

## Important Information about the New “SECURE Act”

What is commonly referred to as the “SECURE Act” was signed into law in December 2019 as part of the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020 (“the Act”). The SECURE Act portion of the Act may be relevant to you because it contains multiple provisions that impact qualified retirement accounts and Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs). Many of the provisions became effective as of January 1, 2020. (These changes are not applicable to non-qualified annuities.)

While **we cannot provide tax or legal advice**—and this communication is not intended to be either tax or legal advice—we want to inform you of some provisions in this recent legislation, as follows:

### Impact on Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) and IRA Contributions

**RMDs:** The Act increases the age at which an individual is generally required to begin taking required minimum distributions (“RMD”) from their employer-sponsored retirement plan and/or traditional IRA from age 70.5 to age 72.

- If you turned 70 in 2019 but your birthday was after June 30, or turn 70 in 2020 or later, you are not required to begin taking RMDs until you attain age 72.
- If you turned 70 before July 1, 2019, this provision does not affect you; you are required to take an RMD for 2020.
- If your account is in an employer-sponsored plan and is not an IRA, the rule that delays the distribution requirements until your actual retirement also continues to apply.

**IRA Contributions:** Under the SECURE Act provisions, individuals age 70.5 and older *with earned income* may now make regular contributions to a traditional IRA.

### Impact on Settlement Options for Beneficiaries

Settlement options upon a contract owner’s death have changed for employer-sponsored retirement plans and IRAs, provided the designated beneficiary is a natural person (or agent for a natural person). Note: The availability of specific options is also subject to the terms of the contract. If a beneficiary is *not* a natural person, or agent for a natural person (for example, the beneficiary is an estate), then the prior 5-year rule remains in effect.

If the rule change applies to your contract:

- Generally, designated beneficiaries will be required to liquidate the account in full no later than December 31 of the year containing the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the contract owner’s passing (“the 10-year rule”).
- The following types of eligible designated beneficiaries may elect to receive annual distributions over their life expectancy:
  - Surviving spouse of the deceased\*
  - Minor child of the deceased (until the minor attains the age of majority after which the 10-year rule will apply)
  - Disabled and chronically ill individuals
  - Beneficiaries not more than 10 years younger than the deceased

*\*Spouses may also elect to rollover the account and treat it as their own.*

AIG is working hard to address the changes enacted under the Act, including updating forms and marketing materials, and will provide additional information as it becomes available.

**If you have ordered a form, these changes could impact the options shown on that form, particularly for withdrawals or death claims.** Please consult a professional or call our Annuity Service Center at the number shown on the form if you’re unsure of your options. If you have other questions about your annuity, our Annuity Service Center is happy to help, at the appropriate number available at the “Contact Us” link at [www.aig.com/annuities](http://www.aig.com/annuities), or on annuity statements and forms.

Annuities are issued by **American General Life Insurance Company (AGL)**, Houston, TX, except in New York, where they are issued by **The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York (US Life)**. The Elite Series of annuities is issued by **The Variable Annuity Life Insurance Company (VALIC)**. Variable annuities are distributed by **AIG Capital Services, Inc. (ACS)**, Member FINRA. AGL, US Life, VALIC and ACS are members of American International Group, Inc. (AIG). **AIG member insurance companies and their employees and representatives do not provide legal, tax, or financial advice. Please consult your legal, tax, or financial professional for any questions that apply to your specific situation.**

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WITHDRAWAL REQUEST

Contract/Certificate Number \_\_\_\_\_ Owner's SSN or TIN \_\_\_\_\_

Owner's/Joint Owner's Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if new address (*original notarized signature is required*)

Owner's Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Check here if new phone number

Note: If you borrow, surrender, or withdraw any funds from your contract/certificate, the guaranteed elements, non-guaranteed elements, face amount, or surrender value of your existing contract/certificate may be affected.

I/We request a withdrawal under the provisions of the subject contract/certificate. Benefits applicable to the amount withdrawn are waived. I/We understand the contract/certificate provisions regarding early withdrawal charges.

