount after Withdrawal: \$80,000 (\$100,000 - 20%)

**Comment:**

4) Disclose the tax consequences of treating the deduction of advisory fees as withdrawals (*e.g.*, the deduction could be subject to federal and state income taxes and a possible 10% federal penalty tax if withdrawn before age 59 ½).

**Response:**

6.a.(4)

The following disclosure is currently included in the prospectus: “We treat advisory fee payments as an expense of the Annuity and not a taxable distribution if (1) an Annuity is being used in conjunction with a “qualified” retirement plan (plans meeting the requirements of Sections 401, 403 or 408 of the Code) or (2) a non-qualified Annuity satisfies the requirements of Private Letter Ruling 201945005 (“PLR”) issued by the IRS to Pruco Life. In accordance with the PLR, advisory fee payments from a non-qualified Annuity are treated as an expense as long as the investment adviser attests to Prudential that the PLR requirements have been met, including that the advisory fees will not exceed 1.50% of the Annuity’s cash value and the Annuity only pays the investment adviser for fees related to investment advice and no other services. The PLR does not generally allow such favorable tax treatment of advisory fee payments where a commission is also paid on the Annuity. If an investment adviser does not or is unable to attest that the PLR requirements are satisfied, advisory fees paid from a non-qualified Annuity may be considered taxable withdrawals and subject to federal and state income taxes and a 10% federal penalty tax if withdrawn before age 59 1/2.”

**Comment:**

5) Provide disclosure encouraging contract owners to discuss with their financial intermediaries the impact of deducting advisory fees from contract value prior to making any election.

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**Response:**

6.a.(5)

We will add disclosure to the prospectus as follows: “You will receive confirmations of transactions that affect your Annuity that reflect advisory fees deducted from your Account Value. It is your responsibility to understand the advisory services provided by your investment adviser and the advisory fees charged for those services, and if applicable, to review transaction confirmations to validate the accuracy of the advisory fee withdrawn from the Annuity. We encourage you to discuss with your investment adviser the impact of deducting advisory fees from your Annuity prior to making any election to do so.”

**Comment:**

6) Disclose that the deduction of advisory fees will result in the cancellation of accumulation units (in addition to other transactions such as withdrawals and transfers).

**Response:**

6.a.(6)

We will add disclosure to the prospectus as follows: “Withdrawals of advisory fees will be deducted first from any Variable Investment Subaccounts on a pro-rata basis. These deductions will result in the cancellation of accumulation units of the impacted Variable Investment Subaccounts.”

b. With regard to the deduction of the advisory fee:

**Comment:**

1) Disclose the basis upon which the fee is calculated (*e.g.*, as a percentage of contract value).

**Response:**

6.b.(1)

Advisory fees are calculated as a percentage of Account Value. This is disclosed in the “Special Terms” section of the prospectus under “Advisory Fees.”

**Comment:**

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2) Provide an explanation about how and when the fee will be deducted (*e.g.*, proportionately from each investment option on an annual basis).

**Response:**

6.b.(2)

Advisory fees can be deducted on a monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis. Unless you notify us differently as permitted, withdrawals of advisory fees will be deducted first from any Variable Investment Subaccounts on a pro-rata basis. Only when the Variable Investment Subaccounts have been depleted will any remaining withdrawal amount be deducted from the Index Strategies, also on a pro-rata basis. The contract owner can also request self-directed withdrawals from Variable Investment Subaccounts and Index Strategies of their choosing.

**Comment:**

3) Provide a brief description of the deduction of advisory fee authorization agreement between the insurer and the contract owner, including how the contract owner may terminate the agreement.

**Response:**

6.b.(3)

In order to authorize deduction of advisory fees from the Annuity, the contract owner is required to complete and sign Prudential's Investment Advisor Fee Payment Authorization Form. Pursuant to the Form, the contract owner authorizes Prudential to deduct advisory fees from the contract owner's Annuity. The Form sets forth the amount of the fee to be deducted (annually as a percentage of Account Value) and the frequency of payment. With respect to termination, the Form provides that the authorization will remain in full force and effect until revoked by the contract owner by a written, signed notice received at one of Prudential's addresses noted in the Form or other means Prudential deems acceptable.

**Comment:**

4) Please clarify, supplementally, whether financial intermediaries associated with this contract are also appointed insurance agents of Pruco Life.

**Response:**

6.b.(4)

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Financial intermediaries associated with the Annuity may be either dually registered – firms that are registered with the SEC as both a registered investment adviser (RIA) and broker dealer – or a “fee-only” RIA, firms that are registered with the SEC and states as investment advisers and have no broker dealer association.

With respect to dually registered financial intermediaries, the firm’s representatives are appointed insurance agents of Pruco Life through their associated broker-dealer.

With respect to fee-only RIA firms, the firm’s representatives are not appointed insurance agents of Pruco Life. In that case, Prudential maintains a sales support team staffed by individuals who are licensed insurance agents appointed by Pruco Life and registered representatives of Prudential Annuities Distributors, Inc., a registered broker dealer. Fee-only RIAs can refer investment advisory clients to this sales support team and, if appropriate, the sales support team will recommend/sell a fee-based advisory annuity to the fee-only RIA’s customer in accordance with applicable laws.

**Comment:**

5) Describe the potential tax consequences of deducting advisory fees from contract Value.

**Response:**

6.b.(5)

We treat advisory fee payments as an expense of the Annuity and not a taxable distribution if (1) your Annuity is being used in conjunction with a “qualified” retirement plan (plans meeting the requirements of Sections 401, 403 or 408 of the Code) or (2) your non-qualified Annuity satisfies the requirements of Private Letter Ruling 201945005 (“PLR”) issued by the IRS to Pruco Life. In accordance with the PLR, advisory fee payments from your non-qualified Annuity are treated as an expense as long as your investment adviser attests to Prudential that the PLR requirements have been met, including that the advisory fees will not exceed 1.50% of the Annuity’s cash value and the Annuity only pays the investment adviser for fees related to investment advice and no other services. The PLR does not generally allow such favorable tax treatment of advisory fee payments where a commission is also paid on the Annuity. If an investment adviser does not or is unable to attest that the PLR requirements are satisfied, advisory fees paid from a non-qualified Annuity may be considered taxable withdrawals and subject to federal and state income taxes and a 10% federal penalty tax if withdrawn before age 59 1/2.

If you have any questions, please call me at (203) 925-3707.

Very truly yours,

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August 19, 2021  
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PRUDENTIAL FLEXGUARD® ADVISOR

Flexible Premium Deferred Index-Linked and Variable Annuity (“I SERIES”)

PROSPECTUS:

This prospectus describes the I Series of a flexible premium deferred index-linked and variable annuity (“Annuity”) offered by Pruco Life Insurance Company (“Pruco Life”, “we”, “our”, or “us”). The Annuity provides for the potential accumulation of retirement savings and retirement income through annuitization. The Annuity is intended for retirement or other long-term investment purposes. This prospectus describes all material rights and obligations of Annuity purchasers under the Annuity contracts. This prospectus is being provided for informational or educational purposes only and does not take into account the investment objectives or financial situation of any client(s) or prospective client(s). The information is not intended as investment advice and is not a recommendation about managing or investing your retirement savings. Clients seeking information regarding their particular investment needs should contact a Financial Professional. The Annuity described in this prospectus may be appropriate for investors who have hired an investment adviser to provide advice about using an annuity within a larger financial plan. The Annuity has different features and benefits that may be appropriate for you based on your financial situation, your age and how you intend to use the Annuity. Your investment adviser will assist in determining whether the Annuity and its features are appropriate for you. The Annuity or certain of its Index Strategies, Variable Investment Subaccounts and/or features may not be available in all states.

FlexGuard Advisor may be used as part of a fee-based financial plan with a registered investment adviser, however, we do not pay compensation for the sale of FlexGuard Advisor. Selling broker-dealer firms may not make available or may not recommend the I Series of the Annuity and/or benefits described in this prospectus. Please speak to your Financial Professional for further details.

We hold the assets for each Index Strategy in a non-insulated, non-unitized separate account we have established to support our obligations with respect to the Index Strategies.

The Index Strategies currently available are:

| Point-to-Point with Cap Index Strategy     | Step Rate Plus Index Strategy | Tiered Participation Rate Index Strategy  |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| 1-year S&P 500®, 10% Buffer                | 1-year S&P 500®, 5% Buffer    | 6-year S&P 500®, 5% Buffer                |
| 1-year MSCI EAFE, 10% Buffer               | 1-year MSCI EAFE, 5% Buffer   | 6-year MSCI EAFE, 5% Buffer               |
| 1-year Invesco QQQ ETF, 10% Buffer         | 1-year S&P 500®, 10% Buffer   | 6-yr iShares® Russell 2000 ETF, 5% Buffer |
| 1-yr iShares® Russell 2000 ETF, 10% Buffer |                               | 6-year S&P 500®, 10% Buffer               |
| 1-year S&P 500®, 15% Buffer                |                               | 6-year MSCI EAFE, 10% Buffer              |
| 1-year MSCI EAFE, 15% Buffer               |                               |                                           |
| 1-year Invesco QQQ ETF, 15% Buffer         |                               |                                           |
| 1-yr iShares® Russell 2000 ETF, 15% Buffer |                               |                                           |
| 1-year S&P 500®, 100% Buffer               |                               |                                           |
| 3-year S&P 500®, 10% Buffer                |                               |                                           |
| 3-year MSCI EAFE, 10% Buffer               |                               |                                           |
| 3-yr iShares® Russell 2000 ETF, 10% Buffer |                               |                                           |
| 3-year S&P 500®, 20% Buffer                |                               |                                           |
| 3-yr iShares® Russell 2000 ETF, 20% Buffer |                               |                                           |
| 3-year MSCI EAFE, 20% Buffer               |                               |                                           |
| 6-year S&P 500®, 20% Buffer                |                               |                                           |
| 6-year MSCI EAFE, 20% Buffer               |                               |                                           |
| 6-yr iShares® Russell 2000 ETF, 20% Buffer |                               |                                           |

We hold the assets for each Variable Investment Subaccount in a corresponding Subaccount of Pruco Life Insurance Company Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account. Each Subaccount, in turn, invests in one of the following Portfolios:

MFS® International Growth Portfolio – Initial Class

MFS® Total Return Bond Series – Initial Class

MFS® Total Return Series – Initial Class

MFS® Value Series – Initial Class

PSF PGIM Government Money Market Portfolio – Class I

A selling broker-dealer firm may elect to make available only certain strategies, features or benefits to its clients. For example, a firm may choose to not make one of the index strategies, such as the Step Rate Plus or Tiered Participation Rate, available. In addition, a firm may choose to not make available certain buffer levels, indices and index strategy terms that are described in the prospectus. Only those strategies, features and benefits available through your firm will be part of your contract and will be described in your firm's marketing materials. You should ask your Financial Professional for details about the strategies and features available through their firm. The prospectus describes all the strategies, features and benefits that Prudential makes available under the contract. For additional information on all of the strategies, features or benefits available with FlexGuard please visit the following webpage:

[www.prudential.com/personal/annuities/products/flexguard-indexed-variable-annuity](http://www.prudential.com/personal/annuities/products/flexguard-indexed-variable-annuity).

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The guarantees provided by the Annuity contracts and payments Pruco Life makes under the Annuity contracts are the obligations of, and subject to the creditworthiness and claims paying ability of, Pruco Life. Certain terms are capitalized in this prospectus. Those terms are defined either in the Special Terms section or in the context of the particular section.

**Flexible premium deferred index-linked and variable annuity contracts are complex insurance and investment vehicles. There is a risk of substantial loss of your principal. The risk of loss may be greater in the case of an early withdrawal due to any charges and adjustments applied to such withdrawals. These charges and adjustments may result in loss even when the value of an Index has increased. Refer to the [Risk Factors section of this prospectus for more information](#).** Investors should speak with a Financial Professional about the Annuity's features, benefits, risks and fees, and whether the Annuity is appropriate for the investor based upon his or her financial situation and objectives.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Beginning on January 1, 2021, as permitted by regulations adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, paper copies of the annual and semi-annual shareholder reports for Portfolios available under your Annuity will no longer be sent by mail, unless you specifically request paper copies of the reports from us. Instead, the reports will be made available on a website, and you will be notified by mail each time a report is posted and provided with a website link to access the report.

If you already elected to receive shareholder reports electronically, you will not be affected by this change and you need not take any action. You may elect to receive shareholder reports and other communications from us electronically anytime at our website [www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com). You may elect to receive all future shareholder reports in paper free of charge by calling 1-888-PRU-2888. Your election to receive reports in paper will apply to all Portfolios available under your contract.

#### PLEASE READ THIS PROSPECTUS

**This prospectus sets forth information about the Annuity that you should know before investing. Please read this prospectus and keep it for future reference.** If you are purchasing the Annuity as a replacement for an existing variable annuity, variable life insurance policy, fixed annuity or fixed life 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. 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 the Annuity within a tax advantaged retirement plan, such as an IRA, SEP-IRA or Roth**

**IRA, you will get no additional tax advantage through the Annuity itself. Because there is no additional tax advantage when an Annuity is purchased through one of these plans, the reasons for purchasing the Annuity inside a qualified plan are limited to the ability to allocate to the various Index Strategies and Variable Investment Subaccounts, and the opportunity to annuitize the contract, which might make the Annuity an appropriate investment for you. You should consult your tax and Financial Professional regarding such features and benefits prior to purchasing the Annuity for use with a tax-qualified plan.**

For currently available Index Strategies, please refer to our website at [www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com).

#### **OTHER CONTRACTS**

We offer a variety of annuity contracts. They may offer features, including investment options, and have fees and charges, that are different from the Annuity 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 sells. 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 the Annuity contract is appropriate for you based on a thorough analysis of your particular needs, financial objectives, investment goals, time horizons and risk comfort level.

#### **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, which means it is legally part of this prospectus may also be obtained through the SEC's website ([www.sec.gov](http://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 Owners that reside outside of the United States. However, we may not market or offer benefits, features or enhancements to prospective or current Owners while outside of the United States.

***The Annuity is NOT a deposit or obligation of, or issued, guaranteed or endorsed by, any bank, and 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, even with respect to amounts allocated to the PSF PGIM Government Money Market Subaccount.***

THESE SECURITIES HAVE 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.

PRUDENTIAL, PRUDENTIAL FINANCIAL, PRUCO LIFE AND THE ROCK LOGO ARE SERVICEMARKS OF THE PRUDENTIAL INSURANCE COMPANY OF AMERICA AND ITS AFFILIATES. OTHER PROPRIETARY PRUDENTIAL MARKS MAY BE DESIGNATED AS SUCH THROUGH USE OF THE <sup>SM</sup> OR <sup>®</sup> SYMBOLS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CALL: 1-888-PRU-2888 OR GO TO OUR WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.PRUDENTIAL.COM](http://WWW.PRUDENTIAL.COM)

Prospectus dated:

Statement of Additional Information dated:

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## SPECIAL 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 Interim Value for each Index Strategy plus the total value of any allocations in the Variable Investment Subaccounts on any Valuation Day other than the Index Strategy Start Date and Index Strategy End Date. The Interim Value does not apply to an Index Strategy on the Index Strategy Start Date and the Index Strategy End Date. On an Index Strategy Start Date, the Index Strategy Base applicable to that Index Strategy would be used instead of the Interim Value. On an Index Strategy End Date, the Index Strategy Base plus the Index Credit applicable to that Index Strategy would be used instead of the Interim Value.

**Advisory Fees:** The amount we allow to be taken from your Annuity to pay your investment advisor for advisory services in connection with the Annuity. The fee is set by your investment advisor and is covered in a separate agreement between you and your investment advisor. Advisory Fees are calculated as a percentage of Account Value. Currently, we allow Advisory Fees of up to 1.25% of Account Value per calendar year. Advisory Fees reduce the Account Value by the amount of the fees.

**Allocation Option:** A Variable Investment Subaccount, Index Strategy or other option we make available as of any given time to which Account Value may be allocated.

**Annuitant/Joint 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 Stage. As discussed in the "Annuity Options" section, there is a date by which you must begin receiving annuity payments, which we call the "Maximum Annuity Date."

**Annuity Year:** The twelve-month period beginning on the Issue Date and continuing through and including 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 the Annuity.

**Beneficiary Annuity:** An Annuity purchased by a Beneficiary with the Beneficiary's share of an account owned by a decedent to continue receiving the distributions that are required by the tax laws.

**Buffer:** The amount of protected negative Index Return applied to the Account Value allocated to an Index Strategy at the end of an Index Strategy Term. Any negative Index Return in excess of the Buffer reduces the Account Value.

**Cap Rate:** The maximum rate that may be credited to the Point-to-Point with Cap Index Strategy for any given Index Strategy Term. A different Cap Rate may be declared for different Indices, Buffers, and different Index Strategy Terms.

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

**Contingent Annuitant:** The natural person named to become the Annuitant upon the death of Annuitant prior to the Annuity Date.

**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.

**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 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."

**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.

**Holding Account:** A Variable Investment Subaccount we make available and designate as such. The Holding Account is used for the first 30 days of the contract to hold any Purchase Payments that are to be allocated to an Index Strategy should you elect to delay the initial Index Strategy Start Date. The Holding Account will also be used for additional Purchase Payments received between Index Anniversaries so long as you provided no other instructions for the Purchase Payment in any other available Variable Investment Subaccount.

**Index (Indices):** The underlying Index or exchange traded fund associated with an Index Strategy and used to determine the Index Return in determining the Index Credit. You do not directly participate in an Index.

**Index Anniversary Date:** The same day, each calendar year, as the day of the initial allocation to an Index Strategy (Index Effective Date). You may allocate available Account Value to a new Index Strategy(ies) or to the Variable Subaccounts or other options we make available on this date. You may allocate available Account Value to the same Index Strategy(ies) on this date once the Index Strategy(ies) has reached the Index Strategy End Date.

**Index Credit:** The amount you receive on an Index Strategy End Date based on the Index Return and the Index Strategy. The Index Credit can be negative, meaning you can lose principal and prior earnings.

**Index Effective Date:** The first day of the first Index Strategy allocation.

**Index Return:** The percentage change in the Index Value from the Index Strategy Start Date to the Index Strategy End Date, which is used to determine the Index Credit for an Index Strategy. An Index Return is calculated by taking the Index Value on the Index Strategy End Date, minus the Index Value on the Index Strategy Start Date, and then dividing the result by the Index Value on the Index Strategy Start Date.

**Index Strategy(ies):** Any index linked Allocation Option we make available in the Annuity for crediting interest based on the underlying Index associated with the Index Strategy, Buffer, and Index Strategy Term. We may offer other Index Strategies from time to time, subject to our rules.

**Index Strategy Base:** The amount of Account Value allocated to an Index Strategy on an Index Strategy Start Date. The Index Strategy Base is used in the calculation of any Index Credit and in the calculation of the Interim Value. The Index Strategy Base is reduced for any transfers or withdrawals that occur between an Index Strategy Start Date and Index Strategy End Date in the same proportion that the total withdrawal or transfer amount reduced the Interim Value.

**Index Strategy End Date:** The last day of an Index Strategy Term. This is the day any applicable Index Credit would be credited to the Index Strategy.

**Index Strategy Start Date:** The first day of an Index Strategy Term.

**Index Strategy Term:** The time period allocated to each Index Strategy. The term begins on the Index Strategy Start Date and ends on the Index Strategy End Date.

**Index Value:** The value of the Index that is published by the Index provider at the close of each day that the Index is calculated. If an Index Value is not published for a particular Valuation Day, the closing Index Value of the next published Valuation Day will be used.

**Interim Value:** The value of an Index Strategy on any Valuation Day during an Index Strategy Term other than the Index Strategy Start Date and Index Strategy End Date. It is a calculated value (as described in the Interim Value section) and is used when a withdrawal, death benefit payment, transfer, annuitization, or surrender occurs between an Index Strategy Start Date and Index Strategy End Date. During an Index Strategy Term, the Interim Value is included in the Account Value and Surrender Value.

**Issue Date:** The effective date of your Annuity.

**Key Life:** Under the Beneficiary Annuity, the person whose life expectancy is used to determine the required distributions.

**Maximum Annuity Date:** The Maximum Annuity Date is equal to the first day of the calendar month following the oldest of the Owner(s)' and Annuitant(s)' 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. You may not reallocate to an Index Strategy where the Index Strategy End Date is after your Maximum Annuity Date.

**Owner:** The Owner is either an eligible entity or natural person named as having ownership rights in relation to the Annuity.

**Payout Stage:** The period starting on the Annuity Date and during which annuity payments are made.

**Participation Rate:** The percentage of any Index increase that will be used in calculating the Index Credit at the end of an Index Strategy Term for applicable Index Strategies. A different Participation Rate may be declared for different Index Strategies, Indices and Buffers.

**Portfolio:** An underlying mutual fund, or series thereof, in which a Subaccount of the Separate Account invests. A Portfolio also may be referred to in the prospectus as an Underlying Portfolio.

**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. We will deduct any fees, charges or Tax Charges prior to allocation to the Allocation Options you select or the Holding Account for Purchase Payments received between Index Anniversary Dates.

**Savings Stage:** The period of time from the Issue Date through the last Valuation Day immediately preceding the Annuity Date.

**Separate Accounts:** Refers to Pruco Life Insurance Company Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account and the Index Strategies Separate Account, which hold assets associated with the Annuity issued by Pruco Life. Pruco Life Insurance Company Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account assets held in support of the Variable Investment Subaccounts and are kept separate from all of our other assets and may not be charged with liabilities arising out of any other business we may conduct, while the assets in the Index Strategies Separate Account are not insulated from the creditors of Pruco Life.

**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.

**Step Rate:** The Step Rate is the declared rate that may be credited to amounts allocated to the applicable Index Strategies for any given Index Strategy Term if the Index Return is between zero and the declared Step Rate. A different Step Rate may be declared for different Indices and Buffers.

**Surrender Value:** The Account Value less any applicable Tax Charges, and any other applicable charges assessable as a deduction from the Account Value.

**Tier Level:** The declared Index Return that is used to determine which Participation Rate tier applies in the calculation of Index Credit in the Tiered Participation Rate Index Strategy.

