Nationwide
New Heights® 12

Fixed Indexed
Annuity Guide

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is on your side

Make the most of your retirement.

Consider a solution that offers growth potential while helping you protect your investment.

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Nationwide New Heights® 12 Fixed Indexed Annuity

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Plan the retirement that's right for you.

Whether your retirement plans include spending more time with family, traveling with friends, or pursuing other interests, it's important to create a plan that helps you achieve those goals.

Nationwide New Heights® 12

Definitions for bold words are located at the bottom of the brochure pages.

The retirement dilemma.

As you plan for retirement, you will likely encounter some challenges. It helps to be aware of the hurdles you may face.

Longer life expectancies

Today's longer life expectancies mean you will likely spend more years in retirement. Planning how you will fund those extra years takes on added importance.

Today, the average 65-year-old couple has a 52% chance that at least one spouse will reach the age of 95.[1]

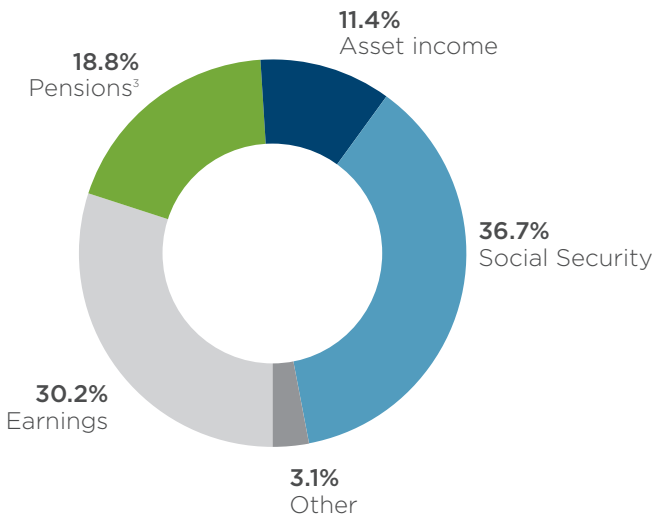
Probability of living from 65 to various ages[1]

65	80	85	90	95	100
	82%	69%	50%	27%	9%
	85%	75%	57%	35%	14
	97%	92%	79%	52%	22%

A shift in responsibility

While pensions were once a reliable source of retirement income, the burden of funding retirement has shifted overwhelmingly to the individual.[2] Regardless of whether you choose to fund your retirement years through a 401(k) or with other investments, you will most likely need to take a more active role in your retirement planning.

Sources of retirement income



[1] Based on the Annuity 2012 Generational Mortality Table.

[2] Income of the Aged Chartbook, 2010 Social Security Administration, Office of Research, Evaluation and Statistics (October 2010).

[3] Pensions include defined benefit and defined contribution plans.

Investment fear

A recent survey of Nationwide® customers revealed that 83% are afraid of another financial crisis, and 62% are scared of investing in the stock market.[4]

Many of these individuals have their money sitting in cash while they look for investments that offer guarantees.

According to another survey,

Almost 1/2 of households interviewed (61.5 million)

stated they would put most of their assets in an investment providing guaranteed income.[5]

Missed opportunities

In recent years, many people who are concerned about market volatility but equally frustrated with low- or no-growth investment opportunities have been contributing to a growing surplus of cash. However, positive market performance during that same time period means that many people missed out on the opportunity to invest their retirement savings with the potential for growth.

In early 2015, the growing surplus of cash had reached

$11.2 trillion.[6]

[4] Fear of Financial Planning Survey, Nationwide Financial, conduced by Harris Interactive, 2013.

[5] Strategic Business Insight 2010-2011 MacroMonitor.

[6] Federal Reserve, St. Louis Fed, Bankrate.com, J. P. Morgan Asset Management, 2015.

A plan for tomorrow.

As life expectancies increase and the burden of funding retirement shifts to the individual, the need for a product that offers growth potential, capital preservation and lifetime income is more important than ever. That's where a fixed indexed annuity may help.

What is a fixed indexed annuity?

A fixed indexed annuity is a contract you buy from an insurance company to help you potentially accumulate assets for retirement. It offers returns based on the changes in an index, such as the S&P 500® Composite Price Index.

Regardless of index performance, indexed annuity contract values will not be impacted by negative index returns.

