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Spousal Protection Death Benefit Feature | Client guide

# Protection for you and your spouse

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# Leave a lasting impression

As a married investor, you may worry about making sure your spouse is taken care of in retirement if they outlive you.

That's why most Nationwide® variable annuities, including all Nationwide Destination 2.0 products, offer the Spousal Protection Death Benefit Feature at no additional cost. Spousal protection gives you the opportunity to extend the guaranteed death benefit to cover both spouses, regardless of who passes away first.

## Annuity basics

An annuity is a long-term, tax-deferred investment you buy from an insurance company to help you save for retirement.

Annuities do have limitations. If you decide to take your money out early, you may face fees called surrender charges. Plus, if you're not yet age 59½, you may have to pay an additional 10% tax on top of ordinary income taxes. A death benefit is available with most variable annuities, and if you take an early withdrawal, your death benefit and the value of the annuity contract will be reduced.

You should also know that an annuity contains guarantees and protections that are subject to the claims-paying ability of Nationwide Life Insurance Company. But these guarantees don't apply to any variable accounts, which are subject to investment risk, including possible loss of your principal.

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# Dual protection with a guaranteed death benefit

When added to your variable annuity, the Spousal Protection Death Benefit Feature helps you and your spouse provide for each other regardless of who passes away first, even if only one spouse owns the contract. This could be especially important if one of you passes away at a time when the markets and your contract value are down.

## Details on Nationwide’s spousal protection

- It’s available at **no additional cost** on Nationwide Destination<sup>SM</sup> 2.0 variable annuities
- Surrender charges are **waived** when the first spouse passes away
- The surviving spouse has the **flexibility** to choose between:
  - Continuing the contract at the death benefit amount with no tax consequences, or
  - Taking a lump-sum distribution with no penalties<sup>1</sup>
- It’s available on **qualified (IRA)** or nonqualified investments

## How is spousal protection unique for IRAs?

Nationwide® variable annuities are annuitant-driven, giving them more **flexibility**. That’s important because **IRAs can have only one account owner with a death benefit that’s paid to the contract beneficiary**. With spousal protection, an IRA account owner can be named annuitant and their spouse co-annuitant; both can be named a beneficiary. As a result, the death benefit will go to the surviving spouse, no matter which spouse passes away first.

## Nationwide is the only provider who does this on IRAs.<sup>2</sup>

Some requirements for spousal protection to work on an IRA:

- One spouse must be named annuitant, the other must be named co-annuitant, and both spouses must be named as beneficiaries; maximum issue ages may vary based on the death benefit elected
- No other person may be named as contract owner, annuitant, co-annuitant or beneficiary

## Here’s how the Spousal Protection Death Benefit Feature works:



### Jean and Thomas

**Contract:** Jean purchases a Nationwide Destination Series 2.0 variable annuity

**Owner-annuitant:** Jean

**Co-annuitant:** Thomas

**Beneficiaries:** Jean and Thomas

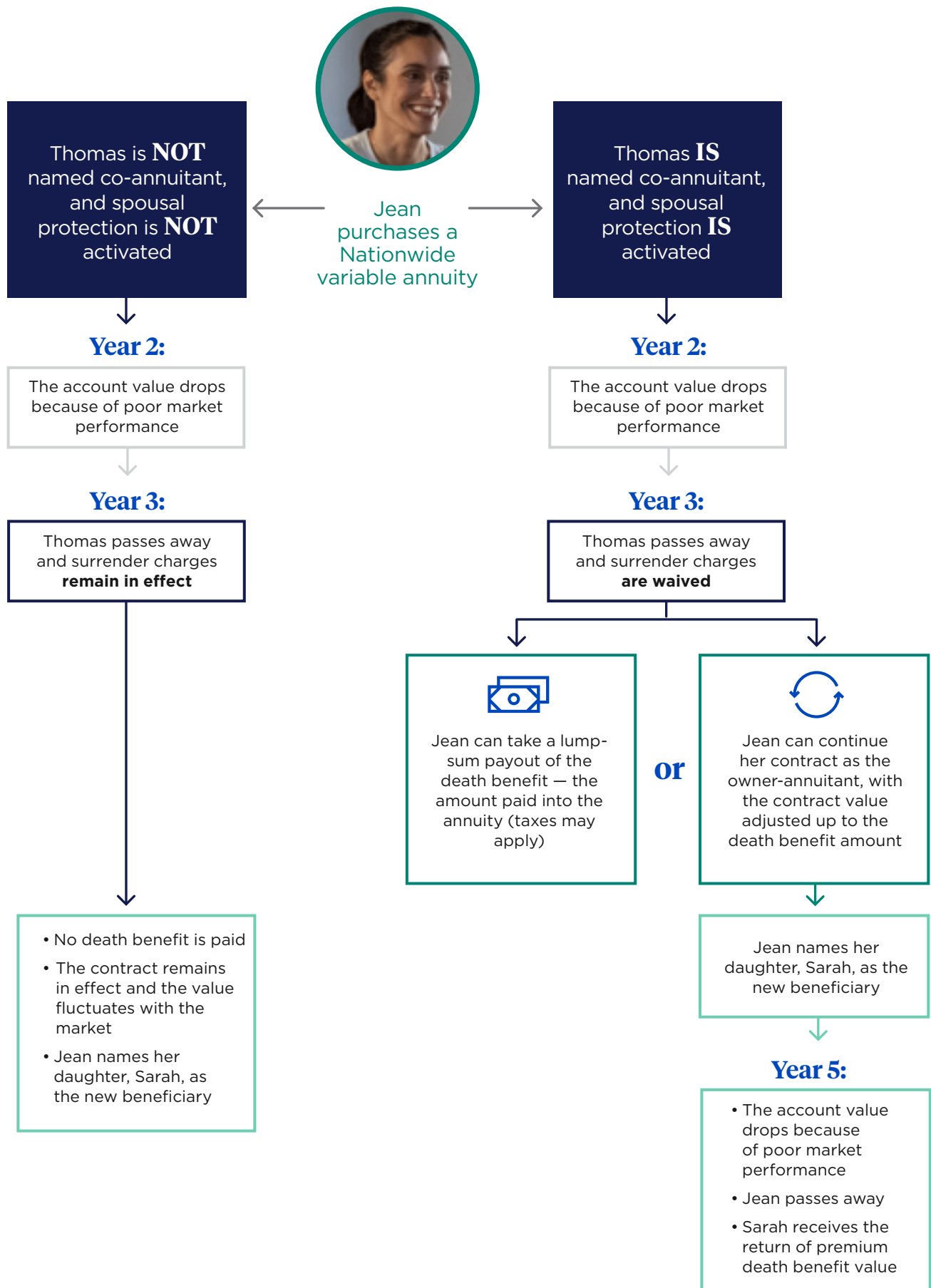
**Death benefit:** Return of premium death benefit with spousal protection

