



# Prospectus

Penn Mutual  
Variable Life Account I

May 1, 2019



## Cornerstone Variable Universal Life Insurance IV



PROSPECTUS  
FOR  
CORNERSTONE VUL IV  
a flexible premium adjustable variable life insurance policy issued by  
THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY  
and funded through  
PENN MUTUAL VARIABLE LIFE ACCOUNT I  
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### **Overview**

The Policy provides life insurance and a cash surrender value that varies with the investment performance of one or more of the funds set forth below. The Policy also provides a fixed account in which amounts may be held to accumulate interest. The life insurance (or death benefit) provided under the Policy will never be less than the amount specified in the Policy.

<b>Penn Series Funds, Inc.</b>	<b>Manager</b>
Money Market Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC
Limited Maturity Bond Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC
Quality Bond Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC
High Yield Bond Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC
Flexibly Managed Fund	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.
Balanced Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC
Large Growth Stock Fund	T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.
Large Cap Growth Fund	Massachusetts Financial Services Company
Large Core Growth Fund	Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc.
Large Cap Value Fund	AllianceBernstein L.P.
Large Core Value Fund	Eaton Vance Management
Index 500 Fund	SSGA Funds Management, Inc
Mid Cap Growth Fund	Ivy Investment Management Company
Mid Cap Value Fund	Neuberger Berman Investment Advisers LLC
Mid Core Value Fund	American Century Investment Management, Inc.
SMID Cap Growth Fund	Goldman Sachs Asset Management, L.P.
SMID Cap Value Fund	AllianceBernstein L.P.
Small Cap Growth Fund	Janus Capital Management LLC
Small Cap Value Fund	Goldman Sachs Asset Management L.P.
Small Cap Index Fund	SSGA Funds Management, Inc.
Developed International Index Fund	SSGA Funds Management, Inc
International Equity Fund	Vontobel Asset Management, Inc.
Emerging Markets Equity Fund	Morgan Stanley Investment Management Inc.
Real Estate Securities Fund	Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc.
Aggressive Allocation Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC
Moderately Aggressive Allocation Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC
Moderate Allocation Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC
Moderately Conservative Allocation Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC
Conservative Allocation Fund	Penn Mutual Asset Management, LLC

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## GUIDE TO READING THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus contains information that you should know before you buy the Policy or exercise any of your rights under the Policy. The purpose of this prospectus is to provide information on the essential features and provisions of the Policy and the investment options available under the Policy. Your rights and obligations under the Policy are determined by the language of the Policy itself. When you receive your Policy, read it carefully.

The prospectus is arranged as follows:

- Pages 4 to 5 provide a summary of the benefits and risks of the Policy.
- Pages 6 to 15 provide tables showing fees and charges under the Policy.
- Pages 16 to 17 provide tables showing fees and expenses of the funds underlying the Policy.
- Pages 18 to 47 provide additional information about the Policy, in question and answer format.
- Page 47 provides information about The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company (“Penn Mutual”), Penn Mutual Variable Life Account I (the “Separate Account”) and the underlying investment funds in which Policy reserves may be allocated.
- Appendices A, B, C and D, which are at the end of the prospectus and are referred to in the answers to questions about the Policy, provide specific information and examples to help you understand how the Policy works.

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*The Penn Series Funds prospectus that accompanies this prospectus contains important information that you should know about the investments that may be made under the Policy. You should read the relevant Penn Series Funds prospectus carefully before you invest.*

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## SUMMARY OF THE BENEFITS AND RISKS OF THE POLICY

The following is a summary of the benefits and the risks of the Policy. Please read the entire Prospectus before you invest.

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### Benefit Summary

The Policy provides life insurance on you or another individual you name. The value of your Policy will increase or decrease based upon the performance of the investment options you choose. The death benefit may also increase or decrease based on investment performance. In addition, the Policy allows you to allocate a part of your policy value to a fixed interest option where the value will accumulate interest.

**Death Benefit** — While the Policy is in effect, we will pay the beneficiary the death benefit less the amount of any outstanding loan when the insured dies. We offer two different types of death benefit options under the Policy. You choose which one you want in the application.

**Premium Flexibility** — Amounts you pay to us under your Policy are called “premiums” or “premium payments.” Within limits, you can make premium payments when you wish. That is why the Policy is called a “flexible premium” Policy. Additional premiums may be paid in any amount and at any time. A premium must be at least \$25.

**Free Look Period** — You have the right to cancel your Policy within 10 days after you receive it (or longer in some states). This is referred to as the “free look” period. To cancel your Policy, simply deliver or mail the Policy to our office or to our representative who delivered the Policy to you.

**Five Year No-Lapse Feature** — Your Policy will remain in force during the first five policy years, regardless of investment performance and your net cash surrender value, if the total premiums you have paid, less any partial surrenders you made, equal or exceed the “no-lapse premium” specified in your Policy, multiplied by the number of months the Policy has been in force. Policy distributions will affect the no-lapse guarantee and outstanding loans will nullify the no-lapse guarantee.

**Investment Options** — The Policy allows you to allocate your policy value to the different investment options listed on page 1 of this prospectus.

**Fixed Interest Option** — In addition to the investment options described above, the Policy allows you to allocate your policy value to a fixed interest account. The amount you allocate to the fixed interest account will earn interest at a rate we declare from time to time. We guarantee that this rate will be at least 3%.

**Transfers** — Within limitations, you may transfer investment amounts from one investment account to another and to and from the fixed interest option. In addition, the Policy offers three automated transfer programs — two dollar cost averaging programs and one asset rebalancing program.

**Loans** — You may take a loan on your Policy. You may borrow up to 95% of your cash surrender value. The minimum amount you may borrow is \$250. Interest charged on a policy loan is 4.0% and is payable at the end of each policy year. You may repay all or part of a loan at any time.

**Surrenders and Withdrawals** — You may surrender your Policy in full at any time. If you do, we will pay you the Policy value, less any Policy loan outstanding and less any surrender charge that then applies. This is called your “net cash surrender value.” In addition, you may make partial withdrawals (subject to limitations) from your net cash surrender value.

**Taxes** — Death benefits paid under life insurance policies are not subject to federal income tax, but may be subject to federal and state estate taxes. Investment gains from your Policy are not taxed as long as the gains remain in the Policy. If the Policy is not treated as a “modified endowment contract” under federal

income tax law, depending on the policy year when the distribution is made, distributions from the Policy may be treated first as the return of investments in the Policy and then, only after the return of all investment in the Policy, as distributions of taxable income.

**Riders** — For an additional charge, Penn Mutual offers supplemental benefit riders that may be added to your Policy. If any of these riders are added, any applicable monthly charges for the supplemental benefits will be deducted from your policy value as part of the monthly deduction.

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## Risk Summary

**Suitability** — The Policy is designed to provide life insurance and should be used in conjunction with long-term financial planning. The Policy is not suitable as a short-term savings vehicle. You will pay a surrender charge should you surrender your Policy within the first 11 policy years.

**Investment Performance** — The value of your Policy, which is invested in underlying investment funds, will vary with the investment performance of the funds. There is risk that the investment performance of the funds that you select may be unfavorable or may not perform up to your expectations, which may decrease the value of your net cash surrender value. A comprehensive discussion of the investment risks of each of the investment funds may be found in the prospectus for each of the funds. Before allocating money to a fund, please read the prospectus for the fund carefully.

**Lapse** — Your Policy may terminate, or “lapse,” if the net cash surrender value of the Policy is not sufficient to pay policy charges (including payment of interest on any loan that may be outstanding under the Policy), the five year no-lapse feature is not in effect, and you do not make additional premium payments necessary to keep the Policy in force. We will notify you how much premium you will need to pay to keep the Policy in force. Subject to certain conditions, if the Policy terminates, you can apply to reinstate it within five years from the date of lapse if the insured is alive.

**Access to Cash Value** — If you fully surrender your Policy for cash within the first 11 policy years or within 11 years of an increase in the specified amount of insurance, you will incur a surrender charge at a rate specified for the year of surrender. Also, a partial surrender of your Policy for cash will be subject to an administrative charge. In addition, any increase to your specified amount will have an 11 year surrender charge schedule attached to it.

**Taxes** — The federal income tax law that applies to life insurance companies and to the Policy is complex and subject to change. Changes in the law could adversely affect the current tax advantages of purchasing the Policy. Death benefits paid under life insurance policies are not subject to federal income tax, but may be subject to federal and state estate taxes. The information in this prospectus is based on our understanding of the present federal income tax laws as they are currently interpreted by the Internal Revenue Service. We reserve the right to make changes in the Policy in the event of a change in the tax law for the purpose of preserving the current tax treatment of the Policy. You may wish to consult counsel or other competent tax advisers for more complete information.

## FEE TABLES

The following tables summarize fees and expenses that a policy owner may pay when buying, owning and surrendering the Policy.<sup>1</sup> The first table describes the fees and expenses that a policy owner may pay at the time he or she buys the Policy, surrenders the Policy, or transfers cash value between investment options.

Transaction Fees		
Charge	When Charge is Deducted	Amount Deducted
Maximum Sales Charge (load)	When a premium is paid.	4.0% of premium payments. <sup>2</sup>
Premium and Federal (DAC) Taxes	When a premium is paid.	3.5% of premium payments.
Maximum Deferred Sales Charge (load) if the Policy is surrendered within the first 11 policy years	When the Policy is surrendered.	25% of the lesser of (i) premiums paid and (ii) the "maximum surrender charge premium." <sup>3</sup>
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45	When the Policy is surrendered.	25% of the lesser of (i) premiums paid and (ii) \$13.67 per \$1,000 of specified amount. <sup>3</sup>
Additional Surrender Charges apply if the Policy is surrendered within the first 11 policy years, or within 11 years of any increase in the amount of insurance specified in your Policy <sup>4</sup>		
Minimum Charge	When the Policy is surrendered.	\$1 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance or increase in specified amount of insurance, for insured age 9 or younger at the date of issue or increase.
Maximum Charge	When the Policy is surrendered.	\$7 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance or increase in specified amount of insurance, for insured age 60 or older at the date of issue or increase.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45	When the Policy is surrendered.	\$5 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance or increase in specified amount of insurance, for insured age 45 at the date of issue or increase.
Partial Surrender Charge	When you partially surrender your Policy.	Lesser of \$25 or 2.0% of the amount surrendered.
Transfer Charge		
Current Charge	When you make a transfer.	\$0.00 <sup>5</sup>
Guaranteed Maximum Charge	When you make a transfer.	\$10.00

Transaction Fees		
Charge	When Charge is Deducted	Amount Deducted
Loans <sup>6</sup>		
Gross Interest Charge	End of each policy year.	Annual rate of 4.0% (before credit from interest paid on collateral held in special loan account).
Net Interest Charge <sup>7</sup>	End of each policy year.	Annual rate of 1.0% (after credit from interest paid on collateral held in special loan account). <sup>8</sup>

1. See **What Are the Fees and Charges Under the Policy?** in this prospectus for additional information.
2. The sales charge imposed on premiums (load) is currently reduced to 1.5%.
3. The “maximum surrender charge premium” is determined separately for each Policy and takes into account the individual underwriting characteristics of the insured. The “maximum surrender charge premium” is stated in each Policy. Commencing in the eighth policy year and continuing through the eleventh policy year, the deferred sales charge decreases each year, after which there is no longer a charge.
4. The “other surrender charge” under the Policies vary depending on the age of the insured. More information concerning the “other surrender charge” is stated in each Policy. Commencing in the eighth policy year and continuing through the eleventh policy year, the surrender charge decreases each year in proportional amounts, after which there is no longer a charge; and commencing eight years after any increase in the specified amount of insurance and continuing through the end of eleven years after the increase, the surrender charge decreases each year in proportional amounts, after which there is no longer a charge.
5. No transaction fee is currently imposed for making a transfer among investment funds and/or the fixed interest option. We reserve the right to impose a \$10 fee in the future on any transfer that exceeds twelve transfers in a policy year (except in the case of transfers of \$5,000,000 or more).
6. You may borrow up to 95% of your cash surrender value. The minimum amount you may borrow is \$250. An amount equivalent to the loan is withdrawn from subaccounts of the Separate Account and the fixed interest option on a pro-rata basis (unless you designate a different withdrawal allocation when you request the loan) and is transferred to a special loan account as collateral for the loan. See **What Is a Policy Loan?** in this prospectus for additional information about Policy Loans.
7. “Net Interest Charge” means the difference between the amount of interest we charge on the loan and the amount of interest we credit to your Policy in the special loan account.
8. The special loan account is guaranteed to earn interest at 3.0% during the first ten policy years and 3.75% thereafter (4.0% thereafter in New York). On a guaranteed basis, the Net Interest Charge during the first ten policy years is 1.0% and 0.25% thereafter (0.0% thereafter in New York). The special loan account currently earns interest at 3.0% during the first ten policy years and 4.0% thereafter. On a current basis, the Net Interest Charge during the first ten policy years is 1.0% and 0.0% thereafter.

The next table describes charges that a policy owner may pay periodically during the time the Policy is owned. The charges do not include fees and expenses incurred by the funds that serve as investment options under the Policy.

Periodic Charges Under the Policy Not Including Operating Expenses of Underlying Investment Funds		
Policy Charges	When Charge is Deducted	Amount Deducted
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges</i> <sup>1</sup> :		
Current Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0093 to maximum of \$22.9004, per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0566 to maximum of \$83.3333, per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.

Periodic Charges Under the Policy Not Including Operating Expenses of Underlying Investment Funds		
Policy Charges	When Charge is Deducted	Amount Deducted
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.2628 per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.2767 per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
<i>Mortality and Expense Risk Charge:</i>		
Mortality and Expense Risk Face Amount Charge	Monthly	For first 120 months following policy date, the charges range from a minimum of \$0.07 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance for female age 5 or under, up to a maximum of \$0.29 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance, for male age 85 or older. A similar charge applies to an increase in the specified amount of insurance, for the first 120 months following the increase. <sup>2</sup>
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.18 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.18 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance.
Mortality and Expense Risk Asset Charge	Monthly	0.60% annually of the first \$50,000 of policy value and 0.30% annually of the policy value in excess of that amount. <sup>3</sup>
<i>Administrative Charges:</i>	Monthly	\$9.00 <sup>4</sup>

1. The cost of insurance charges under the Policies vary depending on the individual circumstances of the insured, such as sex, age and risk classification. The charges also vary depending on the amount of insurance specified in the Policy and the policy year in which the charge is deducted. The table shows the lowest and the highest cost of insurance charges for an insured, based on our current rates and on guaranteed maximum rates for individuals in standard risk classifications. The table also shows the cost of insurance charges under a Policy issued to an individual who is representative of individuals we insure. Your Policy will state the guaranteed maximum cost of insurance charges. More detailed information concerning your cost of insurance charges is available from our administrative offices upon request. Also, before you purchase the Policy, we will provide you with hypothetical illustrations of policy values based upon the insured's age and risk classification, the death benefit option selected, the amount of insurance specified in the Policy, planned periodic premiums, and riders requested. The net amount at risk referred to in the tables is based upon the difference between the current death benefit provided under the Policy and the current value of the Policy. For additional information on cost of insurance charges, see **What Are the Fees and Charges Under the Policy? — Monthly Deductions — Insurance Charge** in this prospectus.
2. The mortality and expense risk face amount charges are currently reduced. During the first 60 months following the policy date, the charges range from \$0.06 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance for females age 7 and under and up to \$0.29 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance for males age 74 and older. For months 61 through 120 following the policy date, the charges range from \$0.03 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance for females age 7 and under and up to \$0.15 per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance for males age 74 and older. The charge on an additional specified amount of insurance is similarly reduced.

3. This charge is currently reduced. For policies issued after August 2004, for the first 120 months following the policy date, to 0.45% annually of the first \$25,000 of policy value and 0.15% annually of the policy value in excess of that amount. After the first 120 months following the policy date, the charge is currently reduced to zero. See **What Are the Fees and Charges Under the Policy? — Monthly Deductions — Mortality and Expense Risk Charge** in this prospectus for additional information about this charge.
4. The charge is currently reduced to \$8.00.