Keep in mind that:

- A fixed indexed annuity is not a stock market investment and does not directly participate in any stock or equity investment
- A fixed indexed annuity may be appropriate for those individuals who want the opportunity to capture upside potential while having a level of protection from market downturns
- Lifetime income may be provided through the purchase of an optional rider for an additional cost or through annuitization at no additional cost
- Withdrawals taken before age 59½ may incur a 10% early withdrawal federal tax penalty in addition to ordinary income taxes; withdrawals may trigger surrender charges, reduce your death benefit and contract value, and may also reduce any guaranteed lifetime withdrawal benefits

Guarantees and protections are subject to the claims-paying ability of the issuing company.

Product overview

Introducing Nationwide New Heights® 12.

Nationwide New Heights 12 fixed indexed annuity is a single-purchase-payment deferred annuity with features that help you accumulate retirement savings and protect your money. The features of New Heights 12 offer the following:

Enhanced growth potential

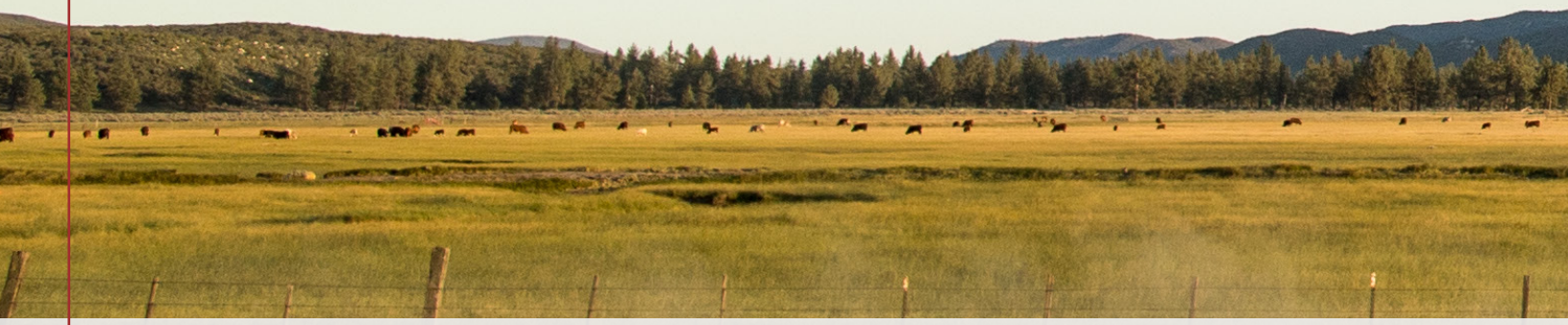
New Heights 12 tracks your potential **strategy earnings**, also known as earnings, daily, and does not limit the amount of index performance used to calculate your earnings. There's potential for higher long-term accumulation based on the performance of the underlying index[7] and declared rate component, subject to the limitations of the other crediting factors such as the indexed allocation and the strategy spread.[8] These limitations may reduce future earnings for your contract. Refer to page 18 for more information about strategy options, crediting factors and how earnings are calculated.

Protection from market risk

There are two ways that New Heights 12 may help protect your hard-earned money. First, we guarantee that you will never lose any of your initial investment or credited earnings due to performance of the underlying index.

Next, our return of purchase payment guarantee provides assurance that should you surrender your contract after the end of the 12th contract anniversary, or if a death benefit is payable or a surrender is triggered due to an event qualifying under the Long-Term Care,[9] Terminal Illness or Injury Event provisions, you will receive 100% of your purchase payment minus any gross withdrawals. Please note that the return of purchase payment guarantee may be modified if an optional rider is purchased.

If you withdraw assets within the first 12 years of your contract, your principal may be reduced by fees known as contingent deferred sales charges (CDSC).



[7] Some indices do not include dividends paid on the underlying stocks, and therefore do not reflect the total return of the underlying stocks; an index or any market-indexed annuity is not comparable to a direct investment in the financial markets. Clients who purchase indexed annuities are not directly investing in a stock market index. An index cannot be invested in directly and is unmanaged. A blend of indices may not be available at the time of contract issue, but may be available in the future; if a blend is not available, a single index will be used. Past index performance is not a representation of future performance.

[8] Note: While the crediting factors will not change during a strategy term, crediting factors for each subsequent strategy term may vary.