**Life-changing event:** Thomas passes away in year 3

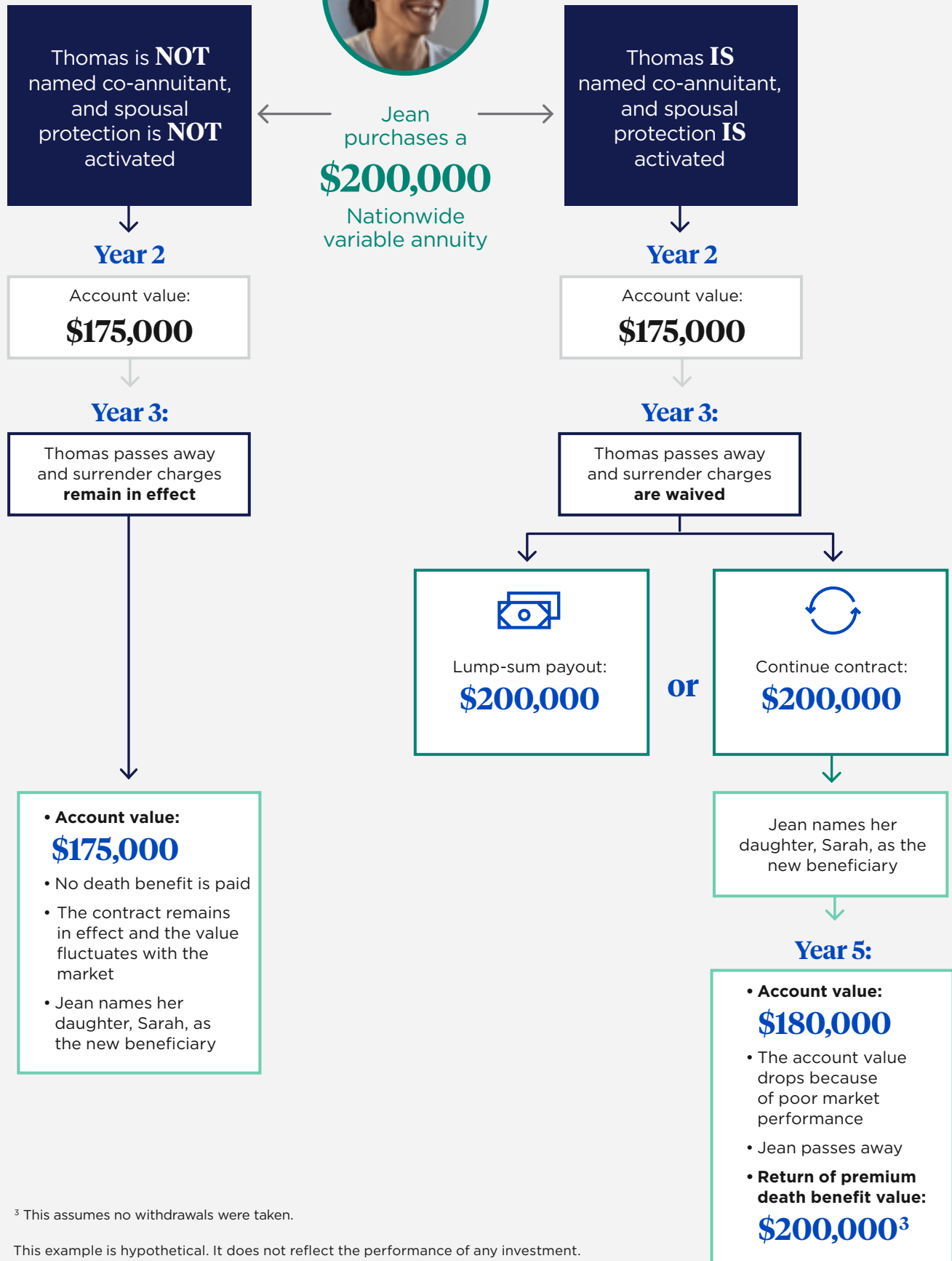
Contract setup for spousal protection	Jean	Thomas
Contract owner	●	
Co-annuitant	●	●
Primary beneficiary	●	●

<sup>1</sup> Taxes may be applicable.

<sup>2</sup> “Morningstar Annuity Intelligence,” Morningstar (January 2022).



This example is hypothetical. It does not reflect the performance of any investment. If the owner takes a withdrawal, the death benefit and contract value will be reduced. Please see a product prospectus for details.



<sup>3</sup> This assumes no withdrawals were taken.



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Talk with your financial professional  
for more information on the Spousal  
Protection Death Benefit Feature.

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