



Protective Custom Choice<sup>SM</sup> UL UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE Product Guide

You worry about what would happen to your loved ones in the event of your untimely death. You want to make sure they would be financially secure, and life insurance is a great way to address that concern. In fact, life insurance is a valuable planning tool that can be part of your financial planning strategy or can stand alone as a single source of protection. Properly planning for your life insurance needs today can help provide a lifetime of financial security for your loved ones tomorrow.

That's why we're proud to offer Protective Custom Choice<sup>SM</sup> UL, a universal life insurance policy designed to offer you affordable protection that meets your specific needs today, with options and flexibility in the event your needs change in the future.

# Protection for Your Loved Ones

Life insurance is about protection. It helps provide security for your loved ones when they need it most. Providing them with this protection can help ensure they do not face the added burden of financial pressures should something happen to you.

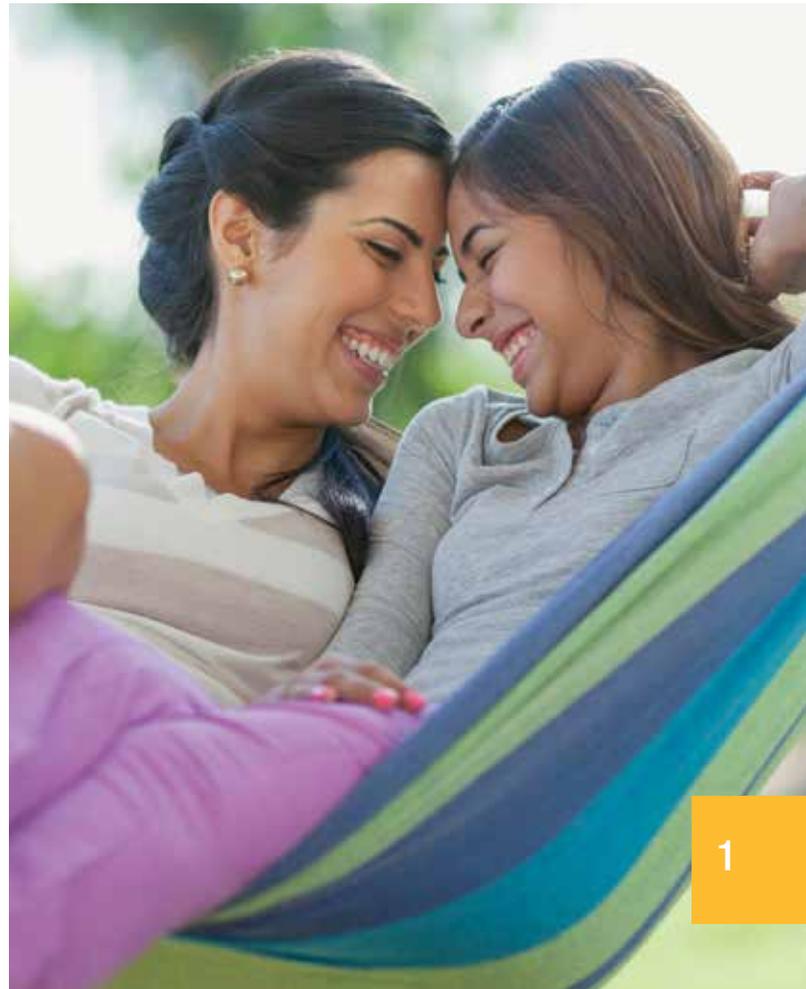
## Death Benefit Coverage

The death benefit from your Protective Custom Choice UL policy can be paid directly to your beneficiaries to help them replace your income and maintain their standard of living. It may also help cover things like burial and final expenses and recurring or future expenses.

With Protective Custom Choice UL, you also have the option of adjusting your death benefit amount without having to buy a new, separate policy, if your needs change. After the first policy year, you may increase the death benefit amount, subject to underwriting, or decrease it subject to minimums and charges after the third policy year.

Your death benefit coverage can even be guaranteed for 10 to 30 years, meaning your policy will not lapse as long as your planned premiums are paid.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Lapse protection guarantees the policy death benefit for the duration of the guarantee and does not cover cash or surrender value. Loans, withdrawals, and other policy and premium changes will affect the cost and length of protection. Failure to make premium payment as planned may cause the policy to lose lapse protection and premiums required to restore it could be significantly higher. Refer to the policy and endorsements for complete terms, conditions and limitations.



# Custom Options for Your Individual Needs

At Protective Life, we understand that everyone's situation is different and that needs often change over the course of time. That's why Protective Custom Choice UL offers options and flexibility to meet your specific needs and goals.

## Initial Level Benefit Period Options

With Protective Custom Choice UL, you can customize the duration of your life insurance coverage. You choose the amount of coverage you want, and an initial level benefit period of 10 to 30 years. During this time, as long as you pay the scheduled premiums, your death benefit is guaranteed to remain level and your policy will never lapse.<sup>2</sup>

After your initial level benefit period ends, your guaranteed death benefit will begin to decrease while your premium payment amount remains level.