[9] A long-term care event or terminal illness or injury event requires that the contract owner and annuitant are the same person, and that person is no older than the maximum identified eligibility age on the date of issue. A long-term care event (in some states referred to as confinement) requires that the contract owner has been confined to a long-term care facility or hospital for a continuous 90-day period that began after the contract issue date. A terminal illness or injury event must be diagnosed after the contract issue date by a physician who certifies that the contract owner is expected to live less than 12 months from the diagnosis. These options may not be available in all states. Please note that additional limitations and restrictions may apply.

Contingent deferred sales charges (CDSC): Charges that may be assessed on a withdrawal or full surrender prior to the end of the CDSC schedule. In California, a CDSC is called a surrender charge.

Strategy earnings: Strategy earnings, if any, are calculated by combining the indexed component and the declared rate component, then subtracting the strategy spread component.

Flexibility and transparency

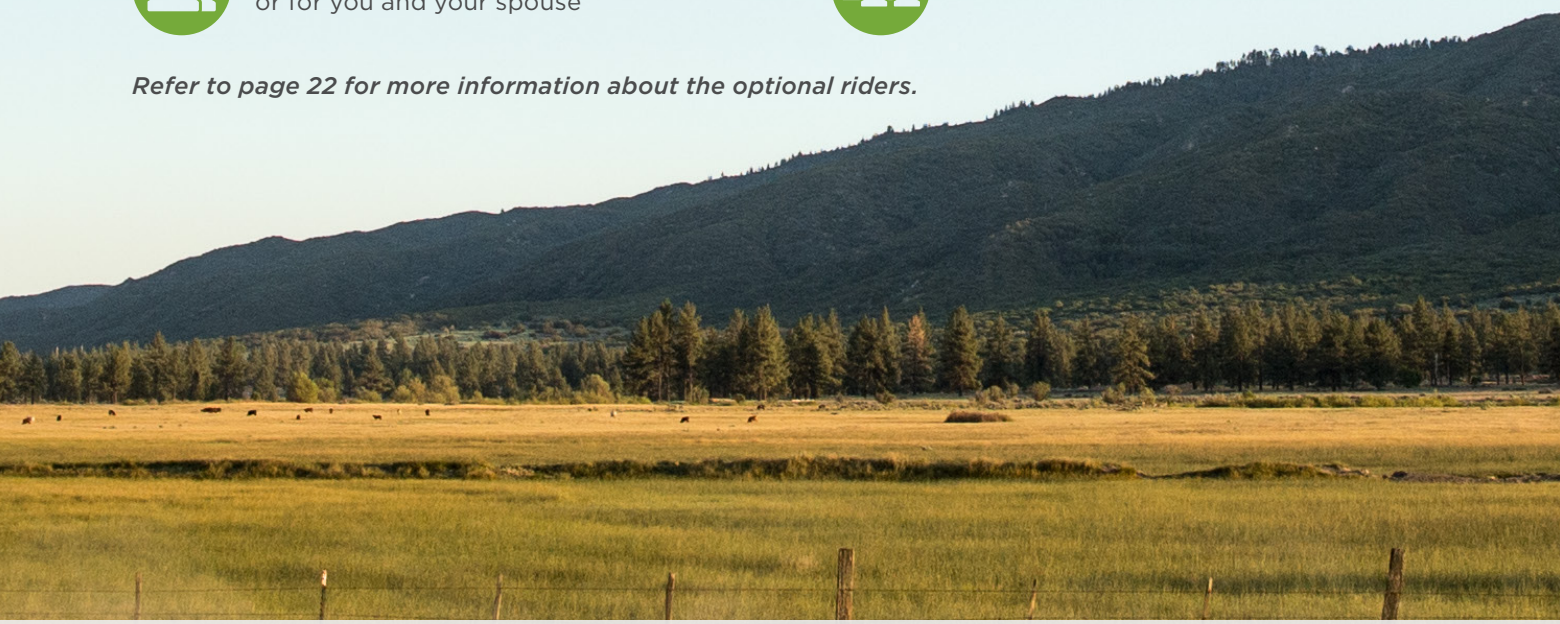
Because your **Balanced Allocation Value** (**BAV**) is tracked daily, you can see what your contract is doing and make educated decisions about whether to lock in the index value (you may choose to do this once per strategy term). In addition to added transparency, the daily tracking offers the flexibility to calculate and credit strategy earnings any time you access your contract value, even before the end of your crediting term.[10]

Optional riders[11]

New Heights 12 has optional **riders**, which must be elected at the time of issue. These riders are available for an additional cost, and they offer:

- Guaranteed lifetime income for you, or for you and your spouse
- Legacy planning for you and your heirs

Refer to page 22 for more information about the optional riders.