**Unit:** A share of participation in a Variable Investment Subaccount used to calculate your Account Value prior to the Annuity Date.

**Unit Price:** The value of each Unit of a Variable Investment Subaccount on a Valuation Day.

**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, and an Index Strategy Index Value is published, 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.

**Variable Investment Subaccount:** A division of the Variable Separate Account. A Variable Investment Subaccount also may be referred to in this prospectus and the Annuity as a Variable Subaccount or Subaccount.

## 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 an 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 Prudential FlexGuard index-linked and variable annuity contract issued by Pruco Life is a contract between you, the Owner, and Pruco Life Insurance Company, 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 Annuity contract, the prospectus is a distinct document, and is not part of the contract.

The Annuity offers various Variable Investment Subaccounts and Index Strategy Allocation Options.

**Variable Investment Subaccounts.** Each Variable Subaccount invests in a Portfolio whose share price generally fluctuates each day. The Variable Investment Subaccounts do not provide any level of protection against negative returns. You are at risk of losing principal and any earnings if you allocate funds to the Variable Investment Subaccounts, which could result in a significant amount of loss. The assets that are held in support of the Variable Subaccounts are kept separate from all our other assets and may not be chargeable with liabilities arising out of any other business we may conduct.

**Index Strategies.** The Index Strategies provide an Index Credit based on the Index Return of the underlying Index associated with the Index Strategy. The Index Strategies provide a level of protection against negative Index Returns; however, negative Index Returns in excess of the Buffer will result in a loss of principal and any prior earnings, which could also result in a significant amount of loss. Assets supporting the Index Strategies are held in a non-insulated, non-registered separate account and are subject to the claims of the creditors of Pruco Life and the benefits provided are subject to the claims paying ability of Pruco Life.

With the help of your Financial Professional, you choose how to allocate your money within your Annuity (subject to certain restrictions; see "Index Strategies" and "Variable Investment Subaccounts"). Investing in Index Strategies and Variable Investment Subaccounts involves risk and you can lose your money. On the other hand, investing in the Annuity can provide you with the opportunity to grow your money through participation in Index Strategies and Variable Investment Subaccounts.

**GENERALLY SPEAKING, INDEX-LINKED AND VARIABLE ANNUITIES ARE INVESTMENTS DESIGNED TO BE HELD FOR THE LONG TERM. WORKING WITH YOUR FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL, YOU SHOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER WHETHER AN INDEXED-LINKED AND VARIABLE ANNUITY IS APPROPRIATE FOR YOU GIVEN YOUR LIFE EXPECTANCY, NEED FOR INCOME, AND OTHER PERTINENT FACTORS.**

You and your Financial Professional may want to discuss and consider the following factors when deciding whether the Annuity is appropriate for your individual needs: your age; the amount of your initial Purchase Payment and any planned future Purchase Payments into the Annuity; how long you intend to hold the Annuity (also referred to as "investment time horizon"); your desire to make withdrawals from the Annuity and the timing of those withdrawals; your investment objectives; and your desire to minimize costs and/or maximize returns associated with the Annuity.

**Risks:** Index-linked and variable annuity contracts are complex insurance and investment vehicles. There is a risk of substantial loss of your principal. The risk of loss can be greater in the case of an early withdrawal due to any early withdrawal fees and the Interim Value associated with such withdrawals. Please see "Risk Factors" for additional information.

**Purchase:** In order to purchase an Annuity, you must be no older than age 80. Also, we require a minimum initial Purchase Payment of \$25,000. See your Financial Professional to complete an application.

The Maximum Age for Initial Purchase applies to the oldest Owner 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 oldest Annuitant as of the day we would issue the Annuity. For an Annuity purchased as a Beneficiary Annuity, the maximum issue age is 80 and applies to the Key Life.

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.

You may allocate your initial Purchase Payment to the Index Strategies and/or the Variable Investment Subaccounts. Please see "Purchasing Your Annuity" for additional information.

**Index Strategies:** The Annuity offers multiple Index Strategies which provide an Index Credit based on the Index Return of the Index associated with the Index Strategy. The Index Credit is the amount credited on an Index Strategy End Date based on the Index Return and the type of Index Strategy. **The Index Credit may be positive or negative, which means you can lose principal and prior earnings.** You may allocate all or a portion of your Purchase Payments into one or more Index Strategies. We currently offer the following Index Strategies: Point-to-Point with Cap, Tiered Participation Rate and Step Rate Plus.

The Point-to-Point with Cap Index Strategy provides an Index Credit equal to the Index Return up to a Cap.

- If the Index Return is positive and equal to or greater than the Cap Rate, then the Index Credit is equal to the Cap Rate. If the Index Return is positive, but less than the Cap Rate, the Index Credit is equal to the Index Return.

- If the Index Return is negative, but less than or equal to the Buffer, the Index Credit is zero. Otherwise, the Index Credit is equal to the negative Index Return in excess of the Buffer.
- Offers the greatest level of protection with the most options for term lengths, but limited upside potential.

The Tiered Participation Rate Index Strategy provides an Index Credit equal to the Index Return multiplied by one or two Participation Rates.

- If the Index Return is between zero and the declared Tier Level, then the Index Credit is equal to the Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate for the 1<sup>st</sup> tier. If the Index Return is greater than or equal to the declared Tier Level, the Index Credit is the sum of the Tier Level Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate for the 1<sup>st</sup> tier and the remaining Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate for the 2<sup>nd</sup> tier.
- If the Index Return is negative, but less than or equal to the Buffer, the Index Credit is zero. Otherwise, the Index Credit is equal to the negative Index Return in excess of the Buffer.
- Offers an upside potential with no maximum or limitations, but only available in longer term lengths.

The Step Rate Plus Index Strategy provides an Index Credit equal to the greater of the Index Return multiplied by a Participation Rate or the Step Rate.

- If the Index Return is between zero (including zero) and the declared Step Rate, then the Index Credit is equal to the Step Rate. If the Index Return is greater than the Step Rate, the Index Credit is equal to the greater of the Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate or the Step Rate.
- If the Index Return is negative, but less than or equal to the Buffer, the Index Credit is zero. Otherwise, the Index Credit is equal to the negative Index Return in excess of the Buffer.
- Offers the smallest level of protection, but no maximum on the upside potential. Available only in shorter term lengths.

Not all Index Strategies will be available with all Indices, in all available Index Strategy Terms, and in all available Buffers. As a result of economic market conditions, or utilization of the Index Strategies, we reserve the right to add and remove Index Strategies at any time. For currently available Index Strategies, please refer to our website at [www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com). New Cap Rates will be set for Index Strategy Terms upon Index Anniversary Dates. These Cap Rates will be set based upon the current interest rate and market environment. New Buffers may be offered as new Index Strategy Options. We currently offer one-year, three-year and six-year Index Strategy Terms. We currently offer Index Strategies based on the S&P 500 Index, MSCI EAFE Index, Invesco QQQ ETF and iShares® Russell 2000 ETF. The Annuity offers Index Strategies with 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, and 100% Buffers. **The Buffer is the amount of protected negative return. Any loss beyond the Buffer level reduces the Account Value allocated to the Index Strategy.** Please see "Index Strategies" for more information.

**Indices:** We reserve the right to add and remove an Index at any time. If an Index is discontinued or changed in a manner that results in a material change in the formula or method of calculating the Index, we reserve the right to substitute it with an alternative Index and will notify you of any such substitution. Upon substitution of an Index, we will calculate your Index Return on the replaced Index up until the date of substitution and the substitute Index from the date of substitution to the Index Strategy End Date. An Index substitution will not change your Index Strategy. A substitution of an Index between the Index Strategy Start Date and Index Strategy End Date may impact the calculation of your Index Credit on the Index Strategy End Date. When we notify you of any substitution of an Index, we will also inform you of the potential impacts to your Index Credit. You may transfer your allocation in the impacted Index Strategy, at Interim Value, to the Variable Investment Subaccounts, where you may then use the funds to start a new Index Strategy on the next Index Anniversary Date.

**Variable Investment Subaccounts:** You may allocate to a variety of Variable Investment Subaccounts. The Portfolio in which each Variable Investment Subaccount invests is described in its own summary prospectus, which you should read before selecting your Variable Investment Subaccounts. You can obtain the summary prospectuses and prospectuses for the Portfolios by calling 1-888-PRU-2888 or at [www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com). There is no assurance that any Variable Investment Subaccount will meet its investment objective. Please see "Variable Investment Subaccounts" for more information.

**Interim Value:** If you take a withdrawal (including partial withdrawals, systematic withdrawals, full surrenders and withdrawals taken to pay Advisory Fees), transfer out of, annuitize, or we pay a death claim between an Index Strategy Start Date and Index Strategy End Date, we will use an Interim Value to determine the fair market value of each Index Strategy at the time of the transaction. The Interim Value is also used to determine how much the Index Strategy Base will be reduced after a transfer or withdrawal. If you withdraw Account Value allocated to an Index Strategy, the withdrawal will cause an immediate reduction to your Index Strategy Base in a proportion equal to the reduction in your Interim Value. A proportional reduction could be larger than the dollar amount of your withdrawal. Reductions to your Index Strategy Base will negatively impact your Interim Value for the remainder of the Index Strategy Term and will result in a lower Index Credit on the Index Strategy End Date. Once your Index Strategy Base is reduced due to a withdrawal during any Index Strategy Term, it will not increase for the remainder of the Index Strategy Term.

The Interim Value is designed to represent the fair value of the Index Strategy on each Valuation Day, taking into account the potential gain or loss of the applicable Index at the end of the Index Strategy Term. The Interim Value reflects the change in fair value due to economic factors of the investment instruments (including derivatives) supporting the Index Strategies. **The Interim Value may result in a loss even if the Index Value at the time the Interim Value is calculated is higher than the Index Value on the Index Strategy Start Date.** See "Interim Value" and "Access to Account Value" for more information.

**Access To Your Money:** You can receive access to your money by taking withdrawals or electing annuity payments. Please note that withdrawals may be subject to tax. Withdrawals taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date, including withdrawals taken to pay Advisory Fees, will be based on the Interim Value. Please see “Interim Value” for more information. In addition, any time a partial withdrawal occurs before the Index Strategy End Date, the Index Strategy Base will be reduced in the same proportion that the total withdrawal reduced the Interim Value. Please see “Access to Account Value” for more information.

You may elect to receive income through fixed annuity payments over your lifetime, also called “Annuitization”. If you elect to receive annuity payments, you convert your Account Value into a stream of future payments. This means in most cases you no longer have an Account Value and therefore cannot make withdrawals. We offer different types of annuity options to meet your needs. Please see “Annuity Options” for more information.

You may transfer Account Value between Variable Investment Subaccounts or from Index Strategies to Variable Investment Subaccounts at any time. On each Index Anniversary Date, you may reallocate Account Value allocated to Variable Investment Subaccounts and any Index Strategy(ies) that has reached an Index Strategy End Date into any available Index Strategy. There is no charge for such transfers. Please see “Managing Your Account Value” for more information. You must provide instructions for reallocation in Good Order, no later than the Index Anniversary Date. Failure to provide timely instructions may result in amounts being transferred into the Holding Account, which is allocated to the PSF PGIM Government Money Market Portfolio and could remain in that Account for up to a year until your next Index Anniversary Date.

**Death Benefits:** You may name a Beneficiary to receive the proceeds of your Annuity upon your death. Your death benefit must be distributed within the time period required by the tax laws. The Death Benefit is the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit. Please see “Death Benefits” for more information.

**Fees and Charges:** The Annuity is subject to certain fees and charges, as discussed in the “Summary of Contract Fees and Charges” table in this prospectus. In addition, there are fees and expenses of the Portfolios of the Variable Investment Subaccounts. While no fees or charges are deducted from the amounts held in the Index Strategies, the available Cap Rates, Participation Rates, Tier Levels, and Step Rates reflect the expenses related to the Index Strategies.

**What does it mean that my Annuity is “tax deferred”?** The Annuity is “tax deferred”, meaning you pay no taxes on any earnings from your Annuity until a distribution is taken from your Annuity. You may also transfer among the Index Strategies and the Variable Investment Subaccounts without paying a tax at the time of the transfer. When you take your money out of the Annuity, however, you will be taxed on the earnings at ordinary income tax rates. If you take a distribution before you reach age 59½, you also may be subject to a 10% additional tax.

**Please note that if you purchase the Annuity within a tax advantaged retirement plan, such as an IRA, SEP-IRA, Roth IRA, you will get no additional tax advantage through the Annuity itself. Because there is no additional tax advantage when an index-linked and variable annuity is purchased through one of these plans, the reasons for purchasing the Annuity inside a tax-qualified plan are limited to the ability to allocate to the various Index Strategies and Variable Investment Subaccounts, and the opportunity to annuitize the contract, which might make the Annuity an appropriate investment for you. You should consult your tax and Financial Professional regarding such features and benefits prior to purchasing the Annuity for use with a tax-qualified plan.**

**Other Information:** Please see “Information About the Insurance Company and Separate Accounts” and “Additional Information” for more information about the Annuity, including legal information about Pruco Life, Pruco Life Insurance Company Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account and the Index Strategies Separate Account.

### Summary of Fees and Expenses

The following tables describe the fees and expenses that you will pay when buying, owning and surrendering the Annuity. Important additional information about these fees and expenses is contained in "Fees, Charges and Deductions" later in this prospectus.

**Tax Charge:** 0% - 3.5%

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%. These taxes apply only in certain states.

**The following table describes the periodic fees and charges you will pay when you allocate to the Variable Investment Subaccounts, not including the underlying Portfolio fees and expenses. The fees and charges described below do not reflect any advisory fees paid to an investment adviser from Account Value or other assets of the Owner and if such fees were reflected, the fees and charges would be higher.**

The fees and charges described below do not reflect any advisory fees paid to an investment adviser from Account Value or other assets of the Owner and if such fees were reflected, the fees and charges would be higher.

| <b>ANNUALIZED INSURANCE FEES/CHARGES</b><br>(as a percentage of the net assets of the Variable Subaccounts) |       |
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| <b>I SERIES</b>                                                                                             |       |
| <b>Mortality &amp; Expense Risk Charges<sup>1</sup></b>                                                     |       |
| Level 1: Purchase Payments Less than \$1,000,000                                                            | 0.35% |
| Level 2: Purchase Payments \$1,000,000 and more                                                             | 0.25% |
| <b>Administration Charge</b>                                                                                | 0.15% |
| <b>Total Annualized Insurance Fees and Charges<sup>2</sup></b>                                              | 0.50% |

<sup>1</sup> Any transactions that impact Purchase Payments and cause a change in the applicable Insurance Charge level will cause that change in level on the Valuation Day(s) on which the transactions occur.

<sup>2</sup> The Insurance Charge is a combination of the Mortality & Expense Risk Charge and the Administration Charge. The Total Annualized Fees and Charges shown above is based on the Mortality & Expense Risk Charge for Level 1. If Purchase Payments were in a different level at any time during an Annuity Year, the total would be lower.

The Mortality & Expense Charges and the Administrative Charge are currently waived for Account Value allocated to the PSF PGIM Government Money Market Portfolio – Class I (also referred to as the Holding Account). This waiver may be withdrawn at any time including without advance notice.

The following table provides the range (minimum and maximum) of the total operating expenses charged by the Portfolios before any contractual waivers and expense reimbursements. Each figure is stated as a percentage of the Portfolio's average daily net assets.

| <b>TOTAL ANNUAL UNDERLYING PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT FEES</b>                                                                                                         |                |                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>MINIMUM</b> | <b>MAXIMUM</b> |
| <b>Total Annual Underlying Portfolio Operating Expenses (expenses that are deducted from Portfolio assets, including operating expenses, and other expenses)</b> | 0.34%          | 1.04%*         |

\*These expenses do not include the impact of any applicable contractual waivers and expense reimbursements.

| <b>UNDERLYING PORTFOLIO ANNUAL EXPENSES</b><br>(as a percentage of the average daily net assets of the underlying Portfolios) |  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| For the year ended December 31, 2020                                                                                          |  |

| <b>FUNDS</b>                                                | <b>Management Fees</b> | <b>Other Expenses</b> | <b>Distribution (12b-1) Fees</b> | <b>Dividend Expense on Short Sales</b> | <b>Broker Fees and Expenses on Short Sales</b> | <b>Acquired Portfolio Fees &amp; Expenses</b> | <b>Total Annual Portfolio Operating Expenses</b> | <b>Contractual Fee Waiver or Expense Reimbursement</b> | <b>Net Annual Fund Operating Expenses</b> |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <b>MFS® International Growth Portfolio – Initial Class*</b> | 0.90%                  | 0.14%                 | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                                  | 0.00%                                          | 0.00%                                         | 1.04%                                            | 0.16%                                                  | 0.88%                                     |
| <b>MFS® Total Return Bond Series – Initial Class</b>        | 0.50%                  | 0.04%                 | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                                  | 0.00%                                          | 0.00%                                         | 0.54%                                            | 0.00%                                                  | 0.54%                                     |
| <b>MFS® Total Return Series – Initial Class*</b>            | 0.67%                  | 0.04%                 | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                                  | 0.00%                                          | 0.00%                                         | 0.71%                                            | 0.10%                                                  | 0.61%                                     |
| <b>MFS® Value Series – Initial Class*</b>                   | 0.70%                  | 0.04%                 | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                                  | 0.00%                                          | 0.00%                                         | 0.74%                                            | 0.03%                                                  | 0.71%                                     |
| <b>PSF PGIM Government Money Market Portfolio – Class I</b> | 0.30%                  | 0.04%                 | 0.00%                            | 0.00%                                  | 0.00%                                          | 0.00%                                         | 0.34%                                            | 0.00%                                                  | 0.34%                                     |

\*See notes immediately below for important information about this fund.

**MFS® International Growth Portfolio – Initial Class**

Massachusetts Financial Services Company has agreed in writing to bear the fund's expenses, excluding interest, taxes, extraordinary expenses, brokerage and transaction costs, and investment-related expenses (such as interest and borrowing expenses incurred in connection with the fund's investment activity), such that "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" do not exceed 0.88% of the class' average daily net assets annually for Initial Class shares and 1.13% of the class' average daily net assets annually for Service Class shares. This written agreement will continue until modified by the fund's Board of Trustees, but such agreement will continue until at least April 30, 2022.

**MFS® Total Return Series – Initial Class**

Massachusetts Financial Services Company has agreed in writing to bear the fund's expenses, excluding interest, taxes, extraordinary expenses, brokerage and transaction costs, and investment-related expenses (such as interest and borrowing expenses incurred in connection with the fund's investment activity), such that "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" do not exceed 0.61% of the class' average daily net assets annually for Initial Class shares and 0.86% of the class' average daily net assets annually for Service Class shares. This written agreement will continue until modified by the fund's Board of Trustees, but such agreement will continue until at least April 30, 2022.

**MFS® Value Series – Initial Class**

Massachusetts Financial Services Company has agreed in writing to bear the fund's expenses, excluding interest, taxes, extraordinary expenses, brokerage and transaction costs, and investment-related expenses (such as interest and borrowing expenses incurred in connection with the fund's investment activity), such that "Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses" do not exceed 0.71% of the class' average daily net assets annually for Initial Class shares and 0.96% of the class' average daily net assets annually for Service Class shares. This written agreement will continue until modified by the fund's Board of Trustees, but such agreement will continue until at least April 30, 2022.

### Expense Examples

These examples are intended to help you compare the cost of investing in the Annuity with the cost of investing in other Pruco Life annuities and/or other variable annuities. These costs include Annuity Owner transaction expenses, Insurance Charge annual expenses, and underlying Portfolio fees and expenses. These examples do not reflect any advisory fees paid to an investment adviser from Account Value or other assets of the Owner and if such fees were reflected, costs would be higher.

These examples assume that you invest \$10,000 in the Annuity for the time periods indicated. One set of examples also assume that your investment has a 5% return each year, assumes the maximum fees and expenses of any of the Underlying Portfolios, and assumes that no Account Value was allocated to the Index Strategies. The other set of examples assumes that your investment has a 5% return each year, assumes the minimum fees and expenses of any of the Underlying Portfolios, and assumes that no Account Value was allocated to the Index Strategies. Although your actual costs may be higher or lower, based on these assumptions, your cost for I Series would be:

|                                                                                | Assuming Maximum Fees and Expenses of any of the Portfolios Available |         |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
|                                                                                | 1 Year                                                                | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
| If you surrender your annuity at the end of the applicable time period:        | \$158                                                                 | \$489   | \$843   | \$1,839  |
| If you annuitize your annuity at the end of the applicable time period:        | \$158                                                                 | \$489   | \$843   | \$1,839  |
| If you do not surrender your annuity at the end of the applicable time period: | \$158                                                                 | \$489   | \$843   | \$1,839  |

|                                                                                | Assuming Minimum Fees and Expenses of any of the Portfolios Available |         |         |          |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------|----------|
|                                                                                | 1 Year                                                                | 3 Years | 5 Years | 10 Years |
| If you surrender your annuity at the end of the applicable time period:        | \$86                                                                  | \$269   | \$467   | \$1,039  |
| If you annuitize your annuity at the end of the applicable time period:        | \$86                                                                  | \$269   | \$467   | \$1,039  |
| If you do not surrender your annuity at the end of the applicable time period: | \$86                                                                  | \$269   | \$467   | \$1,039  |

THE EXAMPLES ARE FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES ONLY. THEY SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED A REPRESENTATION OF PAST OR FUTURE EXPENSES. ACTUAL EXPENSES MAY BE GREATER OR LESS THAN THOSE SHOWN. ACTUAL EXPENSES WILL BE DIFFERENT THAN THOSE SHOWN DEPENDING ON A NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING (1) WHETHER YOU DECIDE TO ALLOCATE ACCOUNT VALUE TO VARIABLE SUB-ACCOUNTS OTHER THAN THOSE WITH THE MAXIMUM TOTAL ANNUAL PORTFOLIO OPERATING EXPENSES; AND (2) THE IMPACT OF ANY CONTRACTUAL FEE WAIVERS OR EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENTS APPLICABLE TO UNDERLYING PORTFOLIOS.