**WITHDRAWALS PRIOR TO AGE 59½ MAY BE SUBJECT TO IRS PENALTY. PLEASE REFER TO YOUR CONTRACT/CERTIFICATE FOR ANY APPLICABLE EARLY WITHDRAWAL CHARGES.**

Amount requested to be:  NET OR  GROSS of Applicable Charges

If no method is indicated, distributions will be made **GROSS** of all applicable charges.

Amount requested to be withdrawn: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ OR  Total Available Free Withdrawal Amount

Complete Cash Surrender

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS \_\_\_\_\_

**DELIVERY METHOD**

**Important Considerations**

- If no method is indicated and/or financial institution verification is unsuccessful, the withdrawal(s) will be made payable to the Owner(s) and mailed as a check to the address on record.
- A check or EFT **cannot** be made payable to third parties.
- For EFTs, please **do not** enclose a deposit slip.
- If requesting to send the check(s) to an alternate address, then an original notarized signature of the Owner(s) is required.
- If the withdrawal request exceeds \$500,000, then an original Medallion Signature Guarantee is required.
- If the check (being mailed to the address of record) or EFT (to your financial institution) amount is \$50,000 or less, a faxed or emailed withdrawal request, with a copy of the Owner(s)' signature(s), will be accepted.
- If the address of record has changed within the last 30 days, then an original notarized signature is required.

Please *select only **one** of the following options:*

New Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT) — direct deposit withdrawal(s) to my financial institution account. Please complete the information below and include a copy of a voided check. In certain scenarios, if the financial institution verification is unsuccessful, we may require an original voided check. **Note:** Owner's/Joint Owner's Name(s) and Owner's SSN or TIN provided in the beginning of this form must match the financial institution's account information.

Existing Electronic Fund Transfer information on file from a previous partial withdrawal or active systematic withdrawal sent to my financial institution account. Please complete the information below.

Financial Institution Name \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Account Owner's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Financial Institution Account # \_\_\_\_\_ ABA Routing # (*obtain from financial institution*) \_\_\_\_\_

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- Mail check(s) to Owner(s) address of record.
- Mail check(s) to alternate address (*original notarized signature is required*).

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Alternate Individual or Financial Institution Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Account Number (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alternate Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip

### WITHHOLDING ELECTION

The Internal Revenue Code Sec. 401(a)(9) provides for certain mandatory distributions from qualified annuity contracts. These are known as Required Minimum Distributions or RMDs. A nondeductible penalty tax equal to 50% may be imposed on the difference between what is actually distributed and what should have been distributed pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code. Distributions from traditional IRAs, including SEP IRAs, must begin by April 1<sup>st</sup> of the year following the year you attain 70½. If you defer your first distribution to April 1<sup>st</sup>, you will be required to take another distribution by December 31<sup>st</sup> of the same year. The Company is not responsible for the satisfaction of RMDs. We recommend that you consult with your tax advisor as to your obligations with regard to the distributions from the contract. Note: Roth IRAs are not subject to RMD during the lifetime of the Roth IRA owner.

The distribution(s) you receive from the Insurer may be subject to federal income tax withholding unless you are eligible to elect out of withholding and elect not to have withholding apply. (*However, we must have your correct US Taxpayer Identification Number [TIN] in order for you to elect into or out of withholding.*) Withholding will only apply to the taxable portion of your distribution. **Your withholding election will remain in effect until you revoke it.** The Insurer may be required to withhold 20% in federal income tax from the taxable portion of the distribution from qualified retirement plans or 403(b) plans. **If mandatory 20% withholding on eligible rollover distributions does not apply, the Insurer will withhold 10% of the taxable amount for non-periodic payments or for periodic payments, the Insurer will withhold based on wage withholding, unless you elect otherwise below.** Spousal beneficiaries receiving eligible rollover distributions from 403(b)s may be subject to 20% mandatory withholding. Contract owners and spousal beneficiaries receiving distributions from IRAs and nonqualified annuities are not subject to 20% mandatory withholding.