[10] It's important to note that if withdrawals are taken prior to the end of the CDSC period, surrender charges, and an MVA, if applicable, may apply. Also, if withdrawals are taken prior to age 59½, you may incur a 10% early withdrawal federal tax penalty. All withdrawals may be subject to ordinary income tax.

[11] Subject to the terms, conditions and limitations of the riders. Only one optional rider may be elected with your contract.

Balanced Allocation Value (BAV): The BAV monitors the daily fluctuations in the strategy option and is the greater of (1) the contract value, plus any unrealized strategy earnings (strategy earnings that have not yet been credited to the contract), or (2) the Return of Purchase Payment Guarantee amount.

Rider: An option you can add to your annuity, usually available at an additional cost, that provides extra features or guarantees.

Hypothetical scenario

Nationwide New Heights® 12 scenario.

Meet Sarah. She's in her early 50s, married and the mother of three children. Now that she and her husband are nearing retirement, she is looking for a retirement plan that will protect and grow her hard-earned money. Her financial professional proposed the use of Nationwide New Heights 12 and presented the available indices and applicable strategy options (also knows as **Balanced Allocation Strategies**[12]) for the product. These strategies feature varying combinations of index allocation, declared rate allocation, declared rate and strategy spread that may be used to calculate the earnings in the contract.

Based on Sarah's long-term goals, she selected the following strategy option.

Three-year **Strategy Term**

70%
indexed allocation

30%
declared rate allocation

1%
declared rate

2.25%
annual strategy spread

While crediting factors may not change during a strategy term, they may vary for subsequent strategy terms.

Balanced Allocation Strategy (strategy option): A formula used to determine the amount of earnings that will be credited to the contract value.

Declared rate: Annual interest rate established by Nationwide.

Declared rate allocation: A percentage that represents the proportion of the strategy option that is multiplied by the declared rate.

Indexed allocation:
A percentage that represents the proportion of the strategy option that is multiplied by the performance of the index elected.

Strategy spread: An annual percentage rate that is deducted when calculating strategy earnings.

Strategy term: A specific period of time, expressed in years, that is used to measure strategy earnings, if any, under the elected strategy option. The initial strategy term is set at three years and is subject to change for subsequent strategy terms. Only one strategy option may be selected for each strategy term.

[12] U.S. Patent #7,590,581, #8,374,941 and other patents pending.

Let's take a closer look at how this product may work for Sarah:

- Sarah is able to see her Balanced Allocation Value (BAV) change daily so she always knows where her contract stands
- At the end of each strategy term, earnings are calculated and credited to Sarah's account; the earnings are based on the change in the index from the beginning of the strategy term to the end, as well as any interest earned based on the declared rate allocation and the strategy spread that is deducted
- The calculated earnings are added to Sarah's contract value and the sum is used as the starting value for the next strategy term; going forward, if no withdrawals are taken, her contract value will never fall below her original purchase payment plus her credited earnings, although rider charges could reduce the contract value

New Heights 12 in different market scenarios.