The next table describes charges that a policy owner may pay periodically for various Optional Supplemental Benefit Riders to the Policy. They are in addition to the charges applicable under the base Policy. The charges do not include fees and expenses incurred by the funds that serve as investment options under the Policy.

<b>Periodic Charges Under Optional Supplemental Benefit Riders Not Including Operating Expenses of Underlying Investment Funds</b>		
<b>Supplemental Benefit Rider/Charges</b>	<b>When Charge Is Deducted</b>	<b>Amount Deducted</b>
<b>1. Accidental Death Benefit:</b>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0533 to maximum of \$0.1108, per \$1,000 of accidental death benefit.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0533 to maximum of \$0.1108, per \$1,000 of accidental death benefit.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.0592 per \$1,000 of accidental death benefit.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.0592 per \$1,000 of accidental death benefit.
<b>2. Additional Insured Term Insurance Agreement:</b>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0441 to maximum of \$3.0371, per \$1,000 of additional insured term insurance benefit.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0816 to maximum of \$4.2109, per \$1,000 of additional insured term insurance benefit.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.2229 per \$1,000 of additional insured term insurance benefit.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.2767 per \$1,000 of additional insured term insurance benefit.

<b>Periodic Charges Under Optional Supplemental Benefit Riders Not Including Operating Expenses of Underlying Investment Funds</b>		
<b>Supplemental Benefit Rider/Charges</b>	<b>When Charge Is Deducted</b>	<b>Amount Deducted</b>
<i>Administrative Charges</i>		
First year of Agreement	Monthly	\$0.10 per \$1,000 of additional insured term insurance benefit.
First year of increase in term insurance benefit under Agreement	Monthly	\$0.10 per \$1,000 of additional insured term insurance benefit.
<b>3. Business Accounting Benefit<sup>2</sup>:</b>		
<i>Administrative Charges</i>		
First eleven years of the Policy	Monthly	\$0.03 per \$1,000 of original specified amount of insurance.
First eleven years after an increase in the specified amount of insurance	Monthly	\$0.03 per \$1,000 of increase in specified amount of insurance.
<b>4. Children's Term Insurance Agreement:</b>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.15 per \$1,000 of children's term insurance benefit.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.24 per \$1,000 of children's term insurance benefit.
<b>5. Disability Waiver of Monthly Deduction:</b>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0092 to maximum of \$0.3192, per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0117 to maximum of \$0.5992, per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.0275 per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.0508 per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.

<b>Periodic Charges Under Optional Supplemental Benefit Riders            Not Including Operating Expenses of Underlying Investment Funds</b>		
<b>Supplemental Benefit Rider/Charges</b>	<b>When Charge Is Deducted</b>	<b>Amount Deducted</b>
<b>6. Disability Waiver of Monthly Deduction and Disability Monthly Premium Deposit Agreement:</b>		
<i>Disability Waiver of Monthly Deduction</i>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0092 to maximum of \$0.3192, per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0117 to maximum of \$0.5992, per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.0275 per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.0508 per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
<i>Disability Monthly Premium Deposit</i>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.03 to maximum of \$0.96, per \$100 of the stipulated premium in the Policy.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.03 to maximum of \$0.96, per \$100 of the stipulated premium in the Policy.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.12 per \$100 of the stipulated premium in the Policy.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.12 per \$100 of the stipulated premium in the Policy.
<b>7. Guaranteed Continuation of Policy:</b>		
<i>Cost of Insurance</i>	Monthly	\$0.01 per \$1,000 of specified amount of insurance.

<b>Periodic Charges Under Optional Supplemental Benefit Riders Not Including Operating Expenses of Underlying Investment Funds</b>		
<b>Supplemental Benefit Rider/Charges</b>	<b>When Charge Is Deducted</b>	<b>Amount Deducted</b>
<b>8. Guaranteed Option to Extend Maturity Date:</b>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	No charge.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$2.80 to maximum of \$6.30, per \$1,000 of net amount at risk, applied from age 90-99.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	No charge.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0 per \$1,000 of net amount at risk.
<b>9. Guaranteed Option to Increase Specified Amount:</b>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0425 to maximum of \$0.145, per \$1,000 of guaranteed option amount.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0425 to maximum of \$0.145, per \$1,000 of guaranteed option amount.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 25		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.1058 per \$1,000 of guaranteed option amount.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.1058 per \$1,000 of guaranteed option amount.
<b>10. Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Agreement:</b>		
Current Charges	Monthly	0.60% annually of the policy value allocated to the Separate Account.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	1.00% annually of the policy value allocated to the Separate Account.
<b>11. Return of Premium Term Insurance:</b>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0244 to maximum of \$22.9004, per \$1,000 of term insurance.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0816 to maximum of \$83.3333, per \$1,000 of term insurance.

Periodic Charges Under Optional Supplemental Benefit Riders Not Including Operating Expenses of Underlying Investment Funds		
Supplemental Benefit Rider/Charges	When Charge Is Deducted	Amount Deducted
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.2628 per \$1,000 of term insurance.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.2767 per \$1,000 of term insurance.
<b>12. Supplemental Term Insurance Agreement<sup>3</sup>:</b>		
<i>Cost of Insurance Charges<sup>1</sup></i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0070 to maximum of \$22.9004, per \$1,000 of net amount at risk attributable to the term insurance benefit.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	Minimum of \$0.0566 to maximum of \$83.3333, per \$1,000 of net amount at risk attributable to the term insurance benefit.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.0450 per \$1,000 of net amount at risk attributable to the term insurance benefit.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.2767 per \$1,000 of net amount at risk attributable to the term insurance benefit.
<i>Mortality and Expense Risk Face Amount Charge</i>		
Current Charges	Monthly	No charge.
Guaranteed Maximum Charge	Monthly	For the first 120 months following policy date, the charges range from a minimum of \$0.12 per \$1,000 of the term insurance benefit, for female age 5 or under, up to a maximum of \$0.34 per \$1,000 of the term insurance benefit, for male age 85 or older. A similar charge applies to an increase in the term insurance benefit, for the first 120 months following the increase.
Charge for a representative non-tobacco male insured, age 45		
Current Charges	Monthly	\$0.00 per \$1,000 of the term insurance benefit.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	\$0.23 per \$1,000 of the term insurance benefit.

Periodic Charges Under Optional Supplemental Benefit Riders Not Including Operating Expenses of Underlying Investment Funds		
Supplemental Benefit Rider/Charges	When Charge Is Deducted	Amount Deducted
<b>13. Supplemental Exchange Agreement:</b>		
Current Charges	Monthly	No charge.
Guaranteed Maximum Charges	Monthly	No charge.
<b>14. Overloan Protection Benefit Agreement:</b>		
<i>Administrative Charge</i>		
Current Charge	When Benefit is Exercised	One time charge of 3.5% of policy value.
Guaranteed Maximum Charge	When Benefit is Exercised	One time charge of 3.5% of policy value.
<b>15. Accelerated Death Benefit:</b>		
<i>Administrative Charge</i>		
Current Charge	When Benefit is Exercised	One time charge of 12 months' worth of policy charges on the accelerated amount, plus an interest adjustment, which is equal to 12 months' worth of interest on the accelerated amount based on a rate that is the greater of (a) the current 90-day Treasury bill rate, or (b) the current policy loan rate.
Guaranteed Maximum Charge	When Benefit is Exercised	One time charge of 12 months' worth of policy charges on the accelerated amount, plus an interest adjustment, which is equal to 12 months' worth of interest on the accelerated amount based on a rate that is the greater of (a) the current 90-day Treasury bill rate, or (b) the current maximum statutory adjustable policy loan rate.

1. The cost of insurance charges under the Riders vary depending on the individual circumstances of the insured, such as sex, age and risk classification. The charges also vary depending on the amount of insurance specified in the Rider and the year in which the charge is deducted. The table shows the lowest and the highest cost of insurance charges for an insured, based on current rates and on guaranteed maximum rates for individuals in standard risk classifications. The table also shows the cost of insurance charges under a Rider issued to an individual who is representative of individuals we insure. The specifications pages of a Rider will indicate the guaranteed maximum cost of insurance charge applicable to your Policy. More detailed information concerning your cost of insurance charges is available from our administrative offices upon request. Also, before you purchase the Policy, we will provide you with hypothetical illustrations of policy values based upon the insured's age and risk classification, the death benefit option selected, the amount of insurance specified in the Policy, planned periodic premiums, and riders requested. The net amount at risk referred to in the table is based upon the difference between the current benefit provided under the Rider and the current policy value allocated to the Rider. For additional information about the Riders, see **What Are the Supplemental Benefit Riders That I Can Buy?** in this prospectus.
2. This rider is not available to all persons. See **What Are the Supplemental Benefit Riders That I Can Buy? — Business Accounting Benefit Agreement** in this prospectus for additional information.

3. For purposes of determining the allocation of net amount at risk between the specified amount of insurance in the Policy, and the term insurance benefit, the policy value will be allocated as follows: first to the initial term insurance benefit segment, then to any segments resulting from increases in the term insurance benefit in the order of the increases, then to the initial specified amount segment, and then to any segments resulting from increases in the specified amount in the order of the increases. Any increase in the death benefit in order to maintain the required minimum margin between the death benefit and the policy value will be allocated to the most recent increase in the specified amount in the Policy.

The next item shows the minimum and maximum total operating expenses charged by the Funds that you may pay periodically during the time that you own the Contract. More detail concerning each Fund's fees and expenses is contained in the prospectus for each Fund.

	<b>Minimum:</b>	<b>Maximum:</b>
<b>Maximum and Minimum Total Fund Operating Expenses</b> (expenses that are deducted from assets of the Funds, including management fees and other expenses)	0.36%	1.33%

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**Underlying Fund Annual Expenses (as a % of an Underlying Fund's average daily net assets)**

<b>Fund</b>	<b>Investment Advisory Fees</b>	<b>Other Expenses</b>	<b>Acquired Fund Fees and Expenses</b>	<b>Total Fund Operating Expenses</b>	<b>Less Expense Waivers; Plus Recapture</b>	<b>Total Fund Operating Expenses (After Expense Waivers/ Recapture)</b>	<b>Expense Limitation<sup>(1)</sup></b>
Money Market . . . . .	0.33%	0.26%	0.01%	0.60% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	0.60% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.64%
Limited Maturity Bond . . .	0.46%	0.24%	0.00%	0.70%	0.00%	0.70%	0.74%
Quality Bond . . . . .	0.44%	0.22%	0.00%	0.66%	0.00%	0.66%	0.73%
High Yield Bond . . . . .	0.46%	0.28%	0.01%	0.75% <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	0.00%	0.75% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.92%
Flexibly Managed . . . . .	0.70%	0.19%	0.00%	0.89%	0.00%	0.89%	0.94%
Balanced . . . . .	0.00%	0.20%	0.48%	0.68% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	0.68% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.79%
Large Growth Stock . . . . .	0.71%	0.24%	0.00%	0.95%	0.00%	0.95%	1.02%
Large Cap Growth . . . . .	0.55%	0.32%	0.00%	0.87%	0.00%	0.87%	0.89%
Large Core Growth . . . . .	0.60%	0.26%	0.00%	0.86%	0.00%	0.86%	0.90%
Large Cap Value . . . . .	0.67%	0.23%	0.01%	0.91% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	0.91% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.96%
Large Core Value . . . . .	0.66%	0.24%	0.00%	0.90%	0.00%	0.90%	0.96%
Index 500 . . . . .	0.13%	0.23%	0.00%	0.36%	0.00%	0.36%	0.42%
Mid Cap Growth . . . . .	0.70%	0.26%	0.00%	0.96%	0.00%	0.96%	1.00%
Mid Cap Value . . . . .	0.55%	0.24%	0.00%	0.79%	0.00%	0.79%	0.83%
Mid Core Value . . . . .	0.72%	0.34%	0.01%	1.07% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	1.07% <sup>(2)</sup>	1.11%
SMID Cap Growth . . . . .	0.75%	0.28%	0.00%	1.03%	0.00%	1.03%	1.07%
SMID Cap Value . . . . .	0.84%	0.26%	0.00%	1.10%	0.00%	1.10%	1.26%
Small Cap Growth . . . . .	0.74%	0.26%	0.00%	1.00%	0.00%	1.00%	1.13%
Small Cap Value . . . . .	0.71%	0.26%	0.01%	0.98% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	0.98% <sup>(2)</sup>	1.02%
Small Cap Index . . . . .	0.30%	0.35%	0.00%	0.65%	0.00%	0.65%	0.74%
Developed International Index . . . . .	0.30%	0.49%	0.00%	0.79%	0.00%	0.79%	0.94%
International Equity . . . . .	0.80%	0.27%	0.00%	1.07% <sup>(4)</sup>	0.00%	1.07%	1.20%
Emerging Markets Equity . . . . .	0.92%	0.40%	0.01%	1.33% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	1.33% <sup>(2)</sup>	1.78%
Real Estate Securities . . . .	0.70%	0.26%	0.00%	0.96%	0.00%	0.96%	1.02%
Aggressive Allocation . . . .	0.12%	0.20%	0.94%	1.26% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	1.26% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.40%
Moderately Aggressive Allocation . . . . .	0.12%	0.18%	0.90%	1.20% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	1.20% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.34%
Moderate Allocation . . . . .	0.12%	0.17%	0.84%	1.13% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	1.13% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.34%
Moderately Conservative Allocation . . . . .	0.12%	0.19%	0.78%	1.09% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	1.09% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.35%
Conservative Allocation . . .	0.12%	0.21%	0.72%	1.05% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.00%	1.05% <sup>(2)</sup>	0.38%

(1) The Funds are subject to an expense limitation agreement under which a portion of each Fund's fees and expenses will be waived and/or reimbursed to the extent necessary to keep total operating expenses of each Fund from exceeding the amounts shown in the table. This agreement is limited to a Fund's direct operating expenses and, therefore, does not apply to nonrecurring account fees, fees on portfolio transactions, such as exchange fees, dividends and interest on securities sold short, acquired fund fees and expenses ("AFFE"), service fees, interest, taxes, brokerage commissions, other expenditures which are capitalized in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and other non-routine expenses or extraordinary expenses not incurred in the ordinary course of the Fund's business. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for the Balanced Fund, AFFE shall be included as a direct operating expense of the Fund for purposes of the expense limitation agreement. Further, this agreement is expected to continue through April 30, 2020. The agreement may be terminated prior to April 30, 2020 only by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of Penn Series Funds, Inc. for any reason and at any time.

- (2) The Fund's Total Annual Fund Operating Expenses may not correlate to the expense ratios in the Fund's financial statements because financial statements reflect only the operating expenses of the Fund and do not include AFEE, which are fees and expenses incurred indirectly by the Fund through its investments in certain underlying investment companies.
  - (3) The Fund's expense information has been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's Investment Advisory Fee rate, effective May 1, 2018. As such, the Fund's Total Fund Operating Expenses may not correlate to the expense ratio in the Fund's financial statements, which reflect the prior Investment Advisory Fee rate.
  - (4) The Fund's expense information has been restated to reflect a reduction in the Fund's Investment Advisory Fee rate, effective October 1, 2018. As such, the Fund's Total Fund Operating Expenses may not correlate to the expense ratio in the Fund's financial statements, which reflect the prior Investment Advisory Fee rate.
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Please review these tables carefully. They show the expenses that you pay directly and indirectly when you purchase a Contract. Your expenses include Contract expenses and the expenses of the Funds that you select. See the prospectus of Penn Series Funds, Inc. for additional information on Fund expenses.

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

This part of the prospectus provides answers to important questions about the Policy. The questions, and answers to the questions, are on the following pages.

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## What Is the Policy?

The Policy provides life insurance on you or another individual you name. The value of your Policy will increase or decrease based upon the performance of the investment funds you choose. The death benefit may also increase or decrease based on investment performance but will never be less than the amount specified in your Policy (less the amount of any outstanding loan or partial surrenders). The Policy also allows you to allocate your policy value to subaccounts of the Separate Account (which hold shares of the funds listed on the first two pages of this prospectus) and to a fixed interest account where the value will accumulate interest.