**Condensed Financial Information**

Because the Annuity is new, we have no condensed Variable Subaccount financial information to report. In the future, we will provide a table that shows selected information concerning Units for each Subaccount. A Unit is the share of participation that we use to calculate the value of your interest in a Subaccount.

## **RISK FACTORS**

### **Risks of Investing in the Variable Investment Subaccounts**

You take all the investment risk for amounts allocated to one or more of the Variable Investment Subaccounts, which invest in Portfolios. If the Variable Investment Subaccounts you select increase in value, then your Account Value goes up; if they decrease in value, your Account Value goes down. How much your Account Value goes up or down depends on the performance of the Portfolios in which your Variable Investment Subaccounts invest.

### **Risk of Loss – Index Strategies**

You take the investment risk for amounts allocated to one or more Index Strategies since the Index Credit is based upon the performance of the associated Index. You bear the risk of the negative Index Return in excess of the Buffer you choose except for any 100% Buffer Index Strategy where there is no risk of loss to you, should you stay allocated to the end of the Index Strategy Term. In the case of a multi-year Index Strategy Term, losses are measured over the entire Index Strategy Term from the Index Strategy Start Date to the Index Strategy End Date and may exceed the Buffer levels associated with the Index Strategy.

### **Risks Associated with the Indices**

Because the S&P 500® Index, and the MSCI EAFE Index are each comprised of a collection of equity securities, in each case the value of the component securities is subject to market risk, or the risk that market ups and downs may cause the value of the component securities to go up or down, sometimes rapidly and unpredictably. Market ups and downs can result from disasters and other events, such as storms, earthquakes, fires, outbreaks of infectious diseases (such as COVID-19), utility failures, terrorist acts, political and social developments, and military and governmental actions. In addition, the value of equity securities may increase or decline for reasons directly related to the issuers of the securities. Equity markets are subject to the risk that the value of the securities may fall due to general market and economic conditions. Market ups and downs may exist with these indices, which means that the value of the indices can change dramatically over a short period of time in either direction. **These indices are not funds and are not available for direct investment.**

With respect to the MSCI EAFE Index, international investing involves special risks not found in domestic investing, including political and social differences and currency fluctuations due to economic decisions. Emerging markets can be riskier than investing in well established foreign markets. The risks associated with investing on a worldwide basis include differences in the regulation of financial data and reporting, currency exchange differences, as well as economic and political systems differences.

When you allocate to an Index Strategy that is linked to the performance of an ETF you are not investing in the ETF. Index-based ETFs seek to track the investment results of a specific market index. Due to a variety of factors, including the fees and expenses associated with an ETF, an ETF's performance may not fully replicate or may, in certain circumstances, diverge significantly from the performance of the underlying index. This potential divergence between the ETF and the specific market index is known as tracking error. Although we believe that we will be viewed as the owner of the Index Strategy for tax purposes, there is no legal guidance to indicate how the IRS might view access to an ETF linked Index Strategy coupled with frequent transfers among investment options.

### **Effect of Interim Value**

To determine the Interim Value, we apply a formula which does not reflect the actual performance of the applicable Index, but rather a determination of the value of hypothetical underlying investments at the time of the Interim Value calculation. This amount could be more or less than if you had held the Index Strategy for the full Index Strategy Term. It also means that you could have a negative performance, even if the value of the Index has increased at the time of the calculation. All withdrawals from an Index Strategy, including withdrawals taken to pay Advisory Fees, death benefit payments, transfers, annuitization and surrenders paid before the Index Strategy End Date will be based on the Interim Value. Withdrawals before an Index Strategy End Date could have adverse impacts even if the value of the Index has increased at the time of the calculation because an early withdrawal will not allow you to participate in the Index Return for the Index Strategy Term with your entire Index Strategy Base. If you withdraw Account Value allocated to an Index Strategy, the withdrawal will cause an immediate reduction to your Index Strategy Base in a proportion equal to the reduction in your Interim Value. A proportional reduction may be larger than the dollar amount of your withdrawal even if the value of the Index has increased. See "Impact of Withdrawals" below for additional information.

### **Impact of Withdrawals**

If you withdraw Account Value allocated to an Index Strategy, the withdrawal will cause an immediate reduction to your Index Strategy Base in a proportion equal to the reduction in your Interim Value. A proportional reduction could be larger than the dollar amount of your withdrawal. Reductions to your Index Strategy Base will negatively impact your Interim Value for the remainder of the Index Strategy Term and will result in a lower Index Credit on the Index Strategy End Date. Once your Index Strategy Base is reduced due to a withdrawal during any Index Strategy Term, it will not increase for the remainder of the Index Strategy Term.

### **Availability of Index Strategies will vary over time**

Before allocating to an Index Strategy, you should determine the Index Strategies, Buffers, Cap Rates, Participation Rates and Step Rates available to you. We reserve the right to change Cap Rates and Buffers at any time. There is no guarantee that an Index Strategy will be available in the

future. You should make sure the Index Strategies you select are appropriate for your investment goals. A change in Cap Rates may limit the Index Credit you receive. A change in Buffers may impact the amount of negative Index Credit applied to your Account Value.

#### **Reallocation of Index Strategies**

At the end of an Index Strategy Term for an Index Strategy, the amount allocated to that Index Strategy will be reallocated based upon your instructions we received in Good Order, or if none has been received in Good Order, automatically renew into the same Index Strategy unless the Index Strategy End Date would be after the Maximum Annuity Date. If the same Index Strategy is no longer available, the amount will be transferred into the Holding Account, and the amount may be transferred among the Variable Investment Subaccounts at any time or into another Index Strategy on the next Index Anniversary Date. You must provide instructions for reallocation in Good Order, no later than the Index Anniversary Date. Failure to provide timely instructions may result in amounts being transferred into the Holding Account (if the existing Index Strategy no longer is available) which is allocated to the PSF PGIM Government Money Market Portfolio, and could remain in that Account for up to a year until your next Index Anniversary Date.

#### **Limitation on Index Strategy Returns - Cap Rate**

If you elect an Index Strategy with a Cap Rate, the Index Credit is limited by any applicable Cap Rate, which means that your Index Credit could be lower than if you had invested directly in a fund based on the applicable Index. The Cap Rate exists for the full term of the Index Strategy.

#### **Substitution of an Index**

We have the right to substitute a comparable index prior to the Index Strategy End Date if any Index is discontinued or if the calculation of an Index is substantially changed (such as a material change in the formula or method of calculating the Index). We would attempt to choose a substitute index that has a similar investment objective and risk profile to the replaced index and would notify you of any such substitutions. Upon substitution of an Index, we will calculate your Index Return on the replaced Index up until the date of substitution and the substitute Index from the date of substitution to the Index Strategy End Date. An Index substitution will not change your Index Strategy. The performance of the new Index may not be as good as the one that it substituted and as a result your Index Return may have been better if there had been no substitution. When we notify you of any substitution of an Index, we will also inform you of the potential impacts to your Index Credit. You may transfer your allocation in the impacted Index Strategy, at Interim Value, to the Variable Investment Subaccounts, where you may then use the funds to start a new Index Strategy on the next Index Anniversary Date.

#### **Issuing Company**

No company other than Pruco Life has any legal responsibility to pay amounts that Pruco Life owes under the Annuity. You should look to the financial strength of Pruco Life for its claims-paying ability. Amounts allocated to the Index Strategies are held in a non-registered, non-insulated separate account. These assets are subject to the claims of the creditors of Pruco Life and the benefits provided under the Index Strategies are subject to the claims paying ability of Pruco Life.

The Company is also subject to risks related to disasters and other events, such as storms, earthquakes, fires, outbreaks of infectious diseases (such as COVID-19), utility failures, terrorist acts, political and social developments, and military and governmental actions. These risks are often collectively referred to as "business continuity" risks. These events could adversely affect the Company and our ability to conduct business and process transactions. Although the Company has business continuity plans, it is possible that the plans may not operate as intended or required and that the Company may not be able to provide required services, process transactions, deliver documents or calculate values. It is also possible that service levels may decline as a result of such events.

## INDEX STRATEGIES

The Annuity offers multiple Index Strategies which provide an Index Credit based on the Index Return of the underlying Index associated with the Index Strategy. The Index Credit is the amount you receive on an Index Strategy End Date based on the Index Return and the type of Index Strategy. **The Index Credit may be positive or negative, which means you can lose Purchase Payments and prior earnings.** You may allocate all or a portion of your Purchase Payments into one or more Index Strategies. **The Index Strategies are not invested in any underlying Index. We do not guarantee the Index Credits for the Index Strategies. There is a risk of loss of your investment because the Index Strategy will be credited the negative Index Return in excess of the level of protection you selected through the Buffers.**

We currently offer the following Index Strategies: Point-to-Point with Cap, Tiered Participation Rate and Step Rate Plus. These Index Strategies are explained below. Not all Index Strategies will be available with all Indices, Buffers, and in all available Index Strategy Terms. As a result of economic market conditions, or utilization of the Index Strategies, we reserve the right to add and remove Index Strategies at any time. Additions or removals would be effective with any newly issued contracts or upon reallocation for any existing contract holders. Removals would not impact existing contract holders currently allocated to an Index Strategy prior to the Index Strategy End Date. You will receive a Reallocation Notice 30 days prior to your Index Anniversary Date. You must provide instructions for reallocation in Good Order (by any method allowable) no later than the Index Anniversary Date. The reallocation will be processed on the Index Anniversary Date. You will be able to make reallocation selections via mail, phone, or through online access. For currently available Options please see our website at [www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com).

The minimum amount required to allocate to any Index Strategy is \$2,000. There is no maximum amount that can be allocated to an Index Strategy. If you are allocating to an Index Strategy with an additional Purchase Payment, please note that we reserve the right to limit, suspend or reject any additional Purchase Payment at any time, but would do so only on a non-discriminatory basis.

### Index Strategy Term

The Index Strategy Term is the time period allocated to each Index Strategy. The term begins on the Index Strategy Start Date and ends on the Index Strategy End Date. Index Strategy Terms of 1, 3, and 6 years are available and may vary based on the Index Strategy. The Index Strategy Start Date begins on the day you allocate funds to any Index Strategy, known as the Index Effective Date. The annual anniversary of this date is the Index Anniversary Date and will not change for the life of your contract. You may only allocate to an Index Strategy on an Index Anniversary Date.

### Indices

Each Index Strategy references an Index that determines the Index Return used to compute the Index Credit. **These Indices are not funds and are not available for direct investment.** We currently offer Index Strategies based on the following securities indices:

**S&P 500® Index, Price Return (SPX).** The S&P 500® Index is comprised of 500 stocks considered representative of the overall market. An index is unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

**MSCI EAFE Index, Price Return (MXEA).** The MSCI EAFE Index measures the equity market performance of 22 developed market country indices located in Europe, Australasia and the Far East. An index is unmanaged and not available for direct investment.

**Invesco QQQ ETF, Price Return (QQQ).** The Invesco QQQ ETF is an exchange-traded fund that seeks to track the investment results of the NASDAQ-100 Index®. The Index includes the 100 largest non-financial companies listed on the Nasdaq® based on market cap.

**iShares® Russell 2000 ETF, Price Return (IWM).** The iShares® Russell 2000 ETF seeks to track the investment results of the Russell® 2000 Index, an index composed of small-capitalization U.S. equities. The Russell® 2000 Index measures the performance of the small capitalization sector of the U.S. equity market, as defined by FTSE Russell.

When you allocate to an Index Strategy that is linked to the performance of an ETF you are not investing in the ETF. Index-based ETFs seek to track the investment results of a specific market index. Due to a variety of factors, including the fees and expenses associated with an ETF, an ETF's performance may not fully replicate or may, in certain circumstances, diverge significantly from the performance of the underlying index. This potential divergence between the ETF and the specific market index is known as tracking error. Although we believe that we will be viewed as the owner of the Index Strategy for tax purposes, there is no legal guidance to indicate how the IRS might view access to an ETF linked Index Strategy coupled with frequent transfers among investment options.

Index Returns for Index Strategies linked to an ETF are based on the closing share price (price return) of each respective Index. Index Strategies linked to an ETF do not include dividends and other distributions declared by the Index.

If an Index is discontinued or substantially changes, we reserve the right to select an alternative Index and we will notify you of any such changes. For these purposes, an Index would be substantially changed if an index sponsor announces that it will make a material change in the formula for the Index or the method of calculating the Index or in any other way materially modifies the Index. We would attempt to choose a substitute Index that has a similar investment objective and risk profile to the replaced Index. Upon substitution of an Index, we will calculate your Index Return on the replaced Index up until the date of substitution and the substitute Index from the date of substitution to the Index Strategy End Date. An Index substitution will not change your Index Strategy. The performance of the new Index may not be as good as the one that it substituted and as a result your Index Return may have been better if there had been no substitution. When we notify you of any substitution of an Index, we will also inform you of the potential impacts to your Index Credit. You may transfer your allocation in the impacted Index Strategy, at Interim Value, to the Variable Investment Subaccounts, where you may then use the funds to start a new Index Strategy on the next Index Anniversary Date.

**See Appendix B for important information about the Indices.**

Withdrawals may be subject to tax charges. Withdrawals taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date will be based on the Interim Value. In the case of a partial withdrawal before the Index Strategy End Date, the Index Strategy Base will be reduced in the same proportion that the total withdrawal reduced the Interim Value.

**NOTE REGARDING EXAMPLES**

The Examples set forth below, as well as other Examples found throughout this prospectus, are intended to illustrate how various features of the Annuity work. These Examples should not be considered a representation of past or future performance of any Index Strategies. Actual performance may be greater or less than those shown in the Examples. Similarly, the Index Returns in the Examples are not an estimate or guarantee of future Index performance. The Caps, Participation Rates, Step Rates, and Buffers for the Index Strategies shown in the following Examples are for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect actual declared rates. **In addition, values may be rounded for display purposes only.**

**BUFFERS**

The Buffer limits the amount of negative Index Credit that may be applied to the Account Value allocated to an Index Strategy. We will declare Buffers that will be available on the Index Strategy Start Date for each Index Strategy.

The Annuity offers Index Strategies with 5%, 10%, 15%, 20%, and 100% Buffers. **The Buffer is the amount of the protected negative return. Any negative Index Credits in excess of the Buffer reduces the Account Value allocated to the Index Strategy.**

**EXAMPLE**

Index Strategy Start Date = 1/8/2020  
Index Strategy = 1-Year Point-to-Point with Cap and a 10% Buffer  
Index Value at Index Strategy Start Date = 1569  
Index Strategy Base = \$100,000

Index Strategy End Date = 1/8/2021  
Index Value at Index Strategy End Date = 1333  
Index Return = -15%  $((1333-1569)/1569)$   
Index Strategy Base upon Index Strategy End Date = \$95,000  $(\$100,000-\$5,000)$

**Because the Buffer protects the first 10% of the loss, the Index Strategy only experiences a 5% loss (-15% Index Return + 10% Buffer = -5% Loss) or  $\$100,000 \times -5.00\% = -\$5,000$ .**

The following year, assuming the same Index Strategy:

Index Strategy End Date = 1/8/2022  
Index Value at Index Strategy End Date = 1298

Index Return = -3%  
Index Strategy Base upon Index Strategy End Date = \$95,000

**Because the Buffer protects against the first 10% of the loss, the Index Strategy experiences no loss of Account Value because the loss in the Index Return was less than the 10% Buffer.**

**POINT-TO-POINT WITH CAP INDEX STRATEGY**

The Cap Rate is the maximum rate that may be credited to an Index Strategy for any given Index Strategy Term. A different Cap Rate may be declared for different Indices, Buffers and Index Strategy Terms. The Point-to-Point with Cap Index Strategy is available in 1, 3, and 6-year Terms.

If the Index Return is positive and equal to or greater than the Cap Rate, then the Index Credit is equal to the Cap Rate. If the Index Return is positive, but less than the Cap Rate, the Index Credit is equal to the Index Return.

If the Index Return is negative, but less than or equal to the Buffer, the Index Credit is zero. Otherwise, the Index Credit is equal to the negative Index Return in excess of the Buffer.

**EXAMPLES 1 AND 2**

Cap: 12%; Buffer: 10%

- **Upside potential** equals 100% of the Index Return up to a Cap of 12%.
  - i. Example 1: if the Index increased by 4%, an amount that is less than the Cap, the Index Credit would be 4%.

- ii. Example 2: if the Index increased by 20%, which is greater than the Cap, the Index Credit would be 12%, which is equal to the Cap Rate.
- **Partial downside protection** is provided through the Buffer where Index losses within the Buffer are protected. Index losses that exceed the Buffer will result in a loss of Account Value.
  - i. Example 1: if the Index decreased by 4%, an amount within the Buffer, the Index Credit would be 0%, with no loss of Account Value.
  - ii. Example 2: if the Index decreased by 12%, which is greater than the 10% Buffer, there would be a loss of Account Value because the Index Credit would be -2%.

The initial Cap Rate applies to the initial Index Strategy Term. We will declare a Cap Rate for each subsequent Index Strategy Term. In some cases we may declare a Cap Rate for an Index Strategy as “uncapped” in which case the maximum Index Credit you may receive is equal to the Index Return, subject to the Buffer.

Subsequent Cap Rates may be higher or lower than the initial Cap Rate but will never be less than the Guaranteed Minimum Cap Rate. Subsequent Cap Rates may differ from the Cap Rates used for new contracts or for other contracts issued at different times. We will determine new Cap Rates on a basis that does not discriminate unfairly within any class of contracts. The Guaranteed Minimum Cap Rate may vary by Index Strategy Term. The Guaranteed Minimum Cap Rate equals 1.00% for a one-year Index Strategy Term, 5.00% for a three-year Index Strategy Term and 10.00% for a six-year Index Strategy Term.

#### STEP RATE PLUS INDEX STRATEGY

The Step Rate is the declared rate that will be credited to an Index Strategy for any given Index Strategy Term if the Index Return is between zero (including zero) and the declared Step Rate. When the Index Return is zero or positive, the Step Rate is the minimum amount of Index Credit that would be applied. The Participation Rate used in the Step Rate Plus Index Strategy is the percentage of an Index Return that may be credited if the Index Return exceeds the Step Rate. A Participation Rate only applies when the Index Return is positive and greater than the Step Rate.

If the Index Return is between zero (including zero) and the declared Step Rate, then the Index Credit is equal to the Step Rate. If the Index Return is greater than the Step Rate, the Index Credit is equal to the greater of the Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate or the Step Rate. If the Index Return is negative, but less than or equal to the Buffer, the Index Credit is zero. Otherwise, the Index Credit is equal to the negative Index Return in excess of the Buffer. The Step Rate Plus Index Strategies with 5% Buffers are not available in the state of Pennsylvania.

A different Step Rate and Participation Rate may be declared for different Indices, Buffers, and Index Strategy Terms.

#### EXAMPLES 1, 2 AND 3

Step Rate: 6%; Participation Rate: 90%; Buffer: 5%

- **Upside potential** equals the Step Rate if the Index Return is between 0% and the Step Rate. If greater than the Step Rate, the Index Credit is equal to the greater of the Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate or the Step Rate.
  - o Example 1: if the Index increased by 4%, an amount that is less than the Step Rate, the Index Credit would be 6% (the Step Rate).
  - o Example 2: if the Index increased by 20%, which is greater than the Step Rate, the Index Credit would be the greater of 90% (the Participation Rate) of 20%, which is 18% or the Step Rate. In this Example, the Index Credit would be 18% as it is the greater value.
  - o Example 3: if the Index increased by 6.50%, which is greater than the Step Rate, the Index Credit would be the greater of 90% (the Participation Rate) of 6.50%, which is 5.85% or the Step Rate. In this Example, the Index Credit would be the Step Rate of 6% as it is the greater value.
- **Partial downside** is provided through the Buffer where Index losses within the Buffer are protected. Index losses that exceed the Buffer will result in a loss of Account Value.
  - o Example 1: if the Index decreased by 4%, an amount within the Buffer, the Index Credit would be 0%, with no loss of Account Value.
  - o Example 2: if the Index decreased by 12%, which is greater than the 5% Buffer, there would be a loss of Account Value because the Index Credit would be -7%.

There is no maximum amount of Index Credit with the Step Rate Plus Index Strategy.

The initial Step Rate and Participation Rate applies to the initial Index Strategy Term. We will declare new Step Rate and Participation Rate for each subsequent Index Strategy Term.

Subsequent Step Rates and Participation Rates may be higher or lower than the initial Step Rate and Participation Rate but will never be less than the Guaranteed Minimum Step Rate and Guaranteed Minimum Participation Rate. The Guaranteed Minimum Step Rate equals 1.00%. The

Guaranteed Minimum Participation Rate will not be less than 60.00%. Subsequent Step Rates and Participation Rates may differ from the Step Rates and Participation Rates used for new contracts or for other contracts issued at different times. We will determine new Step Rates and Participation Rates on a basis that does not discriminate unfairly within any class of contracts.

#### **TIERED PARTICIPATION RATE INDEX STRATEGY**

The Participation Rate is the percentage of an Index Return that may be credited to an Index Strategy for any given Index Strategy Term. We will declare a 1st Tier Participation Rate, 2nd Tier Participation Rate, and a Tier Level at the start of each Index Strategy Term. The 1st Tier Participation Rate is used to calculate the Index Credit associated with any Index Return less than or equal to the declared Tier Level. The 2nd Tier Participation Rate is used to calculate the Index Credit associated with any Index Return greater than the declared Tier Level. A different Participation Rate and Tier Level may be declared for different Indices, Buffers, and Index Strategy Terms. Participation Rates only apply when the Index Return is positive. The Tiered Participation Rate Index Strategies with 5% buffers are not available in the state of Pennsylvania.

If the Index Return is between zero and the declared Tier Level, then the Index Credit is equal to the Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate for the 1st tier. If the Index Return is greater than or equal to the declared Tier Level, the Index Credit is the sum of the Tier Level Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate for the 1st tier and the remaining Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate for the 2nd tier. If the Index Return is negative, but less than or equal to the Buffer, the Index Credit is zero. Otherwise, the Index Credit is equal to the negative Index Return in excess of the Buffer.