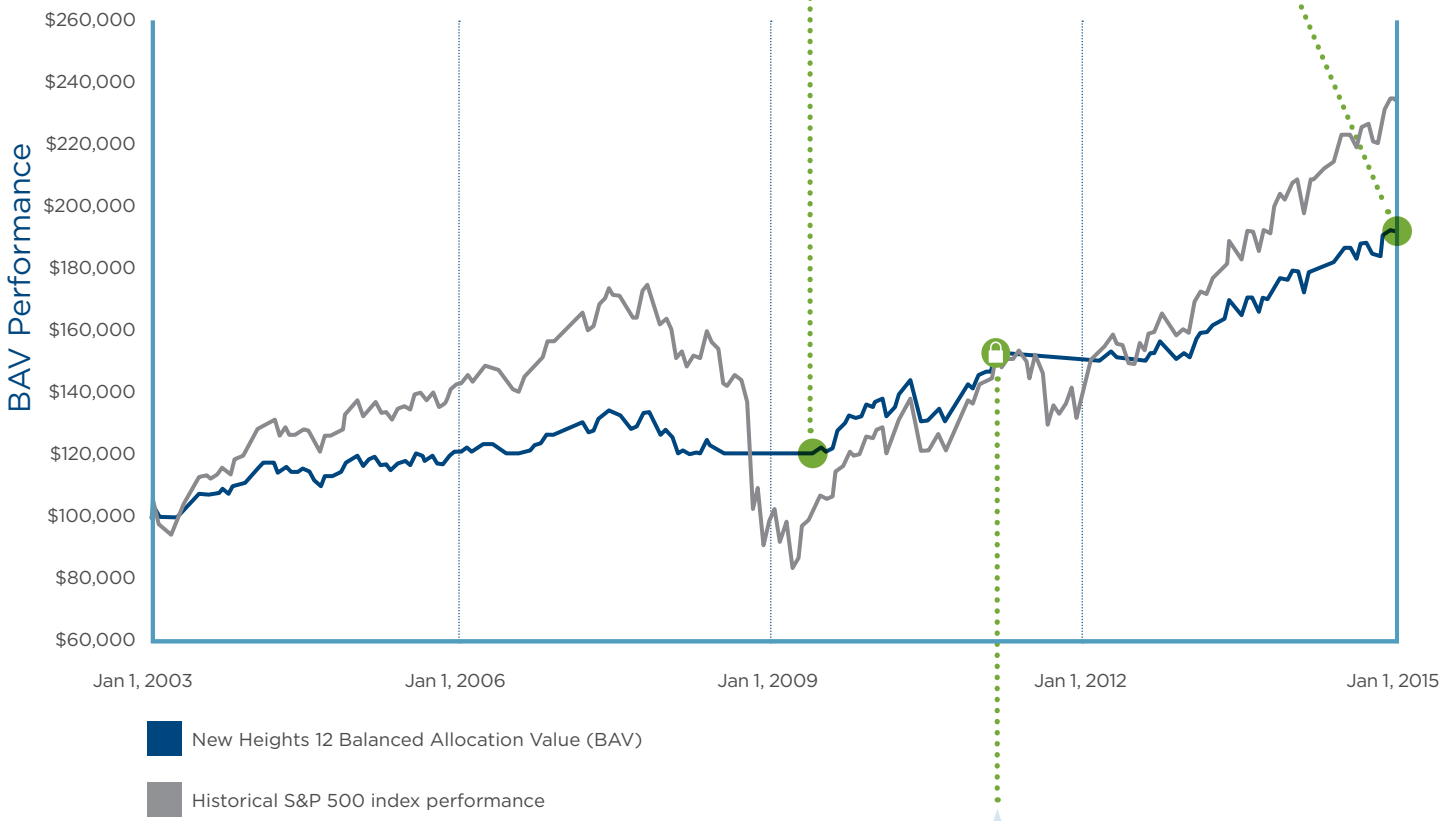
During periods of market fluctuation, New Heights 12 is designed to protect and grow your assets. Similarly, New Heights 12 offers protection during downturns in the market. The graph on the next page is a hypothetical illustration of Sarah's contract.

It demonstrates the enhanced growth potential and capital preservation that New Heights 12 offers when tracking values on a daily basis.

These are simply points in time that we have chosen to demonstrate certain aspects of the product.

Although this period is negative for the index, Sarah's BAV does not decline below the contract value established at the beginning of this strategy term. New Heights 12 guarantees that Sarah won't lose any of her principal or credited earnings due to index performance.

Performance of the index is positive. Since this growth, in addition to interest earned from her declared rate component, exceeds her spread component, Sarah experiences positive growth in her contract.



During this period, the index increases dramatically, and Sarah feels like it is about as high as it will go. She thinks there might be a way to take advantage of that performance, so she discusses it with her financial professional who suggests locking in the index value. Sarah decides to lock in at this time. By locking-in the index value, Sarah's BAV is not impacted by the market downturn that follows.

Sarah's financial professional explains that she can lock in the strategy option's index value only once during a strategy term. The locked-in index value will then be used to calculate strategy earnings at the end of the strategy term, as well as strategy earnings on withdrawals or death benefits that occur between the lock-in date and the end of the strategy term.

