# UNDERSTANDING GENGUARD<sup>SM</sup> UL GENGUARD<sup>SM</sup> UL NY

GENGUARD™ UL GENGUARD™ UL NY UNIVERSAL LIFE INSURANCE

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Buying life insurance is one of the most important steps you'll ever take to provide a sense of security — both for yourself and for those who depend on you to provide them with financial stability and security. That's why we've designed a range of products like GenGuard<sup>SM</sup> UL NY to help you meet your needs now and well into the future.

### The Flexibility You Need Now

GenGuard UL is a flexible premium universal life insurance product that allows you to select a death benefit (the amount of money your beneficiaries receive) that fits your needs. GenGuard UL delivers flexibility to you by allowing you to customize your product options in three important ways:

Premium flexibility— choose your own payment and schedule — with this option, the amount of premium you pay and your payment schedule is up to you. Please note, however, the premium levels you choose and the timing of your payment both affect the amount of death benefit you buy and how long it will last. To maintain your policy, you must pay enough of your premium to cover the charges and fees required to keep your policy in-force. Once you've bought your GenGuard UL policy, we'll send you annual statements to help you track your policy. You can also order additional illustrations to help you monitor its performance. Before you decide to skip or delay a payment, it's important for you to understand how these decisions impact your policy.

Planned periodic premium — select a consistent payment to make budgeting even easier — with this option, you can use the illustration we provide when you buy your GenGuard UL policy to predict the amount you'll pay in regular intervals. As with any of the flexible payment options at your disposal, the illustration your representative gives you at the time you make your purchase will also tell you how long your policy will last and how much net cash surrender value your policy will generate based on certain guaranteed and non-guaranteed assumptions.

Death benefit guarantees— we calculate the Coverage Protection Amount at the beginning of each policy month. If this amount, less any loan balance, is zero or larger, a Coverage Protection Benefit keeps your policy death benefit in effect, even if the net cash surrender value is too small to do so. This means you can provide your loved ones with even more sense of security given changes in the current economy. The easiest way to maintain this guarantee and ensure it will remain in effect is to pay the planned amount at the planned frequency, as shown in the illustration. Doing so will maintain both the death benefit and the length of

time you selected for the death benefit to last — regardless of changes in interest crediting rates or other policy charges.

### The Security You'll Want Later

GenGuard UL makes it easy for you to put a plan in place that respects your budget and honors your commitments to your family. Consider your answers to the following questions — they'll help you evaluate your options and make important decisions that will ensure you put the best possible plan in place.

# What determines the length of the death benefit guarantee period?

As noted above, the premiums on this policy are flexible and how much you pay and the timing of those payments are up to you. Alternatively, you can choose to pay a predetermined amount at consistent times to make it easier to manage the premium. Whichever way you choose to pay for your coverage, how much you pay and the timing of the payments will determine the length of the death benefit guarantee. Assuming a constant death benefit amount, the more you pay, the longer the guarantee period. Conversely, the less you pay the shorter the guarantee period. You can choose to keep the guarantee in effect for a specific number of years or to a certain age. If your policy remains in effect until you reach age 121, premiums will no longer be needed to keep the coverage in effect.

Certain policy rights, if exercised, can also end this guarantee. Although generally driven by the premium amounts and frequency of payment, you should be aware that you could jeopardize the length of the death benefit guarantee if you withdraw or borrow from the policy cash surrender value. Again, the amount of premium you pay for your death benefit drives how much of the cash value will be available to withdraw or borrow without adversely affecting the length of the guarantee period.

#### "How do I select the right guarantee period?"

Choosing the guarantee period that best fits your needs is a personal decision. You'll want to consider why you're buying the insurance policy and whether your need for the coverage is indefinite or for a specific number of years. If the need will always exist, you may want to consider how long you think you'll live. While the number of people living to 100 is increasing, it's uncommon for people to live past 105, and very rare to live past 110. Do you think you'll live to age 85, or will you be in the group that makes it to 105? None of us can really predict this with certainty, but these are some of the things that may help you make a reasonable estimate:

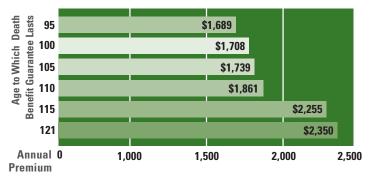
- Your current age
- Your personal health history
- Your family health history
- Longevity of your parents and other family members

Keep in mind that the longer the guarantee period you select, the higher the premium.

If cost is an issue for you, you may decide to reduce the amount of your death benefit in order to lengthen the guarantee period. Conversely, you may decide to shorten the guarantee period so you can purchase more death benefit for the same premium dollar. Figures 1 and 2 show how various changes can impact the premium amount, guarantee period and death benefit.

**Figure 1** shows the relationship between the premium paid and the length of the guarantee. In this example, the higher the premium paid, the longer the guarantee. You can reduce the amount of premium you pay by selecting a shorter death benefit guarantee period or by reducing the death benefit.

Figure 1
Effect on Premium of Reducing Length of Guarantee
Period (Assumes Constant \$250,000 Death Benefit)



Assumes male insured, aged 45, Preferred Best No Nicotine Use. For demonstration purposes only. Not valid without a full compliant illustration.

**Figure 2** illustrates paying an annual premium in a constant amount, and how it corresponds with the death benefit amount and the length of the guarantee period. If you know you want to pay a specific amount in annual premium, you can adjust the death benefit amount or the guarantee period, depending on your specific needs.

Figure 2





Out of the total U.S. population of 304,059,725, only .03% of people are age 100 or older

Source: U.S. Census Bureau: Annual Estimates of the Resident Population by Sex and Five-Year Age Groups for the United States: April 1, 2000 to July 1, 2008 (NC-EST2008-01) Released on May 14, 2009.

#### "What if I miss a premium payment or two?"

If you fall behind in paying your premiums, you can "catch up" missed premiums on your GenGuard UL policy. The same is true if you decide that you want to extend your death benefit guarantee period. This "catch-up" option is available if:

- The policy hasn't been surrendered and
- You haven't increased the specified amount of your death benefit

It costs more to catch up than paying the missed planned premiums. The longer the period between the missed premiums and the time of the catch up, the more costly catching up can be.

#### "Is it possible to extend the guarantee period?"

Yes, as long as the policy hasn't terminated. Extending the guarantee period will increase your premium amounts. If you decide to extend the guarantee period early in the life of the policy, the increase may be modest; however, if you wait until near the end of the initial guarantee period, the premium increase may be very substantial. Therefore, it's important to carefully consider the length of the guarantee period up front to minimize having to pay higher premium later to keep the death benefit in effect.

There are several ways to ensure your loved ones' security, but universal life insurance can help provide them with financial protection in the future. Ask your representative for more information about GenGuard UL, or in New York, GenGuard UL NY today.

## ABOUT GENWORTH FINANCIAL

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