You will have several options under the Policy. Here are some major ones:

- Determine when and how much you pay to us
- Determine when and how much to allocate to subaccounts of the Separate Account and to the fixed account
- Borrow money
- Change the beneficiary
- Change the amount of insurance protection
- Change the death benefit option you have selected
- Surrender or partially surrender your Policy for all or part of its net cash surrender value
- Choose the form in which you would like the death benefit or other proceeds paid out from your Policy

Most of these options are subject to limits that are explained later in this prospectus.

If you want to purchase a Policy, you must complete an application and submit it to one of our authorized advisers. We require satisfactory evidence of insurability, which may include a medical examination. We evaluate the information provided in accordance with our underwriting rules and then decide whether to accept or not accept the application. Insurance coverage under the Policy is effective on the policy date after we accept the application, the initial premium payment must be received, and all underwriting and administrative requirements must be met.

The maturity date of a Policy is the policy anniversary nearest the insured's 100th birthday. If the Policy is still in force on the maturity date, a maturity benefit will be paid. The maturity benefit is equal to the policy value less any policy loan, including any capitalized interest on any such loan ("Net Policy Value"), on the maturity date. Upon written request of the owner, the Policy will continue in force beyond the maturity date. Thereafter, the death benefit will be the Net Policy Value.

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## Who Owns the Policy?

You decide who owns the Policy when you apply for it. The owner of the Policy is the person who can exercise most of the rights under the Policy, such as the right to choose the death benefit option, the beneficiary, the investment options, and the right to surrender the Policy. Whenever we have used the term "you" in this prospectus, we have assumed that you are the owner or the person who has whatever right or privilege we are discussing.

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## What Payments Must I Make Under the Policy?

### **Premium Payments**

Amounts you pay to us under your Policy are called “premiums” or “premium payments.” The amount we require as your first premium depends on a number of factors, such as age, sex, rate classification, the amount of insurance specified in the application, and any supplemental benefits. Sample minimum initial premiums (also referred to as no-lapse premiums) are shown in Appendix A at the end of this prospectus. Within limits, you can make premium payments when you wish. That is why the Policy is called a “flexible premium” Policy.

Additional premiums may be paid in any amount and at any time. A premium must be at least \$25. We may require satisfactory evidence of insurability before accepting any premium which increases our net amount at risk.

We reserve the right to limit total premiums paid in a policy year to the planned premiums you select in your application. If you have chosen to qualify your Policy as life insurance under the Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), federal tax law limits the amount of premium payments you may make in relation to the amount of life insurance provided under the Policy. We will not accept or retain a premium payment that exceeds the maximum permitted under federal tax law. See **How Is the Policy Treated Under Federal Income Tax Law?** in this prospectus.

If you make a premium payment that exceeds certain other limits imposed under federal tax law, your Policy could become a “modified endowment contract” under the Code; you could incur a penalty on the amount you take out of a “modified endowment contract.” We will assist you in monitoring your Policy and will endeavor to notify you on a timely basis if you are about to exceed this limit and the Policy is in jeopardy of becoming a “modified endowment contract” under the Code; however, you are solely responsible for monitoring your Policy and meeting appropriate requirements. See **How Much Life Insurance Does the Policy Provide?** and **How Is the Policy Treated Under Federal Income Tax Law?** in this prospectus.

### **Planned Premiums**

The Policy Specifications page of your Policy will show the “planned premium” for the Policy. You choose this amount in the policy application. We will send a premium reminder notice to you based upon the planned premium that you specified in your application, with the exception of monthly premiums being paid via electronic fund transfer program. You also choose in your application how often to pay planned premiums — annually, semi-annually, quarterly or monthly. You are not required to pay the planned premium as long as your Policy has sufficient value to pay policy charges. See **Five Year No-Lapse Feature** and **Lapse and Reinstatement** below.

### **Ways to Pay Premiums**

If you pay premiums by check, your check must be drawn on a U.S. bank in U.S. dollars and made payable to The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company. Premiums after the first must be sent as follows: 1) checks sent by mail: The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Payment Processing Center, P.O. Box 7460, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101-7460, and 2) checks sent by overnight delivery: The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Payment Processing Center, ATTN: L/B 7460, 312 West Route 38, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

We will also accept premiums:

- by wire or by exchange from another insurance company,
- via an electronic funds transfer program (any owner interested in making monthly premium payments must use this method), or
- if we agree to it, through a salary deduction plan with your employer.

You can obtain information on these other methods of premium payment by contacting your Penn Mutual representative or by contacting our office.

### **Five Year No-Lapse Feature**

Your Policy will remain in force during the first five policy years, regardless of investment performance and your net cash surrender value, if (a) equals or exceeds (b), where:

- (a) is the total premiums you have paid, less any partial surrenders you made; and
- (b) is the “no-lapse premium” specified in your Policy, multiplied by the number of months the Policy has been in force.

If you had increased the specified amount of insurance under your Policy during the first three policy years prior to December 15, 2008, we extended the no-lapse provision by two additional years after the effective date of the increase.

If you had not previously increased the specified amount of insurance under your Policy during the first three policy years prior to December 15, 2008 and you increase the specified amount of insurance during the first five policy years on or after December 15, 2008, the no-lapse period will be extended by five policy years after the effective date of the increase.

The “no-lapse premium” will generally be less than the monthly equivalent of the planned premium you specified.

Policy distributions will affect the no-lapse guarantee and outstanding loans will nullify the no-lapse guarantee. See **What Is a Policy Loan?** in this prospectus.

### **Lapse and Reinstatement**

If the net cash surrender value of your Policy is not sufficient to pay policy charges, and the five year no-lapse feature is not in effect, we will notify you how much premium you will need to pay to keep the Policy in force. You will have a 61 day “grace period” from the date the notice is produced to make that payment. If you don’t pay at least the required amount by the end of the grace period, your Policy will terminate (*i.e.*, lapse). All coverage under the Policy will then cease.

If you die during the grace period, we will pay the death benefit to your beneficiary less any unpaid policy charges and outstanding policy loans. If you die after the end of the grace period, when the Policy has terminated, your beneficiary will not receive any death benefit.

If the Policy terminates, you can apply to reinstate it within five years from the date of lapse if the insured is alive. You will have to provide evidence that the insured person still meets our requirements for issuing insurance. You will also have to pay a minimum amount of premium and be subject to the other terms and conditions applicable to reinstatements, as specified in the Policy.

### **Premiums Upon an Increase in the Specified Amount**

If you increase the specified amount of insurance, you may wish to pay an additional premium or make a change in planned premiums. See **Can I Change Insurance Coverage Under the Policy?** in this prospectus. We will notify you if an additional premium or a change in planned premiums is necessary.

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### **How Are Amounts Credited to the Separate Account?**

From each premium payment you make, we deduct a premium charge. We allocate the rest to the investment options you have selected (except, in some states, the initial net premium will be allocated to the Penn Series Money Market Fund subaccount during the free look period).

When a payment is allocated to a subaccount of the Separate Account, or transferred from one subaccount of the Separate Account to another, accumulation units of the receiving subaccount are credited to the Policy. The number of accumulation units credited is determined by dividing the amount allocated or transferred by the value of an accumulation unit of the subaccount for the current valuation period. A valuation period is the period from one valuation of Separate Account assets to the next.

For each subaccount of the Separate Account, the value of an accumulation unit is valued each day shares of the fund held in the subaccount are valued (normally as of the close of business each day the New York Stock Exchange is opened for business). It is valued by multiplying the accumulation unit value for the prior valuation period by the net investment factor for the current valuation period.

The net investment factor is an index used to measure the investment performance of each subaccount of the Separate Account from one valuation period to the next. The net investment factor is determined by dividing (a) by (b), where

- (a) is the net asset value per share of the fund held in the subaccount, as of the end of the current valuation period, plus the per share amount of any dividend or capital gain distributions by the fund if the “ex-dividend date” occurs in the valuation period; and
- (b) is the net asset value per share of the fund held in the subaccount as of the end of the last prior valuation period.

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### **How Much Life Insurance Does the Policy Provide?**

In your application for the Policy, you tell us how much life insurance coverage you want on the life of the insured. This is called the “specified amount” of insurance. The minimum specified amount of insurance that you can purchase is \$50,000 (\$100,000 ages 71 to 85).

### **Death Benefit Options**

When the insured dies, we will pay the beneficiary the death benefit less the amount of any outstanding loan. We offer two different types of death benefits payable under the Policy. You choose which one you want in the application. They are:

- **Option 1** — The death benefit is the greater of (a) the specified amount of insurance, or (b) the “applicable percentage” of the policy value on the date of the insured’s death.
- **Option 2** — The death benefit is the greater of (a) the specified amount of insurance *plus* your policy value on the date of death, or (b) the “applicable percentage” of the policy value on the date of the insured’s death.

The “applicable percentages” depend on the life insurance qualification test you chose on the application. If you chose the Guideline Premium Test/Cash Value Corridor Test, the “applicable percentage” is 250% when the insured has attained age 40 or less and decreases to 100% when the insured attains age 100. For the Cash Value Accumulation Test, the “applicable percentages” will vary by attained age and the insurance risk characteristics. Tables showing “applicable percentages” are included in Appendix B.

If the investment performance of the variable account investment options you have chosen is favorable, the amount of the death benefit may increase. However, under Option 1, favorable investment performance will not ordinarily increase the death benefit for several years and may not increase it at all, whereas under Option 2, the death benefit will vary directly with the investment performance of the policy value.

Assuming favorable investment performance, the death benefit under Option 2 will tend to be higher than the death benefit under Option 1. On the other hand, the monthly insurance charge will be higher

under Option 2 to compensate us for the additional insurance risk we take. Because of that, the policy value will tend to be higher under Option 1 than under Option 2 for the same premium payments.

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## **Can I Change Insurance Coverage Under the Policy?**

### ***Change of Death Benefit Option***

You may change your insurance coverage from Option 1 to Option 2 and vice-versa, subject to the following conditions:

- after the change, the specified amount of insurance must be at least \$50,000;
- no change may be made in the first policy year and no more than one change may be made in any policy year; and
- if you request a change from Option 2 to Option 1, we may request evidence of insurability; if a different rate class is indicated for the insured, the requested change will not be allowed.

### ***Changes in the Specified Amount of Insurance***

You may increase the specified amount of insurance, subject to the following conditions:

- you must submit an application along with evidence of insurability acceptable to Penn Mutual;
- no change may be made in the first policy year;
- any increase in the specified amount must be at least \$10,000; and
- no change may be made if it would cause the Policy not to qualify as insurance under federal income tax law.

If you had increased the specified amount of insurance under your Policy during the first three policy years prior to December 15, 2008, we extended the no-lapse provision by two additional years after the effective date of the increase.

If you had not previously increased the specified amount of insurance under your Policy during the first three policy years prior to December 15, 2008 and you increase the specified amount of insurance during the first five policy years on or after December 15, 2008, the no-lapse period will be extended by five policy years after the effective date of the increase.

You may decrease the specified amount of insurance, subject to the following conditions:

- no change may be made in the first policy year;
- no change may be made if it would cause the Policy not to qualify as insurance under federal income tax law;
- no decrease may be made within one year of an increase in the specified amount; and
- any decrease in the specified amount of insurance must be at least \$5,000 and the specified amount after the decrease must be at least \$50,000.

## **Exchange of Policies**

For a Policy issued in a business relationship, you may obtain a rider that permits you to exchange the Policy for a new Policy covering a new insured in the same business relationship, subject to the terms of the rider. See **What Are the Supplemental Benefits That I Can Buy? — Supplemental Exchange Agreement** in this prospectus.

## **Tax Consequences of Changing Insurance Coverage**

See **How Is the Policy Treated Under Federal Income Tax Law?** in this prospectus to learn about possible tax consequences of changing your insurance coverage under the Policy.

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## **What Is the Value of My Policy?**

You may allocate or transfer your policy value to the subaccounts of the Separate Account and/or the Fixed Account.

Your policy value, which is allocated (or transferred) to subaccounts of the Separate Account in accordance with your direction, will vary with the investment performance of the shares of the funds held in the subaccount.

The amount you allocate to the fixed interest option will earn interest at a rate we declare from time to time. We guarantee that this rate will be at least 3%. The current declared rate will appear in the annual statement we will send to you. If you want to know what the current declared rate is, simply call, visit our website at [www.pennmutual.com](http://www.pennmutual.com), or write to us. Amounts you allocate to the fixed interest option will not be subject to the mortality and expense risk asset charge described later in this section. Your policy value will be affected by deductions we make from your Policy for policy charges.

At any time, your policy value is equal to:

- the net premiums you have paid;
- plus or minus the investment results in the part of your policy value allocated to subaccounts of the Separate Account;
- plus interest credited to the amount in the part of your policy value (if any) allocated to the fixed interest option;
- minus policy charges we deduct; and
- minus partial surrenders you have made.

If you borrow money under your Policy, other factors affect your policy value. See **What Is a Policy Loan?** in this prospectus.

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## **How Can I Change the Policy's Investment Allocations?**

### **Future Premium Payments**

You may change the investment allocation for future premium payments at any time. You make your original allocation in the application for your Policy. The percentages you select for allocating premium payments must be in whole numbers and must equal 100% in total.

### ***Transfers Among Existing Investment Options***

You may also transfer amounts from one investment option to another, and to and from the fixed interest option. To do so, you must tell us how much to transfer, either as a percentage or as a specific dollar amount. Transfers are subject to the following conditions:

- the minimum amount that may be transferred is \$250 (or the amount held under the investment options from which you are making the transfer, if less);
- if less than the full amount held under an investment option is transferred, the amount remaining under the investment option must be at least \$250;
- we may defer transfers under certain conditions;
- transfers may not be made during the free look period;
- transfers may be made from the fixed interest option only during the 30 day period following the end of each policy year;
- the maximum amount that may be transferred out of the fixed interest option is limited to the greater of \$5,000 or 25% of the accumulated value of the fixed interest option; and
- the amount that may be transferred excludes any amount held in the policy loan account.

The Policy is not designed for individuals and professional market timing organizations that use programmed and frequent transfers among investment options. We therefore may restrict market timing when we believe it is in the interest of all of our policy owners to do so. However, we may not be able to detect all market timing and may not be able to prevent frequent transfers, and any possible harm caused, by those we do detect. We will notify you in writing in a timely manner of any actions we take to restrict your ability to make transfers.

### ***Frequent Trading Risks***

We did not design this variable life policy and the available subaccounts to accommodate market timing or frequent transfers between the subaccounts. Frequent exchanges among subaccounts and market timing by policy owners can reduce the long-term returns of the underlying funds. The reduced returns could adversely affect the policy owners, annuitants, insureds or beneficiaries of any variable annuity or variable life insurance contract issued by any insurance company with respect to values allocated to the underlying fund. Frequent exchanges may reduce the underlying fund's performance by increasing costs paid by the fund (such as brokerage commissions); they can disrupt portfolio management strategies; and they can have the effect of diluting the value of the shares of long term shareholders in cases in which fluctuations in markets are not fully priced into the fund's net asset value.

The insurance-dedicated funds available through the subaccounts generally cannot detect individual policy owner exchange activity, because they are owned primarily by insurance company separate accounts that aggregate exchange orders from owners of individual contracts. Accordingly, the funds are dependent in large part on the rights, ability and willingness of the participating insurance companies to detect and deter short-term trading by policy owners.

As outlined below, we have adopted policies regarding frequent trading, but there is the risk that these policies and procedures concerning frequent trading will prove ineffective in whole or in part in detecting or preventing frequent trading. As a result of these limitations, some policy owners may be able to engage in frequent trading, while other policy owners will bear the effects of such frequent trading. Please review the underlying funds' prospectuses for specific information about the funds' short-term trading policies and risks.

### **Frequent Trading Policies**

We have adopted policies and procedures designed to discourage frequent trading as described below. We intend to monitor on an ongoing basis the operation of these policies and procedures and may, at any time without notice to policy owners, revise them in any manner consistent with the terms of the Policy. If requested by the investment adviser and/or sub-adviser of an underlying fund, we will consider additional steps to discourage frequent trading. In addition, we reserve the right to reject any purchase payment or exchange request at any time for any reason.