Hypothetical Assumptions — New Heights 70% equity indexed allocation (historical performance of S&P 500); 30% declared rate allocation; 1% declared rate; 2.25% strategy spread; three-year strategy terms, purchased on 1/1/2003 held for twelve years and reported on the next day. This example assumes that the strategy option and crediting factors remained the same over the illustrated twelve years. Strategy options and crediting factors can change after each strategy term. This illustration is not a projection or prediction of future performance. The performance could be significantly different than the investment performance shown and shouldn't be considered a representation of performance or investor experience of the index(es) in the future. This does not illustrate the impact of rider charges or withdrawals.

Questions and answers

Getting answers to your questions is important.

Because the more you know, the better you can plan for retirement.

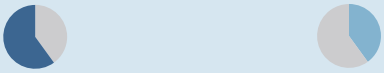
The following product explanations and highlights about New Heights 12 are designed to help you make informed decisions about your financial future.

Q: How are strategy earnings calculated?

A: Within each strategy option, the strategy earnings are determined by adding the growth in the indexed component and the declared rate component and subtracting the strategy spread component.

Balanced allocation strategy earnings calculation:

Indexed component + **Declared rate component** − **Strategy spread component** = **Strategy earnings**



In general, the strategy option works like this:

- The indexed component is the indexed allocation, multiplied by the performance of the underlying index.
- The declared rate component reflects interest earned on the declared rate allocation, based on an interest rate (the declared rate) established by Nationwide Life and Annuity Insurance Company.
- These two are combined and the total amount minus the strategy spread component is used to determine the strategy earnings, if any, at the end of the strategy term, on free withdrawals and upon death. Partial strategy earnings may be credited on withdrawals in excess of the available free withdrawal amount.
- If the appreciation of the indexed and declared rate components, in any strategy term, are insufficient to cover the strategy spread component, then no strategy earnings will be credited to your contract. Strategy earnings will never be less than zero due to a strategy spread.

There are multiple strategy options to choose from to help you meet your long-term goals and objectives. Only one strategy option may be selected for each strategy term. The indexed allocation, the declared rate allocation, the declared rate and the strategy spread are set at the start of each strategy term and cannot be changed during a strategy term.[13]

Please refer to the New Heights 12 Strategy Options rate sheet for current information regarding all strategies, rates and charges. For a more detailed calculation, please refer to the New Heights 12 Certificate of Disclosure (COD).

[13] The strategy term period (currently three years) cannot change until the end of the CDSC period.

Q: Are there any age limits on New Heights 12?

A: You can be a contract owner at any age, and 75[14] is the maximum issue age for the **annuitant**.

Q: What types of contracts are available?

A: Traditional IRA, Roth IRA, Non-Qualified, Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT), SEP IRA, Simple IRA and 401(a) (Investment Only)

Q: What indices are currently available?

A: S&P 500® Index, J.P. Morgan MOZAIC℠ Index (USD), MSCI EAFE Index

Q: What is the minimum amount needed to open a contract?

A: $25,000

Q: What options do I have to withdraw my money without penalty?

A: You have access to a portion of the money in your fixed indexed annuity, called free withdrawals, without incurring any contingent deferred sales charge (CDSC),[15] and Market Value Adjustment (MVA)[16] if applicable. All free withdrawals, even after the end of your CDSC period, will receive full strategy earnings-to-date.

Your free withdrawal amount is noncumulative and is determined as the greater of your New Heights 12 Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) or your contract value on the first day of the contract year times your free withdrawal percentage. It's important to note that New Heights 12 RMDs may be taken CDSC free even during the first year of your contract. Your free withdrawal percentage schedule is as follows:

Completed Contract Years	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12+
Free withdrawal percentage	0%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	7%	10%

After year 12, there is no CDSC; however, withdrawals in excess of your free withdrawal amount (10% of the contract value) will receive partial earnings. Free withdrawal amounts may vary if an optional rider is elected. See the individual rider brochures for more detail.

After the first year, withdrawals qualified as a long-term care event or terminal illness or injury event[17] will be treated as free withdrawals and will receive full earnings-to-date.

[14] In FL the maximum issue age for the annuitant is 64.

[15] May also be called a surrender charge in some states.

[16] An MVA may adjust the withdrawal amount payable, up or down, depending upon the interest rate conditions at the time of distribution as compared to interest rate conditions at the time your contract was issued.