The death benefit amount will decrease each year until it reaches the minimum of \$10,000. At that point, your premiums will increase each year.

You have the option to exchange your policy for a permanent universal life insurance option from Protective Life anytime in your first 20 policy years up to age 70, without going through more medical exams. If your needs change and you want to maintain your current death benefit beyond the initial level benefit period, you may exercise this option.

<sup>2</sup> In order for the lapse protection to be in force, accumulated premiums paid (less pro rata adjustments for loans and withdrawals) must be equivalent to or greater than the accumulated Minimum Monthly Guaranteed Premiums.

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### Consider This Example:



**Mary, age 35, is married with two sons, ages 10 and 12.** She wants to maintain life insurance coverage until her youngest son is 25, to make sure her children are protected through their college years. Once the boys are grown, Mary anticipates her need for life insurance will decrease over time.

After talking with her financial professional about her needs, Mary purchases a \$500,000 Protective Custom Choice UL policy with a 15-year initial level death benefit period.

Any time during her first 20 policy years, Mary can choose to exchange her Protective Custom Choice UL policy for a more permanent policy with a level death benefit and premium amount—without needing to prove her insurability through medical exams.

Beginning in year 16, Mary's death benefit amount begins to decrease each year, but her annual premium remains the same.

POLICY YEAR	DEATH BENEFIT	ANNUAL PREMIUM
1 – 15	\$500,000	\$232.07
16	\$210,673	\$232.07
20	\$136,836	\$232.07
30	\$ 50,965	\$232.07
40	\$ 21,471	\$232.07
50	\$ 10,000	\$320.98

Mary's death benefit and annual premium amount remain level for her 15-year initial level death benefit period.

Once Mary's death benefit has reached \$10,000, it will no longer reduce. However, the annual premium to maintain the policy will begin to increase.

Effective as of August 29, 2016.  
Assumes female age 35, preferred.

# About Protective Custom Choice UL

When you apply for a Protective Custom Choice UL policy, you will be classified in an underwriting category as Select Preferred, Preferred, Non-Tobacco or Tobacco. This classification will be based on your current health and medical history and will also determine your policy rates. Each initial level benefit period also has issue age restrictions.

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**10-Year Plan** 18 – 75

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**15-Year Plan** 18 – 70

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**20-Year Plan** 18 – 65  
(18 – 63 for Tobacco class)

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**25-Year Plan** 18 – 55  
(18 – 52 for Tobacco class)

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**30-Year Plan** 18 – 55  
(18 – 43 for Tobacco class)

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The minimum policy face amount (death benefit) is \$100,000. This applies to all issue ages and all underwriting classes. There is no set maximum face amount. After your initial level benefit period, the minimum death benefit amount is \$10,000.

There are certain fees and charges associated with a Protective Custom Choice UL policy. The premium load is a charge deducted from your premium payments before they are applied to your policy. While your policy is in force, all payments will be subject to a 25% premium load. An administrative charge of \$5.50 will also be deducted monthly, in addition to a monthly expense charge and monthly cost of insurance charge which vary based on your policy details.



# Additional Options to Customize Your Coverage

Because Protective Custom Choice UL is designed for maximum flexibility, it offers a wide variety of benefits and riders to help fill any gaps in your long-term plans.

## Accidental Death Benefit Rider

Accidents, or unintentional injury deaths, are the fourth leading cause of death for all Americans.<sup>3</sup> The Accidental Death Benefit Rider could, therefore, be a good way to supplement your policy's coverage. This rider can provide even more life insurance coverage and increase the death benefit paid to your beneficiaries if your death results from an accident.

Applicants ages 18 – 60 are eligible for the Accidental Death Benefit Rider, with coverage and premiums stopping at age 70. Your additional coverage can range from \$1,000 up to \$250,000.

**Maximum substandard rating:** Table 4

<sup>3</sup> National Vital Statistics Reports. Deaths: Final Data for 2013, table 10.

## Children's Term Life Insurance Rider

By considering life insurance coverage, you are already looking out for the financial needs of your loved ones. But what about starting your children out on the right path in life? In addition to the base policy's coverage for yourself, we also offer a Children's Term Life Insurance Rider to cover the lives of your children. You can use this rider to provide death benefit protection at the time your policy is issued for all natural and adopted children and stepchildren ages 15 days through 18 years. The rider also covers future children from age 15 days or date of adoption prior to age 18.

The Children's Term Life Insurance Rider provides term coverage up to age 25, the expiry date of the rider or termination of the policy—whichever is earlier—for all covered children of the insured. The annual premium is a fixed amount and remains constant, regardless of the number of children covered under the rider. Coverage is available in \$1,000 increments ranging from \$1,000 up to \$20,000.