#### **EXAMPLES 1 AND 2**

1st Tier Participation Rate: 100%; 2nd Tier Participation Rate: 140%; Tier Level: 30%; Buffer: 10%

- **Upside potential** equals the Index Return multiplied by the Participation Rate associated with the Tier Level of 30%.
  - Example 1: if the Index increased by 28%, which is less than the Tier Level, the Index Credit would be 100% of the 28% increase, which would be 28%.
  - Example 2: if the Index increased by 68%, which is above the Tier Level, the Index Credit would be 100% of the first 30% increase plus 140% of the remaining 38% increase, which equals 83.2%.
- **Partial downside protection** is provided through the Buffer where index losses within the Buffer are protected. Index losses that exceed the Buffer will result in a loss of Account Value.
  - i. Example 1: if the Index decreased by 4%, an amount within the Buffer, the Index Credit would be 0%, with no loss in Account Value.
  - ii. Example 2: if the Index decreased by 12%, which is greater than the 10% Buffer, there would be a loss of Account Value because the Index Credit would be -2%.

There is no maximum amount of Index Credit with a Tiered Participation Rate Index Strategy.

The initial Participation Rates and Tier Levels apply to the initial Index Strategy Term. We will declare new Participation Rates and Tier Levels for each subsequent Index Strategy Term.

Subsequent Participation Rates may be higher or lower than the initial Participation Rates but will never be less than the Guaranteed Minimum Participation Rate. The Guaranteed Minimum Participation Rate equals 100%. Subsequent Tier Levels may be higher or lower than the initial Tier Level but will never exceed the Guaranteed Maximum Tier Level. The Guaranteed Maximum Tier Level equals 35%.

Subsequent Participation Rates and Tier Levels may differ from the Participation Rates and Tier Levels used for new contracts or for other contracts issued at different times. We will determine new Participation Rates and Tier Levels on a basis that does not discriminate unfairly within any class of contracts.

## VARIABLE INVESTMENT SUBACCOUNTS

In this section, we describe the Portfolios in which the Variable Subaccounts invest. Each Variable Subaccount invests in a Portfolio whose share price generally fluctuates each Valuation Day. The Portfolios that you select are your choice – we do not provide investment advice, nor do we recommend any particular Portfolio. Please consult with your Financial Professional if you wish to obtain investment advice. You bear the investment risk for amounts allocated to the Portfolios.

### VARIABLE INVESTMENT SUBACCOUNTS

Each Variable Subaccount is a subaccount of Pruco Life Insurance Company Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account (see “Information About the Insurance Company and Separate Accounts” for more detailed information). Each Subaccount invests exclusively in one Portfolio. You should carefully read the prospectus for any Portfolio in which you are interested. The chart below provides a description of each Portfolio’s investment objective to assist you in determining which Portfolios may be of interest to you.

The Portfolios are not publicly traded mutual funds. They are only available as investment options in variable annuity contracts and variable life insurance policies issued by insurance companies, or in some cases, to participants in certain qualified retirement plans. However, some of the Portfolios available as Subaccounts under the Annuity are managed by the same Portfolio adviser or subadviser as a retail mutual fund of the same or similar name that the Portfolio may have been modeled after at its inception. While the investment objective and policies of the retail mutual funds and the Portfolios may be substantially similar, the actual investments will differ to varying degrees. Differences in the performance of the funds and Portfolios can be expected, and in some cases could be substantial. You should not compare the performance of a publicly traded mutual fund with the performance of any similarly named Portfolio offered as a Subaccount. Details about the investment objectives, policies, risks, costs and management of the Portfolios are found in the prospectuses for the Portfolios. There is no guarantee that any 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 or at [www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com).

This Annuity offers a Portfolio managed by PGIM Investments LLC, an affiliated company of Pruco Life (“Affiliated Portfolio”) and Portfolios managed by companies not affiliated with Pruco Life (“Unaffiliated Portfolio”). Pruco Life and its affiliates (“Prudential Companies”) receive fees and payments from both the Affiliated Portfolio and the Unaffiliated Portfolios. Prudential Companies may receive revenue sharing payments from the Unaffiliated Portfolios. We consider the amount of these fees and payments when determining which Portfolios to offer through the Annuity. As indicated next to each Portfolio’s description in the table that follows, each Portfolio has one or more investment advisers or subadvisers that conduct day to day management. We have an incentive to offer Portfolios with certain investment advisers or subadvisers, either because the subadviser is a Prudential Company or because the investment adviser or subadviser provides payments or support, including distribution and marketing support, to the Prudential Companies. We may consider those financial incentive factors in determining which Portfolios to offer under the Annuity. Pruco Life has selected the Portfolios for inclusion as investment options 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. Please see “Additional 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 the potential risk to us of offering a Portfolio in light of the benefits provided by the Annuity.

We may substitute one or more of the Subaccounts or terminate the availability of a Subaccount at any time. We would not do this without any necessary SEC and/or state regulatory approval. We will provide you specific notice in advance of any substitution we intend to make and the Subaccount(s) to which your affected Account Value would be transferred on the substitution date unless you made a different election before the substitution. We will also notify you if a Subaccount will no longer be available. Additionally, the Portfolios could undertake transactions that could limit or terminate their availability as investment options, including transactions to merge with another investment, or to liquidate. Any such transactions would be subject to applicable regulatory and/or shareholder approval. You will receive specific notice in advance of the merger or liquidation of a Portfolio, and we will explain how we will allocate future Purchase Payments directed to such a Portfolio in the absence of different allocation instructions from you. Any allocation we make in the absence of different allocation instructions from you would be subject to applicable regulatory guidance or approval.

**The following table contains limited information about the Portfolios. Before selecting a Variable Subaccount, you should carefully review the summary prospectuses and/or prospectuses for the Portfolios, which contain details about the investment objectives, policies, risks, costs and management of the Portfolios. You can obtain the summary prospectuses and prospectuses for the Portfolios by calling 1-888-PRU-2888 or at [www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com).**

| PORTFOLIO NAME                                                                                                                   | INVESTMENT OBJECTIVE(S)                                                                                        | PORTFOLIO ADVISER(S)/SUBADVISER(S)       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|
| <b>MFS® International Growth Portfolio – Initial Class</b>                                                                       | <i>Seek capital appreciation.</i>                                                                              | Massachusetts Financial Services Company |
| <b>MFS® Total Return Bond Series – Initial Class</b>                                                                             | <i>Seeks total return with an emphasis on current income, but also considering capital appreciation.</i>       | Massachusetts Financial Services Company |
| <b>MFS® Total Return Series – Initial Class</b>                                                                                  | <i>Seeks total return.</i>                                                                                     | Massachusetts Financial Services Company |
| <b>MFS® Value Series – Initial Class</b>                                                                                         | <i>Seeks capital appreciation.</i>                                                                             | Massachusetts Financial Services Company |
| <b>PSF PGIM Government Money Market Portfolio - Class I</b><br><i>(formerly PSF Government Money Market Portfolio – Class I)</i> | <i>Seeks maximum current income consistent with the stability of capital and the maintenance of liquidity.</i> | PGIM Fixed Income                        |

PGIM Fixed Income is a business unit of PGIM, Inc.

PGIM Investments LLC manages the PSF PGIM Government Money Market Portfolio of the Prudential Series Fund (PSF).

## INFORMATION ABOUT THE INSURANCE COMPANY AND SEPARATE ACCOUNTS

### PRUCO LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

Pruco Life Insurance Company ("Pruco Life") is a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Prudential Insurance Company of America ("Prudential Insurance"), which in turn is a direct wholly-owned subsidiary of Prudential Financial, Inc. ("Prudential Financial"). 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, and sells such products primarily through affiliated and unaffiliated distributors.

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 an optional living benefit or death benefit and the value of that benefit exceeds your current Account Value, you would rely solely on the ability of the issuing insurance company to make payments under the benefit out of its own assets. Prudential Financial, however, exercises significant influence over the operations and capital structure of Pruco Life.

Pursuant to the delivery obligations under Section 5 of the Securities Act of 1933 ("Securities Act") and Rule 159 thereunder, Pruco Life delivers this prospectus to current Owners that reside outside of the United States. In addition, we may not market or offer benefits, features or enhancements to prospective or current Owners while outside of the United States.

### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN DOCUMENTS BY REFERENCE

Pruco Life Insurance Company incorporates by reference into the prospectus its latest [annual report on Form 10-K as of December 31, 2020](#) filed pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") since the end of the fiscal year covered by its latest annual report. In addition, all documents subsequently filed by us pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act also are incorporated into the prospectus by reference. We 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, 751 Broad Street, Newark, NJ 07102-3777 or by calling 1-888-PRU-2888. We file periodic reports as required under the Exchange Act. 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 [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov)). Our internet address is [www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com).

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the separate accounts and Pruco Life Insurance Company are included in the Statement of Additional Information.

### THE SEPARATE ACCOUNTS

The separate accounts are where Pruco Life sets aside and invests the assets supporting the Annuity. The assets of each separate account are held in the name of Pruco Life, and legally belong to us. We will maintain assets in each separate account with a total market value at least equal to the cash surrender value and other liabilities we must maintain related to the Annuity obligations supported by such assets. The obligations under the Annuity are those of Pruco Life, which is the issuer of the Annuity and the depositor of the separate accounts. More detailed information about Pruco Life, including its audited consolidated financial statements, is provided in the Statement of Additional Information.

#### Pruco Life Insurance Company Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account

The assets supporting obligations based on allocations to the Subaccounts are held in Subaccounts of Pruco Life Insurance Company Flexible Premium Variable Annuity Account, also referred to as "Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account". Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account assets that are held in support of the Subaccount are kept separate from all our other assets and may not be chargeable with liabilities arising out of any other business we may conduct. Thus, income, gains and losses from assets allocated to Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account are credited to or charged against Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account, without regard to other income, gains or losses of Pruco Life or any other of our separate accounts.

Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account was established by us pursuant to Arizona law on June 16, 1995. Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account also holds assets of other annuities issued by us with values and benefits that vary according to the investment performance of Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account.

Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account consists of multiple Subaccounts. Each Subaccount invests only in a single mutual fund or mutual fund portfolio. The name of each Subaccount generally corresponds to the name of the Portfolio. Each Subaccount in Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account may have several different Unit Prices to reflect the Insurance Charge, Distribution Charge (when applicable) and the charges for any optional benefits that are offered under the Annuity issued by us through Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account. Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account is registered with the SEC under the Investment Company Act of 1940 ("Investment Company Act") as a unit investment trust, which is a type of investment company. The SEC does not supervise investment policies, management or practices of Pruco Life Variable Annuity Account. We may offer new Subaccounts, eliminate Subaccounts, or combine Subaccounts at our sole discretion. We may also close Subaccounts to additional Purchase Payments on existing annuities or close Subaccounts for annuities purchased on or after specified dates. 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 SEC pronouncements and only after obtaining an order from the SEC, if required. If investment in the Portfolios or a particular Portfolio is no longer possible, or in our discretion becomes inappropriate for purposes of the Annuity, or for any other rationale in our sole judgment, we may substitute another portfolio or investment Portfolios without your consent. The substituted portfolio may have different fees and expenses. Substitution may be made with respect to existing investments.

or the investment of future Purchase Payments, or both. However, we will not make such substitution without any required approval of the SEC and any applicable state insurance departments. In addition, we may close Portfolios to allocation of Purchase Payments or Account Value, or both, at any time in our sole discretion. We do not control the underlying mutual funds, so we cannot guarantee that any of those funds will always be available.

***Values and benefits based on allocations to the Subaccounts will vary with the investment performance of the underlying mutual funds or fund Portfolios, as applicable. We do not guarantee the investment results of any Subaccount. Your Account Value allocated to the Subaccounts may increase or decrease. You bear the entire investment risk. There is no assurance that the Account Value of your Annuity will equal or be greater than the total of the Purchase Payments you make to us.***

#### **Index Strategies Separate Account**

Assets supporting the Index Strategies are held in a non-insulated, non-unitized separate account established under Arizona law. These assets are subject to the claims of the creditors of Pruco Life and the benefits provided under the Index Strategies are subject to the claims paying ability of Pruco Life.

An Owner does not have any interest in or claim on the assets in the Separate Account. In addition, neither an Owner nor amounts allocated to the Index Strategies participate in the performance of the assets held in the Separate Account.

We are not obligated to invest according to specific guidelines or strategies except as may be required by Arizona and other state insurance laws.

**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. In the Payout Stage, assets supporting annuity payments are held in the General Account. 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, 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 aggregate, our direct and indirect costs of selling, administering and providing benefits under the Annuity. They are also designed, in 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 (as described in the "Insurance Charge" subsection of this section) 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 the 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 Subaccounts, please note that such charges are assessed through a reduction to the Unit Value of your investment in each Subaccount, and in that way reduce your Account Value. A "Unit" refers to a share of participation in a Subaccount used to calculate your Account Value prior to the Annuity Date. There are no explicit charges for the Index Strategies.

**Tax Charge:** Some states and some municipalities 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 Subaccounts and the Index Strategies equal to any taxes which may be imposed upon the Separate Accounts. "Surrender Value" refers to the Account Value less any applicable Tax Charges.

We will pay company income taxes on the taxable corporate earnings created by the 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 may pay under the Annuity. We will periodically review the issue of charging for taxes, and we may charge for taxes in the future. We reserve the right to impose a charge for taxes if we determine, in our sole discretion, that we will incur a tax as a result of the administration of the Contract, including any tax imposed with respect to the operation of the Separate Account or General 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. Under current law, such benefits include foreign tax credits and corporate dividend received deductions. We do not pass these tax benefits through to holders of the Separate Account annuity contracts because (i) the 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. We reserve the right to change these tax practices.

**Insurance Charge:** The Insurance Charge is charged daily based on the annualized rate shown in the "Summary of Contract Fees and Charges" for the amount of Purchase Payments in your Annuity on each Valuation Day allocated to the Variable Investment Subaccounts. On any Valuation Day, your Purchase Payments will equal the sum of all Purchase Payments prior to the application of any fees, charges, or Tax Charges applied to your Annuity less all withdrawals taken from your Annuity, which includes withdrawals you take from the Annuity as Required Minimum Distributions. Currently, we offer two levels of the Insurance Charge depending on whether your Purchase Payments are less than \$1,000,000, or equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 on any Valuation Day. If your Purchase Payments are less than \$1,000,000, you will pay a higher Insurance Charge at that time than you would pay if your Purchase Payments were \$1,000,000 or more.

The Insurance Charge is intended to compensate Pruco Life for providing the insurance benefits under each Annuity and the risk that persons we guarantee annuity payments to will live longer than our assumptions. The charge covers the mortality and expense risk and administration charges. Furthermore, the charge also compensates us for our administrative costs associated with providing the Annuity benefits, including preparation of the contract and prospectus, confirmation statements, quarterly account statements and annual reports, legal and accounting fees as well as various related expenses. Finally, the charge compensates us for the risk that our assumptions about the mortality risks and expenses under each Annuity are incorrect and that we have agreed not to increase these charges over time despite our actual costs. The charge is not applicable to any allocations to the Index Strategy Options.

**Fees and Expenses Incurred by the Portfolios:** Each Portfolio incurs total annualized operating expenses comprised of an investment management fee, other expenses and any short sale expenses that may apply. These fees and expenses are assessed against each Portfolio's net assets and reflected daily by each 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 summary prospectuses and prospectuses for the Portfolios, which can be obtained by calling 1-888-PRU-2888.

#### **ANNUITY PAYMENT OPTION CHARGES**

If you select a fixed payment option upon Annuitization, the amount of each fixed payment will depend on the Account Value of your Annuity when you elect 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 portion of the 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.

#### **FEES ASSOCIATED WITH FEE-BASED FINANCIAL PLANS OR INVESTMENT ADVISORY SERVICES**

The Annuity is available through registered investment advisers who may use it as part of a more comprehensive fee-based financial plan or may use the Annuity in connection with investment advisory services provided to you. In connection with that plan or the advisory services, your investment firm or investment adviser may offer investment advice for a fee. The fee for this advice is set by your investment adviser and is covered in a separate agreement between you and your adviser. We are not a party to that agreement and we have not made any independent review of your investment adviser, the agreement under which you receive investment advisory services, or the fee for those services.

## VALUING YOUR INVESTMENT AND INTERIM VALUE OF INDEX STRATEGIES

### 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). Generally, financial transactions received in Good Order before the close of regular trading on the NYSE will be processed according to the value next determined following the close of business. Financial transactions received on a non-business day or after the close of regular trading on the NYSE will be processed based on the value next computed on the next Valuation Day.

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.

### VALUING THE VARIABLE INVESTMENT SUBACCOUNTS

When you allocate Account Value to a Variable Investment Subaccount, you are purchasing Units of the Variable Investment Subaccount. Each Variable Investment Subaccount invests exclusively in shares of a Portfolio. The value of the Units fluctuates with the market ups and downs of the Portfolios. 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 each Variable Investment Subaccount, called the "Unit Price". The Unit Price is used for determining the value of transactions involving Units of the Variable Investment Subaccounts. The Unit Price for each Variable Subaccount is the net investment factor for that Valuation Period, multiplied by the Unit Price for the immediately preceding Valuation Day. The Unit Price for a Valuation Period applies to each Valuation Day in the Period. The net investment factor is an index that measures the investment performance of and charges assessed against, a Variable Subaccount from one Valuation Period to the next. See Appendix C for calculation of net investment factor. We determine the number of Units involved in any transaction by dividing the dollar value of the transaction by the Unit Price of the Variable Investment Subaccount as of the Valuation Day. There may be several different Unit Prices for each Variable Investment Subaccount to reflect the Insurance Charge. The Unit Price for the Units you purchase will be based on the total charges that apply to your Annuity.

#### Example

Assume you allocate \$5,000 to a Variable Investment Subaccount. On the Valuation Day you make the allocation, the Unit Price is \$14.83. Your \$5,000 buys 337.154 Units of the Variable Investment Subaccount. Assume that later, you wish to transfer \$3,000 of your Account Value out of that Variable Investment Subaccount and into another Variable Investment Subaccount. On the Valuation Day you request the transfer, the Unit Price of the original Variable Investment Subaccount has increased to \$16.79 and the Unit Price of the new Variable Investment Subaccount is \$17.83. To transfer \$3,000, we redeem 178.677 Units at the current Unit Price, leaving you 158.477 Units. We then buy \$3,000 of Units of the new Variable Investment Subaccount at the Unit Price of \$17.83. You would then have 168.255 Units of the new Variable Investment Subaccount.

### INTERIM VALUE OF INDEX STRATEGIES

On each Valuation Day during the year, other than the Index Strategy Start Date and Index Strategy End Date, each Index Strategy is valued using an Interim Value. The Interim Value is used to calculate amounts available for withdrawal (including systematic withdrawals), withdrawals taken to pay Advisory Fees, surrender, transfer, annuitization or payment of a death claim. **The Interim Value also is used to determine how much the Index Strategy Base will be reduced after a transfer or withdrawal.**

The Interim Value is also included in the Account Value and Surrender Value to reflect the amount in the applicable Index Strategy prior to the Index Strategy End Date. The Interim Value reflects the value of each Index Strategy taking into account the current price of the underlying Index, the time remaining until the Index Strategy End Date, and the current value of the investments we have made to fund our obligations under the Index Strategy. The Interim Value is an estimate of the current value of fixed income and derivative instruments we could purchase to assure our ability to meet our obligations to the Owner at an Index Strategy End Date. We use a portfolio of fixed income instruments and derivatives to replicate our obligations to calculate Index Credit for the Index Strategies. These derivatives are valued using the Black-Scholes Model. There are many external factors that may impact the Interim Value including changes in the Indices, changes in the interest rate environment, and volatility.

The Interim Value assesses the fair value of the assets allocated to the Index Strategy (Index Strategy Base) plus the current value of the portfolio of options utilized to replicate the performance of these Index Strategies.

The Interim Value for the applicable Index Strategy is equal to (1) + (2) where:

- (1) is the fair value of the Index Strategy Base on the Valuation Day the Interim Value is calculated.

(2) is the current value of replicating the portfolio of options

1. The fair value of the Index Strategy Base is meant to represent the market value of the investments supporting each Index Strategy.

The Market Value Index Rate will apply on a uniform basis for a class of Owners in the same Index Strategy and will be administered in a uniform and non-discriminatory manner.

The Market Value Index Rate is the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Credit Index rate. The Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Credit Index is the rate for the maturity using a set duration. The duration is set to represent the duration of the investments supporting the Index Strategy and may not match the actual length of the Index Strategy.

If the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Credit Index yield is not published for a particular day, then we will use the yield on the next day it is published. If the Bloomberg Barclays U.S. Intermediate Credit Index yield is no longer published, or is discontinued, then we may substitute another suitable method for determining this component of the Market Value Index Rate.

2. Current value of replicating the portfolio of options – We utilize a fair market value methodology to value replicating the portfolio of options that support this product.

For each Index Strategy, we solely designate and value options, each of which is tied to the performance of the Index associated with the Index Strategy. We use derivatives to provide an estimate of the gain or loss on the Index Strategy Base that could occur at the end of the Index Strategy Term. This estimate also reflects the impact of the Cap Rate, Participation Rate, Tier Level, Step Rate and Buffer at the end of the Index Strategy Term as well as the estimated cost of exiting the replicating options prior to the Index Strategy End Date. The valuation of the options is based on standard methods for valuing derivatives and based on inputs from third party vendors. The methodology used to value these options is determined solely by us and may vary, higher or lower, from other estimated valuations or the actual selling price of identical derivatives. Any variance between our estimated fair value price and other estimated or actual prices may be different from Index Strategy type to Index Strategy type and may also change from day to day.

