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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, retirement may bring concerns about the financial well-being of you and your spouse. Particularly, you may worry about making sure your spouse is taken care of if they outlive you.

That's why most Nationwide® variable annuities offer the Spousal Protection Death Benefit Feature. It's available on all Nationwide DestinationSM 2.0 variable annuities 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.

We work differently

When it comes to spousal protection, how death benefits are triggered makes a difference.

Our variable annuities are annuitant-driven, which allows a co-annuitant to be named to the contract. This means that a death benefit will be paid when either spouse passes away. Nationwide is the only provider that offers this option on annuities funded with qualified money (IRAs).¹

Inside, we'll talk more about how this feature is unique among annuity providers and how it helps you protect each other.

¹VARDS, vards.com (March, 2017).

Annuity basics

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

But, as with most things in life, an annuity does have limitations. If you decide to take your money out early, you may face fees called surrender charges. Plus, if you're not yet 59½, you may also have to pay an additional 10% tax on top of ordinary income taxes. A death benefit is available with most variable annuities, and naturally, if you do take an early withdrawal, your death benefit and the contract 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 you or your spouse pass 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 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 with no tax consequences at the death benefit amount and naming a new beneficiary, or
 - Taking a lump-sum distribution with no penalties²
- 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 since 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 can do this on IRAs.

Some details about requirements for spousal protection to work:

- 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:

James and Mark

Contract: James purchases a Nationwide Destination 2.0 variable annuity

Owner/annuitant: James

Co-annuitant: Mark

Beneficiary: James and Mark

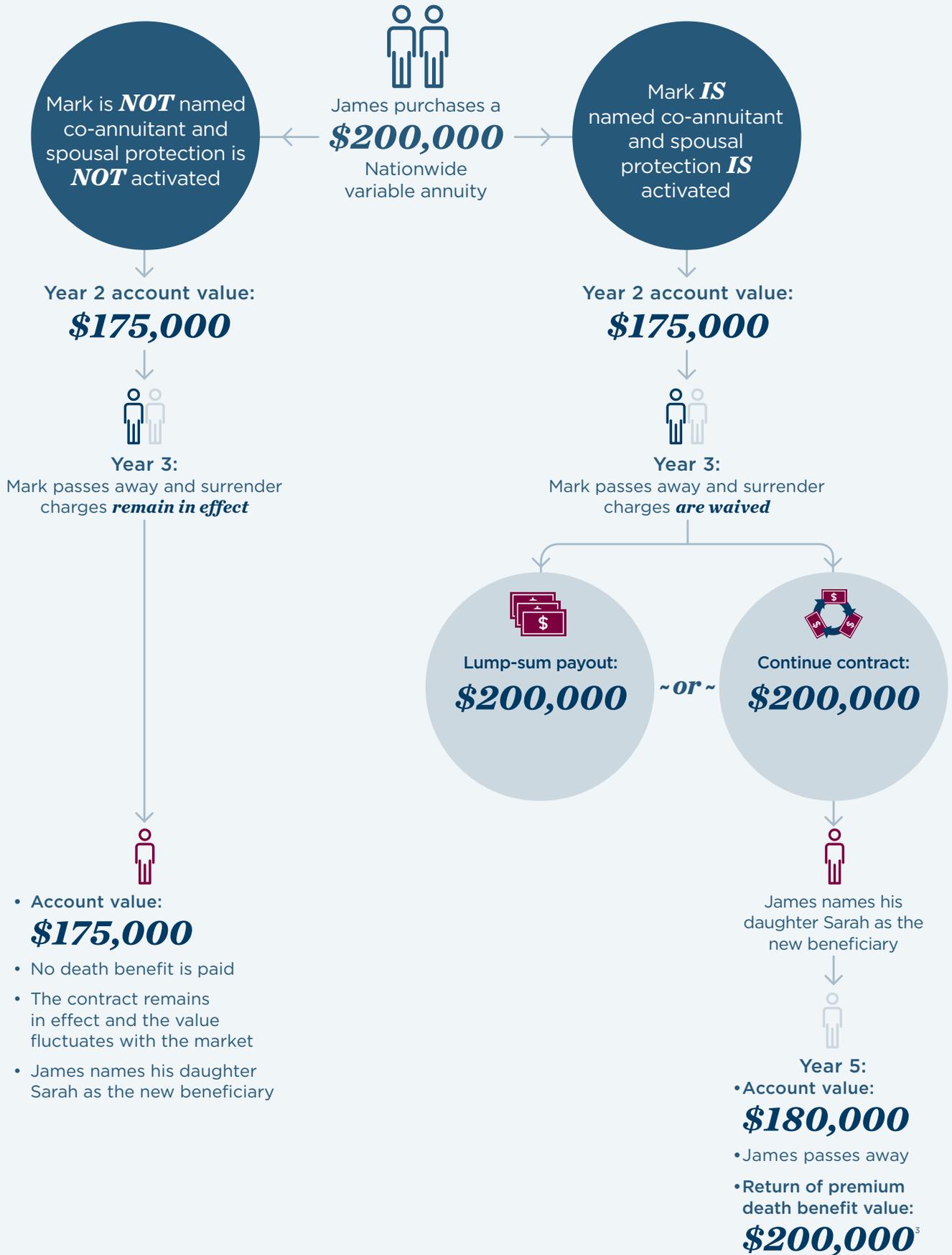
Death benefit: Return of premium death benefit with spousal protection