[17] A long-term care event or terminal illness or injury event requires that the contract owner and annuitant are the same person, and that person is no older than the maximum identified eligibility age on the date of issue. A long-term care event (in some states referred to as confinement) requires that the contract owner has been confined to a long-term care facility or hospital for a continuous 90-day period that began after the contract issue date. A terminal illness or injury event must be diagnosed after the contract issue date by a physician who certifies that the contract owner is expected to live less than 12 months from the diagnosis. These options may not be available in all states. Please note that additional limitations and restrictions may apply.

Annuitant: The person upon whom any life-contingent annuity payments depend, and the person whose death triggers payment of the death benefit.

Q: What if I need to take excess withdrawals?

A: You may take a withdrawal that is above the free withdrawal amount available in a given contract year, but keep in mind that certain charges and penalties may apply. At any time during the life of the contract, amounts withdrawn in excess of the remaining free withdrawal amount will only receive a prorated amount of strategy earnings to date. In the first 12 years, any excess withdrawals will be subject to CDSC and, if applicable, an MVA. Below is the CDSC schedule.

Completed Contract Years	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12+
CDSC Percentage	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	9.5%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	0%

Q: What is a Market Value Adjustment (MVA)?

A: The MVA is an adjustment (positive or negative) that may be applied to the contract if you make an excess withdrawal or full surrender of your contract value before the end of the CDSC period.

When an MVA applies, it will be based on the portion of a withdrawal or full surrender that is greater than the remaining free withdrawal amount. The MVA may be positive, negative or zero depending on whether interest rate conditions have stayed the same, decreased or increased since you purchased the contract. If the MVA is negative, it could decrease the amount that you receive when you take a withdrawal or surrender. Conversely, if the MVA is positive, it could increase the amount you receive.

Please refer to the MVA endorsement in your contract for more details.

Q: How are withdrawals taxed?[18]

A: If you take withdrawals or surrender your contract, you may be subject to ordinary federal and state income taxes. You may also be subject to a 10% early withdrawal federal tax penalty if you take withdrawals or surrender your contract before age 59½.

Q: What happens if the annuitant dies while the contract is still in effect?

A: If you are the sole owner and annuitant, upon your passing a death benefit will be payable to the beneficiaries named in your contract. The death benefit will be equal to the greater of the BAV or the surrender value.

A joint option[19] is also available if the contract owner names an eligible spouse as co-annuitant. Upon the death of either spouse, the surviving spouse may elect to either receive the death benefit amount as a payment or continue the contract. If the contract is continued, the surviving spouse becomes the annuitant and sole contract owner. The contract value will be the greater of the current contract value or the death benefit amount, and the CDSC will no longer apply to either a partial withdrawal or a full surrender.

[18] Nationwide does not offer tax advice. Please consult your attorney or tax advisor for answers to specific questions.

[19] Once the joint option has been elected, it cannot be removed. The spouse must be between the minimum and maximum issue age for covered lives.

Customize your Nationwide New Heights® 12 contract with an optional rider.

Now that you have a greater understanding of how New Heights 12 can help grow your assets while protecting your principal, you may want to consider electing one of the New Heights 12 riders, which are available at an additional cost.

Please note that only one optional rider can be elected.

When you need retirement income

Nationwide High Point® 365 Lifetime Income Benefit rider (High Point 365)

High Point 365 is an optional living benefit rider, available for an additional cost, that builds on the unique features of New Heights 12 with:

- Extremely competitive payout factors
- Ability to track and capture a highest daily value

These two features may offer greater lifetime income potential than traditional fixed indexed annuities.

The rider is available for an individual or with a joint lifetime income option.

Create a legacy for your loved ones

Nationwide High Point® Enhanced Death Benefit rider (High Point EDB)

If one of your goals is to ensure that your loved ones are taken care of, then you may elect the optional enhanced death benefit rider for an additional cost. If you elect the joint option and name a co-annuitant, the death benefit payable on the first death of either annuitant will be the greater of the base contract death benefit and the enhanced death benefit.

Riders must be elected at the time of application and cannot be added later. Please refer to the New Heights 12 rider brochures and disclosure summaries for details about features, limitations and additional rider charges. State availability may vary.

Your next steps.

For more information, additional materials and to add Nationwide New Heights 12 to your investment strategy, talk with your financial professional.

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