**See Appendix A for additional information regarding the Interim Value calculation.**

#### **EXAMPLE**

Index Effective Date: 12/2/2019

Purchase Payment: \$150,000

Allocated to:

- 33% 1-Year Step Rate Plus; S&P 500; Step Rate 5%; Participation Rate 90%; Buffer 5%
- 33% 3-Year Point-to-Point Cap Rate; S&P 500; Cap Rate 75%; Buffer 10%
- 34% 6-Year Tiered Participation Rate; S&P 500; Tier 1 100%; Tier 2 140%; Tier Level 30%; Buffer 10%

**Note on examples: months are assumed to have 30 days and years are assumed to have 365 days.**

#### On the Index Effective Date

|                                                | Step Rate Plus | Point-to- Point Cap Rate | Tiered Part Rate |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Index Strategy Term (in months)                | 12             | 36                       | 72               |
| Months elapsed since Index Strategy Start Date | 0              | 0                        | 0                |
| Index Strategy Base                            | \$49,500       | \$49,500                 | \$51,000         |
| Buffer                                         | 5%             | 10%                      | 10%              |
| <b>Index Strategy rate</b>                     | <b>5%</b>      | <b>75%</b>               | <b>100%/140%</b> |
| Months until Index Strategy End Date           | 12             | 36                       | 72               |
| Market Index Rate on Index Strategy Start Date | 2.00%          | 5.00%                    | 8.00%            |
| Starting Index Value                           |                | 1,000                    |                  |
| Total Account Value                            |                | \$150,000                |                  |

#### Index Return is Negative

|                                                   |                    |                     |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Months elapsed since Index Strategy Start Date    | 9                  | 9                   | 9                  |
| Time Remaining in Index Strategy Term (in months) | 3                  | 27                  | 63                 |
| Index Value on Calculation Date                   |                    | 800                 |                    |
| Index Return on Calculation Date                  |                    | <b>-20%</b>         |                    |
| Market Index Rate on Calculation Date             | 3.00%              | 6.00%               | 9.00%              |
| 1. Fair Value of Index Strategy Bas               | \$48,496.25        | \$46,847.82         | \$45,813.71        |
| 2. Options value                                  | \$(7,401.540)      | \$(6,166.880)       | \$(5,753.380)      |
| <b>Interim Value for each Strategy (1+2)</b>      | <b>\$41,094.71</b> | <b>\$40,680.95</b>  | <b>\$40,060.33</b> |
| <b>Total Account Value</b>                        |                    | <b>\$121,835.99</b> |                    |

#### Index Return is Positive

|                                                   |                    |                     |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Months elapsed since Index Strategy Start Date    | 9                  | 9                   | 9                  |
| Time Remaining in Index Strategy Term (in months) | 3                  | 27                  | 63                 |
| Index Value on Calculation Date                   |                    | 1200                |                    |
| Index Return on Calculation Date                  |                    | <b>20%</b>          |                    |
| Market Index Rate                                 | 3.00%              | 6.00%               | 9.00%              |
| 1. Fair Value of Index Strategy Base              | \$48,496.25        | \$46,847.82         | \$45,813.71        |
| 2. Options value                                  | \$8,887.29         | \$10,009.66         | \$13,519.43        |
| <b>Interim Value for each Strategy (1+2)</b>      | <b>\$57,383.54</b> | <b>\$56,857.49</b>  | <b>\$59,333.14</b> |
| <b>Total Account Value</b>                        |                    | <b>\$173,574.17</b> |                    |

The following Examples are applicable in Pennsylvania.

#### EXAMPLE

Index Effective Date: 12/2/2019

Purchase Payment: \$150,000

Allocated to:

- 33% 1-Year Point-to-Point Cap Rate; S&P 500; Cap Rate 17%; Buffer 10%
- 33% 3-Year Point-to-Point Cap Rate; S&P 500; Cap Rate 75%; Buffer 10%
- 34% 6-Year Tiered Participation Rate; S&P 500; Tier 1 100%; Tier 2 140%; Tier Level 30%; Buffer 10%

**Note on examples: months are assumed to have 30 days and years are assumed to have 365 days.**

**On the Index Effective Date**

|                                                | Point-to-Point Cap Rate | Point-to- Point Cap Rate | Tiered Part Rate |
|------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| Index Strategy Term (in months)                | 12                      | 36                       | 72               |
| Months elapsed since Index Strategy Start Date | 0                       | 0                        | 0                |
| Index Strategy Base                            | \$49,500                | \$49,500                 | \$51,000         |
| Buffer                                         | 10%                     | 10%                      | 10%              |
| <b>Index Strategy rate</b>                     | <b>17%</b>              | <b>75%</b>               | <b>100%/140%</b> |
| Months until Index Strategy End Date           | 12                      | 36                       | 72               |
| Market Index Rate on Index Strategy Start Date | 2.00%                   | 5.00%                    | 8.00%            |
| Starting Index Value                           |                         | 1,000                    |                  |
| Total Account Value                            |                         | \$150,000                |                  |

**Index Return is Negative**

|                                                   |                    |                     |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Months elapsed since Index Strategy Start Date    | 9                  | 9                   | 9                  |
| Time Remaining in Index Strategy Term (in months) | 3                  | 27                  | 63                 |
| Index Value on Calculation Date                   |                    | 800                 |                    |
| Index Return on Calculation Date                  |                    | -20%                |                    |
| Market Index Rate on Calculation Date             | 3.00%              | 6.00%               | 9.00%              |
| 1. Fair Value of Index Strategy Base              | \$49,082.84        | \$47,199.12         | \$45,965.59        |
| 2. Options value                                  | \$(5,155.19)       | \$(6,166.88)        | \$(5,753.38)       |
| Interim Value for each Strategy (1+2)             | <b>\$43,927.65</b> | <b>\$41,034.24</b>  | <b>\$40,212.21</b> |
| <b>Total Account Value</b>                        |                    | <b>\$125,174.10</b> |                    |

The Index Strategy Rate may differ depending on the Index Strategy, which is further outlined in Appendix A.

**Index Return is Positive**

|                                                   |                    |                     |                    |
|---------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Months elapsed since Index Strategy Start Date    | 9                  | 9                   | 9                  |
| Time Remaining in Index Strategy Term (in months) | 3                  | 27                  | 63                 |
| Index Value on Calculation Date                   |                    | 1200                |                    |
| Index Return on Calculation Date                  |                    | 20%                 |                    |
| Market Index Rate                                 | 3.00%              | 6.00%               | 9.00%              |
| 1. Fair Value of Index Strategy Base              | \$49,082.84        | \$47,199.12         | \$45,965.59        |
| 2. Options value                                  | \$7,583.70         | \$10,009.66         | \$13,519.43        |
| Interim Value for each Strategy (1+2)             | <b>\$56,666.54</b> | <b>\$57,208.78</b>  | <b>\$59,485.02</b> |
| <b>Total Account Value</b>                        |                    | <b>\$173,360.34</b> |                    |

The Index Strategy Rate may differ depending on the Index Strategy, which is further outlined in Appendix A.

## PURCHASING YOUR ANNUITY

### DESIGNATION OF OWNER, ANNUITANT, AND BENEFICIARY

**Owner, Annuitant and Beneficiary Designations:** We will ask you to name the Owner(s), Annuitant and one or more Beneficiaries for your Annuity.

- **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 a complete description of 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). We accept as entity Owners the following Nonqualified entities: corporations, limited liability companies, non-profit organizations and partnerships.
- **Annuitant:** The Annuitant is the person upon whose life we make annuity payments. You must name an Annuitant who is a natural person. 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 or Joint Annuitant will become the Annuitant if the Annuitant dies before the Annuity Date. For a Beneficiary Annuity, instead of an Annuitant there is a "Key Life" which is used to determine the annual required distributions. If an Annuitant who is not an Owner predeceases any Owner who is a natural person, not an entity: (a) if a Joint Annuitant is designated and alive, the Joint Annuitant becomes the Annuitant; (b) if no Joint Annuitant is designated and alive, the designated Contingent Annuitant becomes the Annuitant; (c) If no Contingent Annuitant is designated or alive, the Owner becomes the Annuitant; or (d) If no Joint Annuitant or Contingent Annuitant is designated or alive and there are multiple Owners who are natural persons, the oldest of such Owners becomes the Annuitant.
- **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 the Beneficiary dies after the death of the decedent, but before the Death Benefit proceeds are paid, the Death Benefit proceeds will be payable to the Beneficiary's estate upon our receipt of Due Proof of Death of the decedent. If no Beneficiary is alive when the Death Benefit proceeds are determined or there is no Beneficiary designation, the Death Benefit proceeds will be paid to you or your estate. For an Annuity that designates a custodian or a plan as Owner, the custodian or plan must also be designated as the Beneficiary. For Beneficiary Annuity, instead of a Beneficiary, the term "Successor" is used. If an Annuity is co-owned by spouses, we do not offer Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship (JTWROS). Both owners would need to be listed as the primary beneficiaries for the surviving spouse to maintain the contract, 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, Beneficiary Annuity 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.

**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, before the oldest of the Owner(s) and Annuitant(s) turns 81 years old. If you purchase a Beneficiary Annuity, the maximum issue age is 80 based on the Key Life. The broker-dealer firm through which you are purchasing an 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.

### REQUIREMENTS FOR PURCHASING THE ANNUITY

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

**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. This is the payment that issues 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, the Annuity has a required 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 the Annuity including any other Annuity 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 the Annuity and all other Annuity 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 Owner's ability to make certain transactions, and thereby refuse to accept Purchase Payments or requests for transfers, partial withdrawals, surrenders, total

withdrawals, death benefits, or Annuity 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.

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 by wiring funds through your Financial Professional's broker-dealer firm. Additional Purchase Payments may also be applied to your Annuity under an electronic funds transfer, an arrangement where you authorize us to deduct money directly from your bank account. 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.

Once we accept your application, we allocate your Purchase Payment, upon receipt, in your Annuity according to your instructions. You can allocate Purchase Payments to one or more available Index Strategies and Variable Investment Subaccounts.

We are required to allocate your initial Purchase Payment within two (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 five (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 two (2) Valuation Days.

With respect to your initial Purchase Payment that is pending investment in our Separate Accounts, 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 ups and downs 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, the insurer must promptly return the customer's funds at the customer's 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. Owners will not be credited with any interest earned on amounts held in that suspense account. The monies in such suspense account may be subject to claims of our general creditors.

#### **Allocation of Purchase Payments**

##### **Initial Purchase Payment(s)**

Issuance of an Annuity represents our acceptance of an initial Purchase Payment. You may allocate your initial Purchase Payment(s) to any combination of Variable Investment Subaccounts and Index Strategies. Allocations must be made in whole percentages and must equal 100%.

You can elect on your application 1) to start your Index Strategies on the Issue Date, 2) defer the portion of your initial Purchase Payment you intend to allocate to any Index Strategy for 30 days or 3) defer your initial Purchase Payment to a specified date or 4) a date in the future. Upon receipt of all paperwork we require in Good Order and the initial Purchase Payment, if you elect to defer your allocation to the Index Strategies for 30 days, that portion of your initial Purchase Payment will be allocated to the Holding Account. The Account Value in the Holding Account will then be reallocated to the Index Strategies you selected on the application, using the Index Strategy rates in effect on the Issue Date. If you elect to defer to a specific date or date in the future, the portion of your initial Purchase Payment for the Index Strategies will be allocated to the Holding Account, or Variable Subaccounts of your choosing, and reallocated to the Index Strategies you select on the date provided, or when a request is made to the Service Center, using the current Index Strategy rates applicable at that time if more than 30 days from the Issue Date. If there is no Account Value allocated to the Holding Account, no transfer to the Index Strategies and/or the Variable Subaccounts will occur.

If the Index Effective Date is not a Valuation Day, the initial index value for the Index Effective Date will be the following Valuation Day that the Index is calculated and published.

An Index Effective Date can be any calendar date except February 29<sup>th</sup>.

If you choose to only allocate your initial Purchase Payment to Variable Investment Subaccounts and not elect allocation to the Index Strategies (either at contract issue or 30 days after), you can transfer to the Index Strategies at a future date of your choosing, which would then establish the Index Effective Date and subsequent Index Anniversary Date.

##### **Subsequent Purchase Payment(s)**

Subsequent Purchase Payments received on an Index Anniversary Date may be used to start a new Index Strategy. Subsequent Purchase Payment(s) received between an Index Strategy Start Date and Index Strategy End Date will be allocated to the Variable Investment Subaccounts as instructed by the Owner. If you do not provide any instructions, the subsequent Purchase Payment(s) will be placed in the Holding Account. The Purchase Payment(s) may be transferred to an Index Strategy on the next Index Anniversary Date or may be transferred among the available Variable Investment Subaccounts at any time. See Reallocation/Transfer Guidelines in the "Managing Your Account Value" section below.

**Holding Account.** The Holding Account is the PSF PGIM Government Money Market Subaccount. The Holding Account will be used for additional Purchase Payments received between Index Anniversaries if you provided no other instructions for the Purchase Payment in any other available Variable Investment Subaccount. Since you may only allocate to the Index Strategies on Index Anniversaries, additional Purchase Payments will remain in the Holding Account (or Variable Investment Subaccount(s) of your choosing) until an Index Anniversary Date where they may be reallocated to the Index Strategies.

**Rate Hold.** Cap Rates, Participation Rates, and Step Rates will be held for 30 days from contract issue. This rate hold only applies if you chose to wait the 30 days to allocate to the Index Strategies.

**Additional Purchase Payments:** The minimum amount allocable to any Index Strategy is \$2,000, and the minimum amount allocable to any Variable Investment Subaccount is \$20. Currently you may make additional Purchase Payments, provided that the payment is at least \$100 (\$50 minimum for electronic funds transfer ("EFT") purchases).

You may make additional Purchase Payments, at any time before the earlier of (i) the Annuity Date and (ii) the oldest Owner's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday (the Annuitant's 81<sup>st</sup> birthday, if the Annuity is owned by an entity). We will allow Purchase Payments at least prior to the first anniversary of the Issue Date regardless of the oldest Owner's age, unless otherwise required by applicable law or regulation to maintain the tax status of the Annuity. No additional Purchase Payments are allowed if the Annuity is held as a Beneficiary Annuity. We will apply any additional Purchase Payment as of the Valuation Day that we receive it at our Service Office in Good Order. If you have not provided allocation instructions with an additional Purchase Payment, we will allocate the Purchase Payment to the Holding Account. We may limit, restrict, suspend or reject any additional Purchase Payments.

**We reserve the right to limit, suspend or reject any additional Purchase Payment at any time, but would do so only on a non-discriminatory basis.**

When you purchase the 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. Depending on the tax status of your Annuity (e.g., if you own the Annuity through an IRA), there may be annual contribution limits dictated by applicable law. Please see "Tax Considerations" for additional information on these contribution limits.

Additional Purchase Payments may also be limited if the total Purchase Payments under the Annuity and other Annuity equals or exceeds \$1,000,000.00, as described in more detail in the "Initial Purchase Payment" section above. Should you request a transaction that would leave less than the minimum Variable Subaccount amount or the minimum Index Strategy amount, we may, to the extent permitted by law, add the balance of your Account Value in the applicable Allocation Option to the transaction and close out your balance in the Allocation Option.

#### **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 the Annuity by mail is effective on being postmarked, properly addressed and postage prepaid. If the Annuity is a replacement contract, you may cancel your Annuity using the same method within thirty days beginning on the date the contract is received by the owner, or any longer period as may be required by applicable law in the state where the contract is delivered or issued for delivery.

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.

#### **SCHEDULED PAYMENTS DIRECTLY FROM A BANK ACCOUNT**

You can make additional Purchase Payments to your Annuity by authorizing us to deduct money directly from your bank account and applying it to your Annuity, unless the Annuity is held as a Beneficiary Annuity. No additional Purchase Payments are permitted if you have elected the Beneficiary Annuity. We may suspend or cancel electronic fund transfer privileges if sufficient funds are not available from the applicable financial institution on any date that a transaction is scheduled to occur. We may also suspend or cancel electronic fund transfer privileges if we have limited, restricted, suspended or terminated the ability of Owners to submit additional Purchase Payments.

**Scheduled Transactions:** Scheduled transactions include 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 Variable Investment Subaccounts. 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 Variable Investment Subaccounts 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 transfers and requests for 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"

#### **"Beneficiary" Annuity**

You may purchase an Annuity if you are a Beneficiary of an account that was owned by a decedent, except in the event that the decedent's account is an existing Prudential Beneficiary Annuity, subject to the following requirements. You may transfer the proceeds of the decedent's account into the Annuity described in this prospectus and receive distributions that are required by the tax laws.

Upon purchase, the Annuity will be issued in the name of the decedent for your benefit. You must take required distributions at least annually, which we will calculate based on the applicable life expectancy in the year of the decedent's death, using Table 1 in IRS Publication 590-B.

For IRAs and Roth IRAs, distributions must begin by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the year following the year of the decedent's death. If you are the surviving spouse Beneficiary, distributions may be deferred until the decedent would have attained age 70½ (or age 72, for distributions required to be made after December 31, 2019, with respect to individuals who attain 70½ after such date). However, if you choose to defer distributions, you are responsible for complying with the distribution requirements under the Code, and you must notify us when you would like distributions to begin. For additional information regarding the tax considerations applicable to Beneficiaries of an IRA or Roth IRA, see "Required Distributions Upon Your Death for Qualified Annuity Contracts" in "Tax Considerations".

For nonqualified Annuities, distributions must begin within one year of the decedent's death. For additional information regarding the tax considerations applicable to Beneficiaries of a nonqualified Annuity see "Required Distributions Upon Your Death for Nonqualified Annuity Contracts" in "Tax Considerations".

You may take withdrawals in excess of your required distributions. Any withdrawals you take count toward the required distribution for the year. All applicable charges will be assessed against your Annuity, such as the Total Insurance Charge.

The Annuity provides a Death Benefit upon death, and you may name "successors" who may receive the Death Benefit as a lump sum. Please note the following additional limitations for a Beneficiary Annuity:

- No additional Purchase Payments are permitted. You may only make a one-time initial Purchase Payment transferred to us directly from another annuity or eligible account. You may not make your Purchase Payment as an indirect rollover or combine multiple assets or death benefits into a single contract as part of this Beneficiary Annuity.
- You may not annuitize the Annuity; no annuity options are available.
- You may participate only in the following programs: Systematic Withdrawals.
- You may not assign or change ownership of the Annuity, and you may not change or designate another life upon which distributions are based. A Beneficiary Annuity may not be co-owned.
- If the Annuity is funded by means of transfer from another Beneficiary Annuity with another company, we require that the sending company or the beneficial Owner provide certain information in order to ensure that applicable required distributions have been made prior to the transfer of the contract proceeds to us. We further require appropriate information to enable us to accurately determine future distributions from the Annuity. Please note we are unable to accept a transfer of another Beneficiary Annuity where taxes are calculated based on an exclusion amount or an exclusion ratio of earnings to original investment. We are also unable to accept a transfer of an annuity that has annuitized.
- The beneficial Owner of the Annuity can be an individual, grantor trust, or, for an IRA or Roth IRA, an estate or a qualified trust. In general, a qualified trust (1) must be valid under state law; (2) must be irrevocable or became irrevocable by its terms upon the death of the IRA or Roth IRA Owner; and (3) the Beneficiaries of the trust who are Beneficiaries with respect to the trust's interest in the Annuity must be identifiable from the trust instrument and must be individuals. A qualified trust may be required to provide us with a list of all Beneficiaries to the trust (including contingent and remainder Beneficiaries with a description of the conditions on their entitlement), all of whom must be individuals, as of September 30<sup>th</sup> of the year following the year of death of the IRA or Roth IRA Owner, or date of Annuity application if later. The trustee may also be required to provide a copy of the trust document upon request. If the beneficial Owner of the Annuity is a grantor trust, distributions must be based on the life expectancy of the grantor who is named as the Annuitant. If the beneficial Owner of the Annuity is a qualified trust, distributions must be based on the life expectancy of the oldest Beneficiary under the trust.
- If this Beneficiary Annuity is transferred to another company as a tax-free exchange with the intention of qualifying as a Beneficiary annuity with the receiving company, we may require certifications from the receiving company that required distributions will be made as required by law.
- If you are transferring proceeds as Beneficiary of an annuity that is owned by a decedent, we must receive your transfer request at least 45 days prior to your first or next required distribution. If, for any reason, your transfer request impedes our ability to complete your required distribution by the required date, we will be unable to accept your transfer request.

**Speculative Investing:** Do not purchase the Annuity if you, anyone acting on your behalf, and/or anyone providing advice to you plan to use it 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 the Annuity, you represent and warrant that you are not using the Annuity, or any of its optional benefits, 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 Annuity to grantor trusts with more than two grantors.

## MANAGING YOUR ANNUITY

### CHANGE OF OWNER, ANNUITANT AND BENEFICIARY DESIGNATIONS

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. However, if the Annuity is held as a Beneficiary Annuity, the Owner may not be changed and you may not designate another Key Life upon which distributions are based.

As of the Valuation Day we receive an ownership change, including an assignment, any systematic investment or 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. Some of the changes we will not accept include, but are not limited to:

- a new Owner subsequent to the death of the Owner or the first of any co-Owners to die, except where a spouse-Beneficiary has become the Owner as a result of an Owner's death;
- a new Annuitant subsequent to the Annuity Date if the annuity option includes a life contingency;
- 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;
- any permissible designation change if the change request is received at our Service Office after the Annuity Date;
- a new Owner or Annuitant that is a certain ownership type, including but not limited to 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.

If there is a change of Owner or Annuitant, the Latest Annuity Date will be based on the age of the oldest Owner or Annuitant once the change is made. The Annuity Date must: (a) be on or after the Earliest Annuity Date and on or before the new Latest Annuity Date; and (b) must be consistent with applicable laws and regulations at the time.

Unless designated as "irrevocable", you may instruct us to change the Beneficiary. An irrevocable Beneficiary is one whose written consent is needed before you can change the Beneficiary or exercise certain other rights.

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, Joint Annuitant or Contingent Annuitant. We accept assignments of nonqualified Annuities only.**

An Owner may seek to transfer ownership of the Annuity, subject to the interest of any assignee or beneficiary of record. We assume no responsibility for the validity or tax consequences of any change of ownership.

**We reserve the right to reject any proposed change of Owner, Annuitant, or Beneficiary, as well as any proposed assignment of the Annuity.**

We will 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, Joint 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 timeframe.**

**Death Benefit Upon Change of Owner or Annuitant.** If there is a change of Owner or Annuitant, the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit will no longer apply to the new Owner or Annuitant and the amount of the Death Benefit will be equal to the Account Value on the date we receive Due Proof of Death unless otherwise specified in the "Death Benefits" section of the prospectus.