We have adopted certain procedures to detect frequent trading. If it appears that market timing activity is occurring or the transfer frequency would be expected to have a detrimental impact on the affected funds, the following steps will be taken on a uniform basis:

1. A letter is sent to the policy owner and to the registered representative associated with the Policy reiterating the policy with respect to frequent transfers and urging a cessation of any market timing or frequent transfer activity.
2. If market timing or frequent transfer activity continues after the initial letter, a second letter is sent requiring that all subsequent transfer requests be submitted in writing via standard US Mail, containing the policy owner's original signature. Thereafter, any attempt to make a transfer request through overnight deliveries, electronically, telephonically or by facsimile will be rejected.
3. Any Policies which have been the subject of a letter referred to in paragraph 1 or 2 will be subject to special monitoring to determine whether the potentially detrimental frequent trading has ceased.

### **Dollar Cost Averaging**

This program automatically makes monthly transfers from the money market variable investment option to one or more of the other investment options and to the fixed interest option. You choose the investment options and the dollar amount of the transfers. You may dollar cost average from the money market variable investment option for up to 60 months. All transfers occur on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month or the next following business day if the 15<sup>th</sup> day is not a business day. The program is designed to reduce the risks that result from market fluctuations. It does this by spreading out the allocation of your money to investment options over a longer period of time. This allows you to reduce the risk of investing most of your money at a time when market prices are high. The success of this strategy depends on market trends. The program allows owners to take advantage of investment fluctuations, but does not assure a profit or protect against loss in a declining market. Each planned premium must be at least \$600 and the amount transferred each month must be at least \$50. You may elect to participate in the program when you apply for your Policy or, after you have owned your Policy, by completing an election form or by calling our office. You may discontinue the program at any time.

### **Dollar Cost Averaging Account — Twelve-Month Fixed Account**

This program allows you to allocate all or a portion of a premium payment to the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account, where it is automatically re-allocated each month to one or more of the variable investment options that you select. Each planned premium allocated to the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account must be at least \$600 and the amount transferred each month must be at least \$50. Premium payments may be allocated to the account at any time. The amount you allocate to the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account will earn interest for a twelve-month period at a rate we declare monthly. In addition, you are permitted to take loans on or withdraw money from the funds available in the account. The account operates on a twelve-month cycle beginning on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month, or the next following business day if the 15<sup>th</sup> day is not a business day, following your allocation of a premium payment to the account. Thereafter, on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month during the cycle, an amount is transferred from the account to the variable investment option(s) you selected. The account terminates when the Policy lapses or

is surrendered, on the death of the insured, at the end of the twelve-month cycle or at your request. Upon termination of the account, all funds in the account are allocated to other investment options based upon your instructions.

The purposes and benefits of the program are similar to the money market account dollar cost averaging program offered under the Policy. You may elect to participate in the program when you apply for your Policy or, after you have owned your Policy, by completing an election form or by calling our office. You may discontinue the program at any time. No more than one dollar cost averaging program may be in effect at any one time.

### ***Asset Rebalancing***

This program automatically reallocates your policy value among subaccounts of the Separate Account in accordance with the proportions you originally specified. Over time, variations in investment results will change the allocation percentage. On a quarterly basis, the rebalancing program will periodically transfer your policy value among the subaccounts to reestablish the percentages you had chosen. Rebalancing can result in transferring amounts from a variable investment option with relatively higher investment performance to one with relatively lower investment performance. The minimum policy value to start the program is \$1,000. If you also have one of the dollar cost averaging programs in effect, the portion of your policy value in either of the dollar cost averaging accounts will not be included in the rebalancing program. You may elect to participate in the program when you apply for your Policy or, after you have owned your Policy, by completing an election form or by calling our office. You may discontinue the program at any time.

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## **What Are the Fees and Charges Under the Policy?**

### ***Premium Charge***

- Premium Charge — 7.5% (currently reduced to 5.0% of all premiums paid) is deducted from premium payments before allocation to the investment options. It consists of 3.5% to cover state premium taxes and the federal income tax burden (DAC tax) that we expect will result from the receipt of premiums and 4% (currently reduced to 1.5% of all premiums paid) to partially compensate us for the expense of selling and distributing the Policies. State premium taxes range from 0.5% to 3.5%; some states do not impose premium taxes. We will notify you in advance if we change our current rates.

### ***Monthly Deductions***

- Insurance Charge — A monthly charge for the cost of insurance protection. The amount of insurance risk we assume varies from Policy to Policy and from month to month. The insurance charge therefore also varies. To determine the charge for a particular month, we multiply the amount of insurance for which we are at risk by a cost of insurance rate based upon an actuarial table. The table in your Policy will show the maximum cost of insurance rates that we can charge. The cost of insurance rates that we currently apply are generally less than the maximum rates shown in your Policy. The table of rates we use will vary by issue age, policy duration, and the insurance risk characteristics. We place insureds in a rate class when we issue the Policy and when an increase in coverage is effective, based on our examination of information bearing on insurance risk. We currently place people we insure in the following rate classes: a tobacco, a preferred tobacco, non-tobacco, preferred non-tobacco or preferred plus non-tobacco rate class. We may also place certain people in a rate class involving a higher mortality risk than the tobacco class (a “substandard class”). Insureds age 19 and under are placed in a rate class that does not distinguish between tobacco and non-tobacco rates. In all states except New Jersey, they are assigned to a tobacco class at age 20 unless they have provided satisfactory evidence that they qualify for a non-tobacco class. When an increase in the specified amount of insurance is requested, we

determine whether a different rate will apply to the increase based on the age of the insured on the effective date of the increase and the risk class of the insured on that date. In accordance with our rules, you may specify the investment options from which the charge is deducted (except the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account). If any particular investment option has insufficient funds to cover your specified percentage deduction, the charge will be deducted pro-rata from each of your investment options. You may exercise this option when you apply for your Policy or, after you have owned your Policy, by completing an election form or by calling our office. If you do not specify investment options, the charge is deducted pro-rata from your variable investment and fixed interest options (except the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account). Deductions will be taken from the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account only when there are no funds available under the variable investment and fixed interest options.

- **Administrative Charge** — A monthly charge to help cover our administrative costs. This charge is a flat dollar charge of up to \$9 (currently, the flat charge is \$8 — we will notify you in advance if we change our current rates). Administrative expenses relate to premium billing and collection, recordkeeping, processing of death benefit claims, policy loans and policy changes, reporting and overhead costs, processing applications and establishing policy records. In accordance with our rules, you may specify the investment options from which the charge is deducted (except the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account). If any particular investment option has insufficient funds to cover your specified percentage deduction, the charge will be deducted pro-rata from each of your investment options. You may exercise this option when you apply for your Policy or, after you have owned your Policy, by completing an election form or by calling our office. If you do not specify investment options, the charge is deducted pro-rata from your variable investment and fixed interest options (except the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account). Deductions will be taken from the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account only when there are no funds available under the variable investment and fixed interest options.
- **Mortality and Expense Risk Charge** — A monthly charge to cover mortality and expense risks. The mortality risk we assume is the risk that the persons we insure may die sooner than anticipated and that Penn Mutual will pay an aggregate amount of death benefits greater than anticipated. The expense risk we assume is the risk that expenses incurred in issuing and administering the Policies and the Separate Account will exceed the amount we charge for administration. We will notify you in advance if we change our current rates. We may realize a profit from the charges, and if we do, it will become part of our surplus.

This charge has two parts:

- (1) **Mortality and Expense Risk Face Amount Charge.** For the first 120 months after the policy date we will deduct the charge based on the initial specified amount of insurance, and for the first 120 months after any increase in the specified amount we will deduct the charge based on the increase. The charge is equal to the current rate stated in Appendix C to this prospectus times each \$1,000 of the initial and the increased specified amount of insurance. The charge varies with the issue age of the insured or the age of the insured on the effective date of the increase. Current and guaranteed rates for the specified amount component are shown in Appendix C. In accordance with our rules, you may specify the investment options from which the charge is deducted (except the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account). If any particular investment option has insufficient funds to cover your specified percentage deduction, the charge will be deducted pro-rata from each of your investment options. You may exercise this option when you apply for your Policy or, after you have owned your Policy, by completing an election form or by calling our office. If you do not specify investment options, the charge is deducted pro-rata from your variable investment and fixed interest options (except the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account). Deductions will be taken from the twelve-month dollar cost averaging fixed account only when there are no funds available under the variable investment and fixed interest options.

- (2) Mortality and Expense Risk Asset Charge. For policies issued after August 2004, the current charge during the first 120 months after the policy date is equivalent to an annual effective rate of 0.45% of the first \$25,000 of policy value, plus an annual rate of 0.15% of the policy value in excess of \$25,000. In addition, the current mortality and expense risk asset charge is zero beyond the first 120 months after the policy date. The guaranteed charge for all Policies is equivalent to an annual effective rate of 0.60% of the first \$50,000 of policy value, plus an annual rate of 0.30% of the policy value in excess of \$50,000. The charges are deducted pro-rata from your variable investment accounts.
- Optional Supplemental Benefit Charges — Monthly charges for any optional supplemental insurance benefits that are added to the Policy by means of a rider.

### **Transfer Charge**

We reserve the right to impose a \$10 charge on any transfer of policy value among investment funds and/or the fixed interest option if the transfer exceeds 12 transfers in a policy year. We will notify policy owners in advance if we decide to impose the charge. We will not impose a charge on any transfer made under dollar cost averaging or asset rebalancing. Also, we will not impose a charge on any transfer which exceeds \$4,999,999.

### **Surrender Charge**

If you surrender your Policy within the first 11 policy years or within 11 years of an increase in the specified amount of insurance under your Policy, we will deduct a surrender charge from your policy value.

With respect to a surrender within the first 11 policy years, the surrender charge equals (a) plus (b), multiplied by (c), where:

- (a) is 25% of the lesser of (i) the sum of all premiums paid, and (ii) the maximum surrender charge premium (which is an amount calculated separately for each Policy);
- (b) is an administrative charge based on the initial amount of insurance and the insured's age at the issue date (ranging from \$1.00 for attained ages 9 and under to \$7.00 for attained ages 60 and over, per \$1,000 of initial specified amount of insurance); and
- (c) is the applicable surrender factor from the table below in which the policy year is determined.

With respect to a surrender within 11 years of an increase in the specified amount of insurance under your Policy, the surrender charge is based on the amount of the increase and on the attained age of the insured at the time of the increase. The charge equals (a) multiplied by (b), where:

- (a) is an administrative charge based on the increase in the initial amount of insurance and the insured's attained age on the effective date of the increase (ranging from \$1.00 for attained ages 9 and under to \$7.00 for attained ages 60 and over, per \$1,000 of increase in the specified amount of insurance); and
- (b) is the applicable surrender factor from the table below, assuming for this purpose only that the first policy year commences with the policy year in which the increase in the specified amount of insurance becomes effective.

<b>Surrender During Policy Year</b>	<b>Surrender Factor</b>
1st through 7th	1.00
8th	0.80
9th	0.60
10th	0.40
11th	0.20
12th and later	0.00

If the Policy is surrendered within the first 11 policy years, the surrender charge consists of a sales charge component and an administrative charge component. The sales charge component is to reimburse us for some of the expenses incurred in the distribution of the Policies. The sales charge component, together with the sales charge component of the premium charge, may be insufficient to recover distribution expenses related to the sale of the Policies. Our unrecovered sales expenses are paid for from our surplus. The administrative charge component covers administrative expenses associated with underwriting and issuing the Policy, including the costs of processing applications, conducting medical exams, determining insurability and the insured's rate class, and creating and maintaining policy records, as well as the administrative costs of processing surrender requests.

If the Policy is surrendered after the first 11 years, but within 11 years of an increase in the specified amount of insurance, the surrender charge consists solely of an administrative charge for administrative expenses associated with the increase in the specified amount of insurance.

### ***Partial Surrender Charge***

If you partially surrender your Policy, we will deduct the lesser of \$25 or 2% of the amount surrendered. The charge will be deducted from the available net cash surrender value and will be considered part of the partial surrender.

### ***Reduction of Charges***

This Policy is available for purchases by corporations and other groups or sponsoring organizations on a multiple life basis where insureds share a common employment or business relationship. We reserve the right to reduce the premium charge or any other charges on certain cases, where it is expected that the amount or nature of such cases will result in savings of sales, underwriting, administrative or other costs. Eligibility for these reductions and the amount of reductions may be determined by a number of factors, including but not limited to, the number of lives to be insured, the total premiums expected to be paid, total assets under management for the policy owner, the nature of the relationship among the insured individuals, the purpose for which the Policies are being purchased, the expected persistency of the Policies and any other circumstances which we believe to be relevant to the expected reduction of expenses.

We also reserve the right to reduce premium charges or any other charges under a Policy where it is expected that the issuance of the Policy will result in savings of sales, underwriting, administrative or other costs. In particular, we would expect such savings to apply, and our expenses to be reduced, whenever a Policy is issued in exchange for another life insurance policy issued or administered by us.

Some of these reductions may be guaranteed, and others may be subject to withdrawal or modification by us. All reductions will be uniformly applied, and they will not be unfairly discriminatory against any person.

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### **What Are the Supplemental Benefit Riders That I Can Buy?**

We offer supplemental benefit riders that may be added to your Policy. If any of these riders are added, the monthly charges for the supplemental benefits will be deducted from your policy value, in addition to the charges paid under the base Policy.

### ***Accidental Death Benefit Agreement***

This Agreement provides an additional death benefit if the insured's death results from accidental causes as defined in the Agreement. This Agreement is not available for all Policies. The cost of insurance rates for this Agreement is based on the age, gender and rate class of the insured. You may add this Agreement to your base Policy only at the time you purchase your Policy. This Agreement is not available if you choose either the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Rider or the Guaranteed Continuation of Policy Rider. The benefits provided under the Agreement are subject to the provisions in the Agreement.

### ***Additional Insured Term Insurance Agreement***

This Agreement provides term insurance on other persons in addition to the insured, in amounts specified in the Additional Policy Specification in the Policy. If the named insured in the Policy dies, the term insurance on the additional insured person will continue for 90 days during which time it may be converted into permanent insurance. The term insurance may be converted to a life policy without evidence of insurability.

Under the Agreement, we will deduct the cost of insurance charges from the cash value of the Policy, and a separate charge of \$0.10 per \$1,000 of specified amount of insurance for each additional insured during the first twelve months of the Agreement. If the specified amount of insurance has increased for an additional insured, we will deduct a charge of \$0.10 per \$1,000 of the increased specified amount during the first twelve months of the increase. The cost of insurance rates are based on the age, gender and rate class of the additional insured. This Agreement can be elected at any time, as long as the insured meets our underwriting requirements, and it is not available if you choose either the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Rider or the Guaranteed Continuation of Policy Rider. The benefits provided under the Agreement are subject to all of the provisions in the Agreement.

### ***Business Accounting Benefit Agreement***

This Agreement provides enhanced early year cash surrender values for Policies sold in certain limited corporate markets and is not for sale in the individual markets. The higher cash surrender is attained through a waiver of all surrender charges. To be eligible for this Agreement (i) Policies must be corporate owned, (ii) the corporation must be at least a partial beneficiary, and (iii) the Policies must be in support of a corporate sponsored non-qualified deferred compensation plan with a minimum of five insureds under the plan. Under this Agreement, during the first eleven policy years we will deduct a monthly charge of up to \$0.03 per \$1,000 of original specified amount of insurance and a monthly charge of up to \$0.03 per \$1,000 of increases in the specified amount of insurance during the first eleven policy years after the increase. Decreases in coverage do not affect the charge for this Agreement. The \$0.03 per \$1,000 charge will continue to be applied based on the higher original and/or increased specified amount. This charge will be included in the no-lapse premium calculation. If the Agreement is terminated by the owner of the Policy, the Agreement is terminated with respect to insurance coverages provided under the Policy and all applicable surrender charges would resume. You may add this Agreement to your base Policy only at the time you purchase your Policy. The benefits provided under the Agreement are subject to all provisions of the Agreement.