States with a state income tax either require mandatory withholding or allow voluntary withholding. If your state requires mandatory withholding, we will withhold the mandatory amount without regard to your election below. Should you elect state income tax withholding and fail to provide a specific dollar or percentage amount and your state of domicile does not provide a default state withholding amount, we will withhold for state income tax purposes 5% of the taxable portion of your distribution for state income tax. **Should your state of domicile require a specific state withholding form, your state income tax withholding election will not be taken into account (and we will withhold based on the state mandatory withholding rate or our default state income tax withholding) until the required form is received at our Annuity Service Center.**

**Withholding Election** – If you are eligible to elect out of and elect not to have federal or state income tax withheld, please be advised that you may be liable to pay the federal or state income tax on your distribution as deemed appropriate by the Internal Revenue Service or state taxing authority, regardless of your election. You may also be subject to tax penalties if your payments of estimated tax and withholding, if any, are not adequate. If at any point in time after submitting this form you would like to change your tax withholding election, please send our Annuity Service Center a Form W4-P.

**Note for Rollover/Transfer:** For a direct rollover/transfer to be complete, we must have direct rollover/transfer paperwork from the receiving company along with their signed Letter of Acceptance or we will withhold taxes associated with the rollover/transfer. If direct rollover/transfer paperwork is not included at this time and/or the payment is sent directly to you, then your withdrawal or surrender will be considered to be a taxable/reportable event.

**The taxable portion of the distribution(s) will be subject to a default 10% federal tax withholding unless you elect one of the options below.**

<b><u>Federal Withholding Election</u></b> (Select only <b><u>one</u></b> option below)	<b><u>State Withholding Election</u></b> (Select only <b><u>one</u></b> option below)
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DO NOT</b> withhold any federal income taxes unless mandated by law  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DO</b> withhold federal income taxes in the amount of \$_____ or _____% (cannot be less than any mandatory withholding)	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>DO NOT</b> withhold any state income taxes unless mandated by law  <input type="checkbox"/> <b>DO</b> withhold state income taxes in the amount of \$_____ or _____% (cannot be less than any mandatory withholding)

**Notice to non-resident aliens and for payments made outside the U.S.:** A payment to a non-resident of the U.S. or made to an address outside the United States may be subject to federal income tax withholding at a rate of 30% of the taxable portion of the distribution. The payee may submit a completed IRS Form W-8BEN (or if applicable, a Form W-8BEN-E) and elect reduced withholding if the payment is eligible for reduced withholding. If the payee is an entity, it will be considered a foreign entity and subject to a mandatory 30% withholding of the gross payment until a completed Form W-9 showing that it is a US entity or a Form W-8 (of some variety) is provided.

The Company will provide you and the Internal Revenue Service with an informational tax form after the close of the calendar year.

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**SIGNATURE(S)**

This section must be completed and signed by the Owner of the annuity identified on Page 1 of this form. Failure to do so may delay your request.

**TAX CERTIFICATION (Substitute Form W-9) – Applicable to U.S. persons (including U.S. citizens and resident aliens). If you are not a U.S. person, you are required to submit the applicable IRS Form W-8 series (BEN, BEN-E, ECI, EXP or IMY).**

**Under penalties of perjury, I certify to the following:**

- 1. That the taxpayer identification number listed on this form is my correct SSN/TIN and I am a U.S. Citizen or other U.S. person (including resident aliens);
- 2. I further certify that I am exempt from and have not been notified by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) that I am subject to backup withholding. The Company is required to withhold income tax on any payments, which include interest and dividends when the owner is subject to backup withholding.; and
- 3. I am exempt from Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act (FATCA) reporting.

**Certification Instructions:** You must cross out any statement in 1-3 that does not apply to you. For instructions on how to complete this certification, please see the General Instructions for the IRS Form W-9 on www.irs.gov. If you can complete a Form W-9 (Request for Taxpayer Identification Number) and you are a U.S. Citizen or U.S. resident alien, FATCA reporting may not apply to you. **Please consult your own tax advisor with any questions you may have regarding this certification.**

**The Internal Revenue Service does not require your consent to any provision of this document other than the certifications required to avoid backup withholding.**

Signature of Owner	Date	Signature of Joint Owner, if any	Date
Signature of Notary for Owner	Date	Signature of Notary for Joint Owner, if any	Date

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**Medallion Signature Guarantee:** Original form and original Medallion Signature Guarantee is required if the check amount exceeds \$500,000. Medallion Signature Guarantee may be obtained at a bank or brokerage firm.

Attach Seal Here

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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