### Spousal Designations

If an Annuity is co-owned by spouses, we do not offer Joint Tenants with Rights of Survivorship (JTWROS). Both owners would need to be listed as the primary beneficiaries for the surviving spouse to maintain the contract. Note that any division of your Annuity due to divorce will be treated as a withdrawal. 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 Owners. Please consult with your tax adviser regarding your personal situation if you will be transferring or dividing your Annuity pursuant to a divorce.

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 any spousal benefits for a civil union partner or domestic partner.

#### **Contingent Annuitant**

Where the Annuity is held by a Custodial Account, an 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") the Contingent Annuitant will not automatically become the Annuitant upon the death of the Annuitant. Upon the death of the Annuitant, the Death Benefit will be payable. If the Contingent Annuitant is the spouse, then the spouse may elect to receive the Death Benefit or continue the Annuity. If the Contingent Annuitant spouse elects to continue the Annuity, the Death Benefit payable will equal the Death Benefit described in the Spousal Continuation section of the Death Benefits section of this prospectus. See "Spousal Continuation of Annuity" in "Death Benefits" for more information about how the Annuity can be continued by a Custodial Account, including the amount of the Death Benefit.

#### **Joint Annuitant**

Generally, if a Nonqualified Annuity is owned by an entity and the entity has named a Joint Annuitant, the Death Benefit will payable upon the death of the first Annuitant. Unless we agree otherwise, the Annuity is only eligible to have a Joint 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); or (2) an entity described in Code Section 72(u)(1) (or any successor Code Section thereto).

## MANAGING YOUR ACCOUNT VALUE

### REALLOCATIONS/TRANSFER GUIDELINES

You may transfer Account Value between Variable Investment Subaccounts at any time, subject to the restrictions outlined below. On each Index Anniversary Date, you may reallocate Account Value allocated to Variable Investment Subaccounts and any Index Strategy(ies) that has reached an Index Strategy End Date into any available Index Strategy.

You will receive a Reallocation Notice 30 days prior to your Index Anniversary Date. You must provide instructions for reallocation in Good Order (by any method allowable), no later than the Index Anniversary Date. The reallocation will be processed on the Index Anniversary Date. You will be able to make reallocation selections via mail, phone, or through online access.

You may not reallocate to an Index Strategy where the Index Strategy End Date is after your Maximum Annuity Date. If there is less than one year until the Maximum Annuity Date, reallocations can only be made to the Variable Investment Subaccounts. If you have not provided instructions for any Account Value in an Index Strategy that would extend beyond the Maximum Annuity Date, we will transfer that Account Value to the Holding Account using the Interim Value, if applicable.

The minimum required amount allocated to any Index Strategy is \$2,000. The minimum required amount allocated to any Variable Investment Subaccount is \$20.

**You may transfer out of an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date, but you will do so at the Interim Value of the Index Strategy. See “Interim Value” for more information.** The funds transferred from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date may only be transferred to Variable Investment Subaccounts or the Holding Account. If you wish to transfer to another Index Strategy, after transferring to the Variable Investment Subaccounts or the Holding Account, you must wait until the next Index Anniversary Date.

The Interim Value rules do not apply in the following situations.

| From Account                                               | To Account                                                 | Any Time | Index Strategy End Date Only |
|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|
| Variable Investment Subaccount (including Holding Account) | Variable Investment Subaccount (including Holding Account) | X        |                              |
| Variable Investment Subaccount (including Holding Account) | Index Strategy                                             |          | X                            |
| Index Strategy                                             | Variable Investment Subaccount (including Holding Account) |          | X                            |
| Index Strategy                                             | Index Strategy                                             |          | X                            |

### Default Reallocations/Transfers

If you do not respond to the Reallocation Notice, any Index Strategy that has reached an Index Strategy End Date will automatically renew into the same Index Strategy. If the same Index Strategy is no longer available, the funds associated with the closed Index Strategy will be transferred to the Holding Account, where they may be allocated among the Variable Investment Subaccounts or into another Index Strategy on the next Index Anniversary Date.

We reserve the right to stop offering any Index Strategy at any time.

### Restrictions on Transfers between Variable Investment Subaccounts

You may transfer Account Value between Variable Investment Subaccounts subject to the restrictions outlined below. Transfers are not subject to taxation on any gain.

Frequent transfers among Variable Subaccounts in response to short-term fluctuations in markets, sometimes called “market timing,” can make it very difficult for a portfolio manager to manage a portfolio’s investments. Frequent transfers may cause the portfolio to hold more cash than otherwise necessary, disrupt management strategies, increase transaction costs, or affect performance. In light of the risks posed to Owners and other investors by frequent transfers, we reserve the right to limit the number of transfers in any Annuity Year for all existing or new Owners and to take the other actions discussed below. We also reserve the right to limit the number of transfers in any Annuity Year or to refuse any transfer request for an Owner or certain Owners if: (a) we believe that excessive transfer activity (as we define it) or a specific transfer request or group of transfer requests may have a detrimental effect on Unit Values or the share prices of the Portfolios; or (b) we are informed by a Portfolio (e.g., by the portfolio’s Portfolio manager) that the purchase or redemption of shares in the Portfolio must be restricted because the Portfolio believes the transfer activity to which such purchase and redemption relates would have a detrimental effect on the share prices of the affected Portfolio. Without limiting the above, the most likely scenario where either of the above could occur would be if the aggregate amount of a trade or trades represented a relatively large proportion of the total assets of a particular Portfolio. In furtherance of our general authority to restrict transfers as described above, and without limiting other actions we may take in the future, we have adopted the following specific restrictions:

- With respect to each Subaccount (other than the Holding Account), we track amounts exceeding a certain dollar threshold that were transferred into the Sub-account. If you transfer such amount into a particular Subaccount, and within 30 calendar days thereafter transfer (the “Transfer Out”) all or a portion of that amount into another Subaccount, then upon the Transfer Out, the former Subaccount

becomes restricted (the "Restricted Subaccount"). Specifically, we will not permit subsequent transfers into the Restricted Subaccount for 90 calendar days after the Transfer Out if the Restricted Subaccount invests in a non-international Portfolio, or 180 calendar days after the Transfer Out if the Restricted Subaccount invests in an international Portfolio. For purposes of this rule, we (i) do not count transfers made in connection with one of our systematic programs; (ii) do not count any transfer that solely involves the Holding Account; and (iii) do not categorize as a transfer the first transfer that you make after the Issue Date, if you make that transfer within 30 calendar days after the Issue Date. Even if an amount becomes restricted under the foregoing rules, you are still free to redeem the amount from your Annuity at any time.

- We reserve the right to effect transfers on a delayed basis for all Annuities in accordance with our rules regarding frequent transfers. That is, we may price a transfer involving the Subaccounts on the Valuation Day subsequent to the Valuation Day on which the transfer request was received. Before implementing such a practice, we would issue a separate written notice to Owners that explains the practice in detail.

If we deny one or more transfer requests under the foregoing rules, we will inform you or your Financial Professional promptly of the circumstances concerning the denial.

There are owners of different variable annuity contracts that are funded through the same Separate Account that may not be subject to the above-referenced transfer restrictions and, therefore, might make more numerous and frequent transfers than Annuity Owners who are subject to such limitations. Finally, there are owners of other variable annuity contracts or variable life contracts that are issued by Pruco Life as well as other insurance companies that have the same underlying mutual fund Portfolios available to them. Since some Owners are not subject to the same transfer restrictions, unfavorable consequences associated with such frequent trading within the underlying Portfolio (e.g., greater portfolio turnover, higher transaction costs, or performance or tax issues) may affect all Owners. Similarly, while contracts managed by a Financial Professional are subject to the restrictions on transfers between Variable Investment Subaccounts that are discussed above, if the Financial Professional manages a number of contracts in the same fashion unfavorable consequences may be associated with management activity since it may involve the movement of a substantial portion of an underlying mutual fund's assets which may affect all Owners invested in the affected options. Apart from jurisdiction-specific and contract differences in transfer restrictions, we will apply these rules uniformly (including contracts managed by a Financial Professional) and will not waive a transfer restriction for any Owner.

**Although our transfer restrictions are designed to prevent excessive transfers, they are not capable of preventing every potential occurrence of excessive transfer activity.** The Portfolios have adopted their own policies and procedures with respect to excessive trading of their respective shares, and we reserve the right to enforce any such current or future policies and procedures. The prospectuses for the Portfolios describe any such policies and procedures, which may be more or less restrictive than the policies and procedures we have adopted. Under SEC rules, we are required to: (1) enter into a written agreement with each Portfolio or its principal underwriter or its transfer agent that obligates us to provide to the Portfolio promptly upon request certain information about the trading activity of individual Owners (including an Owner's TIN number), and (2) execute instructions from the Portfolio to restrict or prohibit further purchases or transfers by specific Owners who violate the excessive trading policies established by the Portfolio. In addition, you should be aware that some Portfolios may receive "omnibus" purchase and redemption orders from other insurance companies or intermediaries such as retirement plans. The omnibus orders reflect the aggregation and netting of multiple orders from individual owners of variable insurance contracts and/or individual retirement plan participants. The omnibus nature of these orders may limit the Portfolios in their ability to apply their excessive trading policies and procedures. In addition, the other insurance companies and/or retirement plans may have different policies and procedures or may not have any such policies and procedures because of contractual limitations. For these reasons, we cannot guarantee that the Portfolios (and thus Annuity Owners) will not be harmed by transfer activity relating to other insurance companies and/or retirement plans that may invest in the Portfolios.

A Portfolio also may assess a short-term trading fee (also referred to as "redemption fee") in connection with a transfer out of the Subaccount investing in that portfolio that occurs within a certain number of days following the date of allocation to the Subaccount. Each portfolio determines the amount of the short-term trading fee and when the fee is imposed. The fee is retained by or paid to the portfolio and is not retained by us. The fee will be deducted from your Account Value, to the extent allowed by law. At present, no portfolio has adopted a short-term trading fee.

## FINANCIAL PROFESSIONAL PERMISSION TO FORWARD TRANSACTION INSTRUCTIONS

If you have provided the necessary authorization on the application for your Annuity, the individual who signed the application for your Annuity may forward instructions regarding the allocation of your Account Value, and request financial transactions involving Variable Investment Subaccounts and Index Strategies. We refer to this person as your Financial Professional. You may have another person providing investment advisory services to you with respect to the Annuity and who you have separately authorized on the form we require to forward instructions to us regarding the allocation of your Account Value or certain financial transactions. Please be aware that if you authorize more than one person to provide investment instructions to us, we will follow all instructions received from authorized persons in the order in which we receive them. **If your Financial Professional or investment adviser has this authority, we deem that all such transactions that are directed by your Financial Professional or investment adviser, as applicable, with respect to your Annuity have been authorized by you.** You will receive a confirmation of any financial transaction involving your Annuity. You must contact us immediately if and when you revoke such authority. We will not be responsible for acting on instructions from your Financial Professional or authorized investment adviser until we receive notification of the revocation of such person's authority. We may also suspend, cancel or limit these authorizations at any time. In addition, we may restrict the Variable Investment Subaccounts and Index Strategies available for transfers or allocation of Purchase Payments by such Financial Professional or investment adviser. We will notify you and your Financial Professional if we implement any such restrictions or prohibitions.

**Please Note:** Contracts managed by your Financial Professional or investment adviser also are subject to the restrictions on transfers between Variable Investment Subaccounts that are discussed in the section below titled "Restrictions on Transfers Between Variable Investment Subaccounts." We may also require that your Financial Professional or investment adviser transmit all financial transactions using the electronic trading functionality available through our website ([www.prudential.com](http://www.prudential.com)). Limitations that we may impose on your Financial Professional or investment adviser under the terms of an administrative agreement (e.g., a custodial agreement) do not apply to financial transactions requested by an Owner on his or her own behalf, except as otherwise described in this prospectus.

## AUTHORIZATION OF A THIRD-PARTY INVESTMENT ADVISER TO MANAGE MY ACCOUNT

FlexGuard Advisor may be used where you have engaged an investment adviser to provide advice to you regarding the Annuity. That investment adviser may be a firm or person that is appropriately licensed to sell the Annuity or that is affiliated with an entity that is appropriately licensed to sell the Annuity. The investment adviser you engage to provide advice to you in connection with the Annuity for you is not acting on our behalf, but is acting on your behalf. To be eligible to take any action with respect to your Annuity, your investment adviser must follow our rules for interacting with us to take action on your Annuity. In particular, we limit the amount of the adviser's fee that the adviser can withdraw from your Annuity (provided you have completed the required paperwork authorizing your investment adviser to do so) to a specified percentage of your Account Value. We may change the percentage limit periodically at our discretion. We reserve the right to change these rules at any time. Although we impose these rules, you are solely responsible for choosing a suitable investment adviser.

We do not offer advice about how to allocate your Account Value or make elections for your Annuity. We follow appropriately given instructions and direction from your investment adviser or you. As such, we are not responsible for any recommendations your investment adviser makes, any specific transfers, transactions or elections they make on your behalf.

You will receive confirmations of transactions that affect your Annuity that reflect advisory fees deducted from your Account Value. It is your responsibility to understand the advisory services provided by your investment adviser and the advisory fees charged for those services, and if applicable, to review transaction confirmations to validate the accuracy of the advisory fee withdrawn from the Annuity. We encourage you to discuss with your investment adviser the impact of deducting advisory fees from your Annuity prior to making any election to do so.

### Advisory Fee Payments

Any fee that is charged by your investment adviser is in addition to the fees and expenses that apply under your Annuity. Please be aware that if you authorize your investment adviser to receive amounts from your Annuity to pay for the investment adviser's fee, such fee payment will be treated as an expense of the contract and not a taxable distribution so long as certain requirements are met (see "Special Rules for Advisory Fee Payments.")

Withdrawals authorized by your investment adviser or you may have consequences. Advisory fees reduce your Account Value by the amount of the fees on a dollar-for-dollar basis. If a withdrawal of advisory fees is taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date, the withdrawal will be based on the Interim Value. If you withdraw Account Value allocated to an Index Strategy, the withdrawal will cause an immediate reduction to your Index Strategy Base in a proportion equal to the reduction in your Interim Value. A proportional reduction could be larger than the dollar amount of your withdrawal. Reductions to your Index Strategy Base will negatively impact your Interim Value for the remainder of the Index Strategy Term and will result in a lower Index Credit on the Index Strategy End Date. Once your Index Strategy Base is reduced due to a withdrawal during any Index Strategy Term, it will not increase for the remainder of the Index Strategy Term.

For purposes of the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit, Advisory Fee payments will not reduce the Return of Purchase Payments Amount. Withdrawals of advisory fees will be deducted first from any Variable Investment Subaccounts on a pro-rata basis. These deductions will result in the cancellation of accumulation units of the impacted Variable Investment Subaccounts.

### Special Rules for Advisory Fee Payments

We treat advisory fee payments as an expense of the Annuity and not a taxable distribution if (1) your Annuity is being used in conjunction with a "qualified" retirement plan (plans meeting the requirements of Sections 401, 403 or 408 of the Code) or (2) your non-qualified Annuity satisfies the requirements of Private Letter Ruling 201945005 ("PLR") issued by the IRS to Pruco Life. In accordance with the PLR, advisory fee payments from

your non-qualified Annuity are treated as an expense as long as your investment adviser attests to Prudential that the PLR requirements have been met, including that the advisory fees will not exceed 1.5% of the Annuity's cash value and the Annuity only pays the investment adviser for fees related to investment advice and no other services. The PLR does not generally allow such favorable tax treatment of advisory fee payments where a commission is also paid on the Annuity. If an investment adviser does not or is unable to attest that the PLR requirements are satisfied, advisory fees paid from a non-qualified Annuity may be considered taxable withdrawals and subject to federal and state income taxes and a 10% penalty tax if withdrawn before age 59 ½.

## ACCESS TO ACCOUNT VALUE

### TYPES OF DISTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE TO YOU

During the Savings Stage you can access your Account Value through partial withdrawals, systematic withdrawals, and where required for tax purposes, Required Minimum Distributions. You can also surrender your Annuity at any time. If you surrender your Annuity, we may deduct any Tax Charge that applies. **If a withdrawal is taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date, the withdrawal will be based on the Interim Value. See "Interim Value" for more information.** Unless you notify us differently as permitted, partial withdrawals will be deducted first from any Variable Investment Subaccounts on a pro-rata basis. Only when the Variable Investment Subaccounts have been depleted will any remaining withdrawal amount be deducted from the Index Strategies, also on a pro-rata basis. The Owner can also request self-directed withdrawals from Variable Investment Subaccounts and Index Strategies of their choosing. Each of these types of distributions is described more fully below.

The deduction of advisory fees from Account Value is treated as a withdrawal under the Annuity. No surrender charges apply to the Annuity, and accordingly there is no annual free withdrawal amount applicable.

### PARTIAL WITHDRAWALS AND INTERIM VALUE OF INDEX STRATEGIES

Any time a partial withdrawal occurs between Index Strategy Start and End Dates, the Index Strategy Base will be reduced in the same proportion that the total withdrawal reduced the Interim Value. A proportional reduction in your Index Strategy Base could be larger than the dollar amount of the withdrawal when the Index Strategy Base is greater than the Interim Value. Here are examples where the Index Strategy Base is less than the Interim Value and then exceeds the Interim Value:

#### Example 1:

Index Strategy Start Date: 9/1/2019  
Index Strategy Base: \$50,000

Withdrawal Date: 3/1/2020  
Interim Value: \$70,000  
Withdrawal: \$50,000 gross

Withdrawal divided by Interim Value:  $\$50,000 / \$70,000 = 71.429\%$   
Index Strategy Base Adjustment Amount:  $\$50,000 \times 71.429\% = \$35,714.29$   
Index Strategy Base after Withdrawal:  $\$50,000 - \$35,714.29 = \$14,285.71$

#### Example 2:

Index Strategy Base: \$14,285.71

Withdrawal Date: 5/1/2020  
Interim Value: \$14,000  
Withdrawal: \$14,000 gross

Withdrawal divided by Interim Value:  $\$14,000 / \$14,000 = 100\%$   
Index Strategy Base Adjustment Amount:  $\$14,285.71 \times 100\% = \$14,285.71$   
Index Strategy Base after Withdrawal: \$0

### TAX IMPLICATIONS FOR DISTRIBUTIONS FROM NONQUALIFIED ANNUITY

#### Prior to Annuitization

For federal income tax purposes, a distribution prior to Annuitization is deemed to come first from any "gain" in your Annuity and second as a return of your "cost basis", if any. Distributions from your Annuity are generally subject to ordinary income taxation on the amount of any investment gain unless the distribution qualifies as a non-taxable exchange or transfer. If you take a distribution prior to the taxpayer's age 59½, you may be subject to a 10% tax in addition to ordinary income taxes on any gain. You may wish to consult a professional tax adviser for advice before requesting a distribution.

#### During the Income Stage

During the Income Stage, a portion of each annuity payment is taxed as ordinary income at the tax rate you are subject to at the time of the payment. The Code and regulations have "exclusionary rules" that we use to determine what portion of each annuity payment should be treated as a return of any cost basis you have in your Annuity. Once the cost basis in your Annuity has been distributed, the remaining annuity payments are taxable as ordinary income. The cost basis in your Annuity may be based on the cost basis from a prior contract in the case of a Section 1035 exchange or other qualifying transfer.

There may also be tax implications on distributions from qualified Annuities. See "Tax Considerations" for information about qualified Annuities and for additional information about nonqualified Annuities.



## SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWALS DURING THE SAVINGS STAGE

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 can be made from your Account Value allocated to the Variable Investment Subaccounts or Index Strategies. **Systematic withdrawals taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date will be based on the Interim Value. Please see "Interim Value" for more information. Any time a systematic withdrawal occurs before the Index Strategy End Date, the Index Strategy Base will also be reduced in the same proportion that the total withdrawal reduced the Interim Value.**

The minimum amount for each systematic withdrawal is \$100. If any scheduled systematic withdrawal is for less than \$100 (which may occur under a program that provides payment of an amount equal to the earnings in your Annuity for the period requested), we may postpone the withdrawal and add the expected amount to the amount that is to be withdrawn on the next scheduled systematic withdrawal.

In the absence of instructions, systematic withdrawals will be taken on a pro-rata basis from all Variable Investment Subaccounts until the Variable Investment Subaccounts have been depleted, and then they will be taken pro-rata from all the Index Strategies.

## 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% additional tax on distributions made prior to age 59½ 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 additional tax under Section 72(q) of the Code. **Systematic withdrawals under Sections 72(t)/72(q) taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date will be based on the Interim Value. Please see "Interim Value" for more information. Any time a systematic withdrawal occurs before the Index Strategy End Date, the Index Strategy Base will also be reduced in the same proportion that the total withdrawal reduced the Interim Value.** 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 59½ that are not subject to the 10% additional tax.

Please note that if a withdrawal under Sections 72(t) or 72(q) is 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 the last Valuation Day prior to December 25<sup>th</sup> of that year.

## REQUIRED MINIMUM DISTRIBUTIONS

Required Minimum Distributions are a type of systematic withdrawal we allow to meet distribution requirements under Sections 401, 403(b) or 408 of the Code. Required Minimum Distribution rules do not apply to Roth IRAs during the Owner's lifetime. 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. **Required Minimum Distribution withdrawals taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date will be based on the Interim Value. Please see "Interim Value" for more information. Any time a Required Minimum Distribution withdrawal occurs before the Index Strategy End Date, the Index Strategy Base will also be reduced in the same proportion that the total withdrawal reduced the Interim Value.**

The amount of the Required Minimum Distribution for your particular situation may depend on other Annuity, savings or investments. We will only calculate the amount of your Required Minimum Distribution based on the value of your Annuity. We require three (3) days advance written notice to calculate and process the amount of your payments. You may elect to have Required Minimum Distributions paid out monthly, quarterly, semi-annually or annually. The \$100 minimum amount that applies to systematic withdrawals applies to monthly Required Minimum Distributions but does not apply to Required Minimum Distributions taken out on a quarterly, semi-annual or annual basis.