### ***Children's Term Insurance Agreement***

This Agreement provides term insurance on one or more children of the insured of the Policy in amounts specified in the Additional Policy Specifications in the Policy. If the named insured in the Policy dies, the term insurance on the insured child will continue until the anniversary of the Policy nearest the insured child's twenty-third birthday and we will waive the cost of insurance for the term insurance. On the anniversary of the Policy nearest the child's twenty-third birthday, the Agreement may be converted without evidence of insurability to a new life insurance policy.

Under the Agreement, we will deduct a cost of insurance charge. The cost of insurance charge is a flat monthly charge of \$0.15 per \$1,000 of rider specified amount without regard to the number of children,

their ages, or gender. The cost of insurance rate will not exceed \$0.24 per \$1,000 of rider specified amount per month. This Agreement can be elected at any time. The benefits provided by the Agreement are subject to the provisions in the Agreement.

#### ***Disability Waiver of Monthly Deduction Agreement***

This Agreement provides a waiver of the monthly deductions from the value of the policy value upon disability of the insured. The cost of insurance charges for this benefit are based upon the insurance provided under the Policy and the value of the Policy. The rates are based on the attained age, gender and rate class of the insured. The rates will not exceed those set forth in the Additional Policy Specifications in the Policy. Monthly deductions for this benefit are made until the policy anniversary nearest the insured's sixty-fifth birthday. This Agreement can be elected at any time, as long as the insured meets underwriting requirements. The benefits provided under this Agreement are subject to the provisions of the Agreement.

#### ***Disability Waiver of Monthly Deduction and Disability Monthly Premium Deposit Agreement***

This Agreement provides a waiver of the monthly deductions from the policy value and payment by us of a stipulated premium upon disability of the insured. The stipulated premium is stated in the Policy. The cost of insurance for waiver of the monthly deductions is based on the insurance provided by the base Policy and the value of the Policy. The cost of insurance for the monthly premium deposit is based on the amount of the stipulated premium. The cost of insurance rates is based on the issue age, gender and rate class of the insured. The rates will not exceed the rates shown in the Additional Policy Specifications section of the Policy. This Agreement can be elected at any time, as long as the insured meets underwriting requirements. This benefit is subject to the provisions in the Agreement.

#### ***Guaranteed Continuation of Policy Agreement***

This Agreement provides that the insurance provided under the Policy will not lapse even if the cash surrender value of the Policy goes to zero, as long as the sum of the gross premiums paid less the sum of partial withdrawals, policy loans and unpaid interest equals or exceeds the "total guaranteed continuation of policy premium." The "total guaranteed continuation of policy premium" is based upon issue age, gender, rate class, other policy benefits and the death benefit option chosen and is stated in the Policy. If the insured is disabled, and premiums are being paid pursuant to a Disability Monthly Premium Deposit Agreement, the "total guaranteed continuation of policy premium" is the stipulated premium defined in that Agreement. While this Agreement is in force, the allocation or transfer of amounts to subaccounts of the Separate Account may be restricted. The monthly charge for this Agreement is \$0.01 per \$1,000 of the specified amount of insurance in the Policy. You may add this Agreement to your base Policy only at the time you purchase your Policy. This Agreement is not available with any of the following riders: Accidental Death Benefit; Additional Insured Term Insurance; Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit; or Return of Premium Term Insurance. This benefit is subject to the provisions in the Agreement.

#### ***Guaranteed Option to Extend Maturity Date Agreement***

This Agreement provides the owner of the Policy with an option to continue the insurance past the maturity date stated in the Policy without evidence of insurability. During the maturity extension period, new policy loans will not be made and premium payments will not be accepted unless required to prevent lapse. Although the Agreement extends the maturity date of the Policy, it does not extend the maturity or termination date of other agreements and riders attached to the Policy (other than the Supplemental Term Insurance Agreement). The cost of insurance charge for this Agreement is based on the attained age and rate class of the insured. The cost of insurance rates for this Agreement, combined with the cost of insurance rates in the Policy, will not exceed the rates shown in the Additional Policy Specifications section of the Policy. This Agreement can be elected at any time prior to age 90. The option to extend the maturity date is subject to the provisions in the Agreement.

### **Guaranteed Option to Increase Specified Amount Agreement**

This Agreement provides the owner of the Policy with the option to increase the specified amount of insurance in the Policy without providing evidence of insurability. The option may be exercised as of any of the regular option dates or as of any alternative option date. The regular option dates are the anniversaries of the Policy nearest the insured's birthday at ages 22, 25, 28, 31, 34, 37 and 40. In addition, subject to certain conditions, the option may be exercised on the ninetieth day following marriage of the insured, live birth of a child of the insured and legal adoption by the insured of a child less than 18 years of age. The cost of insurance charge for the Agreement is based on the attained age, gender and rate class of the insured. The cost of insurance rates for this Agreement, combined with the cost of insurance rates in the Policy, will not exceed the rates shown in the Additional Policy Specifications in the Policy. You may add this Agreement to your base Policy only at the time you purchase your Policy. This Agreement is not available if you choose the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Rider. This option is subject to the provisions in the Agreement.

### **Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Agreement**

This Agreement provides the owner with the ability to receive guaranteed withdrawal amounts from the Benefit Base, upon satisfaction of a Waiting Period. You may add the Agreement to your base Policy only at the time you purchase your Policy. Penn Mutual reserves the right to make the availability of this Agreement contingent upon the investment of the entire policy value according to an asset allocation program established by Penn Mutual for the entire period the Agreement is in effect. At the present time, no asset allocation program will be required for this Agreement. If we require an asset allocation program in the future, the asset allocation program will only apply to new purchasers of this Agreement. The benefits are subject to the provisions in the Agreement.

The Waiting Period ends on the earlier of:

- (a) the fifteenth policy anniversary; and
- (b) the policy anniversary nearest the Insured's attainment of age 70.

**Guaranteed Withdrawal Period** — The Guaranteed Withdrawal Period will begin on the date of the first withdrawal after the end of the Waiting Period. The Guaranteed Withdrawal Period must begin by the policy anniversary nearest the Insured's attainment of age 70 and will end at the Insured's attainment of age 85. At the time the Guaranteed Withdrawal Period commences, if the Death Benefit Option 2 was in effect, the death benefit option will automatically be changed to Option 1.

**Benefit Base** — The Benefit Base establishes the total guaranteed withdrawal amount as well as the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount as defined below. The Benefit Base is the greater of (a) or (b) below, where:

- (a) is the Net Policy Value on the last policy anniversary date which is 5 years prior to the date at which the Guaranteed Withdrawal Period begins, less cumulative withdrawals made during the period between (1) and (2), where:
  - (1) is the day after the last policy anniversary which is 5 years prior to the date at which the Guaranteed Withdrawal Period begins; and
  - (2) is the date at which the Guaranteed Withdrawal Period begins.
- (b) is the value of the Guaranteed Withdrawal Account, as defined below, as of the first day of the Guaranteed Withdrawal Period.

Once the Guaranteed Withdrawal Period commences the Benefit Base will not be increased by any additional premiums paid, but the Benefit Base will be increased by any policy loan repayments.

**Guaranteed Withdrawal Account** — The Guaranteed Withdrawal Account is defined as (a) minus (b) minus (c) minus (d), where:

- (a) are Premiums Credited to the Guaranteed Withdrawal Account, accumulated at the Guaranteed Withdrawal Account Rate, which is currently 0.50% compounded monthly (an effective annual rate of 6%);
- (b) are partial surrenders taken during the Waiting Period accumulated at the Guaranteed Withdrawal Account Rate, compounded monthly;
- (c) is the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premium, accumulated at the Guaranteed Withdrawal Account Rate compounded monthly; and
- (d) the outstanding amount of policy indebtedness.

The accumulations of values using the Guaranteed Withdrawal Account Rate that are listed above accumulate until the first day of the Guaranteed Withdrawal Period.

Premiums Credited to the Guaranteed Withdrawal Account equal the lesser of (1) and (2), minus (3), where:

- (1) are the cumulative premiums paid into the Policy;
- (2) is the Maximum Monthly Guaranteed Withdrawal Account Premium, which is equal to 1/12 of the Policy's guideline annual premium, multiplied by the number of months since the Policy Date; and
- (3) are the cumulative premiums previously credited to the Guaranteed Withdrawal Account.

A change in the Specified Amount, the addition or deletion of a supplemental agreement to this Policy, a change in the underwriting class of the Insured, or a change in the death benefit option may result in a change to subsequent Maximum Monthly Guaranteed Withdrawal Account Premiums.

**Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount** — The Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit guarantees that you can take withdrawals each policy year up to the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount. The initial Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount is equal to the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Percentage, which is currently 10%, multiplied by the initial Benefit Base.

Total withdrawals in a policy year that do not exceed the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount will reduce the Benefit Base by the amount of the withdrawals.

**Effect of Withdrawals on Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount** — Cumulative withdrawals in a policy year that do not exceed the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount will not change the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount in subsequent policy years. Any withdrawal that exceeds the remaining Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount for that policy year (an "Excess Withdrawal") will reduce the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount in subsequent years in a proportional manner. The reduction is determined by multiplying the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount by the ratio of (a) to (b) where

- (a) is the amount of the Excess Withdrawal; and
- (b) is the Net Policy Value immediately prior to the Excess Withdrawal.

The resulting Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount for subsequent years cannot exceed the remaining Benefit Base after the effect of withdrawals as described below.

**Effect of Withdrawals on Benefit Base** — The Benefit Base is reduced, on a dollar-for-dollar basis, by the amount of withdrawals in a policy year that do not exceed the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount, until the Benefit Base is reduced to zero. Once the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount has been withdrawn in a policy year, any Excess Withdrawals reduce the Benefit Base until it is reduced to zero in a proportional manner. The reduction is determined by multiplying the Benefit Base by the ratio of (a) to (b) where:

- (a) is the amount of the Excess Withdrawal; and
- (b) is the Net Policy Value immediately prior to the Excess Withdrawal.

**Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Guarantee** — Penn Mutual agrees that the Policy to which this Agreement is attached will remain in force up to the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Date which is the policy anniversary nearest the insured's attained age 70, if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (a) The Insured is alive;
- (b) The Agreement is in force;
- (c) The Policy has not been surrendered; and
- (d) The Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premium Requirement is satisfied.

**Remaining Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Payments If Policy Lapses Without Value** — If the Net Cash Surrender Value is reduced to zero and any Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefits are due after the end of the Waiting Period, such Remaining Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Payments will be made as described below. In this situation the only provisions of the Policy and this Agreement that remain in effect are those that are associated with the Remaining Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Payments.

In the policy year in which the Net Cash Surrender Value is reduced to zero, the Remaining Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Payment made in that year is equal to the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount not yet withdrawn. In subsequent policy years, the Remaining Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Payment is the Guaranteed Annual Withdrawal Amount in effect as of the date that the Net Cash Surrender Value is reduced to zero or any remaining Benefit Base, if less.

Remaining Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Payments are made once each policy year.

If the total Remaining Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Payments due each policy year are less than \$100, the Remaining Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Payments will be commuted and a lump sum will be paid equal to the remaining Benefit Base.

If the Net Cash Surrender Value is reduced to zero during the Waiting Period, no guaranteed withdrawal benefits are paid under this Agreement.

If the Overloan Protection Benefit Agreement is also attached to this Policy, the Remaining Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Payments as provided by this Agreement will continue to be made.

**Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premium** — The Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premium is based on the Insured's gender, issue age, underwriting class, the death benefit option, and other supplemental benefits attached to this Policy.

**Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premium Requirement** — The Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premium Requirement on a Monthly Anniversary prior to the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Date is satisfied if the sum of all premiums reduced by any partial surrenders, policy loans, and unpaid loan interest as of that Monthly Anniversary is greater than or equal to the cumulative Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premiums as of that Monthly Anniversary.

A change in the Specified Amount, the addition or deletion of a supplemental agreement to this Policy, a change in the underwriting class of the Insured, or a change in the death benefit option prior to the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Date may result in a change to subsequent Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premiums. These changes will not affect the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Date.

If on a Monthly Anniversary the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premium Requirement is not satisfied, a grace period of 61 days will be allowed for the payment of a premium sufficient to maintain the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Premium Requirement. If the amount required to keep the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Guarantee in-force is not paid by the end of the grace period, the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Guarantee will terminate and cannot be reinstated. The Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit may continue even though the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit No-Lapse Guarantee is no longer in effect.

**Monthly Deduction** — While this Agreement is in force, the Monthly Deduction under the Policy will include the Monthly Deduction for this Agreement. The Monthly Deduction for this Agreement is equal to the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Charge multiplied by the policy value that is allocated to the subaccounts within the Separate Account. The Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Charge is currently equivalent to an annual effective rate of 0.60% of policy value, and the maximum charge is equivalent to an annual effective rate of 1.00% of policy value.

**Termination of Agreement** — This Agreement will terminate upon:

- a) the policy anniversary nearest the Insured's attainment of age 85;
- b) surrender of this Policy;
- c) lapse of this Policy and no guaranteed withdrawal benefits are due;
- d) the date of death of the Insured;
- e) withdrawals have been taken after the end of the Waiting Period and the Benefit Base is reduced to zero;
- f) the policy anniversary nearest the Insured's attainment of age 70 when no withdrawals were taken after the end of the Waiting Period;
- g) an elective increase in face amount after the Guaranteed Withdrawal Period had commenced;
- h) payment of any accelerated death benefit amount; or
- i) the Monthly Anniversary which coincides with or next follows (i) the receipt at Penn Mutual's home office of a written request by the owner to terminate this Agreement, and (ii) the return of this Policy for the appropriate endorsement after the end of the Waiting Period.

**Electing this Agreement Limits the Availability of Other Supplemental Benefit Riders** — If you choose this Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Agreement, you will not be able to elect the following riders:

- Accidental Death Benefit;
- Guaranteed Option to Increase Specified Amount;
- Guaranteed Continuation of Policy;

- Return of Premium Term Insurance; or
- Additional Insured Term Insurance.

### ***Return of Premium Term Insurance Agreement***

This Agreement provides term insurance equivalent to the sum of all premiums paid under the Policy up to the most recent monthly policy anniversary less any amount credited to the Policy under a waiver of premium or waiver of monthly deductions agreement. The cost of insurance charge for this Agreement includes the cost of insurance charge for the term insurance provided under the Agreement and the cost of insurance charge for a waiver of monthly deductions if a Waiver of Monthly Deduction Agreement is attached. The cost of insurance rates for the Agreement is based on the age, gender and rate class of the insured. The rates will not exceed the rates shown for this Agreement in the Additional Policy Specifications in the Policy. You may add this Agreement to your base Policy only at the time you purchase your Policy. This Agreement is not available if you choose either the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Rider or the Guaranteed Continuation of Policy Rider. The term insurance provided under the Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Agreement.

### ***Supplemental Term Insurance Agreement***

This Agreement adds term insurance to the death benefit provided under the Policy. The Agreement modifies the death benefit options (as provided in the Policy) as follows.

Option 1 — The death benefit is the greater of (a) the sum of the amount of insurance specified in the Policy and the amount of term insurance added by the Agreement, or (b) the “applicable percentage” of the policy value on the date of the insured’s death.

Option 2 — The death benefit is the greater of (a) the sum of the amount of insurance specified in the Policy, the amount of term insurance added by the Agreement and the policy value on the date of the insured’s death, or (b) the “applicable percentage” of the policy value on the date of the insured’s death.

Additional information on the death benefit options may be found under **How Much Life Insurance Does the Policy Provide?** in this prospectus.

The amount of term insurance added by the Agreement may, upon written application and receipt by us of satisfactory evidence of insurability, be increased by no less than \$10,000.

The monthly deductions under the Policy may include a mortality and expense risk face amount charge applied to the amount of term insurance added to the Policy by the Agreement. We are not currently applying the charge to term insurance added by the Agreement, but may do so in the future. If a mortality and expense risk face amount charge is applied to term insurance added by the Agreement, it will not exceed the charges shown in the Additional Policy Specifications in the Policy. Guaranteed maximum mortality and expense risk face amount charges for term insurance added by the Agreement are shown in Appendix D.

The monthly deductions under the Policy will include a cost of insurance charge for the term insurance added by the Agreement. The cost of insurance rates for the term insurance will not exceed those shown for the Agreement in the Additional Policy Specifications in the Policy.