After the covered child reaches age 25, he or she can maintain life insurance coverage by converting to a permanent life insurance policy from Protective Life for up to five times the amount of the Children's Term Life Insurance Rider coverage.

Applicants ages 18 – 65 are eligible for the Children's Term Life Insurance Rider.

**Maximum substandard rating:** Table 4 (base insured), Table 2 (child)

Actual terms and conditions contained in each rider govern all benefits provided. Unless otherwise noted, these optional benefits and riders are available at additional cost. Assumes medical and financial underwriting qualifications at time of initial application. May not be available in all states.

## Disability Benefit Rider

When purchasing a life insurance policy, you want to be absolutely certain the death benefit protection remains available to your loved ones for the period of time you've specified. Life often brings unexpected turns, however. That's why we offer the Disability Benefit Rider, which can help you be even more prepared and ensure your policy premiums are paid if you face the hardship of total disability and are unable to work. With this rider, you can specify a monthly benefit amount to be paid toward your policy premium, allowing you to maintain life insurance coverage. The gross monthly benefit amount is credited to your policy after you have been totally disabled for six months and meet all conditions of the rider. You will continue to receive benefits from this rider for as long as your total disability continues and all conditions of the rider are met. The Disability Benefit Rider is available for applicants ages 18 – 55, and rider coverage ends at age 60.

**Maximum substandard rating:** Table 4

## Income Provider Option Endorsement

With a typical life insurance policy, you know that your loved ones will receive the death benefit amount in one lump sum after you die. That might help with immediate and short-term needs, but what about help for ongoing financial expenses? With the Income Provider Option, you have the ability to select a guaranteed income stream of up to 30 years as your death benefit payout. In addition, an initial lump-sum payment is also available to help cover immediate obligations, such as final expenses and debt.

The Income Provider Option not only gives you more flexibility and control over your death benefit, but it is available at no extra cost at policy issue. Adding it to your policy could even result in lower premiums than a traditional, lump-sum death benefit policy. You may change the death benefit schedule if needs or plans change during your lifetime, but your beneficiaries will not be able change the schedule after your death.

See the **Income Provider Option Consumer Guide** in your kit for more details.

A portion of periodic payments under the Income Provider Option may be reported as taxable income to the beneficiary. Please consult your attorney or tax advisor regarding your individual situation.

## Terminal Illness Accelerated Death Benefit Endorsement

Being diagnosed with a terminal illness can take a serious emotional and financial toll on you and your loved ones. Our Terminal Illness Accelerated Death Benefit is included in your policy at no extra charge to help you cope with those emotional and financial costs. If you become terminally ill, this benefit can accelerate up to 60% of your policy's death benefit, or \$1 million, whichever is less. While there is no cost for this benefit, your death benefit is reduced by the amount paid plus accumulated interest at a rate specified in the endorsement.

Not available in all states. State variations may apply. Please review the endorsement for complete terms, conditions and limitations.

# What Happens Next?

If you decide a Protective Custom Choice UL policy is right for you, the application process begins.

Your financial professional will ask you to sign some forms and might need to ask a few medical questions. This is also when you will complete the application and select your face amount and any optional benefits or riders.

In most cases, a medical professional will then contact you to schedule a life insurance physical examination, usually completed in your own home.

At this point, your application will be sent to Protective Life for the underwriting process. This is where we review the information on your application and the results of your physical

examination. Depending on your medical history and exam results, medical records or additional underwriting requirements may be required to determine your health risk and qualification for the policy. This process generally takes a few weeks.

If approved, you will receive a copy of your policy. You should file this with your other important documents and also notify your beneficiaries.

To retain the guarantee of coverage, you should pay your premiums according to the amount and schedule you set.

It is important to regularly review your policy and annual report to make sure your strategy is still aligned with your goals.

Universal life insurance can provide a variety of benefits and features that may be appropriate for your financial circumstances.

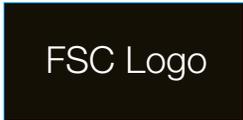
Protective Custom Choice UL can specifically offer you options to create affordable life insurance protection that meets your specific needs today, with flexibility to help provide continuing protection should your needs change in the future.

**Protect Tomorrow.  
Embrace Today.™**

Protective Custom Choice UL (UL-22) is a universal life insurance policy issued by Protective Life Insurance Company, Birmingham, AL. Policy form numbers, product features and availability may vary by state. Consult policies for benefits, riders, limitations and exclusions. Subject to underwriting. Up to a two-year contestable and suicide period. Benefits adjusted for misstatements of age or sex. In Montana, unisex rates apply.

The tax treatment of life insurance is subject to change. Neither Protective Life nor its representatives offer legal or tax advice. Please consult with your legal or tax advisor regarding your individual situation before making any tax-related decisions.

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