If you choose to take your Required Minimum Distribution from this Annuity, unless we receive other instructions from you, we will take each Required Minimum Distribution first pro-rata from the Variable Investment Sub-Accounts in which your Account Value is allocated. Once the Account Value in all Variable Investment Sub-Accounts has been depleted, we will deduct any remaining Required Minimum Distribution pro-rata from the Index Strategy in which you have Account Value allocated. If the amount of the Required Minimum Distribution reduces your Account Value below \$2,000, we may treat the distribution as a full Surrender of the Annuity. After the Annuity Date, we will view the annuity payments as your Required Minimum Distributions with respect to the Annuity.

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 Required Minimum Distribution rules under the Code.

In any year in which the requirement to take Required Minimum Distributions is suspended by law, we reserve the right, in our sole discretion and regardless of any position taken on this issue in a prior year, to treat any amount that would have been considered as a Required Minimum Distribution if not for the suspension as eligible for treatment as described herein.

**Please note that if a Required Minimum Distribution is 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 process the Required Minimum Distribution on the last Valuation Day prior to December 25<sup>th</sup> of that year.**

See "Tax Considerations" for a further discussion of Required Minimum Distributions.

**Death Benefits:** 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 early withdrawal 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.

## SURRENDERS

### SURRENDER VALUE

During the Savings Stage you can surrender your Annuity at any time and 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 Tax Charges.

We apply as a threshold, in certain circumstances, a minimum Surrender Value of \$2,000. We will not allow you to take any withdrawals that would cause your Annuity's Account Value, after taking the withdrawal, to fall below the minimum Surrender Value. See "Annuity Options" later in this prospectus for information on the impact of the minimum Surrender Value at annuitization.

**Your Surrender Value taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date will be based on the Interim Value. Please see "Interim Value" for more information.**

## ANNUITY OPTIONS

Annuity 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, your death benefit, if any, is determined solely under the terms of the applicable annuity payment option. We currently make annuity options available that provide fixed annuity payments only. Fixed annuity payments provide the same amount with each payment. You must annuitize your entire Account Value; partial Annuityizations are not allowed. **If you annuitize between Index Anniversary Dates, your annuity payments taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date will be based on the Interim Value. See "Interim Value" for more information.**

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 95<sup>th</sup> birthday of the oldest of any Owner and Annuitant whichever occurs first, the Maximum Annuity Date, and no earlier than the earliest permissible Annuity Date. Your choice of Annuity Date and Annuity Option may be limited, depending on your use of the Annuity. If you do not request an earlier Annuity Date in writing, then your Annuity Date will be the Latest Annuity Date. You may choose one of the annuity options described below, and the frequency of annuity payments. Certain annuity options and/or periods certain may not be available, depending on the age of the Annuitant. You may change your choices up to 30 days before the Annuity Date. We must receive your request in Good Order.

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.

On the Annuity Date we apply the Account Value, less any applicable Tax Charges, to the Annuity Option you select. If you have not selected an Annuity Option, the default Annuity Option will be Option 1 with a certain period of 120 months (but not to exceed the life expectancy of the Annuitant at the time the Annuity Option becomes effective, as computed under applicable IRS tables).

If the initial 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, your death benefit, if any, is determined solely under the terms of the applicable annuity payment option and you may no longer receive the Death Benefits as described below. See the "Death Benefits" section of this prospectus.

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

For Beneficiary Annuity, no annuity payments are available and all references to Annuity Date are not applicable.

### Fixed Annuity Options

We currently make annuity options available that provide fixed annuity payments only.

#### Option 1

**Life Income Annuity Option with a Period Certain** - Under this option, income is payable equally monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually for the Annuitant's life or a period certain, subject to our then current rules, whichever is longer. 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. In addition, for qualified annuities, the period certain option may be limited to 10 years or less depending on the circumstances. If in these instances the duration of the period certain is prohibited by applicable law, then we will pay you a lump sum in lieu of this option.

#### Option 2

**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.

### Other Annuity Options We May Make Available

At the Annuity Date, we may make available other annuity options not described above. However, Options 1 and 2 above will always remain available. 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 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.
- 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 equally monthly, quarterly, semiannually, or annually, as you choose, for the fixed period. If the Owner dies before the end of the period certain, 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.

For qualified annuities, the period certain option may be limited to 10 years or less depending on the circumstances. 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 options. If there is a misstatement of age or sex on which life annuity rates are calculated and we have to make a correction/adjustment to prior payments, we will use an interest rate of 6% to remedy any underpayments and, for overpayments, 6% will be deducted from future amounts payable by us under your Annuity.

## DEATH BENEFITS

### TRIGGERS FOR PAYMENT OF THE DEATH BENEFIT

The Annuity provides a Death Benefit prior to Annuityization. If the Annuity is owned by one or more natural persons, the Death Benefit is payable upon the death of the Owner (or the first to die, if there are multiple Owners). If a Contingent Annuitant was designated before an Annuitant's death and the Annuitant dies, and the Contingent Annuitant is the spouse, then the spouse Contingent Annuitant may choose to become the Annuitant and continue the contract, in which case a Death Benefit will not be paid, or elect to receive the Death Benefit. If a Nonqualified Annuity is owned by an entity (for example, a non-natural person), the Death Benefit is payable upon the first Annuitant's death. The person upon whose death the Death Benefit is paid is referred to below as the "decedent". A Death Benefit is payable only if your Account Value at the time of the decedent's death is greater than zero. **Death claims taken from an Index Strategy before the Index Strategy End Date will be based on the Interim Value. See "Interim Value" for more information.**

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 the Annuity to grantor trusts with more than two grantors. If co-grantors are named, the second grantor may be designated as Joint Annuitant. If a non-Annuitant co-grantor passes away, then the Death Benefit will not be payable.

We determine the amount of the Death Benefit as of the date we receive 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 under "Payment of Death Benefits" below.

After our receipt of Due Proof of Death, we automatically transfer any remaining Death Benefit to the Holding Account. However, between the date of death and the date that we transfer any remaining Death Benefit to the Holding Account, **the amount of the Death Benefit is subject to market ups and downs (net of the Insurance Charge).**

**COMMON DISASTER** -- If an Owner and a Beneficiary die in a common disaster, it must be proved to our satisfaction that the Owner died first and the Beneficiary survived the Owner(s) (or Annuitant if entity owned) by at least 30 days. In this situation, the Death Benefit proceeds will be payable to the Beneficiary's estate upon our receipt of Due Proof of Death of the Decedent. When there is insufficient evidence to determine the order of death, then, unless prohibited by law, we will deem the Owner to have survived the Beneficiary.

If: (a) the Owner is an entity; (b) no Contingent Annuitant or Joint Annuitant has been designated, we will deem the Annuitant to be the last survivor and pay the proceeds to any remaining Beneficiary, or if none, to any remaining contingent Beneficiary, or if none, to the Owner.

### THE RETURN OF PURCHASE PAYMENTS DEATH BENEFIT

The Annuity provides a Death Benefit called the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit and will be attached to your Annuity contract once issued.

The amount of the death benefit under the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit is equal to the greater of:

- The Return of Purchase Payments Amount, defined below; AND
- The Account Value on the date we receive Due Proof of Death.

#### Calculation of the Return of Purchase Payments Amount

Initially, the Return of Purchase Payment Amount is equal to the sum of all Purchase Payments allocated to the Annuity on its Issue Date. Thereafter, the Return of Purchase Payments Amount is:

- Increased by additional Purchase Payments allocated to the Annuity, and
- Reduced for any partial withdrawals excluding Advisory Fee withdrawals, up to the 1.25% maximum allowable. A withdrawal will cause a proportional reduction to the Return of Purchase Payments Amount equal to the ratio of the amount of the withdrawal to the Account Value immediately prior to the withdrawal.

For purposes of the Return of Purchase Payment Death Benefit, Advisory Fee payments will not reduce the Return of Purchase Payment Amount. Advisory Fee withdrawals up to 1.25% will not be considered a withdrawal under the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit calculation. Your Account Value will be reduced by the amount of the withdrawal, but the value of your Return of Purchase Payment Amount will not be negatively impacted. For Advisory Fee withdrawals that exceed 1.25%, the portion of the Advisory Fee withdrawal over 1.25% will be treated as a withdrawal under the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit and reduce your Purchase Payment Amount.

The proportional reduction in the Return of Purchase Payments Amount could be less or greater than the actual withdrawal based upon the level of the Account Value. If the Account Value exceeds the Return of Purchase Payments Amount prior to the withdrawal, then the impact on the Return of Purchase Payments Amount would be less than the reduction in the Account Value. If the Return of Purchase Payments Amount exceeds the Account Value prior to the withdrawal, then the impact on the Return of Purchase Payments Amount would exceed the reduction in the Account Value. This is outlined in the below examples.

**Example 1:**

Return of Purchase Payments Amount: \$100,000

Gross Withdrawal: \$18,000

Account Value at time of Withdrawal: \$118,000

Return of Purchase Payments Amount Reduction Percent for Withdrawal: 15.25% ( $\$18,000/\$118,000$ )

Return of Purchase Payments Amount after Withdrawal: \$84,750 ( $\$100,000 - 15.25\%$ )

**Example 2:**

Return of Purchase Payments Amount: \$100,000

Gross Withdrawal: \$18,000

Account Value at time of Withdrawal: \$90,000

Return of Purchase Payments Amount Reduction Percent for Withdrawal: 20% ( $\$18,000/\$90,000$ )

Return of Purchase Payments Amount after Withdrawal: \$80,000 ( $\$100,000 - 20\%$ )

**EXCEPTIONS TO THE RETURN OF PURCHASE PAYMENT AMOUNT:** There are certain exceptions to the amount of the Death Benefit under the Return of Purchase Payments Death Benefit.

**Submission of Due Proof of Death after One Year.** If we receive Due Proof of Death more than one year after the date of death, we reserve the right to limit the Death Benefit to the Account Value on the date we receive Due Proof of Death. Although we do not currently limit the Death Benefit to the Account Value, if we decide to do so, the beneficiaries designated under your Annuity would receive an amount equal to the Account Value and not an amount equal to the greater of the Return of Purchase Payment amount and the Account Value.

- **Beneficiary Annuity.** With respect to a Beneficiary Annuity, the Death Benefit is triggered by the death of the beneficial Owner (or the Key Life, if entity-owned). However, if the Annuity is held as a Beneficiary Annuity, the Owner is an entity, and the Key Life is already deceased, then no Death Benefit is payable upon the death of the beneficial Owner.

#### **SPOUSAL CONTINUATION OF 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 payment ("Spousal Continuation") subject to our rules and subject to our receipt of Due Proof of Death. The Account Value (**which may be based on the Interim Value for amounts held in the Index Strategies**) as of the date of Due Proof of Death will be equal to the Death Benefit that would have been payable. Any amount added to the Account Value will be allocated to the Variable Investment Subaccounts pro-rata or to the Holding Account if no Variable Investment Subaccounts have value. The spouse may transfer to any of the Variable Investment Sub-accounts at any time or to a new Index Strategy on the next Index Anniversary Date.

Upon Spousal Continuation, the Account Value is increased to the Return of Purchase Payment Amount, if greater.

Subsequent to Spousal Continuation, the amount of the Death Benefit will be equal to the Account Value on the date we receive Due Proof of Death.

We allow a spouse to continue the Annuity even though he/she has reached or surpassed the Latest Annuity Date. However, upon such a spousal continuance, annuity payments would begin immediately. Spousal continuation is only permitted once under the Annuity.

#### **PAYMENT OF DEATH BENEFITS**

##### **Alternative Death Benefit Payment Options – Annuity 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 Non-Qualified 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 "five-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 five-year

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

- If the Beneficiary is the surviving spouse of the Owner, the spouse may elect to continue the Annuity.

If the Annuity is held as a Beneficiary Annuity, the payment of the Death Benefit must be distributed as a lump sum payment.

The Owner may elect the method of payment to each Beneficiary, subject to our then current rules, prior to the date of death of the decedent. When no such election is made as to a specific Beneficiary, such Beneficiary must elect the method of payment within 60 days of the date we receive all required documentation in Good Order in order to pay the Death Benefit to that Beneficiary. If no election is made within 60 days, the default will be distribution within five years of the date of death of the decedent as noted in (a) above. If the Beneficiary is the surviving spouse of the owner, the spouse may elect to continue the Annuity under (c) above.

The Owner may elect to have any amount of the proceeds due to a Beneficiary applied under any of the Annuity Options described in the "Annuity Payment Options" section, or any other option we then make available. If you make such an election, a Beneficiary may not alter such an election. However, if you have not previously made such an election, a Beneficiary may make such an election as to the proceeds due that Beneficiary. The Beneficiary will be the "measuring life" for determining the amount of any annuity payments dependent on the continuation of life. We may require evidence satisfactory to us of the age of the measuring life prior to commencement of any annuity payments.

In the event of death on or after the Annuity Date, we distribute any payments due subsequent to an Owner's or Annuitant's death at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution in effect as of the date of such Owner's or Annuitant's death.

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

Upon your death under an IRA or Roth IRA, any remaining interest must be distributed in accordance with federal income tax requirements. The post-death distribution requirements were amended, applicable generally with respect to deaths occurring after 2019, by the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2020 (which includes the "Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement" Act (SECURE Act)). The post-death distribution requirements under prior law continue to apply in certain circumstances.

- *Prior law.* Under prior law, if an IRA owner dies prior to the required beginning date, the remaining interest must be distributed (1) within 5 years after the death (the "5-year rule"), or (2) over the life of the designated beneficiary, or over a period not extending beyond the life expectancy of the designated beneficiary, provided that such distributions commence within one year after death (the "lifetime payout rule"). If the IRA owner dies on or after the required beginning date (including after the date distributions have commenced in the form of an annuity), the remaining interest must be distributed at least as rapidly as under the method of distribution being used as of the date of death (the "at-least-as-rapidly rule").
- *The new law.* Under the new law, if you die after 2019, and you have a designated beneficiary, any remaining interest must be distributed within 10 years after your death, unless the designated beneficiary is an "eligible designated beneficiary" ("EDB") or some other exception applies. A designated beneficiary is any individual designated as a beneficiary by the employee or IRA owner. An EDB is any designated beneficiary who is (1) your surviving spouse, (2) your minor child, (3) disabled, (4) chronically ill, or (5) an individual not more than 10 years younger than you. An individual's status as an EDB is determined on the date of your death.

This 10-year post-death distribution period applies regardless of whether you die before your required beginning date, or you die on or after that date (including after distributions have commenced in the form of an annuity). However, if the beneficiary is an EDB and the EDB dies before the entire interest is distributed under this 10-year rule, the remaining interest must be distributed within 10 years after the EDB's death (*i.e.*, a new 10-year distribution period begins).

Instead of taking distributions under the new 10-year rule, an EDB can stretch distributions over life, or over a period not extending beyond life expectancy, provided that such distributions commence within one year of your death, subject to certain special rules. In particular, if the EDB dies before the remaining interest is distributed under this stretch rule, the remaining interest must be distributed within 10 years after the EDB's death (regardless of whether the remaining distribution period under the stretch rule was more or less than 10 years). In addition, if your minor child is an EDB, the child will cease to be an EDB on the date the child reaches the age of majority, and any remaining interest must be distributed with 10 years after that date (regardless of whether the remaining distribution period under the stretch rule was more or less than 10 years).

It is important to note that under prior law, annuity payments that commenced under a method that satisfied the distribution requirements while the IRA owner was alive could continue to be made under that method after the death of the IRA owner. However, under the new law, if you commence taking distributions in the form of an annuity that can continue after your death, such as in the form of a joint and survivor annuity or an annuity with a guaranteed period of more than 10 years, any distributions after your death that are scheduled to be made beyond the applicable distribution period imposed under the new law might need to be commuted at the end of that period (or otherwise modified after your death if permitted under federal tax law and by Prudential) in order to comply with the new post-death distribution requirements.

The new post-death distribution requirements do not apply if annuity payments that comply with prior law commenced prior to December 20, 2019. Also, even if annuity payments have not commenced prior to December 20, 2019, the new requirements generally do not apply to an immediate annuity contract or a deferred income annuity contract (including a qualifying lifetime annuity contract, or "QLAC") purchased prior to that date, if you have made an irrevocable election before that date as to the method and amount of the annuity.

If your beneficiary is not an individual, such as a charity, your estate, or a trust, any remaining interest after your death generally must be distributed under prior law in accordance with the 5-year rule or the at-least-as-rapidly rule, as applicable (but not the lifetime payout rule). However, if your beneficiary is a trust and all the beneficiaries of the trust are individuals, the new law can apply pursuant to special rules that treat the beneficiaries of the trust as designated beneficiaries, including special rules allowing a beneficiary of a trust who is disabled or chronically ill to stretch the distribution of their interest over their life or life expectancy in some cases. You may wish to consult a professional tax advisor about the federal income tax consequences of your beneficiary designations.

In addition, the new post-death distribution requirements generally do not apply if the IRA owner died prior to January 1, 2020. However, if the designated beneficiary of the deceased IRA owner dies after January 1, 2020, any remaining interest must be distributed within 10 year of the designated beneficiary's death. Hence, this 10-year rule will apply to (1) a contract issued prior to 2020 which continues to be held by a designated beneficiary of an IRA owner who died prior to 2020, and (2) an inherited IRA issued after 2019 to the designated beneficiary of an IRA owner who died prior to 2020.

- *Spousal continuation.* Under the new law, as under prior law, if your beneficiary is your spouse, your surviving spouse can delay the application of the post-death distribution requirements until after your surviving spouse's death by transferring the remaining interest tax-free to your surviving spouse's own IRA, or by treating your IRA as your surviving spouse's own IRA.

The post-death distribution requirements are complex and unclear in numerous respects. In addition, the manner in which these requirements will apply will depend on your particular facts and circumstances. You may wish to consult a professional tax adviser for tax advice as to your particular situation.

## 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. The federal income tax treatment of the Annuity is unclear in certain circumstances, and you should always consult a qualified tax adviser regarding the application of law to individual circumstances. Generally, the cost basis in an Annuity is the amount you pay into your Annuity, or into an annuity 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.

On advisory products, you may establish an advisory fee deduction program for a qualified or non-qualified Annuity with no living benefit such that charges for investment advisory fees are not taxable to the Annuity Owner. Please note that there are additional requirements that must be satisfied in order for investment advisory fee charges paid from a non-qualified Annuity to be treated as not taxable. Advisory fee deduction programs are not permitted if the Annuity is commission based or has a living benefit. Charges for investment advisory fees that are taken from a qualified or non-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.

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.

### 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. We treat advisory fee payments as an expense of the Annuity and not a taxable distribution if your non-qualified Annuity satisfies the requirements of a Private Letter Ruling issued to us by the Internal Revenue Services ("IRS"). In accordance with the PLR, advisory fee payments from your non-qualified Annuity are treated as an expense as long as your advisor attests to Prudential that the PLR requirements have been met, including that the advisory fees will not exceed 1.5% of the Annuity's cash value and the Annuity only pays the advisor for fees related to investment advice and no other services. The PLR does not generally allow such favorable tax treatment of advisory fee payments where a commission is also paid on the Annuity.

It is possible that the IRS could assert that some or all of the charges for the optional living or death 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 income 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 the 10% additional tax. 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 a return of cost basis, until all gain has been withdrawn. At any time there is no gain in your Annuity, 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. An exception to this treatment exists for contracts purchased prior to August 14, 1982. Withdrawals are treated as a return of cost basis 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% additional tax.

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 the entire Account Value is assigned or pledged, subsequent increases in the Account Value are also treated as withdrawals for as long as the assignment or pledge remains in place. The cost basis is increased by the amount includible in income with respect to such assignment or pledge. 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. Under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, this deduction is suspended until after 2025.

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 no later than the first day of the calendar month following the maximum Annuity Date for your Annuity. Upon reaching the maximum Annuity Date you can no longer make Purchase Payments, surrender, exchange, or transfer your contract. The maximum Annuity Date may be the same as the Latest Annuity Date as described elsewhere in this prospectus. For some of our Annuities, you can choose to defer the Annuity Date beyond the default or Latest Annuity Date, as applicable, 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**

We do not currently permit partial annuitization.

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

The Code includes 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 or qualifying widow(er) with dependent child, \$125,000 for married taxpayers filing separately, \$200,000 for all others, and approximately \$12,750 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.

#### **10% Additional Tax for Early Withdrawal from a Nonqualified Annuity**

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

- the amount is paid on or after you reach age 59½;
- the amount is paid on or after your death (or the death of the Annuitant when the owner is not an individual);
- the amount received is attributable to your becoming disabled (as defined in the Code);
- 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% additional tax); or
- the amount received is paid under an immediate Annuity (within the meaning of the Code) and the annuity start date is no more than one year from the date of purchase (the first monthly 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% additional tax on pre-age 59½ withdrawals. In Revenue Procedure 2011-38, the IRS indicated that, for partial 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 (other than an amount received as an annuity for a period of 10 years or more or during one or more lives), the IRS may not treat the transaction, as a tax-free Section 1035 exchange. The IRS will apply general tax rules to determine the substance and treatment of the transaction in such cases. 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 return of cost basis 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% additional tax.

After you elect an Annuity Payout Option, we do not allow you to exchange your Annuity.

#### **Taxes Payable by Beneficiaries for a Nonqualified Annuity**

If an Owner dies before the Annuity Date, 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 income 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 to be paid to Beneficiaries under our Annuity contracts.
- 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.

After the Annuity Date, if a period certain remains under the annuity option and the Annuitant dies before the end of that period, any remaining payments made to the Beneficiary will be fully excluded from income until the remaining investment in the contract is recovered and all annuity payments thereafter are fully includible in income. If we allow the Beneficiary to commute the remaining payments in a lump sum, the proceeds will be taxable as a surrender.

**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**

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 payment, we apply default withholding under the applicable tax rules unless you designate a different withholding status. 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 you request a payment be delivered outside the United States or do not provide a U.S. taxpayer identification number, we are required to withhold income tax.