It may be to your economic advantage to add life insurance protection to the Policy through the Agreement. The total current charges that you pay for your insurance will be less with term insurance added by the Agreement. It also should be noted, however, that the guaranteed maximum charges under the Policy will be higher with a portion of the insurance added by the Agreement than they would be if all of the insurance were provided under the base Policy.

You may add this Agreement to your base Policy only at the time you purchase your Policy.

### **Supplemental Exchange Agreement**

The Agreement provides that within one year following termination of a business relationship, which existed between the owner of the Policy and the insured at the time the Policy was issued, the Policy may be exchanged for a new Policy on the life of a new insured, subject to conditions set forth in the Agreement, including the new insured must have the same business relationship to the owner as the insured under the Policy to be exchanged, the new insured must submit satisfactory evidence of insurability, the Policy to be exchanged must be in force and not in a grace period, the owner must make a written application for the exchange, the owner must make premium payments under the new Policy to keep it in force at least two months, and the owner must surrender all rights in the Policy to be exchanged. This Agreement is automatically added to corporate-owned Policies.

### **Overloan Protection Benefit Agreement**

This Agreement allows the policyholder to access the cash value from the Policy, while providing him or her with a reduced paid-up policy in the event that the loan-to-surrender value equals or exceeds 96%. The Agreement is subject to certain conditions, including that the insured's attained age is 75 or older, the Policy has been in force for a minimum for 15 years and the non-taxable withdrawals must equal the total premiums paid. If the conditions of the Agreement are satisfied, the Policy will automatically become a reduced paid-up life insurance policy. The death benefit will equal 105% of the policy value at the time of exercise. The Agreement is subject to a one-time charge of 3.5% of the policy value, which is imposed when the benefit is exercised.

Certain changes are made to the Policy as a result of the benefit being exercised, including

- the transfer of all values in the subaccounts of the Separate Account to the fixed income account, which will then be credited with interest;
- all supplemental agreements attached to the Policy will be terminated, except for the Option to Extend the Maturity Date agreement;
- no additional premium payments, partial surrenders, policy loans or policy loan repayments will be allowed; and
- no further changes may be made to the Policy.

This Agreement can be elected at any time. The benefit provided under the Agreement is subject to the provisions of the Agreement.

### **Accelerated Death Benefit Agreement**

The Accelerated Death Benefit Rider provides the insured access to a portion of death benefit while the insured is living. The following provisions apply:

- The amount of death benefit proceeds you can access must be at least \$10,000, but no more than the lesser of 50% of the total death benefit amount or \$250,000. In New Jersey and South Carolina, the maximum limit is \$100,000 per policy. In New York, the amount of benefit that you can access will be not less than \$50,000 or 25% of the face amount, and cannot exceed 50% of the face amount.
- The insured must be diagnosed by a licensed physician of the United States as being terminally ill with a life expectancy of 12 months or less (24 months or less in Massachusetts). The physician may not be the owner, insured, beneficiary, or relative of the insured.

- Penn Mutual reserves the right, at its own expense, to seek additional medical opinions in order to determine benefit eligibility.

The amount you access under this Agreement will reduce the death benefit that is payable under the base Policy upon the death of the insured.

The Accelerated Death Benefit is automatically added to all base Policies with a face amount greater than \$50,000 and issued after January 1, 1996. The cost of this benefit is incurred only at the time of exercise and is equal to 12 months' worth of policy charges on the accelerated amount, plus an interest adjustment. The interest adjustment equals 12 months' worth of interest on the accelerated amount based on a rate that is the greater of (a) the current 90-day Treasury bill rate, or (b) the current maximum statutory adjustable policy loan rate.

### **General Rules and Limitations**

Additional rules and limitations apply to these supplemental benefits. All supplemental benefits may not be available in your state. Please ask your authorized Penn Mutual representative for further information or contact our office.

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### **What Is a Policy Loan?**

You may borrow up to 95% of your cash surrender value. The minimum amount you may borrow is \$250.

Interest charged on a policy loan is 4.0% and is payable at the end of each policy year. If interest is not paid when due, it is added to the loan. An amount equivalent to the loan is withdrawn from subaccounts of the Separate Account and the fixed interest option on a pro-rata basis (unless you designate a different withdrawal allocation when you request the loan) and is transferred to a special loan account. Amounts withdrawn from the investment options cease to participate in the investment experience of the Separate Account. The special loan account is guaranteed to earn interest at 3.0% during the first ten policy years and 3.75% thereafter (4.0% thereafter in New York). On a current basis, the special loan account will earn interest at 3.0% during the first ten policy years and 4.0% thereafter.

You may repay all or part of a loan at any time. Upon repayment, an amount equal to the repayment will be transferred from the special loan account to the investment options you specify. If you do not specify the allocation for the repayment, the amount will be allocated in accordance with your current standing allocation instructions.

If your Policy lapses (see **What Payments Must I Make Under the Policy?**) and you have a loan outstanding under the Policy, you may have to pay federal income tax on the amount of the loan, to the extent there is gain in the Policy. See **How Is the Policy Treated Under Federal Income Tax Law?** in this prospectus.

The amount of any loan outstanding under your Policy on the death of the insured will reduce the amount of the death benefit by the amount of such loan. The outstanding loan amount is deducted in determining net cash surrender value of the Policy.

If you want a payment to us to be used as a loan repayment, you must include instructions to that effect. Otherwise, all payments will be assumed to be premium payments.

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## How Can I Withdraw Money From the Policy?

### **Full Surrender**

You may surrender your Policy in full at any time. If you do, we will pay you the policy value, less any policy loan outstanding and less any surrender charge that then applies. This is called your “net cash surrender value.”

### **Partial Surrender**

You may partially surrender your Policy for the net cash surrender value, subject to the following conditions:

- the net cash surrender value remaining in the Policy after the partial surrender must exceed \$250;
- no more than four partial surrenders may be made in a policy year;
- each partial surrender must be at least \$250;
- a partial surrender may not be made from an investment option if the amount remaining under the option is less than \$250; and
- during the first five policy years, the partial surrender may not reduce the specified amount of insurance under your Policy to less than \$50,000.

If you elect Death Benefit Option 1 (see **How Much Life Insurance Does the Policy Provide?** in this prospectus), a partial surrender may reduce your specific amount of insurance — by the amount by which the partial surrender exceeds the difference between (a) the death benefit provided under the Policy, and (b) the specified amount of insurance. If you have increased the initial specified amount, any reduction will be applied to the most recent increase.

Partial surrenders reduce the policy value and net cash surrender value by the amount of the partial surrender.

Partial surrenders will be deducted from subaccounts of the Separate Account and the fixed account in accordance with your directions. In the absence of such direction, the partial surrender will be deducted from subaccounts and/or the fixed account on a pro-rata basis.

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## Can I Choose Different Payout Options Under the Policy?

### **Choosing a Payout Option**

You may choose to receive proceeds from the Policy as a single sum. This includes proceeds that become payable because of death or full surrender. Alternatively, you can elect to have proceeds of \$5,000 or more applied to any of a number of other payment options as set forth in your Policy, including payment of interest on the proceeds payable, interest income, income for a fixed period, life income, life income for guaranteed period, life income with refund period, and joint and survivor life income. Periodic payments may not be less than \$50 each.

### **Changing a Payment Option**

You can change the payment option at any time before the proceeds are payable. If you have not made a choice, the payee may change the payment option within the period specified in the Policy. The person entitled to the proceeds may elect a payment option as set forth in the Policy.

## **Tax Impact of Choosing a Payment Option**

There may be tax consequences to you or your beneficiary depending upon which payment option is chosen. You should consult a qualified tax adviser before making that choice.

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### **How Is the Policy Treated Under Federal Income Tax Law?**

Death benefits paid under contracts that qualify as life insurance policies under federal income tax law are not subject to federal income tax. Investment gains credited to such policies are not subject to income tax as long as they remain in the Policy. Assuming your Policy is not treated as a “modified endowment contract” under federal income tax law, distributions from the Policy are generally treated as first the return of investment in the Policy and then, only after the return of all investment in the Policy, as distributions of taxable income. Amounts borrowed under the Policy also are not generally subject to federal income tax at the time of the borrowing. An exception to this general rule occurs in the case of a decrease in the Policy’s death benefit or any other change that reduces benefits under the Policy in the first 15 years after the Policy is issued and that results in a cash distribution to the owner in order for the Policy to continue qualifying as life insurance. The application of these rules may vary depending on whether the change occurs in the first five years after the Policy is issued. Such a cash distribution may be taxed in whole or in part as ordinary income (to the extent of any gain in the Policy) under rules prescribed in Section 7702 of the Code.

To qualify as a life insurance contract under federal income tax law, your Policy must meet the definition of a life insurance contract which is set forth in Section 7702 of the Code. Section 7702 was amended as a result of U.S. federal tax legislation that was enacted on December 22, 2017. It does not appear that these changes will materially change the definition of life insurance contracts; however, certain aspects of the legislation are currently uncertain and future administrative guidance or legislation may result in additional changes. The manner in which Section 7702 should be applied to certain features of the Policy offered in this prospectus is not directly addressed by Section 7702 or any guidance issued to date under Section 7702. Nevertheless, Penn Mutual believes it is reasonable to conclude that the Policy will meet the Section 7702 definition of a life insurance contract. In the absence of final regulations or other pertinent interpretations of Section 7702, however, there is necessarily some uncertainty as to whether a Policy will meet the statutory life insurance contract definition, particularly if it insures a substandard risk. If a Policy were determined not to be a life insurance contract for purposes of Section 7702, such contract would not provide most of the tax advantages normally provided by a life insurance contract.

If it is subsequently determined that the Policy does not satisfy Section 7702, we may take whatever steps that are appropriate and reasonable to comply with Section 7702. For these reasons, we reserve the right to restrict policy transactions as necessary to attempt to qualify it as a life insurance contract under Section 7702.

Section 817(h) of the Code requires that the investments of each subaccount of the Separate Account must be “adequately diversified” in accordance with Treasury regulations in order for the Policy to qualify as a life insurance contract under Section 7702 of the Code (discussed above). The funds in which each subaccount of the Separate Account may invest are owned exclusively by the Separate Account and certain other qualified investors. As a result, the Separate Account expects to be able to look through to the funds’ investments in order to establish that each subaccount is “adequately diversified”. It is expected that each underlying fund will comply with the diversification requirement applicable to the subaccounts as though the requirement applied to that underlying fund. Penn Mutual believes that each Separate Account will meet the diversification requirement, and Penn Mutual will monitor continued compliance with this requirement.

The Treasury Department has stated in published rulings that a variable life insurance policy owner will be considered the owner of the related separate account assets if the policy owner possesses incidents of ownership in those assets, such as the ability to exercise investment control over the assets. In circumstances where the policy owner is considered the owner of separate account assets, income and gain from the assets would be includable in the policy owner’s gross income. The Treasury Department has indicated that in regulations or additional revenue rulings under Section 817(d), (relating to the definition of a variable life

insurance policy), it will provide guidance on the extent to which policy owners may direct their investments to particular subaccounts without being treated as owners of the underlying shares. The Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) has issued Revenue Ruling 2003-91 in which it ruled that the ability to choose among as many as 20 subaccounts and make not more than one transfer per 30-day period without charge did not result in the owner of a policy being treated as the owner of the assets in the subaccount under the investment control doctrine.

The ownership rights under the Policies are similar to, but different in certain respects from, those described by the IRS in Revenue Ruling 2003-91 and other rulings in which it was determined that policy owners were not owners of the subaccount assets. Although we do not believe this to be the case, these differences could result in Policy owners being treated as the owners of the assets of the subaccounts under the Policies. We, therefore, reserve the right to modify the Policies as necessary to attempt to prevent the owners of the Policies from being considered the owners of a pro rata share of the assets of the subaccounts under the Policies. In addition, it is possible that if regulations or additional rulings are issued, the Policies may need to be modified to comply with them.

### **Tax Qualification**

Your Policy will be treated as a life insurance contract under federal income tax law if it passes either one or the other of two tests — a cash value accumulation test or a guideline premium/cash value corridor test. At the time of issuance of the Policy, you choose which test you want to be applied. It may not thereafter be changed. If you do not choose the test to be applied to your Policy, the Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test will be applied.

- Cash Value Accumulation Test — Under the terms of the Policy, the policy value may not at any time exceed the net single premium cost (at any such time) for the benefits promised under the Policy.
- Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test — The Policy must at all times satisfy a guideline premium requirement *and* a cash value corridor requirement. Under the *guideline premium requirement*, the sum of the premiums paid under the Policy may not at any time exceed the greater of the guideline single premium or the sum of the guideline level premiums, for the benefits promised under the Policy. Under the *cash value corridor* requirement, the death benefit at any time must be equal to or greater than the applicable percentage of policy value specified in the Code.

The Cash Value Accumulation Test does not limit the amount of premiums that may be paid under the Policy. If you desire to pay premiums in excess of those permitted under the Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test, you should consider electing to have your Policy qualify under the Cash Value Accumulation Test. However, any premium that would increase the net amount at risk is subject to evidence of insurability satisfactory to us. Required increases in the minimum death benefit due to growth in the policy value will generally be greater under the Cash Value Accumulation Test than under the Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test.

The Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test limits the amount of premium that may be paid under the Policy. If you do not desire to pay premiums in excess of those permitted under Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test limitations, you should consider electing to have your Policy qualify under the Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test.

### **Modified Endowment Contracts**

The Code establishes a class of life insurance contracts designated as “modified endowment contracts,” which applies to Policies entered into or materially changed after June 20, 1988.

Due to the Policy's flexibility, classification as a modified endowment contract will depend on the individual circumstances of each Policy. In general, a Policy will be a modified endowment contract if the accumulated premiums paid at any time during the first seven policy years exceeds the sum of the net level premiums which would have been paid on or before such time if the Policy provided for paid-up future benefits after the payment of seven level annual premiums. The determination of whether a Policy will be a modified endowment contract after a material change generally depends upon the relationship of the death benefit and policy value at the time of such change and the additional premiums paid in the seven years following the material change. At the time a premium is credited which would cause the Policy to become a modified endowment contract, we will notify you that unless a refund of the excess premium (with interest) is requested, your Policy will become a modified endowment contract. You will have 30 days after receiving such notification to request the refund.

All Policies that we or our affiliate issues to the same owner during any calendar year, which are treated as modified endowment contracts, are treated as one modified endowment contract for purposes of determining the amount includable in the gross income under Section 72(e) of the Code.

The rules relating to whether your Policy will be treated as a modified endowment contract are complex and make it impracticable to adequately describe in the limited confines of this summary. Therefore, you should consult with a competent adviser to determine whether a policy transaction will cause the Policy to be treated as a modified endowment contract.

Policies classified as a modified endowment contract will be subject to the following tax rules. First, all distributions, including distributions upon surrender and partial withdrawals from such a Policy are treated as ordinary income subject to tax up to the amount equal to the excess (if any) of the policy value immediately before the distribution over the investment in the Policy (described below) at such time. Second, loans taken from or secured by, such a Policy are treated as distributions from such a Policy and taxed accordingly. Past due loan interest that is added to the loan amount will be treated as a loan. Third, a 10 percent additional income tax is imposed on the portion of any distribution from, or loan taken from or secured by such a Policy that is included in income except where the distribution or loan is made on or after the owner attains age 59 1/2, is attributable to the owner's becoming disabled (as determined under the Code), or is part of a series of substantially equal periodic payments for the life (or life expectancy) of the owner or the joint lives (or joint life expectancies) of the owner and the owner's Beneficiary.

### ***Policy Loan Interest***

Generally, personal interest paid on a loan under a Policy which is owned by an individual is not deductible. In addition, interest on any loan under a Policy owned by a taxpayer and covering the life of any individual will generally not be tax deductible. The deduction of interest on policy loans may also be subject to the restrictions of Section 264 of the Code. An owner should consult a tax adviser before deducting any interest paid in respect of a policy loan.