Life-changing event: Mark passes away in year 3



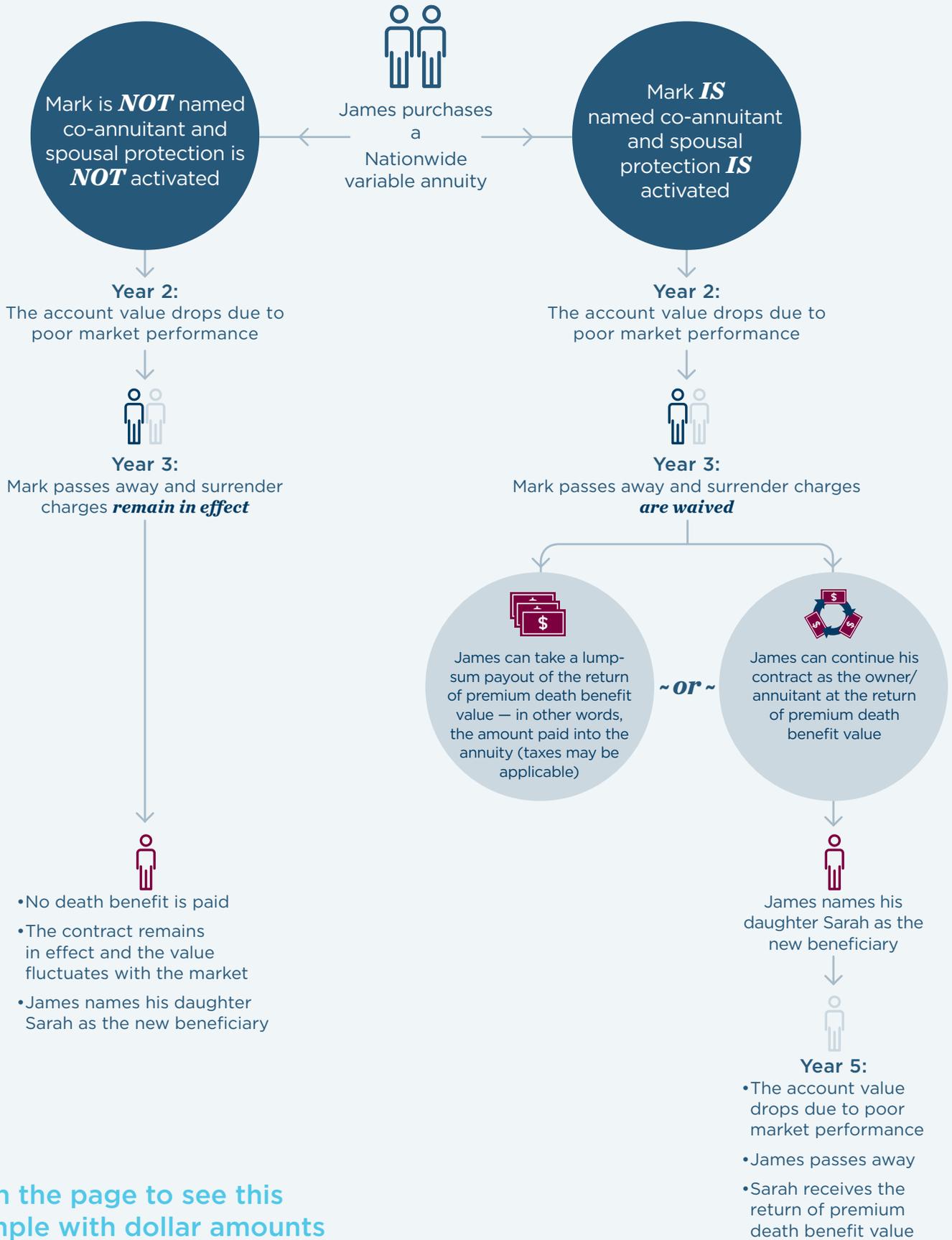
Contract setup for spousal protection	Mark	James
Contract owner		●
Co-annuitant	●	●
Primary beneficiary	●	●

² Taxes may be applicable.



³ This assumes no withdrawals were taken.

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.



Open the page to see this example with dollar amounts



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



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