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 income taxes (including any estimated taxes that may be due) 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, partnership), other than as an agent or nominee for a natural person (or in other limited circumstances), 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), 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 and death 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 or death 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 is generally not 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, provided that all grantors of the trust are natural persons. 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 (or the Annuitant's death in certain instances) 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 investment assets in the Sub-accounts Nonqualified 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 generally 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-annuitant 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).

#### **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.

**Contribution 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. Contribution amounts are indexed for inflation. The IRS generally provides contribution limits for the subsequent year in the fourth quarter of the current year. 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. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for the contribution limits for each year. 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. There is no age limitation with regard to contributions to a traditional IRA as long as the earned income requirements are met.

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. 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 or amounts transferred by trustee-to-trustee transfer);
- The date on which required minimum distributions must begin cannot be later than April 1<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year after the calendar year you turn age 70½ (or age 72, for distributions required to be made after December 31, 2019, with respect to individuals who attain 70 ½ after such date); 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 income 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 additional tax 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) the annual employer contribution limit as indexed for inflation, 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. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for the current year contribution limit and compensation limit.
- 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 from employee income. Contribution amounts are indexed for inflation. The IRS generally provides contribution limits for the subsequent year in the fourth quarter of the current year, 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 are permitted to contribute an additional catch up contribution amount. These amounts are indexed for inflation. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for the current year contribution limit and catch up contribution limit. 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 during your lifetime, and distributions are not required during the owner's lifetime.

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 (a "conversion"). The conversion of non-Roth accounts triggers current taxation (but is not subject to a 10% early distribution additional tax).

The Code also permits the recharacterization of current year contribution amounts from a traditional IRA, SEP, or SIMPLE IRA into a Roth IRA, or from a Roth IRA to a traditional IRA. Recharacterization is accomplished through a trustee-to-trustee transfer of a contribution (or a portion of a contribution) plus earnings, between different types of IRAs. A properly recharacterized contribution is treated as a contribution made to the second IRA instead of the first IRA. Such recharacterization must be completed by the applicable tax return due date (with extensions).

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 subject to specific limits. Individuals participating in a TDA who are age 50 or above by the end of the year will be permitted to contribute an additional amount. This amount is indexed for inflation. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov) for the current year contribution limit and catch up contribution limit. 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 governmental 457(b) 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 age 72 shall apply to distributions required to be made after December 31, 2019, with respect to individuals who attain age 70½ after such date), 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.

#### **Late Rollover Self-Certification**

You may be able to apply a rollover contribution to your IRA or qualified retirement plan after the 60-day deadline through a 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 (or age 72 shall apply to distributions required to be made after December 31, 2019, with respect to individuals who attain age 70½ after such date) 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 benefits 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 benefits.

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. Effective 2020, the amount of your qualified charitable distributions that are excluded from income for a tax year is reduced (but not below zero) by the excess of: (1) the total amount of your IRA deductions allowed for all tax years ending on or after the date you attain age 70½, over (2) the total amount of reductions for all tax years preceding the current tax year.

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, any remaining interest must be distributed in accordance with federal income tax requirements. The information provided below applies to Owners who die after 2019. For Owner deaths prior to 2020, please consult your tax advisor regarding the applicable post-death distribution requirements.

- If you have a designated beneficiary, any remaining interest must be distributed within 10 years after your death, unless the designated beneficiary is an "eligible designated beneficiary" ("EDB") or some other exception applies. A designated beneficiary is any individual designated as a beneficiary by the employee or IRA owner. An EDB is any designated beneficiary who is (1) your surviving spouse, (2) your minor child, (3) disabled, (4) chronically ill, or (5) an individual not more than 10 years younger than you. An individual's status as an EDB is determined on the date of your death.

This 10-year post-death distribution period applies regardless of whether you die before your required beginning date, or you die on or after that date (including after distributions have commenced in the form of an annuity). However, if the beneficiary is an EDB and the EDB dies before the entire interest is distributed under this 10-year rule, the remaining interest must be distributed within 10 years after the EDB's death (i.e., a new 10-year distribution period begins).

Instead of taking distributions under the 10-year rule, an EDB can stretch distributions over life, or over a period not extending beyond life expectancy, provided that such distributions commence by December 31st of the year after your death, subject to certain special rules. In particular, if the EDB dies before the remaining interest is distributed under this stretch rule, the remaining interest must be distributed within 10 years after the EDB's death (regardless of whether the remaining distribution period under the stretch rule was more or less than 10 years). In addition, if your minor child is an EDB, the child will cease to be an EDB on the date the child reaches the age of 18 and any remaining interest must be distributed within 10 years after that date (regardless of whether the remaining distribution period under the stretch rule was more or less than 10 years).

If you are an employee under a governmental plan, such as a section 403(b) plan of a public school or a governmental 457(b) plan, this new law applies if you die after 2021. In addition, if your plan is maintained pursuant to one or more collective bargaining agreements, this new law generally applies if you die after 2021 (unless the collective bargaining agreements terminate earlier).

If you commence taking distributions in the form of an annuity that can continue after your death, such as in the form of a joint and survivor annuity or an annuity with a guaranteed period of more than 10 years, any distributions after your death that are scheduled to be made beyond the applicable distribution period imposed under the new law might need to be commuted at the end of that period (or otherwise modified after your death if permitted under federal tax law and by Prudential) in order to comply with the post-death distribution requirements.

The new post-death distribution requirements do not apply if annuity payments that comply with prior law commenced prior to December 20, 2019. Also, even if annuity payments have not commenced prior to December 20, 2019, the new requirements generally do not apply to an immediate annuity contract or a deferred income annuity contract (including a qualifying lifetime annuity contract, or "QLAC") purchased prior to that date, if you have made an irrevocable election before that date as to the method and amount of the annuity.

If your beneficiary is not an individual, such as a charity, your estate, or a trust, any remaining interest after your death generally must be distributed in accordance with the 5-year rule or the at-least-as-rapidly rule, as applicable (but not the lifetime payout rule). However, if your beneficiary is a trust and all the beneficiaries of the trust are individuals, the law can apply pursuant to special rules that treat the beneficiaries of the trust as designated beneficiaries. You may wish to consult a professional tax advisor about the federal income tax consequences of your beneficiary designations.

In addition, these post-death distribution requirements generally do not apply if the employee or IRA owner died prior to January 1, 2020. However, if the designated beneficiary of the deceased employee or IRA owner dies after January 1, 2020, any remaining interest must be distributed within 10 years of the designated beneficiary's death. Hence, this 10-year rule will apply to (1) a contract issued prior to 2020 which continues to be held by a designated beneficiary of an employee or IRA owner who died prior to 2020, and (2) an inherited IRA issued after 2019 to the designated beneficiary of an employee or IRA owner who died prior to 2020.

- *Spousal continuation.* If your beneficiary is your spouse, your surviving spouse can delay the application of the post-death distribution requirements until after your surviving spouse's death by transferring the remaining interest tax-free to your surviving spouse's own IRA, or by treating your IRA as your surviving spouse's own IRA.

The post-death distribution requirements are complex and unclear in numerous respects. In addition, the manner in which these requirements will apply will depend on your particular facts and circumstances. You may wish to consult a professional tax adviser for tax advice as to your particular situation.

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.

**10 % Additional Tax for Early Withdrawals from a Qualified Annuity** You may owe a 10% additional tax 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 additional tax 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% additional tax.)

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

### Withholding

For 403(b) Tax Deferred annuities, 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, governmental 457(b) 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 governmental 457(b) 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 under the applicable default withholding rules; and
- For all other distributions, we will withhold at a 10% rate.

If no U.S. taxpayer identification number is provided, no election out of withholding will be allowed, and we will automatically withhold using the default withholding rules. 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. If you are a U.S. person (which includes a resident alien), and you request a payment be delivered outside the U.S., we are required to withhold income tax. There may be additional state income tax withholding requirements.

**CARES Act impacts.** In 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act. This law includes provisions that impact Individual Retirement Annuities (IRAs), Roth IRAs and employer sponsored qualified retirement plans. While most provisions applied only to 2020, certain items impact future years as well.

**Waiver of Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) for 2020.** The requirement to take minimum distributions from defined contribution plans and IRAs was waived for 2020. For deaths occurring before 2020, if the post-death 5-year rule applies, the 5-year period is determined without regard to calendar year 2020 and thus, the 5 year rule is extended by one year. The 1-year election rule for life expectancy payments by an eligible beneficiary is also extended by 1 year so that for a 2019 death, the election for a lifetime payout can be made by December 31, 2021.

**Withdrawals from Employer Plans and IRAs, including Roth IRAs.** Relief was provided for “coronavirus-related distributions” (as defined by federal tax law) from qualified plans and IRAs. The relief applies to such distributions made at any time on or after January 1, 2020 and before December 31, 2020 and permits recontribution of such distribution to a plan or IRA within three years. The recontribution is generally treated as a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer within 60 days of the distribution. Please note that recontributions to certain plans or IRAs may not be allowed based on plan or contract restrictions.

The distribution must have come from an “eligible retirement plan” within the meaning of Code section 402(c)(8)(B), i.e., an IRA, 401(a) plan, 403(a) plan, 403(b) plan, or governmental 457(b) plan. The relief was limited to aggregate distributions of \$100,000.

**Plan Loans.** Relief is provided with respect to plan loans taken by any “qualified individual” (as defined by federal tax law) who is affected by the coronavirus in that the due date for any repayment on a loan that otherwise is due between March 27, 2020 (the date of enactment) and December 31, 2020, would be delayed for one year. This also would extend the maximum loan period (normally five years).

### 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.

#### **ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

##### **Reporting and Withholding for Escheated Amounts**

Revenue Rulings 2018-17 and 2020-24 provide that an amount transferred from an IRA or 401(a) qualified retirement plan to a state’s unclaimed property fund is subject to federal income tax withholding at the time of transfer. The amount transferred is also subject to federal tax reporting. Consistent with these Rulings, we will withhold federal and state income taxes and report to the applicable Owner or Beneficiary as required by law when amounts are transferred to a state’s unclaimed property fund.

##### **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.

##### **Civil Unions and Domestic Partnerships**

The federal and state tax law provisions applicable to an opposite sex spouse will also apply to a same sex spouse if legally married. 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.

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Reserved Rights

In addition to rights specifically reserved elsewhere in this Annuity, we reserve the right to perform any or all of the following: (a) combine Variable Subaccount with other Variable Subaccounts; (b) combine the Variable Separate Account(s) shown in the Annuity Schedule with other "unitized" separate accounts; (c) combine the Index Strategies Separate Account with other "non-unitized," "non-insulated" separate accounts; (d) deregister the Variable Separate Account(s) shown in the Annuity Schedule under the Investment Company Act; (e) operate the Variable Separate Account(s) shown in the Annuity Schedule as a management investment company under the Investment Company Act or in any other form permitted by law; (f) make changes required by any change in the federal securities laws, including, but not limited to, the Securities Act, the Exchange Act, the Investment Company Act, or any changes to the Securities and Exchange Commission's interpretation thereof; (g) make changes that are necessary to maintain the tax status of your Annuity, any optional benefit, amendment or endorsement attached hereto or any charge or distribution from your Annuity under the Code; (h) to establish a provision 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; (i) make any changes required by Federal or state laws with respect to annuity contracts; and (j) to the extent dictated by any underlying mutual fund, impose a redemption fee or restrict transactions within any Variable Subaccount. We reserve the right to modify this Annuity without receiving your prior consent, except as may be required by any applicable law, if we are required to make changes necessary to comply with state regulatory requirements, Internal Revenue Service ("IRS") requirements or other federal requirements.

We may eliminate Variable Subaccounts, restrict or prohibit additional allocations to certain Variable Subaccounts, or substitute one or more new underlying mutual funds or Portfolios for the one in which a Variable Subaccount is invested in which case any reference to pro-rata allocations would include only those Variable Subaccounts that do not restrict or prohibit additional allocations. Substitutions may be necessary if we believe an underlying mutual fund or portfolio no longer suits the purpose of the Annuity. This may happen due to a change in laws or regulations, or a change in the investment objectives or restrictions of an underlying mutual fund or portfolio, or because the underlying mutual fund or portfolio is no longer available for investment, or for any other reason. We would obtain any regulatory prior approval. If an Index is no longer available to us, or if the manner by which the Index is determined substantially changes, we will substitute a comparable Index. We would obtain any required regulatory prior approval. We will notify you and any assignee of the substitution.

### Claims of Creditors

To the extent permitted by law, no payment or value under this Annuity is subject to the claims of your creditors or those of any other Owner, any Annuitant, or any Beneficiary.

### Deferral of Transactions

We may defer any annuity payment for a period not to exceed the lesser of 6 months or the period permitted by law. If we defer a distribution or transfer from any annuity payout for more than thirty days, we will pay interest as required by state law. We may defer any distribution from any Allocation Option or any transfer from Allocation Options for a period not to exceed seven calendar days from the date the transaction is effected.

### Facility of Payment

Subject to applicable law, we reserve the right, in settlement of full liability, to make payments to a guardian, conservator or other legal representative if a payee is legally incompetent.

### Tax Reporting and Withholding

Events giving rise to such tax reporting and withholding include, but are not limited to: (a) annuity payments; (b) payment of Death Benefits; (c) other distributions from the Annuity; and (d) transfers and assignments.

### 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, 2020, 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      |
| Guidehouse                                     | Claim related services                                          | 150 North Riverside Plaza, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606    |
| EXL Service Holdings, Inc                      | Administration of annuity contracts                             | 350 Park Avenue, 10th Floor, New York, NY 10022             |
| National Financial Services                    | Clearing firm for Broker Dealers                                | 82 Devonshire Street Boston, MA 02109                       |
| Open Text, Inc                                 | Fax Services                                                    | 100 Tri-State International Parkway, Lincolnshire, IL 60069 |
| PERSHING LLC                                   | Clearing firm for Broker Dealers                                | One Pershing Plaza, Jersey City, NJ 07399                   |
| The Depository Trust Clearinghouse Corporation | 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                           |

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|-------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| Universal Wilde   | Composition, printing, and mailing of contracts and benefit documents | 26 Dartmouth Street, Westwood, MA 02090             |
| Venio Systems LLC | Claim related services                                                | 4031 University Drive, Suite 100, Fairfax, VA 22030 |

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

#### **WHAT IS THE LEGAL STRUCTURE OF THE PORTFOLIOS?**

Each underlying Portfolio is registered as an open-end management investment company, or series thereof, under the Investment Company Act. Shares of the underlying Portfolios 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 Subaccounts invest. However, under current SEC rules, you have voting rights in relation to Account Value allocated to the Subaccounts. 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 Subaccount. 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 toward the ultimate outcome of the vote. Thus, under “mirror voting”, it is possible that the votes of a small percentage of Owners 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 Subaccounts 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 Subaccounts, 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 Subaccount 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 policy owners 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;
- (2) changes in federal income tax law;
- (3) changes in the investment management of any Variable Investment Subaccount; or
- (4) differences between voting instructions given by variable life insurance policy owners and variable annuity contract owners.

#### **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 Subaccounts” 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 (in certain cases, however,

this amount may be equal to an annual rate of 0.60% of the average assets allocated to the Portfolio). 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. For the annual period ended December 31, 2020, with regard to the total annual amounts that were paid (or as to which a payment amount was accrued) under the kinds of arrangements described in this paragraph, the amounts for any particular adviser, subadviser or distributor ranged from \$1,500 to \$246,998.00. 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 annuity contracts or life insurance policies offered by different Prudential business units.

#### **WHO DISTRIBUTES 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. Because the Annuities 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, concessions, 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. Alternative compensation schedules are available that generally provide a lower initial commission plus ongoing quarterly compensation based on all or a portion of Unadjusted 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.

The lists below include the names of the Firms and Entities that we are aware (as of December 31, 2020) received compensation with respect to our annuity business generally during 2020 (or as to which a payment amount was accrued during 2020). 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 2020 retrospective depiction. During 2020, non-cash compensation received by Firms and Entities ranged from \$37.46 to \$3,298,342.95. During 2020, cash compensation received by Firms ranged from \$4.40 to \$12,514,361.56.

All of the Firms and Entities listed below received non-cash compensation during 2020. In addition, Firms in bold also received cash compensation during 2020.

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| 1st Global Capital Corp.                       | <b>CFD Investments, Inc.</b>          | <b>MML Investors Services, Inc.</b>       |
| 3 Mark Financial Texas, Inc.                   | Chesapeake Brokerage, LLC.            | <b>Money Concepts Capital Corp.</b>       |
| Aaron Advantage Agency                         | <b>Citigroup Global Markets Inc.</b>  | <b>Morgan Stanley Smith Barney</b>        |
| Advantage Insurance Network, Inc.              | <b>Citizens Securities, Inc.</b>      | National Securities Corp.                 |
| Advisor Group                                  | COMERICA SECURITIES, INC.             | New York Life Insurance Company           |
| Advisors Excel, LLC                            | <b>Commonwealth Financial Network</b> | Newbridge Securities Corp.                |
| Aegon Transamerica                             | Concord Financial Advisors            | <b>Next Financial Group, Inc.</b>         |
| AimcoR Group                                   | <b>Crown Capital Securities, L.P.</b> | OneAmerica Securities, Inc.               |
| AIP Marketing Alliance, Inc.                   | Crump                                 | OPPENHEIMER & CO, INC.                    |
| ALHA                                           | <b>CUNA Brokerage Svcs, Inc.</b>      | Packerland Brokerage Svcs, Inc.           |
| Allegis Insurance Agency, Inc.                 | <b>CUSO Financial Services, L.P.</b>  | <b>Park Avenue Securities, LLC</b>        |
| Allianz                                        | <b>David Lerner and Associates</b>    | <b>Parkland Securities</b>                |
| <b>Allstate Financial Svcs, LLC</b>            | <b>Edward Jones &amp; Co.</b>         | Pinnacle Investments, LLC                 |
| American Financial Associates                  | <b>Equity Services, Inc.</b>          | <b>PNC Investments, LLC</b>               |
| American Independent Securities Group, LLC     | Fidelity Investments                  | <b>ProEquities</b>                        |
| <b>AMERICAN PORTFOLIO FIN SVCS INC</b>         | First Citizens Bank                   | Prospera Financial Services, Inc.         |
| Ameriprise Financial, Inc.                     | Fortune Financial Services, Inc.      | Prudential Annuities                      |
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## **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

### **Litigation and Regulatory Matters**

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### **CONTENTS OF THE STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

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

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- Principal Underwriter
- Payments Made to Promote Sale of Our Products
- Cyber Security Risks
- Determination of Accumulation Unit Values
- Financial Statements

## APPENDIX A – INTERIM VALUE OF INDEX STRATEGIES

Below is additional information regarding the Interim Value calculation.

The Interim Value for an Index Strategy is equal to the sum of (1) and (2) where:

1. Is the fair value of the Index Strategy Base on the Valuation Day the Interim Value is calculated. It is determined as  $(A - B)$  multiplied by  $[(1 + C) \text{ divided by } (1 + D)]^E$ , where:
  - A. The Index Strategy Base on the Valuation Day the Interim Value is calculated;
  - B. The fair value of the replicating portfolio of options under initial market conditions, with updated time to expiry;
  - C. The Market Value Index Rate on the Index Strategy Start Date;
  - D. The Market Value Index Rate on the Valuation Day the Interim Value is calculated; and
  - E. The total days remaining in the Index Strategy Term divided by 365.
2. Is the fair value of the replicating portfolio of options.

When we calculate the Interim Value, we obtain market data for derivative pricing each business day from outside vendors. If these values are available and we are delayed in receiving these values, and cannot calculate a new Interim Value, we will use the prior business day's Interim Value.

Below is additional information regarding the Interim Value calculation.

In Pennsylvania, the Interim Value for an Index Strategy is equal to the sum of (1) and (2) where:

1. Is the fair value of the Index Strategy Base on the Valuation Day the Interim Value is calculated. It is determined as  $(A - B)$  multiplied by  $[(1 + C) \text{ divided by } (1 + D)]^E$ , where:
  - A. The Index Strategy Base on the Valuation Day the Interim Value is calculated;
  - B. The fair value of the replicating portfolio of options under initial market conditions, with straight-line amortization to the end of the Index Strategy Term;
  - C. The Market Value Index Rate on the Index Strategy Start Date;
  - D. The Market Value Index Rate on the Valuation Day the Interim Value is calculated; and
  - E. The total days remaining in the Index Strategy Term divided by 365.
2. Is the fair value of the replicating portfolio of options.

When we calculate the Interim Value, we obtain market data for derivative pricing each business day from outside vendors. If these values are available and we are delayed in receiving these values, and cannot calculate a new Interim Value, we will use the prior business day's Interim Value.

## APPENDIX B – IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE INDICES

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## APPENDIX C – NET INVESTMENT FACTOR

The net investment factor for a Valuation Period is (a) divided by (b), less (c), where:

(a) is the net result of:

(1) the net asset value per share of the underlying mutual fund shares held by that Variable Subaccount at the end of the current Valuation Period plus the per share amount of any dividend or capital gain distribution declared and unpaid (accrued) by the underlying mutual fund, plus or minus

(2) any per share charge or credit during the current Valuation Period as a provision for taxes attributable to the operation or maintenance of that Variable Subaccount.

(b) is the net result of:

(1) the net asset value per share of the underlying mutual fund shares held by that Variable Subaccount at the end of the preceding Valuation Period plus the per share amount of any dividend or capital gain distribution declared and unpaid (accrued) by the underlying mutual fund, plus or minus

(2) any per share charge or credit during the preceding Valuation Period as a provision for taxes attributable to the operation or maintenance of the Variable Subaccount.

(c) is the Insurance Charge and any applicable charge assessed against a Variable Subaccount for any optional benefit attached to this Annuity corresponding to the portion of the 365 day year (366 for a leap year) that is in the current Valuation Period.

We value the assets in the Variable Subaccount(s) at their fair market value in accordance with accepted accounting practices and applicable laws and regulations. The net investment factor may be greater than, equal to, or less than one.

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| Massachusetts | The annuity rates we use to calculate annuity payments are available only on a gender-neutral basis under any Annuity Option.                               |
| Montana       | The annuity rates we use to calculate annuity payments are available only on a gender-neutral basis under any Annuity Option.                               |
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