### ***Investment in the Policy***

Investment in your Policy means: (i) the aggregate amount of any premiums or other consideration paid for a Policy, minus (ii) the aggregate amount received under the Policy which is excluded from gross income of the owner (except that the amount of any loan from, or secured by, a Policy that is a modified endowment contract, to the extent such amount is excluded from gross income, will be disregarded), plus (iii) the amount of any loan from, or secured by, a Policy that is a modified endowment contract to the extent that such amount is included in the gross income of the owner.

### ***Tax Consequences of the Guaranteed Option to Extend Maturity Date***

The Guaranteed Option to Extend Maturity Date that we offer allows the policy owner to extend the original maturity date by 20 years. An extension of maturity could have adverse tax consequences. Before you exercise your rights under this option, you should consult with a competent tax adviser regarding the possible tax consequences of an extension of maturity.

## ***Tax Consequences of the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Agreement***

The determination of whether your Policy will be treated as a life insurance contract for federal income tax purposes under either the Cash Value Accumulation Test or the Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test depends upon your Policy's cash value (or alternatively, cash surrender value). Similarly, the determination of the extent to which a distribution from a Policy that is treated as a modified endowment contract is taxable will depend upon the determination of the Policy's cash value.

There are no definitions for the terms "cash value" or "cash surrender value" in the Code and the other available authorities do not provide certainty in this area. If you add the Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Agreement to your base Policy, we intend to calculate the cash value (or cash surrender value) of your Policy without reflecting any additional amounts as a result of adding this rider to your base Policy. There is no published guidance from the IRS on this position. If future applicable authorities clarify that a position other than the one we have taken is applicable, then some policy owners who have added Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Agreements to their Policies may experience an increase in the taxable portion of certain distributions from such Policies. In addition, in the event of such a clarification, we will follow our normal procedures for keeping policies in compliance with Section 7702 (including increasing the face amount of the insurance under your base Policy to ensure that your base Policy continues to qualify as insurance under the Code). In addition, if there are remaining guaranteed withdrawal payments at the time when the Policy lapses, we will treat distributions of the remaining Benefit Base as taxable income. You are encouraged to consult your own tax adviser prior to adding a Guaranteed Withdrawal Benefit Agreement to your Policy.

### ***Disposition of the Policy***

The disposition of your Policy will likely have federal income tax consequences. The amount and character of any gain or income recognized in connection with a disposition may vary, depending on the nature of the disposition, your investment in the contract, premiums paid, and other factors. You should consult your tax adviser prior to any disposition.

### ***Certain Information Reporting***

As a result of U.S. federal tax legislation that was enacted on December 22, 2017, new Code section 6050Y creates a new information reporting requirement for certain life insurance policy transactions. A return must be filed by every person who acquires a life insurance contract or any interest in a life insurance contract in a reportable policy sale. A reportable policy sale is generally the acquisition of an interest in a life insurance contract, directly or indirectly, if the acquirer has no substantial family, business, or financial relationship with the insured. The buyer must file the return required under Section 6050Y with the IRS and furnish copies of the return to the insurance company that issued the contract and the seller. The Internal Revenue Service has provided guidance to ensure efficient administration of new Code section 6050Y. Under this guidance, reporting will not be required until final regulations are issued. For reportable policy sales and payments of reportable death benefits occurring after December 31, 2017, and before the date final regulations under are published in the Federal Register, Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service intend to allow additional time after the date final regulations are published to file the returns and furnish the written statements required by section 6050Y.

### ***Other Tax Considerations***

The transfer of your Policy or the designation of a beneficiary may have federal, state, and/or local transfer and inheritance tax consequences, including the imposition of gift, estate and generation-skipping transfer taxes. For example, the transfer of the Policy to, or the designation as beneficiary of, or the payment of proceeds to, a person who is assigned to a generation which is two or more generations below the generation of the owner, may have generation skipping transfer tax considerations under Section 2601 of the Code.

A 3.8% Medicare contribution tax generally applies to all or a portion of the net investment income of a taxpayer who is an individual and not a nonresident alien for federal income tax purposes and who has adjusted gross income (subject to certain adjustments) that exceeds a threshold amount (\$250,000 if married filing jointly or if considered a “surviving spouse” for federal income tax purposes, \$125,000 if married filing separately, and \$200,000 in other cases). For these purposes, amounts received under annuities or life insurance contracts that are includable in gross income are generally considered net investment income.

The individual situation of each owner or beneficiary will determine the extent, if any, to which federal, state and local transfer taxes may be imposed. Consult with your tax adviser for specific information in connection with these taxes.

The foregoing is a summary of the federal income (and, where noted, non-income) tax considerations associated with the Policy and does not purport to cover all possible situations. The summary is based on our understanding of the present federal income tax laws as they are currently interpreted by the IRS. The summary is not intended as tax advice. No representation is made as to the likelihood of continuation of the present federal income tax laws or of the current interpretations by the IRS.

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### **Are There Other Charges That Penn Mutual Could Deduct in the Future?**

We currently make no charge against policy values to pay federal income taxes on investment gains. However, we reserve the right to do so in the event there is a change in the tax laws. We currently do not expect that any such charge will be necessary.

Under current laws, we may incur state and local taxes (in addition to premium taxes) in several states. At present, these taxes are not significant. If there is a material change in applicable state or local tax laws, we reserve the right to make such deductions for such taxes.

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### **How Do I Communicate With Penn Mutual?**

#### **General Rules**

You may mail all checks for premium payments to The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Payment Processing Center, P.O. Box 7460, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19101-7460, or express all checks to The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Payment Processing Center, ATTN: L/B 7460, 312 West Route 38, Moorestown, NJ 08057.

Certain requests pertaining to your Policy must be made in writing and be signed and dated by you. They include the following:

- policy loans in excess of \$50,000, partial surrenders in excess of \$10,000, and full surrenders;
- change of death benefit option; risk class; addition/removal of riders;
- changes in specified amount of insurance;
- change of beneficiary;
- election of payment option for policy proceeds; and
- tax withholding elections.

You should mail these requests to our office, P.O. Box 178, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19105-0178 or express/overnight to 600 Dresher Road, Horsham, PA 19044. You should also send notice of the insured person’s death and related documentation to our office. Communications are not treated as “received” until such time as they have arrived at our office in proper form. Any communication that arrives after the close of

our business day, or on a day that is not a business day, will be considered “received” by us on the next following business day. Our business day currently ends at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, but special circumstances (such as suspension of trading on a major exchange) may dictate an earlier closing time.

We have special forms that must be used for a number of the requests mentioned above. You can obtain these forms from your Penn Mutual representative or by calling our office at 800-523-0650. Each communication to us must include your name, your policy number and the name of the insured person. We cannot process any request that does not include this required information.

### **Telephone Transactions**

You or the adviser of record (pursuant to your instructions) may request transfers among investment options and may change allocations of future premium payments by calling our office. In addition, if you complete a special authorization form, you may authorize a third person, other than the adviser of record, to act on your behalf in giving us telephone transfer instructions. We require certain identifying information to process a telephone transfer. We will not be liable for following transfer instructions, including instructions from the adviser of record, communicated by telephone that we reasonably believe to be genuine. In certain circumstances, such as periods of market volatility, severe weather, and emergencies, you may experience difficulty providing transaction instructions by telephone. We do not guarantee that we will be able to accept transaction instructions via telephone at all times. We also reserve the right to suspend or terminate the privilege altogether at any time.

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### **What Is the Timing of Transactions Under the Policy?**

Planned premium payments and unplanned premium payments which do not require evaluation of additional insurance risk will be credited to the Policy and the net premium will be allocated to the subaccounts of the Separate Account based on values at the end of the valuation period in which we receive the payment. A valuation period is the same as the valuation period of the shares of the funds held in subaccounts of the Separate Account. Loan, partial surrender and full surrender transactions will be based on values at the end of the valuation period in which we receive all required instructions and necessary documentation. In order to receive a day’s closing price, instructions sent by facsimile transmission must be received by our fax server prior to the close of regular trading on the New York Stock Exchange on that day (generally 4:00 pm Eastern time). Telephone instructions must be received in full, containing all required information and confirmed back to the caller prior to the close of regular trading in order to receive that day’s closing price. Death benefits will be based on values as of the date of death.

We will ordinarily pay the death benefit, loan proceeds and partial or full surrender proceeds, within seven days after receipt at our office of all the documents required for completion of the transaction.

We may defer making a payment or transfer from a variable account investment option if (1) the disposal or valuation of the Separate Account’s assets is not reasonably practicable because the New York Stock Exchange is closed for other than a regular holiday or weekend, trading is restricted by the SEC, or the SEC declares that an emergency exists; or (2) the SEC by order permits postponement of payment to protect our policy owners.

We may also defer making a payment or transfer from the fixed interest option for up to six months from the date we receive the written request. However, we will not defer payment of a partial surrender or policy loan requested to pay a premium due on a Penn Mutual Policy. If a payment from the fixed interest option is deferred for 30 days or more, it will bear interest at a rate of 3% per year compounded annually while it is deferred.

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### **How Does Penn Mutual Communicate With Me?**

At least once each year we will send a report to you showing your current policy values, premiums paid and deductions made since the last report, any outstanding policy loans, and any additional premiums

permitted under your Policy. We will also send to you an annual and a semi-annual report for each Fund underlying a subaccount to which you have allocated your policy value, as required by the 1940 Act. In addition, when you pay premiums, or if you borrow money under your Policy, transfer amounts among the investment options or make partial surrenders, we will send a written confirmation to you. Information on Dollar Cost Averaging, Automatic Asset Rebalancing, and pre-authorized check payments will be confirmed on a quarterly statement.

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### **Do I Have the Right to Cancel the Policy?**

You have the right to cancel your Policy within 10 days after you receive it (or longer in some states). This is referred to as the “free look” period. To cancel your Policy, simply deliver or mail the Policy to our office or to our representative who delivered the Policy to you.

In most states, you will receive a refund of your policy value as of the date of cancellation plus the premium charge and the monthly deductions. The date of cancellation will be the date we receive the Policy.

In some states, you will receive a refund of any premiums you have paid. In these states money held under your Policy will be allocated to the Penn Series Money Market investment option during the “free look” period. At the end of the period, the money will be transferred to the investment options you have chosen.

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### **THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY**

Penn Mutual is a Pennsylvania mutual life insurance company. We were chartered in 1847 and have been continuously engaged in the life insurance business since that date. We issue and sell life insurance and annuities in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Our corporate headquarters are located at 600 Dresher Road, Horsham, Pennsylvania, 19044, a suburb of Philadelphia. Our mailing address is The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Attn: Customer Service Group, PO Box 178, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19105.

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### **PENN MUTUAL VARIABLE LIFE ACCOUNT I**

We established Penn Mutual Variable Life Account I (the “Separate Account”) as a separate investment account under Pennsylvania law on January 27, 1987. The Separate Account is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) as a unit investment trust under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the “1940 Act”) and qualifies as a “separate account” within the meaning of the federal securities laws.

Net premiums received under the Policy and under other variable life insurance policies are allocated to subaccounts of the Separate Account for investment in investment funds. They are allocated in accordance with instructions from policy owners.

Income, gains and losses, realized or unrealized, in a subaccount are credited or charged without regard to any other income, gains or losses of Penn Mutual. Assets equal to the reserves and other contract liabilities with respect to the investments held in each subaccount are not chargeable with liabilities arising out of any other business or account of Penn Mutual. If the assets exceed the required reserves and other liabilities, we may transfer the excess to our general account. We are obligated to pay all benefits provided under the Policies.

If investment in shares of a fund should no longer be possible or, if in our judgment, becomes inappropriate to the purposes of the Policies, or, if in our judgment, investment in another fund is in the interest of owners, we may substitute another fund. No substitution may take place without notice to owners and prior approval of the SEC and insurance regulatory authorities, to the extent required by the 1940 Act and applicable law.

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## VOTING SHARES OF THE INVESTMENT FUNDS

We are the legal owner of shares of the Funds and as such have the right to vote on all matters submitted to shareholders of the Funds. However, as required by law, we will vote shares held in the Separate Account at meetings of shareholders of the Funds in accordance with instructions received from owners. Should the applicable federal securities laws, regulations or interpretations thereof change so as to permit us to vote shares of the Funds in our own right, we may elect to do so.

To obtain voting instructions from owners, before a meeting we will send owners voting instruction material, a voting instruction form and any other related material. The number of shares for which an owner may give voting instructions is currently determined by dividing the portion of the owner's policy value allocated to the Separate Account by the net asset value of one share of the applicable Fund. Fractional votes will be counted. The number of votes for which an owner may give instructions will be determined as of the record date specified by the applicable Fund. Shares for which no timely instructions are received will be voted by Penn Mutual in the same proportion as those shares for which voting instructions are received.

We may, if required by state insurance officials, disregard owner voting instructions if such instructions would require shares to be voted so as to cause a change in sub-classification or investment objectives of one or more of the Funds, or to approve or disapprove an investment advisory agreement. In addition, we may under certain circumstances disregard voting instructions that would require changes in the investment policy or investment adviser of one or more of the Funds, provided that we reasonably disapprove of such changes in accordance with applicable federal regulations. If we ever disregard voting instructions, we will advise owners of that action and of our reasons for such action in the next semiannual report. Finally, we reserve the right to modify the manner in which we calculate the weight to be given to pass-through voting instructions where such a change is necessary to comply with current federal regulations or the current interpretation thereof.

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## OTHER INFORMATION

### ***Cyber Security***

We rely heavily on interconnected computer systems and digital data to conduct our variable product business activities. Because our variable product business is highly dependent upon the effective operation of our computer systems and those of our business partners, our business is potentially vulnerable to disruptions from utility outages and other problems, and susceptible to operational and information security risks resulting from information systems failure, including hardware and software malfunctions and cyber-attacks. These risks include, among other things, the theft, misuse, corruption and destruction of data maintained online or digitally, interference with or denial of service attacks on websites and other operational disruption and unauthorized release of confidential customer or business information. Such systems failures and cyber-attacks affecting us, the underlying funds, the principal underwriter and other affiliated or third-party service providers may adversely affect us and the cash value of your policy. For instance, cyber-attacks may interfere with our processing of policy transactions, including the processing of orders with the underlying funds; cause the release and possible destruction of confidential customer or business information; subject us and/or our service providers and intermediaries to regulatory fines and financial losses; and/or cause reputational damage. Cyber security risks may also affect the issuers of securities in which the underlying funds invest, which may cause the underlying funds to lose value. There can be no assurance that we, the underlying funds or our service providers will avoid losses affecting your Contract that result from cyber-attacks or information security breaches in the future. These risks also apply to other insurance and financial services companies and businesses.

### ***Abandoned Property***

Every state has unclaimed property laws that generally provide for escheatment to the state of unclaimed property (including escheatment of annuity, life, and other insurance policies) under various

circumstances. In addition to the state unclaimed property law, we may be required to escheat property pursuant to regulatory demand, finding, agreement or settlement. To help prevent such escheatment it is important that you keep your contract and other information on file with us up to date, including the names, contact and identifying information for owners, insureds, annuitants, beneficiaries and other payees.

### ***Anti-Money Laundering***

Federal laws designed to counter terrorism and prevent money laundering by criminals might in certain circumstances require us to reject a premium payment and/or “freeze” an owner’s account. If these laws apply in a particular situation, we would not be allowed to pay any request for surrenders (either full or partial), or death benefits, make transfers, or continue making annuity payments absent instructions from the appropriate federal regulator. We may also be required to provide information about you and your Contract to government agencies or departments.

### ***Legal Proceedings***

We, like other life insurance companies, are subject to regulatory and legal proceedings, including lawsuits, in the ordinary course of our business. Such legal and regulatory matters include proceedings specific to us and other proceedings generally applicable to business practices in the industry in which we operate. In some lawsuits and regulatory proceedings involving insurers, substantial damages have been sought and/or material settlement payments have been made. Although the outcome of any litigation or regulatory proceeding cannot be predicted with certainty, at the present time, we believe that there are no pending or threatened proceedings or lawsuits that are likely to have a material adverse impact on the separate account, on the principal underwriter’s ability to perform under its principal underwriting agreement, or on our ability to meet our obligations under the policy.

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## **DISTRIBUTION ARRANGEMENTS**

Penn Mutual has a distribution agreement with Hornor Townsend & Kent, LLC (“HTK”) to act as principal underwriter for the distribution and sale of the Policies. HTK is affiliated with Penn Mutual and is located at 600 Dresher Road, suite C1C, in Horsham, Pennsylvania, 19044. HTK sells the Policies through its sales representatives. HTK has also entered into selling agreements with other broker-dealers who in turn sell the Policies through their sales representatives. HTK is registered as a broker-dealer with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as well as with the securities commissions in the states in which it operates, and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (“FINRA”).

Penn Mutual enters into selling agreements with HTK and other broker-dealers whose registered representatives are authorized by state insurance and securities departments to solicit applications for the Policies. Sales and renewal compensation are paid to these broker-dealers for soliciting applications as premium-based commission, asset-based commission (sometimes referred to as “trails” or “residuals”), or a combination of the two. Registered representatives may be paid commissions on a Policy they sell based on premiums paid in amounts up to 53.5% of first year premiums of sales, 3% on premiums paid during the second through fifteenth policy years, and 2.0% on premiums paid after the first fifteen policy years. In lieu of the renewal commissions just described, registered representatives can opt to receive 1% of premiums paid during the second through tenth policy years, 0% of the premiums paid after the first ten policy years, and an asset-based commission equivalent to an annualized rate of 0.10% of net policy value during the second through tenth policy years, and 0.25% of net policy value after the first ten policy years.

In addition to or partially in lieu of commission, Penn Mutual may also make override payments and pay expense allowances and reimbursements, bonuses, wholesaler fees, and training and marketing allowances. Such payments may offset broker-dealer expenses in connection with activities they are required to perform, such as educating personnel and maintaining records. Registered representatives may also receive non-cash compensation such as expense-paid educational or training seminars involving travel within and outside the U.S. or promotional merchandise.

Such additional compensation may give Penn Mutual greater access to registered representatives of the broker-dealers that receive such compensation. While this greater access provides the opportunity for training and other educational programs so that your registered representative may serve you better, this additional compensation also may afford Penn Mutual a “preferred” status at the recipient broker-dealer (along with other product vendors that provide similar support) and offer some other marketing benefit such as website placement, access to registered representative lists, extra marketing assistance, or other heightened visibility and access to the broker-dealer’s sales force that otherwise influences the way that the broker-dealer and the registered representative market the Policies.

Finally, within certain limits imposed by FINRA, registered representatives who are associated with HTK, as a Penn Mutual broker-dealer affiliate, may qualify for sales incentive programs and other benefits sponsored by Penn Mutual. These HTK registered representatives are also advisers of Penn Mutual and upon achievement of specified annual sales goals may be eligible for compensation in addition to the amounts stated above, including bonuses, fringe benefits, financing arrangements, conferences, trips, prizes and awards.

All of the compensation described in this section, and other compensation or benefits provided by Penn Mutual or its affiliates, may be more or less than the overall compensation on similar or other products and may influence your registered representative or broker-dealer to present this Policy rather than other investment options.

Individual registered representatives typically receive a portion of the compensation that is paid to the broker-dealer in connection with the Policy, depending on the agreement between the registered representative and their broker-dealer firm. Penn Mutual is not involved in determining that compensation arrangement, which may present its own incentives or conflicts. You may ask your registered representative how he/she will be compensated for the transaction.

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#### **EXPERTS**

PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP serves as independent registered public accounting firm for Penn Mutual and the Separate Account.

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#### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP of Washington, D.C. has provided advice on certain matters relating to the federal securities laws and the offering of the Policies.

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#### **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

The financial statements of the Separate Account and the consolidated financial statements of Penn Mutual appear in a statement of additional information, which may be obtained from The Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company, Attn: SAI Request, PO Box 178, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 19105. Or you can call toll-free at 1-800-523-0650. The consolidated financial statements of Penn Mutual should be distinguished from any financial statements of the Separate Account and should be considered only as bearing upon Penn Mutual’s ability to meet its obligations under the Policies.

**APPENDIX A**

**Sample Minimum Initial Premiums**

The following table shows for insureds of varying ages, the minimum initial premium for a Policy with a basic death benefit indicated. This table assumes the insureds will be placed in a nonsmoker class and that no supplemental benefits will be added to the base Policy.

<b>Issue Age of Insured</b>	<b>Sex of Insured</b>	<b>Base Death Benefit</b>	<b>Minimum Initial Premium</b>
25	M	\$50,000	\$359
30	F	\$75,000	\$496
35	M	\$75,000	\$584
40	F	\$100,000	\$859
45	M	\$100,000	\$1,124
50	F	\$100,000	\$1,185
55	M	\$100,000	\$1,658
60	F	\$75,000	\$1,362
65	M	\$75,000	\$2,156
70	F	\$50,000	\$1,641

**APPENDIX B**

**Applicable Percentages Under the Guideline Premium/Cash Value Corridor Test**

<b>Attained Age</b>	<b>%</b>								
0-40	250%	51	178%	62	126%	73	109%	84	105%
41	243%	52	171%	63	124%	74	107%	85	105%
42	236%	53	164%	64	122%	75	105%	86	105%
43	229%	54	157%	65	120%	76	105%	87	105%
44	222%	55	150%	66	119%	77	105%	88	105%
45	215%	56	146%	67	118%	78	105%	89	105%
46	209%	57	142%	68	117%	79	105%	90	105%
47	203%	58	138%	69	116%	80	105%	91	104%
48	197%	59	134%	70	115%	81	105%	92	103%
49	191%	60	130%	71	113%	82	105%	93	102%
50	185%	61	128%	72	111%	83	105%	94-99	101%

**Sample Applicable Percentages Under the Cash Value Accumulation Test**

**Male Non-Tobacco**

<b>Attained Age</b>	<b>%</b>								
0-19	N/A	36	417.61%	53	240.32%	69	156.24%	85	119.81%
20	699.48%	37	403.76%	54	233.12%	70	152.83%	86	118.55%
21	679.26%	38	390.40%	55	226.22%	71	149.57%	87	117.38%
22	659.36%	39	377.52%	56	219.61%	72	146.49%	88	116.28%
23	639.73%	40	365.11%	57	213.30%	73	143.58%	89	115.23%
24	620.39%	41	353.15%	58	207.25%	74	140.85%	90	114.21%
25	601.33%	42	341.65%	59	201.45%	75	138.30%	91	113.20%
26	582.53%	43	330.57%	60	195.91%	76	135.91%	92	112.17%
27	564.06%	44	319.91%	61	190.60%	77	133.67%	93	111.08%
28	545.97%	45	309.63%	62	185.53%	78	131.57%	94	109.92%
29	528.29%	46	299.75%	63	180.70%	79	129.58%	95	108.65%
30	511.04%	47	290.24%	64	176.09%	80	127.70%	96	107.27%
31	494.24%	48	281.10%	65	171.71%	81	125.91%	97	105.80%
32	477.93%	49	272.29%	66	167.55%	82	124.22%	98	104.25%
33	462.11%	50	263.82%	67	163.60%	83	122.64%	99	102.60%
34	446.78%	51	255.67%	68	159.83%	84	121.17%	100	100.00%
35	431.94%	52	247.84%						

**Female Non-Tobacco**

<b>Attained Age</b>	<b>%</b>								
0-19	N/A	36	468.31%	53	270.97%	69	171.23%	85	122.77%
20	796.54%	37	452.83%	54	262.85%	70	166.87%	86	121.08%
21	771.20%	38	437.93%	55	255.03%	71	162.66%	87	119.50%
22	746.54%	39	423.58%	56	247.50%	72	158.63%	88	118.03%
23	722.57%	40	409.78%	57	240.24%	73	154.80%	89	116.64%
24	699.24%	41	396.51%	58	233.24%	74	151.16%	90	115.32%
25	676.63%	42	383.77%	59	226.46%	75	147.74%	91	114.03%
26	654.62%	43	371.51%	60	219.89%	76	144.52%	92	112.76%
27	633.28%	44	359.71%	61	213.54%	77	141.49%	93	111.49%
28	612.56%	45	348.34%	62	207.41%	78	138.64%	94	110.17%
29	592.47%	46	337.38%	63	201.52%	79	135.95%	95	108.79%
30	572.99%	47	326.82%	64	195.89%	80	133.39%	96	107.34%
31	554.12%	48	316.63%	65	190.51%	81	130.98%	97	105.82%
32	535.83%	49	306.81%	66	185.37%	82	128.71%	98	104.26%
33	518.10%	50	297.34%	67	180.47%	83	126.58%	99	102.60%
34	500.93%	51	288.22%	68	175.76%	84	124.60%	100	100.00%
35	484.36%	52	279.43%						

**Sample Applicable Percentages Under the Cash Value Accumulation Test**

**Male Tobacco**

<b>Attained Age</b>	<b>%</b>								
0-19	N/A	36	342.96%	53	206.34%	69	144.93%	85	118.30%
20	567.36%	37	331.98%	54	201.00%	70	142.45%	86	117.35%
21	551.35%	38	321.41%	55	195.91%	71	140.09%	87	116.44%
22	535.65%	39	311.26%	56	191.05%	72	137.84%	88	115.56%
23	520.14%	40	301.52%	57	186.43%	73	135.71%	89	114.71%
24	504.81%	41	292.18%	58	182.01%	74	133.71%	90	113.85%
25	489.67%	42	283.23%	59	177.78%	75	131.84%	91	112.97%
26	474.70%	43	274.66%	60	173.72%	76	130.10%	92	112.04%
27	459.94%	44	266.46%	61	169.84%	77	128.48%	93	111.02%
28	445.46%	45	258.59%	62	166.14%	78	126.96%	94	109.89%
29	431.30%	46	251.07%	63	162.61%	79	125.52%	95	108.65%
30	417.48%	47	243.85%	64	159.26%	80	124.15%	96	107.27%
31	404.05%	48	236.93%	65	156.08%	81	122.84%	97	105.80%
32	391.02%	49	230.29%	66	153.08%	82	121.59%	98	104.25%
33	378.39%	50	223.92%	67	150.23%	83	120.42%	99	102.60%
34	366.17%	51	217.79%	68	147.52%	84	119.32%	100	100.00%
35	354.36%	52	211.94%						

**Female Tobacco**

<b>Attained Age</b>	<b>%</b>								
0-19	N/A	36	413.45%	53	247.46%	69	163.93%	85	121.86%
20	700.22%	37	400.10%	54	240.74%	70	160.19%	86	120.34%
21	677.90%	38	387.29%	55	234.28%	71	156.56%	87	118.94%
22	656.20%	39	375.01%	56	228.06%	72	153.07%	88	117.61%
23	635.13%	40	363.24%	57	222.06%	73	149.74%	89	116.35%
24	614.65%	41	351.98%	58	216.25%	74	146.59%	90	125.11%
25	594.81%	42	341.22%	59	210.60%	75	143.63%	91	113.90%
26	575.52%	43	330.93%	60	205.10%	76	140.85%	92	112.70%
27	556.84%	44	321.06%	61	199.75%	77	138.24%	93	111.46%
28	538.74%	45	311.58%	62	194.58%	78	135.78%	94	110.17%
29	521.19%	46	302.46%	63	189.59%	79	133.44%	95	108.79%
30	504.21%	47	293.69%	64	184.82%	80	131.22%	96	107.34%
31	487.80%	48	285.25%	65	180.27%	81	129.11%	97	105.82%
32	471.91%	49	277.11%	66	175.93%	82	127.12%	98	104.26%
33	456.54%	50	269.27%	67	171.78%	83	125.23%	99	102.60%
34	441.67%	51	261.73%	68	167.79%	84	123.48%	100	100.00%
35	427.33%	52	254.46%						

**APPENDIX C**

**Mortality and Expense Risk Face Amount Charge  
Current Rates per \$1,000 of Initial Face Amount\***

Issue Age	Non-Tobacco (Policy Years 1-5)			Non-Tobacco (Policy Years 6-10)		
	Male	Female	Unisex	Male	Female	Unisex
5	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.04
10	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.04
15	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04
20	0.07	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.04	0.04
25	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.05	0.05	0.05
30	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.05	0.05	0.05
35	0.12	0.11	0.12	0.06	0.06	0.06
40	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.08	0.07	0.07
45	0.18	0.14	0.17	0.09	0.07	0.09
50	0.18	0.16	0.18	0.09	0.08	0.09
55	0.18	0.17	0.18	0.09	0.09	0.09
60	0.21	0.17	0.20	0.11	0.09	0.10
65	0.24	0.17	0.23	0.12	0.09	0.12
70	0.26	0.21	0.25	0.13	0.11	0.13
75	0.27	0.24	0.26	0.14	0.12	0.13
80	0.27	0.24	0.26	0.14	0.12	0.13
85	0.27	0.24	0.26	0.14	0.12	0.13

**Mortality and Expense Risk Face Amount Charge  
Current Rates per \$1,000 of Initial Face Amount\***

Issue Age	Tobacco (Policy Years 1-5)			Tobacco (Policy Years 6-10)		
	Male	Female	Unisex	Male	Female	Unisex
5	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.04
10	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.04	0.03	0.04
15	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.04	0.04	0.04
20	0.09	0.08	0.09	0.05	0.04	0.05
25	0.11	0.10	0.11	0.06	0.05	0.06
30	0.13	0.10	0.12	0.07	0.05	0.06
35	0.14	0.12	0.14	0.07	0.06	0.07
40	0.17	0.14	0.16	0.09	0.07	0.08
45	0.20	0.15	0.19	0.10	0.08	0.10
50	0.20	0.17	0.19	0.10	0.09	0.10
55	0.20	0.18	0.20	0.10	0.09	0.10
60	0.23	0.19	0.22	0.12	0.10	0.11
65	0.26	0.20	0.25	0.13	0.10	0.13
70	0.28	0.23	0.27	0.14	0.12	0.14
75	0.29	0.26	0.28	0.15	0.13	0.14
80	0.29	0.26	0.28	0.15	0.13	0.14
85	0.29	0.26	0.28	0.15	0.13	0.14

\* Representative figures shown. For issue ages not listed, please ask your registered representative.

**Mortality and Expense Risk Face Amount Charge  
Guaranteed Rates per \$1,000 of Initial Face Amount  
All Policies\***

Issue Age	Non-Tobacco			Tobacco		
	Male	Female	Unisex	Male	Female	Unisex
5	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.08
10	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.08	0.07	0.08
15	0.10	0.08	0.09	0.10	0.08	0.09
20	0.08	0.07	0.08	0.10	0.08	0.10
25	0.10	0.09	0.09	0.12	0.10	0.11
30	0.10	0.09	0.10	0.13	0.10	0.13
35	0.13	0.11	0.12	0.16	0.13	0.15
40	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.19	0.15	0.18
45	0.18	0.15	0.17	0.23	0.17	0.22
50	0.22	0.18	0.21	0.28	0.21	0.27
55	0.28	0.23	0.27	0.29	0.26	0.29
60	0.29	0.28	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
65	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
70	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
75	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
80	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29
85	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29

\* Representative figures shown. For issue ages not listed, please ask your registered representative.

**APPENDIX D**

**Mortality and Expense Risk Face Amount Charge  
Guaranteed Rates per \$1,000 of Term Insurance Benefit  
Supplemental Term Insurance Rider\***

Issue Age	Non-Tobacco			Tobacco		
	Male	Female	Unisex	Male	Female	Unisex
5	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.13
10	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.13	0.12	0.13
15	0.15	0.13	0.14	0.15	0.13	0.14
20	0.13	0.12	0.13	0.15	0.13	0.15
25	0.15	0.14	0.14	0.17	0.15	0.16
30	0.15	0.14	0.15	0.18	0.15	0.18
35	0.18	0.16	0.17	0.21	0.18	0.20
40	0.20	0.18	0.19	0.24	0.20	0.23
45	0.23	0.20	0.22	0.28	0.22	0.27
50	0.27	0.23	0.26	0.33	0.26	0.32
55	0.33	0.28	0.32	0.34	0.31	0.34
60	0.34	0.33	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
65	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
70	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
75	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
80	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34
85	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34	0.34

\* Representative figures shown. For issue ages not listed, please ask your registered representative.

## STATEMENT OF ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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